

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

JUNE 2026

Cath's year!



The 2025/26 bowls year may have drawn to a close, but it is one that Cath Greenslade won't forget in a hurry.

Cath has long been acknowledged as one of the finest bowlers in the state, with multiple state titles and years of state representation, but a golden run this year threw up some statistics that will be hard to match.

Over a two-week period in February, covering Country Round Robin and Country Carnival, Cath's rink was the most successful Region 8 team at Round Robin. She then went on to win the Country Carnival Fours and Pairs, which made it back to back wins following last year's success, and was Runner Up in the Singles.

2 weeks, 31 games of bowls, 29 wins. Quite remarkable. It also culminated in Cath winning Country Carnival Player of the Year at the Bowls SA awards night.

After reaching the semifinal of the State Pairs, and local success in the Mid North Thursday and Region 8 Singles events, the last event on the state events' calendar was the State Champion of Champions, where club Singles Champions are pitted against each other on a knockout basis. To finish a wonderful year, Cath was triumphant, and will now go to Perth in October to represent SA against all the other state winners to find the national champion.

The Riverton Bowling Club is very proud of Cath and all her achievements and is sure there are many more to come.

RSMU Football Club

The start to the '26 season has been a lot better than '25. We are currently sitting in third position on the ladder in the A grade and fifth in the B grade with both having 3 wins and 3 losses.

The teams have performed very well considering the number of players out injured. At different times this year we have had 8-10 players out of the A grade. This not only affects the A's but has put pressure on the coach of the B's, Bradley Koster, who has spent a lot of time on the phone rounding up players.

We look forward to the bye this week and hopefully we will start getting a few players back to bolster the side as we have a couple of important games where we want to win and

go 5 and 3 to cement our spots in the top 4 of the competition.

We have had a few young players come up into the seniors this year with Bailey “Pesty” Prizibilla, Tyson Kimlin and Eljay “LJ” Branson play their first A grade game.

As with the seniors, both our junior teams have also won 3 and lost 3. They have been playing some very good football at times with which the coaches have been happy.

For those who have been to Riverton Oval, you would have seen our new scoreboard. It looks fantastic and Connor Fuss has got it running well, with his animations and featuring some of our sponsors.



A few weeks ago, the RSMU Football Club celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the amalgamation of the Saddleworth Marrabel Football Club and the Riverton Football Club.

The day started at Mintaro oval with the B grade wearing the Saddleworth Marrabel heritage jumpers and then the A grade wearing the Riverton heritage jumpers. I heard comments from a few of the older club members, “It gave me goose bumps seeing the old blue and yellow,” and “It brought a tear to my eye to see the black and white again.”



The celebration then moved to the Saddleworth Pavilion for a fantastic night of food, drink and bonhomie. The pavilion looked an absolute treat. Guest MC’s, Kym Vater and Ken Noack, entertained us for the night and interviewed some stalwarts of the two old clubs with Kev Prizibilla, Greg Schmaal, John Faint and Russell Brown, who gave us some good insights to the footy playing and club interactions 50 years ago. A big thank you to all those who helped get the event off the ground and worked hard before, during and after the show.

We even managed to corral the life members who attended for a photo.

Good luck to all the teams for the rest of the season.

Steve Ball, President RSMU Football Club.



2026 AGM

RIVERTON COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RCMC AIMS TO:

Engage & promote the
Riverton Community.
Seek Funding Opportunities.
Promote Tourism.
Interact with Council & other
Government Agencies to achieve
positive outcomes for the
Riverton Community.

TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2026

**RIVERTON BOWLING CLUB
7:30PM**

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

**Nomination forms
available from the
Riverton History Centre,
Wed - Fri,
10:00am - 3:00pm.**

**CONTACT CASSY
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BIGGEST MORNING TEA 2026



In our 17th year , we have, for 2026 again registered online

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/rivertonprimaryschool>

(Please ensure you see our picture of the school when going online as there are other Riverton Primary Schools in Australia.)

Along with our online fundraising—and please feel free to donate online—we will be having a stall set up in the main street of Riverton in front of the Hardware with plates of morning tea for purchase. Plates consisting of 2 savoury and 3 sweet delicious homebaked goodies will be available to purchase for a small cost of \$5 per plate between the hours of 9:30am and 11:00am.

