THE FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

The Field of Remembrance was first laid in April 2015 in Scholz Park. Over 400 crosses have now been placed in the field. The field is set two weeks before Anzac Day and new crosses are placed in the field during the Dedication Service, held prior to Anzac Day.

The Field of Remembrance is a story of sadness, but at the same time a story of love. It reflects on the lives of those who are no longer with us.

The Riverton RSL was delighted that the Riverton and District High School Year 9 History students placed crosses in this year’s field.

The students were introduced to the Virtual War Memorial website through a work shop with Dr David Rafferty, Manager of the Virtual War Memorial Schools Programme. The Virtual War Memorial records the military history of Australia. It commemorates and preserves the stories of Australian soldiers. It honours the personal experiences of all those who have served the nation in times of conflict.

The students recorded information on their cross, based on their research.

Roger Aitchison
( President, Riverton RSL Sub – branch )

ANZAC DAY 2019

The Riverton RSL Sub-branch invites all community members to be part of this year’s Dawn Service.

Details are as follows:

The march will form up in front of the IGA Supermarket at 6.15am and proceed along Torrens Road to Scholz Park.

The Dawn Service will commence at 6.30am.

At the conclusion of the service, a community breakfast will be held on the verandah of RSL House.
HARD WORK REWARDED

Congratulations to Jane Parkinson of Landmark Harcourts who has won the Agent of the Year Suburb: Riverton SA in the RateMyAgent 2019 Agent of the Year Awards. The awards, which are the largest real estate awards in Australia, recognise agents and agencies that have ranked the highest based on customer reviews and feedback.

In addition, Jane and her colleague, Naya Fisher, have been awarded Agency of the Year - Suburb: Riverton SA.

Jane said, "I am delighted to be named the top agent in the Riverton market. This award recognises the hard work of our team and we are thrilled so many of our customers appreciate our effort."

Well done, ladies!

RIVERTON & DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION BALL

On Friday 15th March the Riverton and District High School held their annual Year 12 Presentation Ball.

The theme for the evening was “Enchanted Forest” and the Community Hall was transformed with twinkling fairy lights and native greenery, ready for music and dancing.

The guest speaker for the evening was Annie Merritt who graduated from the school in 2012 and has since pursued a career in Public Health in Canberra. She shared her journey and encouraged students that it is ok if you don’t get your first university choice because you may find your true passion unexpectedly.

All year 12 students were presented on the night, with each looking elegant with their own personal flair.

Well done to all of the staff, students and parents who were involved in organizing the event, and we wish The Class of 2019 success in the coming year.

Those presented were:

Michaela Burns & Sam Fox; Emily Heathfield & Bronson Shephard; Hayley Kernich & Ethan Loffler; Casey O’Toole & William Noll; Breena Overton & Marlee Edwards; Ashleigh Porter & Stephen Tutty; Kimberley Sellers & Sean Would; Daniel Tombs; Lizzy Venz & William Dannenberg-Barnes and Ruth Wright & Luke Zakroczymski

RDHS Ag News

This year in agriculture students have been engaging in a range of farm activities.
This includes weighing animals and raising chickens and goats. Students have also made an irrigation system for the vegetable garden.

A very busy and hands on part of learning at the high school!

**RDHS Open Day 2019**

Hi all community members! Riverton and District High School is holding their Open Day once again. Come and join our current students and staff as we showcase our school and student achievements as well as demonstrate the different types of learning at the school.

Sunday the 5th of May, make a note in your diaries because from 1-3:30pm our school will be open for the whole community. There will be hands on activities in Drama, Art, Science, PE and other curriculum areas. Come and see our farm - 50 acres of vines, goats, chickens, cows, machinery and vegetables! We have a POP-UP Market, face painting, a free BBQ and a petting zoo, including animals from our very own school farm. We hope to see you all there; the whole community, current, future and past students and families are welcome!

