

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2026

SUNSHINE FOR RPS RESILIENCE PROJECT – SCAVENGER HUNT



Riverton Primary School was a hive of activity on Friday the 31st of July, as families gathered for the much-anticipated Resilience Project Scavenger Hunt. With almost every family represented and around 95 adults joining in, the school grounds buzzed with excitement, positivity, and community spirit.



The event kicked off with a brief presentation from Principal, Mr Ashley Gardner, who spoke passionately about The Resilience Project and the school's commitment to student mental health. Mr Gardner highlighted the importance of building habits of gratitude, empathy, mindfulness and emotional literacy, setting the stage for families to explore these principles through hands-on activities.

Families took part in 22 different activities dotted throughout the school. From writing gratitude letters to practising box breathing and taking mindful nature walks, each station offered a practical approach to wellbeing. The Family Daycare display proved especially popular, with gratitude chatterboxes, fidget spinners and bubbles bringing smiles to children and adults alike.



Behind the fun lay a powerful message. Through its partnership with The Resilience Project, Riverton Primary School is delivering a preventative mental health program that nurtures both the hearts and minds of its students. Weekly lessons and daily habit builders are designed to help children develop resilience and a strong sense of wellbeing, equipping them to handle life's challenges with confidence.



Riverton Primary School is quickly becoming a school of choice for its child-centred approach, connection with the school community and commitment to wellbeing, belonging and mental health.

R&DHS Students Hit the Slopes!



RDHS students joined Kapunda High School and Eudunda Area School for an unforgettable week in the snow at Mount Hotham.

Experiencing everything from sunshine to snowstorms, students skied and snowboarded hard, embraced new challenges, supported one another and created memories that will last a lifetime.

*Diane Allen
Coordinator R&DHS*



Tech Essentials @ Riverton Library

Our talks help you keep pace with technology!
Ph. 8847 2414 to book (limited to 15 people)

Friday 28th August

Getting Started with
MyGov App
10AM - 12PM



Presented by Zoran

Staying Safe from Banking Scams
2PM - 4PM

Riverton Community Library
Cnr Oxford Tce / Fredrick Pl, Riverton SA
(enter via first entrance on Fredrick Pl)

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Delivered in partnership with Telstra and LibrariesSA



New Caravan Park Managers

Warm welcome to Sharon and Brett Miller, the new managers of the Riverton Caravan Park. Originally from Hamilton in Victoria, Sharon and Brett have four grown-up children and one grandchild. They have two dogs, Narla and Icey.

For the last eleven years Sharon and Brett have been caravanning around Australia and managing Parks. Travels have taken them to WA, Vic, NSW and SA. They plan to stay in Riverton for a few years before settling somewhere in South Australia.

Brett enjoys football, basketball, 4-wheel driving, motor bikes and golf. Sharon enjoys netball, craft, photography and Lego.

They like meeting people, so if you see them in the street say, "Hi," and introduce yourself.





CLARE & GILBERT VALLEYS COUNCIL

Upgrades to Riverton's historic Community Hall has begun in late June.

Riverton Community Hall upgrade paused for structural assessment

Construction works at the Riverton Community Hall have been temporarily paused to allow for the completion of structural engineering assessments on the roof and platform lift.

Work began on 29 June after Council awarded the refurbishment contract to Mykra Pty Ltd. Early works included perimeter fencing and demolition of the kitchen, bar area and toilets.

"Development Assessment approval was staged. Consent has been issued for ground-level works, with a second stage now pending the outcomes of a structural engineering assessment of the roof and a performance solution for the platform lift," Council Acting Chief Executive Officer Richard Dodson said.

"The structural engineer has already commenced the roof assessment and an initial briefing has been provided to Council's Elected Body ahead with some of the preliminary findings."

A final report is expected towards late July.

No further site works will be observed until the Council has reviewed the full findings and determined the next steps in the construction program.

Community access to the ATM on the building's northern wall will remain open throughout.

The \$1.477 million project is being funded through Council's 2026-2027 Annual Business Plan and Budget together with a \$770,000 grant from the South Australian Government's Enabling Infrastructure Program.

Council will provide further updates once the structural report is complete.

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Media Release

Riverton Library funding a major win for community

The announcement of a \$3 million State Government investment to upgrade library facilities at Riverton & District High School has been welcomed by the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council as a substantial win for the community.