Please donate to my morning tea



Scan the QR code to donate.

You will be directed to my fundraising page where you can donate directly to my morning tea.

Please come along, say hello, purchase a plate of morning tea and help us to help those that support not only research but your donation will also importantly help fund support services for the 150,000 Australians who are diagnosed with cancer every year. Together we can help Australia take big steps towards a cancer free future, so thank you again!

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

9:30am -11:00am

in front of Riverton Hardware



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Gilbert Valley Lions Club Hosting



BINGO Night


\$2.50 per book, 15 games
Free tea, coffee & biscuits
Bar facilities available

DOORS OPEN 6PM EYES DOWN 7PM
Come and join the fun and support your
local Lions Group

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE
Riverton Bowling Club
Frederick Place Riverton

22nd July 16th Sept.


Yoga in Riverton



Wednesday
9.30am and 5.30pm
ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL
879 Barrier Highway Riverton
Please Contact Roz 0400 288321

22nd July 16th Sept.

Yoga in Auburn



10am Thursdays
**AUBURN
COURTHOUSE**
4 St Vincent Street
Please Contact Roz 0400 288321

Chair Yoga & Meditation

Term 3 starts
29th July - 16th September, 2026
\$10 per class

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




A Little Police History

Senior Constable John Lawrence Coligan served as Riverton's resident police officer from 5 February 1959 to 27 August 1960.

John Coligan enlisted in the South Australian Police Force on 4 January 1937 at just 16 years of age. In 1940 he graduated as dux of the Police Academy, receiving The Advertiser Cup for his achievement. Over the course of his career, he served at Thebarton, Whyalla, Port Lincoln, Snowtown, Radium Hill and Riverton before transferring to Adelaide where he worked in several locations until his retirement on 9 August 1978. His 41 years of service were marked by professionalism and distinction.

Thanks to his son, Michael Coligan from Norwood, for sharing the following stories from his father's time in Riverton.

One of the duties of the Police Officer was to appear in full police uniform, which was uncommon for country policemen at that time, while performing traffic control at the annual Marrabel rodeo held on the October long weekend. In 1959, Senior Constable Coligan found himself managing traffic for a record crowd of over 11,000, all eager to witness the farewell appearance of the legendary buckjumper, Curio. The rodeo was a major attraction not only for the local community but also for many visitors from Adelaide, keen to see who might manage the required ten seconds on Curio's back.

When John Copligan returned home after completing his duties, his uniform was completely covered in red dust. It was promptly dry cleaned next day and put away until the following year's rodeo.

Another memorable moment involved Agnes Hooper, a well known local character. She was grazing her stock along the side of the road about four miles south of Riverton when she was approached by a man who asked if she had obtained a permit from the local policeman.

"Oh yes," she assured him. "I do this every year, and young Senior Constable Coligan has given me permission to graze my stock."

"That's interesting," he replied. "I am Senior Constable Coligan."





Join us at the library for an online webinar about the latest Aged Care 'Support at Home' reforms

When: Tuesday 30th June 2-4 pm

The Aged Care reforms introduced on 1 November 2025 are significant with impacts that may affect you!

Council of the Ageing (COTA) and the Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) are hosting an online webinar session to provide the opportunity for you to have your questions answered.

Topics Include:

- The impact of 'Support at Home' co-contributions on access to personal care services.
- Receiving fewer services under 'Support at Home' following significant price increases by providers.
- The aged care Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT) algorithm is leading to poor service allocation outcomes.
- Higher everyday living charges in residential aged care for basic services such as in-room TV, choice of meals and Wi-Fi.

**Call to book your place
Seats are limited**

Fredrick Place, Riverton ☎ **8847 2414**

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3.30pm to 4.30 pm

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- Block unwanted calls
- VPN privacy
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- Using your phone settings

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Hosted by: The Riverton Community Library Team
Fredrick Place, Riverton



NON FICTION BOOK COLLECTION

Enjoy a range of non-fiction books now in-house at the library.

If you can't find what you're looking for, ask our friendly Librarians who can search and find from across the South Australian Public Library Network.

