

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2025

Christmas Celebrations

I am pleased to announce on **Friday 19 December** there will be a Parade through Riverton followed by a Christmas Carnival at the town oval. Thank you to Jodie and Tamra who offered to help out this year with the organising. Over the past few weeks, the three of us have been working hard to organise something magical for the community to enjoy. There will be some changes to what has occurred in recent years, with the intention to keep it simple and bring back the fun activities and games for the kids to enjoy.

To view the parade, you will need to be positioned at a location along the designated route. Once the parade has passed by, everyone is welcome to go to the town oval for a free sausage sizzle, Christmas music and heaps of fun activities for the kids to do.

Due to new Traffic Management Legislation Riverton's annual Christmas Parade cannot travel along the traditional route. Rolling road closures are no longer permitted and Highways and DIT roads are not able to be closed at all. This year, and possibly for future years, the parade will assemble on Strickland Street and progress from there along a slightly modified route.

All roads along the route will be closed from about 5:00pm – 7:00pm, and will only be accessible to the residents who live on those roads. However, once the parade passes by residents can resume their regular activities.

We are asking for your understanding and cooperation. On the day of the parade from 5:00pm it would be very helpful for no vehicles to be parked along the designated route.



There is no official committee to keep organising the Christmas celebrations in Riverton. It would be great to see a few people put their hand up and be a part of making Christmas magical for 2026.

Cassy Griffiths, RCMC.



2025 Riverton Christmas Parade designated route

Roads closed from 5pm Parade from 6pm





Horrocks Highway Culvert Upgrade

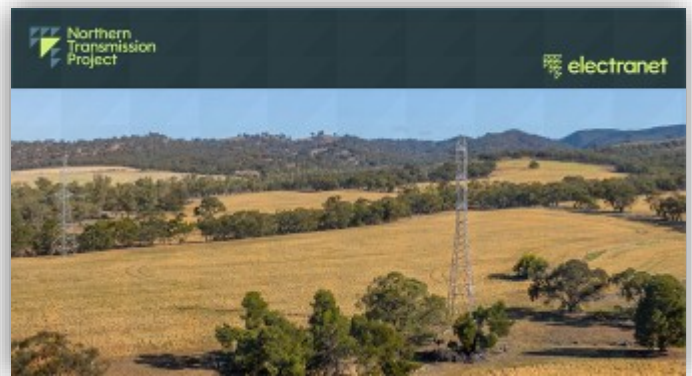
Finishing works to upgrade an existing culvert on the Horrocks Highway, approximately 2km north of Rhynie, are taking place from Friday 7 November 2025.

Remaining works include the final sealing, removal of the temporary access road, and line-marking.

The upgrade will improve flood resilience, safety and heavy vehicle capacity along this important freight corridor.

To keep everyone safe while we undertake these works, speed and lane restrictions will be in place throughout the area during work hours.

Speed restrictions will remain in place outside of work hours as required. Please plan your travel and follow the directions of traffic controllers and onsite signage.



Communities come Together

Based on your feedback, ElectraNet is shifting the focus of our investigations in NTx South to include new areas to the east of the existing four corridor options, in an effort to minimise impacts to high yield cropping land.

While these corridors were identified through early constraint mapping and refined via stakeholder workshops, community engagement revealed a clear desire for ElectraNet to explore options further east.

So that's what we're doing, with new investigations now underway in areas that may better align with community expectations. This includes early conversations with landholders, traditional owners and local businesses to better understand land use, values and priorities.

We want to be clear: no Preferred Corridor has been selected for NTx South at this time and, with additional investigations now underway, a final decision is not expected till early-mid 2026.

Instead, we're taking the time to investigate options thoroughly and respectfully. This is about getting it right, with community input and technical evidence being considered and used to shape the best possible outcome for the region.

We want the community to know that you have been heard!

This change in focus allows us to consider new options to minimise impacts while still delivering the future electricity infrastructure South Australia needs. Every voice we hear helps us make better decisions.

What's next?