"The funding will significantly improve facilities for the school and community and is a welcome result," Mayor Allan Aughey said.

"The funding commitment, announced by Tony Piccolo MP, Duty Member for Frome, will help address the condition of the existing library facility and support the development of a space designed to serve both students and the broader community."

"This is a very positive outcome for Riverton and the surrounding district.

The Riverton library has operated as a joint use facility through an arrangement with the Department for Education, supporting both school and community access.

Council, which had been a funding partner, had previously given notice regarding the future of the joint use model, with concerns including the building's condemned condition and operational suitability and safety.

Mayor Aughey said Council looked forward to working collaboratively with the State Government, the school and the community on the next stages.

"The final design and services delivered through this project will be shaped through consultation," he said.

"This investment helps secure the future of library services in Riverton and ensures local residents and students will benefit from improved facilities for years to come."

Council acknowledges the role of the State Government, in particular the advocacy of Mr Tony Piccolo MP, in responding to community concerns and supporting regional infrastructure that strengthens local communities.

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Jingles Garden – New Members Welcome

Jingles Garden is a community garden where members garden in individual plots, mostly growing vegetables. There are other areas planted to chrysanthemums, berry fruits, citrus and other vegetables which members share with the surplus being sold.



Members meet on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am – 11.30am and tend to their plots before enjoying a cuppa and chat. There are a few vacant plots, and new members are most welcome.



The Friday morning stall in front of Central Hotel has been operating since early June and has been very well supported by the community. Freshly picked caulis, broccoli,

pumpkins, silver beet, rhubarb and lemons have been available. Orders have been taken via weekly posts on Riverton Ramblings. The stall is now in recess until the berries and summer veggies are ready.



The chrysanthemums were again fantastic for Mother's Day. Over 120 bunches were sold, and Jingles' members and helpers did a great job getting them all organized.

A new shelter in a central spot in the garden was built last year. The shelter was funded by grants from SA Government Dept of Human Services, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council and Waterloo Windfarm. Members held a luncheon recently on a bright, sunny winter's day in the shelter.

Leon Schwarz, Coordinator, 0476913612



Riverton IGA Makeover

From 10 August, Riverton IGA will be undergoing a major makeover.

Customers are advised that, during the renovations, some aisles and departments may be temporarily relocated. There may also be a little extra noise and some inconvenience while the work is underway.

However, the store will remain open with trading as usual during the renovations.

The management aims to complete the renovations as quickly as possible and kindly asks customers for their patience, understanding and continued support during this exciting time.



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

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





LITTLE LEARNERS LIBRARY

Would you and your baby or toddler like to meet parents & carers across the community for reading, singing and other fun activities?

Activities include:

- Engaging Games & Songs
- Activities Sparking Creativity & Imagination
- Building Social Skills
- Language & Literacy
- Access to Parenting Resources

Each Wednesday during Term 3
9.30am - 10.30am
starting 22nd July

Call the Riverton Community Library to book your place as numbers are limited!

8847 2414

FREDRICK PLACE, RIVERTON



RIVERTON KNIT & CROCHET CLUB

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM
3.30pm to 4.30 pm

Needles, Patterns & Wool Supplied

Adults & High School Students
All Welcome & its FREE !!

Facilitated by:
Sandra Manning

Call the library to book your place
(Seats are limited)

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Tuesday mornings at 10.30am

All welcome to come along!

EMPORIUM BAKEHOUSE





Palliative Care
South Australia
Living, dying & grieving well



Join us at the library for a discussion with Questions & Answers about Palliative Care

When: Thursday 27th August 2pm - 3:30pm

This session explores what palliative care is in simple, community-friendly language.

What topics are covered?

- Common myths and misunderstandings about palliative care
- What is palliative care
- Who provides palliative care
- What is Advanced Care Planning
- How to establish an Advanced Care Directive

Why attend?

- Opportunity to directly ask questions to a Palliative care specialist that are relevant to you.
- To create resilience, understanding and capacity to help our loved ones, families and friends.

Call to book - seats are limited

Fredrick Place, Riverton



8847 2414

AUTHOR TALK & MORNING TEA WITH SAMANTHA BATTAMS



Save the Date!