In-house genres

- Biographies
- Literature
- History
- Sciences
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Personal Development
- Music
- Cooking
- Art & Craft
- Gardening
- Home Improvements

Look for the Library Flag on Fredrick Place

Phone: 8847 2414

Opening Hours
Tuesday
2:00pm - 6:00pm

Wed, Thurs & Fri
9:00am-12:50pm & 1.40pm - 5:00pm



Farewell John & Annie



John & Annie Rankine have retired after owning and operating the Riverton Hotel for 15 ½ years. Apart from their friendly service, they have been extremely generous contributors to the community. Weekly meat tray profits have been donated to various community clubs and groups. Thank you John & Annie for your support of the community, and best wishes for your retirement.

New managers Sri and Suchi are settling in well and will continue the Friday night Community Meat Tray raffle.

Belated Welcome

Henry Elson officially became Postmaster in December 2025 after purchasing the Riverton Post Office from his father, Brad.



A familiar face to many locals, Henry had already spent considerable time working in the

post office while undertaking “on the job” training with Brad. His preparation for the role also included extensive training at the Clare and Moonta Post Offices, along with numerous online courses.

Henry attended Riverton & District High School and played junior football for RSMU.

Last season, he also took up lawn bowls and is to be congratulated on being part of the Division 3 Premiership team in the Wooroora Saturday Bowls Association.

In his spare time, Henry enjoys building Lego and socialising with friends.

Meet Marti



Marti Sale is the new owner of Studio 31 Hairdressing Salon.

Marti lives with her family in Hamley Bridge. She attended Hamley Bridge Primary School followed by Riverton and District High School.

She completed her hairdressing apprenticeship at Colours of Auburn. This involved attending Trade School in Adelaide as well as receiving ‘on the job’ training at the Auburn salon.

Marti has played netball for Hamley Bridge since the age of eight. This year, however, she is taking a break to focus on her new business venture, explaining, “I can’t afford to be injured and not be able to work.”

One of Marti’s favourite pastimes is crocheting rugs for her family and friends. Taught by her

nanna, she has enjoyed returning the favour by making a rug especially for her. She has also created rugs for newborn babies in the family.

Marti's vision for Studio 31 is to warmly welcome both new and existing clients while continuing the excellent reputation established by her predecessor, Emily Goodfellow.

Studio 31 Opening Hours

Monday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Tuesday: 9.00am – 5.30pm

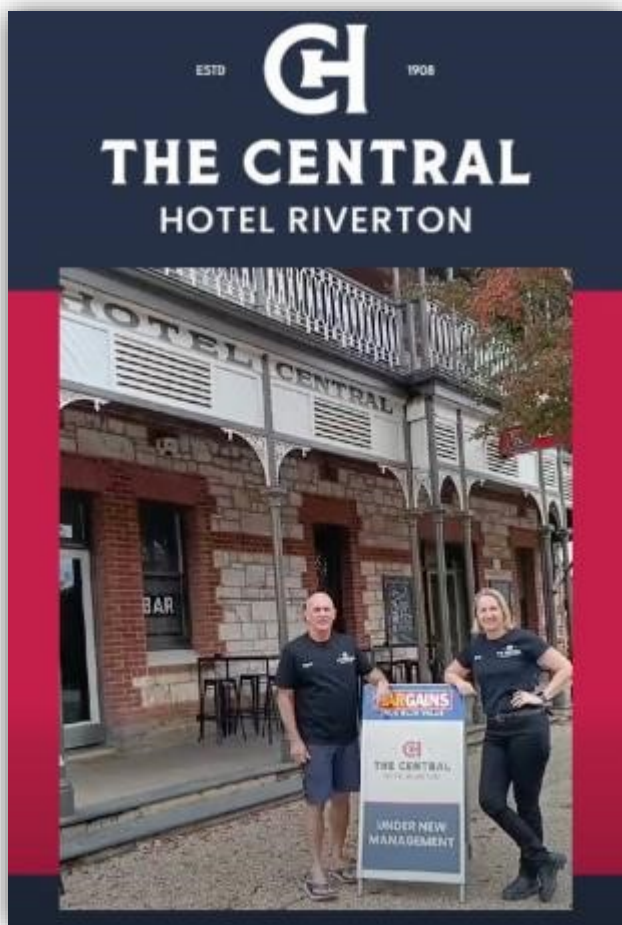
Wednesday: 9.00am – late

Thursday: 9.00am – 5.30pm

Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

New Owners At The Hotel Central

The Central is under new management, and this popular spot in the heart of Riverton's main street is in good hands.



