

# THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

APRIL 2026

## Year 12 Presentation Ball

### Celebrated in Riverton

Riverton Town Hall hosted the Riverton and District High School 2026 Year 12 Presentation Ball on Friday 13 March.



The evening brought together families, friends, and community members to celebrate the students as they begin their final year of schooling. The evening featured a guest address from former student, Nikki Butler, who shared reflections on her own pathway beyond school and offered words of encouragement to the graduating class. Her message resonated strongly with students as they look ahead to the opportunities and challenges of their final year.



Students enjoyed a relaxed evening of dancing, photos and conversation, with the photobooth proving especially popular.

The Presentation Ball remains a valued local tradition, celebrating both student achievement and the strong community spirit of Riverton. The school extends its thanks to all who attended and contributed to making the evening a memorable one for the Class of 2026.

### Nikki Giles

Teaching and Student Engagement | Years 11 and 12 Coordinator

### *Easter Services*

#### Anglican

Good Friday: 9.30am Belvidere

10am: Riverton

Easter Day 10am: Riverton

#### Baptist

Good Friday 9am : Saddleworth

Easter Day 10am: Tarlee

#### Catholic

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm: Lord's Supper, Riverton

Good Friday 11am: Stations Cross, Saddleworth

3pm: Passion of Lord, Riverton

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Easter Vigil, Riverton

Easter Day 9am: Riverton

#### Lutheran

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm : Saddleworth

Good Friday 10.30am: Carlruhe

Easter Day 10.30am: Riverton

#### Uniting

Good Friday April 3, 9:30am: Auburn

Easter Sunday 9:30am: Saddleworth

Easter Day 9.15am: Tarlee

*Gilbert Valley Interchurch Council*





## Carmel's Garden

The Riverton RSL desired to have the 'Soldiers Memorial' element of the Riverton Hospital's name made more obvious, particularly in the front of the building. This was discussed with the hospital board who were in agreement.



At the time of the project development, Carmel McInerney passed away and being an integral part of this hospital's history, especially being Matron for a number of years, the project became a two pronged programme featuring the establishment of the Carmel McInerney Memorial Garden into which the 'Soldier's Memorial' Hospital plasma cut metal bench sculpture will be located.

The components of this project will also include two bench seats located at the southern end of the garden, the renovation and replanting of flower beds and the installation of dedication signage.

The start of the garden development is adjacent to the existing flag poles.

Mike Johnson JP



# Easter Long Weekend Breakfast

4th, 5th, & 6th April 2026

8am to 1pm



SACWA Auburn, 26 Main N Rd, Auburn

Take the opportunity to check out our Craft & Curios

**Egg & Bacon Muffin + Hashbrown**  
Or  
**3 Banana Pancakes with 2 choices Nutella, Maple Syrup, Mixed Berries & Cream**  
Comes with a  
**Tea, Coffee, Fruit Box, Bottled Water**

**\$14.00 a serve**

**Hot Cross Buns—2 for \$5.00**

Also Available

Happy Easter



Gluten Free Savoury Muffins or Fruit Muffins

# WOW

RIVERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# School Holiday Program

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY AT THE RIVERTON LIBRARY

- Build LEGO/ DUPLO
- Board Game Competition
- Jigsaw Challenges
- Creative Drawing

WHAT'S ON?

# Part of the Children's University Program

# Parents must attend if children are primary school age

For more information call the library on: 8847 2414

## Sevenhill & Riverton Parishes – Holy Week & Easter 2026



**Palm Sunday Vigil Mass** – Saturday 28 March – 6PM – Sevenhill

**Palm Sunday Masses** – Sunday 29 March:

10.30AM Marrabel

5PM Clare

**Holy Thursday** (2<sup>nd</sup> April) – 7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper – Clare

**Holy Thursday** (2<sup>nd</sup> April) – 7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper – Riverton

**Good Friday** (3<sup>rd</sup> April) – 10AM Stations of the Cross outdoors on the Sevenhill Heritage Trail (in the event of poor weather, the Stations of the Cross will take place in St Aloysius Church).