18 Sept 2026

10:00AM - 11.30AM

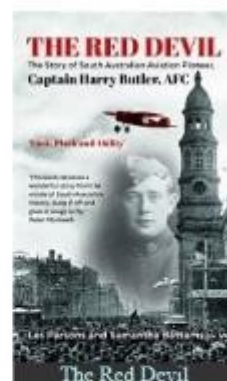
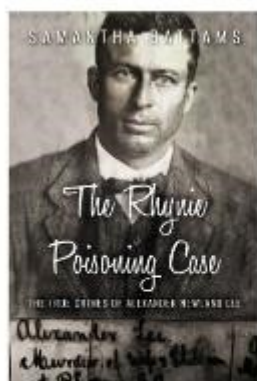
Book Now!

PH: 08 8847 2414

Join us for an exclusive meet & greet event with South Australian author, Samantha Battams.

Learn about her latest works, and gain unique insights into the creative research and writing process.

- ***The Rhynie Poisoning Case: The True Crimes of Alexander Newland Lee***
- ***The Red Devil: The story of South Australian Aviation Pioneer Captain Harry Butler***
- ***Paving the Way***
- ***The Secret Art of Poisoning***



Fredrick Place, Riverton

Hosted by: The Riverton Community Library Team
Morning Tea Provided by Gilbert Valley Lions Club



**GILBERT VALLEY
LIONS CLUB**
Proudly supporting
our local community



CLARE & GILBERT
VALLEYS COUNCIL



drumMUSTER

**Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council will be holding a
drumMUSTER collection at**

**Saddleworth Depot
Hill Street, Saddleworth**

**Tuesday 25 and
Wednesday 26 August 2026**

Containers must be:

- ☐ triple rinsed
- ☐ lids removed
- ☐ metal containers punctured from the top through the bottom
- ☐ metal components of plastic drums removed
- ☐ clean – no chemical residue
- ☐ declared clean when delivered
- ☐ inspected by an authorised *drumMUSTER* inspector

All farm chemical users within the Council district are encouraged to bring their empty properly cleaned returnable steel and plastic containers to the collection centre for inspection and collection.

Hazardous and non-hazardous products are now both accepted under the *drumMUSTER* program (see over for further details).

Remember, all drums must be cleaned correctly via triple rinsing, mechanical rinsing, pressure rinsing or flushing. Council will only accept *drumMUSTER* levied drums. Unclean or partly filled containers will not be accepted and will remain the property of the chemical user.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
BOOK EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR PLACE!

Please contact Council on 8842 6400 to book a delivery time.
Bookings Close 5:00pm Friday 21 August 2026



THE LIONS CLUB OF GILBERT VALLEY
ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE



WHEN: Friday 14th Aug.

WHERE: Riverton Bowls Club

DOORS OPEN: 6.00pm

EYES DOWN: 7.00pm

COST: \$2.50 per book

BAR OPEN WITH FREE TEA & COFFEE

Cuzz's Corner

In Scotland during outbreaks of fever, people are very careful about their drinking water. First, they filter it, then they boil it, and finally they treat it with quicklime. Then, just to be on the safe side, they drink whisky.

Due to a water shortage in Ireland, Dublin officials have announced they will be closing lanes 7 and 8 in all swimming pools.

One optimistic farmer in the Country of Clare gave hot water to his hens. He wanted them to lay boiled eggs.



THE NAME GAME

Jenny and Patrick Penny thought,
They should have a bit of fun,
When the time arrived for them,
To choose a name for their first son.

They named him after Jenny's dad,
Thinking it was as good a name as any,
So therefore, their first born
Would be known as Kenny.

Almost everyone saw the funny side,
As lots of people would do,
And two years later they were wondering,
What they would be naming baby number two.

Patrick and Jenny welcomed a little girl,
As gorgeous as she could be.
She would be known as Denny,
But then when she was three ...

The Penny's has a decision to make
As they been made aware,
That they'd have to find two names now,
As this pregnancy would produce a pair.

Everyone was delighted with the news
And looked forward to meeting the twin boys.
Benny and Lenny settled in very well,
Adding to the household noise.

Little Penny 1 and Little Penny 2 were the signs
On Kenny's and Denny's bedroom doors.
A plaque showing "Tuppence" was on the twin's,
Much cuter than Little Pennys 3 & 4.

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Riverton Community Management Committee

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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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