A draft What We Heard report is currently being prepared, which will summarise key engagement themes and explain how your feedback is guiding

our decisions. We'll be inviting a final round of input on the draft report to ensure we've captured all perspectives before publishing the final version. A virtual community forum will also be scheduled in early 2026, where you'll have the chance to hear more about what's been learned and question the project team directly.

In other news...

To ensure the NTx project is designed to deliver the best and most cost-effective solution for all South Australians, we have sought a six-month extension from the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to publish our Project Assessment Draft Report (PADR) in mid-2026, allowing more time for us to thoroughly explore all project options, including new land in the east.

A message from our team:

We know this project has raised uncertainty and that early investigations in the Mid North may have caused concern for some households and communities.

We want to thank everyone who took the time to meet with us, attend sessions and share their views. Your input has made a real difference and will continue to shape how the project moves forward.

Our aim remains to deliver a transmission line that provides long-term benefits while minimising impacts on the people, businesses and places that make this region unique.

Melbourne Cup 2025



The Tarlee/Stockport Friend's Auxiliary hosted their fifth Melbourne Cup lunch on Nov 4th, with 90 guests in attendance at the Riverton Recreation Grounds.

This popular event sold out early this year with attendees from Adelaide, Kapunda, Greenock and surrounding local towns.

Patrons enjoyed a two-course lunch by 'On the Plains Grazing and Catering', wine and bubbles from Taylors wines and a fashion parade presented by Sassy Lass Boutique.

Fashions on the field winners this year were: Best dressed lady: Tori Sommerville, Best dressed man: Roger Holden and Best head wear: Sandee Bogner.



Raffles, sweeps and lucky squares were well supported with lots of prizes on offer along with the major raffle which was drawn after the main race.

Winners were:

1st Prize: M. Clarke

2nd Prize: M. McEvoy

3rd Prize: J. Sanders

4th Prize: Chris

Over \$4200 was raised for the hospital on the day and the auxiliary would like to thank the many people who helped out and donated to make the day a success.

FOOTBALL 25 AWARDS



**ANDREW KING MEMORIAL
MOST DEDICATED U21**
Noah Parkinson



**CLUB PERSON OF THE
YEAR**
Tom Vater



PATRONAGE AWARD
Lucy Smith



**VOLUNTEER OF THE
YEAR**
Simona Miller



COACHES AWARD
Connor Fuss



BEST TEAM MAN
Tom Vater

CLUB AWARDS

FOOTBALL 25 AWARDS



RUNNER UP B&F
Emma Zanette



BEST & FAIREST
Claire Crouch



RUNNER UP B&F
Ben O'Leary



BEST & FAIREST
Bradley Koster



RUNNER UP B&F
Sophie Wood



BEST & FAIREST
Lucy Smith

B2 AWARDS

B GRADE AWARDS

B1 AWARDS

FOOTBALL 25 AWARDS



COACHES AWARD
Joel Griffiths



**DONALD WILLIAM
MEMORIAL**
Tate Michael



RUNNER UP B&F
Chloe Oakley



BEST & FAIREST
Amanda Vandeleur



MOST CONSISTENT
Dylan Griffiths



PLAYER'S PLAYER
Mitchell Noll

A GRADE AWARDS

B2 AWARDS

A GRADE AWARDS

FOOTBALL 25 AWARDS



BEST & FAIREST
Tammi Mullins



RUNNER UP B&F
Indi Kimlin



RUNNER UP B&F
Cooper Behn



**B&F AND MOST MADE
NDB&C VOTES**
Ryan Bruce



RUNNER UP B&F
Sophie Griffiths



BEST & FAIREST
Abby Griffiths

B1 AWARDS

A GRADE AWARDS

A1 AWARDS



BEST & FAIREST
Jess McInerney



RUNNER UP B&F
Paige Rowett



**ESMU NETBALL CLUB
LIFE MEMBER**
Wendy Keast



CLUB AWARDS

A2 AWARDS

CHRISTMAS IS COMING




THE DELICIOUS LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES AND
PUDDINGS ARE NOW HERE. EITHER PHONE YOUR
ORDER THROUGH OR CHECK OUT THE OUTLETS IN
YOUR TOWN. NEW SIZES AND VARIETIES AVAILABLE.