**RPS News**

**STUDENT LEARNING**

After three years focussing on improving student reading, staff at Riverton Primary School now have Numeracy as the major focus on the school’s 3-year Site Improvement Plan for 2019-2021. Teachers and the principal will work together and also seek the support of a senior leader in Learning Improvement to improve student outcomes in Numeracy.

**SPORT**

During Term 1 students have participated in various school and interschool sports events. The school swimming carnival and sports days were held as well as various SAPSASA events, where students participated against students from other schools.

For old scholars who have an allegiance with a particular house, the Swimming Carnival results were Banksia 1st, Clianthus 2nd and Acacia 3rd. Banksia also won the Sports Day with only 1 point separating Acacia 2nd and Clianthus 3rd. Staff are proud of the participation, conduct, behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by all students.

**STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION ASSEMBLY**

Student leaders were congratulated on their leadership role at an assembly on
Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} March by special guest and Australia Day Award recipient, Ruth Stevens, and the Mayor for Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, Mr Wayne Thomas. Pictured are School Captains, Molly A and Charlie N.

Both adults and children can gain from a regular playgroup session – it is a time to talk, make friends and share experiences. Our playgroup is a combined playgroup with Saddleworth Early Learning Centre. We alternate our sessions each week between Riverton Kindergarten and Saddleworth Early Learning Centre. Please check out our Facebook group to find out more information. We run during the school term and break over the school holidays!

**Playgroup**

Playgroup is an informal session for children 0-5, where parents and carers can socialise in a relaxed environment. Playgroup provides activities, songs, and learning through play where children can play freely and learn at their own pace whilst you lend a helping hand. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents or grand parents and for your child to socialise with other children. New families are always welcome.

**Cost** - Gold Coin

**Time** - Thursday

9:00am - 10:30am

Please bring a piece of fruit to share and a hat.
We have come to the end of another successful season at the Riverton Memorial Pool. 2018/19 saw significant change at the pool with renovations occurring during October. The renovations included the upgrade of the change rooms, three fixed picnic tables installed and the change from a liquid acid to dry acid system providing a safer environment. The renovations proved to be extremely popular and welcomed by all.

The season saw 5,095 visits with Free Saturdays continuing to be popular. The season also saw the pool host the annual Australia Day Party with many enjoying a day of Australian Festivities including backyard cricket and a BBQ catered by the Riverton & District High School Parents & Friends Group.

As we move forward, we will see further winter maintenance occurring with the pool being re-tiled in preparation for the 2019/20 season.

We would like to thank the Riverton Community for its support of the pool and hope this continues in the coming years.

Ben Whalan
Centre Manager
(on behalf YMCA)

The Riverton Community would like to thank our young local people who have acted as Lifeguards during the season, especially those who rose early so that the Lap Swimmers could enjoy their early morning swim.

Riverton DSM Hospital News

Recently, a new, very well credentialed EODon in Heather Banham has been appointed to our hospital. We welcome her and wish her well in her new appointment! Currently, along with Country Health SA, we are looking at future requirements for our hospital and the best way to bring sustainability and longevity to these services.

We have in recent months started major upgrades to the hospital which include refurbished bathrooms, new floor
coverings, repainting, revitalising of lounge/dining area at eastern end and treatment of salt damp. Externally there is a need for major garden rejuvenation. We would love to hear from any keen gardeners or community member willing to volunteer their time to help restore these areas!

Along with Physiotherapy and Podiatry services, we now have a new dentist, Ly Tran, operating out of Tony McInerney's rooms at the rear of the hospital. He has upgraded the facilities and equipment and, under the name “Smile Matters”, Ly Tran can be contacted for appointments on 88472244.

Don Hannaford,
Presiding member, Balaklava and Riverton HAC

Council Building Improvements

Recently, with funds made available from the Riverton Community Management Committee, a back door with ramp was added to the current Council Building.

This addition enables community members to bring their gophers and the Gilbert Valley Community Access Vehicle to pull up right next to the ramp. This has been a wonderful benefit to our senior citizens who love to attend the fortnightly Bingo events.