New owners, Troy and Peta Apps, have taken on the historic pub, and they come to town with a great track record. Just up the road in Kapunda, the pair have spent the last few years running The Prince of Wales, turning it back into the kind of place where locals linger and first-time visitors become regulars.

Their story started in 2022, when they swapped a South East Queensland cane farm for life in Kapunda. The area got under their skin fast, and somewhere along the way they fell properly in love with this corner of South Australia. So when they began thinking about what came next, buying The Central felt less like a business decision and more like a natural fit.

Troy and Peta have said they aren't here to reinvent the place. The Central has been a Riverton gathering spot for generations, and they see themselves as its next chapter, like a fresh coat of paint.

All the history. Same soul. New faces. They'd love you to pull up a stool and say hello.

RCMC extends a warm welcome to all of the new business owners and wishes them every success for the future.

RSMU Donation

The Riverton RSL Sub Branch executive was aware of the significant changes to Traffic Management Legislation, introduced by the South Australian Government on 1 July 2025, which imposed new and more complex requirements for signage when temporarily closing roads for marches and parades.

We wanted to retain the traditional ANZAC Day march which had been a part of our commemoration for 70 years. Our local council was very helpful in providing the application process documents.

The outcome of all this planning and administration was a bill from the

government's approved supplier of signage amounting to \$623.00. In addition, the signs had to be collected and returned to the Port Adelaide area.

Upon hearing of this charge, the RSMU Football cCub offered to pay the bill from their ANZAC Day football round donations.

We are totally stunned and grateful for this very generous financial support and wish to acknowledge our appreciation accordingly.

Michael Johnson JP

Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

Riverton RSL Sub-Branch



for the sausage sizzle breakfast which was cooked by the regular reliable volunteers, Rob Oakley, Harry Klavins and Al Hartwell.



ANZAC Day

The ANZAC Day Dawn Service was once again well attended. Officiated by Daryl Mullan, the community came together to reflect and thank military personnel who have served and sacrificed their lives in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

The Riverton IGA generously donated the food



Cuzz's Corner

Bill, a big Texan rancher, goes to Australia for a vacation where he meets Don, an Aussie farmer, and gets talking.

The Aussie takes the Texan to his farm and shows off his big wheat field but the Texan says, "We have wheat fields that are twice the size as this."

Then Don shows off his herd of cattle.

Bill immediately says, "We have longhorns twice the size of yours."

The conversation had somewhat died when the Texan sees a couple of roos hopping through the field and asks, "And what are those?"

The Aussie replies with an incredulous smile, "Don't you have grasshoppers in Texas?"

I've never understood why women love cats.

Cats are independent, they don't listen, they don't come in when you call them, they like to stay out all night and when they're home, they like to be left alone and sleep.

In other words, every quality that women hate in a man, they love in a cat.

Due to the cost of electricity, the light at the end of the tunnel will be turned off.

Yours Truly God.

A politician is an acrobat. He keeps his balance by doing the opposite of what he says.

I went to the doctor the other day and I said, "Have you got anything for wind?"

So he gave me a kite.

I was planning to take a flu shot until I found out it isn't a kind of drink.



WHAT I WROTE FOR SIXX

Sixx said, 'I would like to read a poem,
'Written for me by you.'

I asked him to give me time

And I'd see what I could do.

At the hotel that night I thought
Of words I could juggle and mix
And came up with a poem, titled:
"SING A SONG OF SIXX"

*Ashleigh sat and listened,
As Sixx began to sing.
Ashleigh was very fond of music,
It had always been her thing.*

*The song was sweet and tender
And every note was right.
Ashleigh could have sat there,
Morning, noon and night.*

*Sixx was feeling happy -
Ashleigh felt good too.
What a lovely beginning
To a friendship that was new!*

This story really happened,
When Sixx and Ashleigh met
And even though they are miles apart,
I am sure they will never forget.

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Public Officer - Jackie Bruce

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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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