CAKES: 1.5KG \$20, 1KG \$16, 80G MINI \$2,
400G GF \$10

PUDDINGS: 900G \$16, 400G \$10

PH: 0419 672 073

Christmas

Service times

Anglican:
Sunday 21st December 9.30am Belvidere (via Marrabel)
Christmas Day 9.00am Holy Trinity, Riverton

Catholic:
Christmas Eve 7pm Marrabel
Christmas day 9am Riverton

Baptist:
Christmas Day 9am Tarlee

Lutheran:
14th Dec 6.30pm Saddleworth Childrens service
21st December 9am Riverton
Christmas Eve 7.30pm Carlsruhe
Christmas Day 9.30am Saddleworth

Uniting:
Christmas Day 8.30am Auburn
Carol Service 7pm Tarlee
Christmas Day 9.15am Tarlee



Riverton

**Where to buy your
Lions Christmas Cake
Riverton**

Riverton Post Office
Riverton Hotel
Community Library
In front of the IGA,
Fridays 9am-12pm

Saddleworth
Saddleworth Post Office
Saddleworth Library

Tarlee
Tarlee Post Office

Auburn
Auburn Post Office

LIBRARY SERVICE
CLARE & GILBERT
VALLEYS COUNCIL

Christmas Activities

- See us at the Clare Lions Christmas Pageant, Friday 5th December and Tim Siv's Santa Trail, Tuesday 17th Dec.
- Visit Santa at Clare Library on Saturday 13th Dec. 11am.
- Christmas Storytime with special guest readers! Tues 16th–Fri 19th Dec. 11am. Clare Library.
- Scavenger hunt and make your own gift tags, wrapping paper and gift bags everyday of the school holidays at Clare and Saddleworth.
- Post your letter to Santa at Clare or Saddleworth by Saturday Dec 13th so he can write back.
- Donate non-perishable grocery items at Clare & Saddleworth for the C.V.C.O. Christmas hampers by Friday 12th Dec.

THE RIVERTON COMMUNITY
LIBRARY WILL BE

CLOSED

Over the Christmas Period

CLOSED
21 DEC– 05 JAN

REOPENING
TUESDAY 6 JAN AT 2:00 PM

RIVERTON
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Rotary Club of Clare in conjunction with
Kid Crafters are sponsoring a:



Minecraft LAN gathering

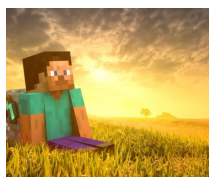


For all ages! Location: Clare Bowling Club

Dates: Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th January 2026

2 sessions each day: 9.30am- 12.30pm and 1pm- 4pm

Cost \$15 per person per session or \$25 for the day- Lunch provided



Bookings advised to avoid disappointment

Please call Secretary Ian on 0448229571 or

Email: clare.rotary@gmail.com

Please note that children under the age of 12 may be left under our supervision but they will be unable to leave the premises at any time unless picked up by a parent.

Name and contact details of parent/guardian must be supplied in case of emergency.

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**Digital Education
at the Riverton
Library**

**Session 3
Managing photos
on your device**

**When?
Friday 12th December
Friday 19th December
(2–4pm)**

Learn how to
manage photos
on any device
(Smartphone,
Laptop or Tablet).
Create folders,
sync devices,
back-up, editing
& creating a
photo gift

**Call or visit the
Library to book
your place**

Fredrick Place,
Riverton

8847 2414

RIVERTON
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY



**Join Us and Play Scrabble
for a Socially Engaging Afternoon!**

2025

26th November

2026

17th December

28th January

25th February

25th March

2-4 pm

**Challenge your mind & meet new people.
Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newcomer
to the game everyone is welcome.**

 **To book your place
call 8847 2414**



4th December 2025 (5pm)

RIVERTON GARDEN CLUB

**Visit a different house each month
and share garden ideas, tips, cuttings & bulbs**

CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR THE ADDRESS

PH: 8847 2414

ALL WELCOME!



Chair Yoga and Meditation

Continuing until 10th December

Wednesdays

3.15pm to 4.15pm \$10

Wellbeing Room

Riverton High School

**Gentle Yoga to help improve flexibility & balance
Calming for the mind**

For more information, contact Roz - 0400288321



Memorial Garden for Rhynie Cemetery.