**Good Friday** (3<sup>rd</sup> April) – 11AM Stations of the Cross – Saddleworth

**Good Friday** (3<sup>rd</sup> April) – 3PM The Passion of Our Lord – Sevenhill

**Good Friday** (3<sup>rd</sup> April) – 3PM The Passion of Our Lord – Riverton

**Holy Saturday** (4<sup>th</sup> April) – 7PM Easter Vigil – Sevenhill

**Holy Saturday** (4<sup>th</sup> April) – 7PM Easter Vigil – Riverton

**Easter Sunday** (5<sup>th</sup> April) – 6AM for 6.15AM Ecumenical Dawn Service – Paulett Wines

**Easter Sunday** (5<sup>th</sup> April) – 9AM Mass – Clare

**Easter Sunday** (5<sup>th</sup> April) – 9AM Mass – Riverton



## **Riverton School Community Library Update** *From the Friends of the Library Working Party*

The Friends of the Library, along with the broader Riverton community, welcomed the recent announcement by the State Government of a \$3 million contribution to the Riverton & District High School. This represents a significant investment in both the school and the wider community.

However, this funding does not in itself guarantee continued public access. **The current agreement governing the joint use Riverton School Community Library is due to expire on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

Encouragingly, recent correspondence from the Mayor states that constructive discussions are underway between the Mayor Allan Aughey, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, the Department for Education, Riverton District High School and Public Libraries SA to establish a new joint-use Community Library Agreement.

The Friends of the Library Working Party sought a written commitment from Council to ensure that library services will continue without interruption beyond the June 2026 deadline while a new agreement is finalised. In correspondence received, Mayor Aughey acknowledged the importance of maintaining continuity of service and recognised community concerns regarding the timeframe. He confirmed that, while discussions are ongoing and while a formal agreement has not yet been reached, Council is actively working with all parties toward securing an agreement by the required date.

The Friends of the Library encourage all residents of Riverton and surrounding areas, as well as visitors, to continue supporting the Riverton School Community Library. By visiting the library and making use of its programs, services and resources, community members play a vital role in ensuring its future.

Every visit counts.

Continued community support remains key to securing the long-term presence of the Riverton School Community Library.

*Excerpt from the Mayor letter -*

*Council also acknowledges the recent announcement of the State Government's \$3 million commitment toward the Riverton School Community Library facility. This represents a significant investment in the future of the service and is welcomed as an important step in strengthening both educational and community outcomes. Initial dialogue between Council and the Department for Education, including the Executive Director, Infrastructure, has commenced to support the progression of this initiative.*

*Council understands the importance of continuity of library services and recognises the concerns raised regarding the 30 June 2026 timeframe. While discussions remain ongoing and a formal agreement has not yet been finalised, Council is actively working with all parties toward the execution of an agreement by this date.*

*We are committed to keeping the community informed as discussions progress and will provide updates at appropriate points as matters become clearer.*

*Mayor Allan Aughey OAM, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council*



Riverton Community Library & Country Fire Service



## BUSH FIRE PLAN WORKSHOP BOOK NOW

Want to take your bushfire preparation to the next level?  
Register your interest to attend the  
Bushfire Action Plan Workshop

When: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026  
Time: 1:40pm to 5:00pm

### What will you learn?

- Prepare your Bushfire Survival Plan
- Prepare a Bushfire Ready Checklist
- When to Enact your Plan
- Identify Important Items in an Emergency

Limited to 10 x people so book now!!  
(Additional sessions will be scheduled based on demand)

Contact Natasha or Sue on  
Ph: 08 8847 2414

(Look for the library flag on Fredrick Place)



Gilbert Valley Lions Club

# Book SALE

Tarlee Hall

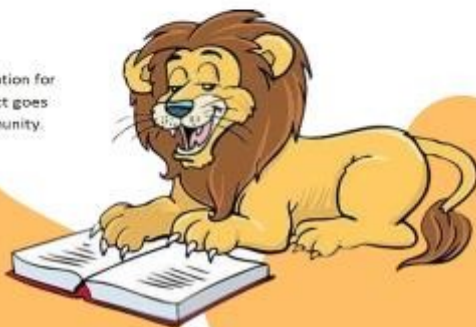
Saturday, April 18th

8am - 3pm

Sunday, April 19th

9am - 1pm

Your generous donation for the books you select goes back into the community. EFTPOS available



## Community Knitting Project

Would you like help our community keep warm this winter?

Enjoy free coffee & biscuits and help us knit squares.

Knitting needles and wool supplied or donate or bring your own.

The squares will be sewn together and made into blankets to be distributed to those in need across the community.

Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
during library opening hours

Fredrick Place, Riverton  
Ph: 08 8847 2414



### Movie Night Made Easy – Hire a DVD Player Today!

No DVD player at home? No problem!  
Your library has you covered with an easy-to-use DVD player available for hire. Perfect for:

Family movie nights   
Reliving your favourite classics from the library collection

#### Why hire from us?

- Free Hire
- Simple setup – no tech skills needed
- Borrow along with our huge DVD collection
- Reserve yours today and turn any night into a cinema experience – all from the comfort of your couch!