The Rhynie Cemetery now has a Memorial Garden. This garden is for Plaques or Headstones only, with no burials or ashes interred. Plants, pots and vases are also not permitted. The plots are 1metre X 1 metre and as at February 2025 the cost was \$125.00 for a 99 year term, or \$250.00 for a perpetual placement (subject to change by the Council). To enquire about purchase, please contact the Council.

Grant Hovey.

Scholz Park Blacksmiths Competition a great success



Held on Sunday 28th of September, this was a PIRSA Connecting Communities sponsored event, which enabled free food and drink to be provided to those attending. Approximately 200 vouchers for free food and drink were handed out. Funding from Council, Riverton Management Committee and Scholz Park enabled Door Prizes to be offered to those who registered. and 13 lucky winners will each received a voucher to the value of \$75, to be spent in the various businesses around town.



The competition was organized and run by the Artist Blacksmiths Association from Adelaide. Nine competitors had 1 hour each to produce an article for judging. The best 3 entries were awarded a prize from and each competitor received a certificate from Scholz Park acknowledging their participation in the event. Visitors on the day had the opportunity to watch as the items were being made, and also to go through the Museum. A number of donations to the museum were gratefully received.



The RSL, History Centre, Possums Nest Crafters, and a number of local businesses were also open which visitors took the opportunity to visit during the day. The sausages and donuts were prepared by the Gilbert Valley Lions Club, and the coffee by Emporium Bakehouse. We thank them for their untiring effort to keep up with the demand.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank the small but passionate Scholz Park Committee members, RCMC committee members and other community members who helped to make this day a success.

Grant Hovey – Scholz Park Committee Secretary

AT THE 11TH HOUR ON THE 11TH DAY OF THE 11TH MONTH
2025 Riverton Primary School Leaders convened our very special
Remembrance Day Service at School with our very special invited
guests. It is a privilege to watch these young students of our school
lead the ceremony and all students show their respect for this
momentous day. ***Thank you to Jack and Estelle for representing
the School at the local RSL Service in the Main Street.***

At the end of our Remembrance Service our special invited guests
joined the students in lunch and lunch play, even a game of cricket,
before returning to each of the classrooms to do a Remembrance Day
Activity with the students.





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Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Tuesday, 9 December 2025

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Adjacent to Bee and Hill Park, Belvidere Road

SADDLEWORTH



For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

GILBERT VALLEY SOCIAL GROUP NEWS

2025 was a very successful year for the Gilbert Valley Social Group, with nine new people joining the group during the year, making a total of 30 members! Anyone is welcome to join us, and we meet the first Tuesday each month at the Riverton Community Hall Supper Rooms.

Our programme has been varied - Guest Speakers, Games, Movies, Trips, BBQ, etc., catering to everyone. Lunches have been shared around the district, either at hotels or cafes.



Guest Speakers included Brian Stevens talking about working on the Railway in Riverton and elsewhere. Val Greenslade told us about her trip to the Hunter Valley and Ian Bailey educated us on local history.

We had our annual visit to the Blyth Cinema, and were catered a delicious home cooked lunch... this function being another definite for 2026.

We have been on several trips outside the district, and I thank the members who have driven other members in their cars to these

venues. Our first trip for the year was to Hahndorf to the Beerenberg Strawberry Farm. Our next trip was to Laura, where we were treated to chocolate and jellies at CocoLaura, then to Meryle's for Golden North Icecream, before partaking of lunch at the Gladstone Hotel.



Our Magical Mystery Tour this year was to Lyndock Lavender Farm for Morning Tea, Lyndoch Hotel for lunch, then Wohlers in Tanunda for afternoon tea and shopping.

Melbourne Cup Day was enjoyed at the Owen Arms Hotel, with people dressing up for the races, prizes, sweeps, champagne and a 3 course lunch.

The final function for the year is a Pooled Christmas Lunch to be held at the Riverton Community Hall Supper Rooms, with a visit from Kris Kringle.

If you would like to know more about this group, please contact

Carolyn Evans on
0418 833 976.