Ask at the front desk or call us to book a DVD player now.



Fredrick Place, Riverton  
Ph: 8847 2414

## Gilbert Valley Bucks

On Monday the 2nd of March the Gilbert Valley Bucks Basketball Club celebrated their inaugural season's windup at the Riverton Football Clubrooms. A great turnout of players, both junior and senior, families, committee members, sponsors, as well as past players from the 70's gathered to celebrate the Bucks first season as a new club and competing in the Light Amateur Basketball Association (LABA).

The Bucks had much to celebrate in their first season, entering 12 teams into the LABA, from U12 boys and girls, right up to senior men and women's teams. Of the twelve teams entered this season, six of them participated in finals, three of them making the Grand Final and two teams winning the premiership. On Sunday, March 1, the all conquering U14 Girls White team made history, going through the season undefeated and winning the club's first premiership defeating Eudunda 27-19. The U18 Boys followed soon after, defeating Kapunda 1, 55-41.

The windup celebrated all twelve teams, awarding Best and Fairest and Runner Up trophies for each team as well as a Junior Volunteer of the Year Award. Presenting the trophies were past players who played in the 'hay day' of the GVBA in the 70's when Hamley Bridge, Riverton, Marrabel, Saddleworth and Manoora all had strong clubs in a vibrant competition.



The President of the Bucks, Ben Heinrich, said, "It was great to see so many past players come out to see where the competition is today and to show them that basketball is still going strong in the Gilbert Valley."

## Award Winners

U12 Girls

Joint B/F-Pippa Miller  
and Macartney Heinrich  
R/U- Bridie Osman

U14 Boys Green  
B/F- Oscar Connell  
R/U- Xavier Condon

U12 Boys Green  
B/F- Jesse Koch  
R/U- Thomas Hart

U14 Boys White  
B/F- Fred Heinrich  
R/U- Aldo Muller

U12 Boys White  
B/F- Mitchell Rowett  
R/U- George Heinrich

U16 Boys Green  
B/F- Lucas Ackland  
R/U- James Boxall

U14 Girls Green  
B/F- Phoebe Rowett  
R/U- Stella Schwartz

U16 Boys White  
B/F- Mitchell Koch  
R/U- Malakai Bannister

U14 Girls White  
B/F- Charlese Elsworth  
R/U- Eva Yard

U18 Boys  
B/F- HP Muller  
R/U- Wyatt Clarke



Junior Volunteer of the Year Award- Walker Hart (for commitment to umpiring for the entire season)



A Grade Women  
B/F- Emmison Heinrich  
Joint R/U- Tali Yard, Sarah Noack and Kerry Heinrich

B Grade Men  
B/F and Craig Marshall Memorial Trophy- Jordan Kimlin  
R/U- Mitchell Noll



Gilbert Valley Cricket Club recently held their end of season windup to celebrate and acknowledge all the players, members, and volunteers for their efforts from the 2025/2026 cricket season.

The club had two junior grades make the grand final, the U12's who were coached by Sam Goodfellow and the U14's who were coached by Matt Norman. Unfortunately, the U12's were beaten but the U14's were crowned premiers.

Gilbert Valley was also represented in the U16 finals where they were beaten in the semis. To have three junior grades in finals is something the club is extremely proud of and puts it in good stead for years to come.

## Awards

Under 12's coached by Sam Goodfellow  
U12 Batting - Joe Somerville  
U12 Bowling - Liam Vandeleur  
U12 All Rounder - Henry Norman

Under 14's coached by Matt Norman  
U14 Batting - Campbell Richards  
U14 Bowling - Harrison Norman  
U14 All Rounder Award - Sam Mullins

Gilbert Valley / Kapunda Under 16's combined  
coached by Harry Callery  
U16 Bowling - Hayden Philp & Bailey Przibilla  
U16 Coaches Award - Bailey Przibilla

A4 Batting - Jack Vater  
A4 Bowling - Cooper Fry & Hamish Behn  
A4 Captains Award - Kane Robb  
M Busch Award for A4 Cricketer of the year - Jack Vater

A2 Batting - Ashley McInerney  
A2 Bowling - Tom Vater  
Craig Marshall Memorial trophy for A2 fielder of the year - Dylan Busch  
HM McKeough Award for A2 Cricketer of the Year - Tom Vater

Ivan Button Most Promising Under 21 - Cooper Fry  
Don Molineux Club Person Award - Sam Goodfellow  
Presidents Award - Alex Nicholson



Tom Vater  
President GVCC

# Chair Yoga & Meditation

Term 2 starts

29<sup>th</sup> April until 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

Wednesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Wellbeing Room

Riverton & District High School

Gentle yoga to help improve flexibility & balance

Calming for the mind

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROZ 0400 288 321**



SENIORS CARD



**Did you know you can save money on your power bills by having a Seniors card?**

**2026 Seniors Card booklets and application forms are now available at the Riverton Community Library**

You can apply for a South Australian Seniors Card if:

- you're aged 60 years or older
- you're a permanent South Australian resident
- you're not working more than 20 hours per week in paid employment



Medical & Dental



Aged Care & Retirement



Petrol Discounts



Home Insurance



Supermarket Savings



Travel Costs

## SACWA Auburn

**Makers Market in the Institute**

**Sunday 31st May 2026**

**8am to 3pm**

If you are a crafter this is the place for you. Tables still available for hire \$25.00 for one or 2 for \$40.00

Food & Drinks available

Application forms available at SACWA Auburn Craft & Curios Shop

or

Phone Pauline on 0419 499 357 or via email

[sacwa.auburn@outlook.com](mailto:sacwa.auburn@outlook.com)

## RIVERTON BOWLING CLUB

### 25/26 SEASON

Another very successful season of bowls for the Riverton Bowling Club is 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 were defeated by Pt Wakefield in the semi final, finishing fourth overall.

Our Division 3 team finished the season on top of the ladder, going straight through to the grand final after defeating Mallala in the second semi final. The grand final was a rematch of their second semi which proved to be another magnificent battle. After a slow start they found their range and went on to win back to back premierships. A fantastic effort by this side and the club is very proud to have a premiership team again this season.



Thursday Pennants, 3 teams were fielded in the Thursday competition, 2 of which made the finals. At the time of writing this article they were yet to play their finals matches. We wish them all the best for their finals campaign.

Night Owls, Wayne Molineux organised our Night Owls team to play in the Mid North Association. Many players were used during the year and, to the credit of our team, we are always competitive with no pennant bowlers.

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

Women's Singlea winner Cath Greenslade, runner up Sandra McKean

Women's Pairs winners Ann Harrip, Sandra McKean, runners up Cate Aitchison, Geraldine Crouch

Men's Singles winner Neil Rogers, runner up Leon Schwarz

Men's Pairs winners Neil Rogers, Stewart Twigden, runners up Wayne Molineux, Leon Schwarz

Night Owls Singles Steve Ball, runner up Rob Furniss

The Riverton Bowling Club was represented at Association, Division and State levels, as well as other competitions and tournaments, congratulations to all who competed.

Socially our club teas have been a great success with bowlers and non bowlers alike enjoying good food and company. Annual Business Bowls saw 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

Mark Griffiths  
President





improve on last year's finals berth and hopefully all the way to the Grand Final.

Jake is again going to be ably supported by Bradley Koster as the B' grade coach. Bradley brought a huge amount of enthusiasm to the role and the players responded to this and had a good season, where they genuinely enjoyed playing for each other and RSMU.

It is very pleasing to have appointed James Vandeleur to coach the U'17 Senior Colts who will be ably supported by Kimberley Hart. The U'14 Junior Colts will be coached by Ben Heinrich and Kym Vandeleur. Matt Norman is back coaching the U'12's with Jason Yard as his sidekick. Ben McInerney is again coaching the U'9's with Danni Harvey helping him. As well as coaching the B' grade Bradley Koster has put his hand up to coach the Auskick. Hopefully Bradley has had practice herd cats. Good luck to all the coaches and players on what is going to be a successful year.

I would like to thank our supporters and sponsors from last year and we hope to see to out again this year.

Regards,  
Balls  
RSMU President



What a fantastic year ahead for both the RSMU Football and Netball Clubs.

We are hosting the NEFL Grand Final at Riverton on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September.

As well as this we are celebrating the 50 year anniversary of RSMU. The amalgamation of the Riverton Football Club with the Saddleworth and Marrabel Football Club happened back in 1976.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of May we will be playing at Mintaro against Min-Man and will be honouring our founding clubs that day. This will be followed by a function at "The Saddleworth Pavillion" that night, so keep the date and night free.