REPORT FROM LIONS CLUB OF GILBERT VALLEY

October and November saw the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley extremely busy. We are a small but enthusiastic group of eager volunteers within your community undertaking many facets, and not just the BBQ trailer or Donut van.




One project in November saw some Lions members helping the classes of years 3 – 6 at the Riverton Primary School paint a Blue Tree, under the auspice of “Mental Health Awareness”. Children were taught that “It’s OK not to be OK”, educated about who a “safe person” that they feel they can turn to is, and also how to deal with their emotions when sad.

The project ended with every child in the school place their handprint on the trees. A fun educational time was had by all.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM LIONS CLUB OF GILBERT VALLEY

On Sunday 30th November 2025, the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley members, along with our Friends of Lions, held their Christmas celebrations at the Saddleworth Bowling Club.

After an absolutely delicious 3 course meal, catered by the Bowling Club, fun and games were organised by Tail Twister, Lion Paul Baker. Much fun and laughter was followed



Palliative Care Connect

Providing information and links to palliative care and bereavement supports in South Australia.

To talk to a Palliative Care Navigator:

- 1800 725 548 (PALLI), Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.00pm
- Or health.pcnavigation@sa.gov.au

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by the inevitable Kris Kringle gift giving. This again brought a lot of hilarity to the afternoon.


The Lions Club of Gilbert Valley covers Tarlee, Auburn, Manoorra, Waterloo Corner, Riverton, Marrabel, Saddleworth and Rhynie. We meet at 7pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month (excl Jan) at 6 Spur Street, Saddleworth.

All enquiries can be made by phoning 0419 672 073.

Every member of the Lions Club would sincerely like to extend to one and all,

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS along with a
HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2026.**





Community Cuppa

1st Thursday of
each month
11am - 12 pm

Free Event - All Welcome

Look for the Library Flag
Fredrick Place
Riverton District High School



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STEP 2 Check the calendar below to determine which bin is collected on your collection day.

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Cuzz's Corner

My wife asked me to buy organic vegetables from the produce market for Christmas lunch.

When I got there, I asked the gardener, "These vegetables are for my wife. Have they been sprayed with any poisonous chemicals?"

The gardener said, "No, you'll have to do that yourself."

Four stages of a man's life.

- 1- You believe in Santa.
- 2- You don't believe in Santa.
- 3- You are Santa.
- 4- You look like Santa.

I went to the local liquor store last Saturday afternoon on my bicycle, bought a bottle of Scotch to have for Christmas, and put it in the bicycle basket.

As I was about to leave, I thought to myself, 'If I fall off the bike the bottle could break.'

So I drank all of the Scotch before I cycled home.

It turned out to be a very good decision, because I fell off my bike seven times.

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.

I'm dreaming of a While Christmas and when all the white is gone, I will start on the red.



A RECIPE FOR CHRISTMAS

Gwion had a really great idea,
Not unlike one of his Auntie Rae's.
She was known for her extra great ideas

And has had them almost every other day.

He wanted to bake Christmas biscuits
To distribute around the neighbourhood,

He'd have to ask his mother first,
He knew she would say that he could.

His mother had a foolproof recipe
Made with a packet Butter Cake.

They would have to have a trial run,
Then decide how many they should bake.

Line baking trays with baking paper,
Pre heat oven to 180 degrees C,
Have the wooden spoon ready to stir
And discover how easy it can be.

Put the cake mix into the bowl,
Then the desiccated coconut, just 1cup,
Pour in 125 grams of butter, melted,
1 beaten egg - then mix it all up.

Place heaped teaspoons of dough
On the tray leaving room to spread.
Bake for 12 minutes or so - until golden,

Cool on rack - great - just like mother said!

Mother suggested different variations,
Raisins, nuts and lemon zest.

Gwion had another great idea,
Saying chocolate chips would be the best.

After a very busy day in the kitchen,
The goodies packed and tied with a bow,

Gwion and his family all sang out
A hearty HO! HO! HO!

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Riverton Community Management Committee

Chairperson - John Glistak
Vice Chairperson - Leon Schwarz
Secretary - Cassy Griffiths
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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