During 2025 the A' grade played in the finals which was a credit to the boys and their coach Jake Birchmore, whom we have appointed to the Senior Coach's position again this year. He already has the playing group working hard. Our Football Operations Team have, I feel, recruited well and retained some key players. so they are very much looking to





And just like that, we're already in April, and the 2026 Netball season is off to a flying start!

Pre-season training started in early February for the Senior and Intermediate and Junior grades, with strong numbers filling all senior and junior grades which is very exciting!

We're thrilled to introduce an incredibly experienced coaching group for the 2026 season — with nearly 2,000+ senior RSMU games of netball experience between them, 100+ Premier League games and captaincy, and 1,300+ A Grade games' worth of knowledge to share.

This year, there will be a strong focus on player development across all grades — building skills, confidence, connection, and strengthening our competitive edge.

**A Grade:** Sarah Noack & Sophie Croft

**B Grade:** Tammi Mullins & Jas Klavins

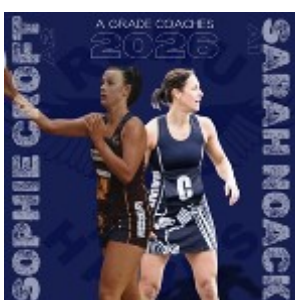
**C Grade:** Simone Miller & Paige Rowett

**Intermediates (17U):** Sarah Allen, Jess McInerney and Paige Rowett

**Juniors (13U):** Simone Miller and Kerry Heinrich

**Sub Juniors (10U):** Sarah Noack, Emma Zanette, Lucy Smith and Sophie McInerney.

**MiniHawks:** Kasey Ball



We're again thrilled to partner with our community 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](mailto:netballsponsorship@rsmu.com.au)) for more information. Every little bit helps, and your contributions make a big difference for our current and future members.

### We're also pleased to launch the Netball Club's new Strategic Roadmap 2035!

Our roadmap outlines a clear, member-aligned direction for the next decade: stronger pathways, better experiences on and off court, a more connected club culture, and sustainable management so our Club can thrive for generations to come.

You can view the Roadmap here: <https://bit.ly/RSMUNCRoadmap2035>

or scan this QR code



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We can't wait for a fantastic 2026 season ahead. Go Hawks!

Paige Rowett  
President  
RSMU Netball Club  
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# Cuzz's Corner

The rain was pouring down and there, standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub, was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick with a piece of string dangling in the water.

A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Fishing," replied the Irishman.

Feeling sorry for the man the gent said, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink on me."

In the warmth of the pub, as they sipped their whisky, the gent couldn't resist asking,

"So how many have you caught today?"

The Irishman replied, "You're the eighth."

Whenever it rains my wife just stands at the window looking kind of sad... Maybe I should let her in.



"The earth is wicked again. I'm going to flood it and start over," God told Noah.

"Build another ark and save two of every living thing."

Six months later the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard, but no boat.

"Where's the ark?" he roared, "I'm about to start the rain."

" Well, things have changed," said Noah.

" First, I needed a building permit, then some group said it was inhumane to put animals in such a close space. Next the government halted construction to conduct an environmental-impact study on the flood."

Suddenly the clouds cleared and a rainbow stretched across the sky.

" You mean you're not going to destroy the world?" Noah asked.

" What's the point?" God said, " Looks like someone beat me to it."

## DON'T CLOWN ABOUT

Kraze was welcomed very warmly  
When he arrived in Nashville, Tennessee.  
He was to be the house guest,  
Of his good friends James and De.

Some leaflets and a neatly written list  
Of things they could possibly do,  
Was in the middle of the table  
So Kraze could select a few.

De was excited about the Halloween night  
At their private, little Gourmet Club.  
Everyone would be arriving in costume,  
Bringing a variety of homemade grub.

Kraze explained this kind of function,  
Was certainly not for the likes of him.  
He noticed the looks of disappointment  
On the faces of De and Jim.

He was happy to wear everyday clobber  
And not bother with a silly cossie,  
He would be so much more content,  
To turn up as an ordinary Aussie.

As they planned and sipped champagne,  
De was determined that after work the next day,  
They would buy fabric and whatever they needed,  
At the Mall - which was not far away.

A clown costume was cut out and sewn,  
De was proud of her tailoring skills.  
All the while Kraze was thinking,  
This is going to become a battle of wills.

Cometh the evening of the Gourmet Club bash,  
De and Jim - excited and eager to go,  
Tried to motivate Kraze to "clown up",  
As for Kraze - it was a definite "NO"!

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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  
Management Committee.*

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