The photo shows the Access Vehicle and 2 of our Bingo players enjoying the new facility.

RIVERTON BOWLING CLUB 
ROUND UP

The summer season has just concluded for Riverton Bowling Club and the Presentation Luncheon, held on Sunday 31st March, acknowledged the successes of teams and individuals.

The Thursday Pennants Green Team played off in the Division 1 Grand Final at Booborowie and narrowly lost to Robertstown Gold in a thrilling game. The White Team made it through to the Division 1 preliminary Final while the Black Team contested the Division 2 Preliminary Final.

The Night Owls Team made it through to the Grand Final, but was outclassed by Saddleworth Green. The finals were
played at Tarlee who were the host Club for 2018-19 season. Nev Hier took out the Night Owls Club Singles Championship.

The Saturday Pennants Teams finished down the order this season. The Division 1 Grand Final was again taken out by Port Wakefield who defeated Hamley Bridge in a high quality game.

Cath Greenslade won her fifth consecutive Club Singles Championship and Graeme Hogan took out the Men’s Club Singles. The Singles Championships were played at Hamley Bridge in late January due to the Riverton greens being closed.

The Club pairs were delayed until the new carpet had been installed and were played in late February. There was a great turn-out of spectators who watched some epic battles in the finals. Matthew Greenslade/Mark Griffiths took out the Men’s Pairs while Di Schwarz/Enid Passehl were victors in the Women’s Pairs.

Wooroora Championships were held in mid-February and the Triples Team consisting of Mark Griffiths, Daryl Mullan and Russell Williams took out the Triples trophy. Dean Willmott and Dan Greenslade made it through to the Pairs final.

Special mention must be made of Mark Griffiths who, over a number of seasons has been champion in all four Wooroora Championships - Singles, Pairs, Fours and , most recently, Triples. Well done, Mark.

The 2019 Netball season is off to a great start. Pre-season training started on the 13th of February for the senior grades, with training changed to Thursday nights this year. Numbers are looking good, back to filling our 6 senior teams. We have a few new players to the club and some players who have come back. We are very excited to welcome these ladies and hope they enjoy being a part of the RSMU Hawks for 2019.

Juniors had an open night on Friday the 22nd of March to meet our upcoming talent and coaches, with training commencing on Thursday 4th April.

We wish to congratulate Jane Parkinson on the position of A grade coach. This year she will be coaching both A1’s and A2’s with the assistance of Tammi Mullins. The following ladies have also been appointed to coaching positions:

B1’s – Sophie Browne
B2’s – Kathleen Wilmott and Emily Goodfellow
C1’s – Cath Greenslade
C2’s – Tayla Przibilla
15/U Jeannine Naughton

Lisa Parkinson is the Junior Co-ordinator again this year with her coaches Ruth Stevens, Emily Goodfellow, Kerry Heinrich and Rachael McInerney.
We wish coaches and teams all the best for the coming season.

The RSMU Netball Club is thrilled to work with our sponsors again for the 2019 season. Our major sponsors include WSB Distributors, Wunderbar Lamb, Landmark Riverton, Greenslade Chickens, Tarlee Bakery, Roberts Transport and Vin Callery Transport. If you or your business would like to help the netball club improve our facilities and encourage the next generation of kids to play our wonderful game, please contact Sophie Browne for further information regarding sponsorship. Every donation is greatly appreciated by the club and its members.

We are looking forward to a successful year for 2019, with many laughs and new friendships forged, aiming to bring home a premiership flag or two! Go Hawks!!!!

Paige Rowett – President 040808562  
Gayle McInerney – Secretary 04293269  
Sophie Browne – Sponsorship Co-ordinator 0409 003 265

Saturday, it’s time for the men’s competition with registrations appreciated at 12.00 in readiness for a 12.30 tee off. BBQ / Snacks offered after the round with full bar facilities available.

All beginners/new members are always welcome, so if you’ve been thinking about taking up golf, please come along and enjoy our wonderful facility.

Membership details are as follows:–

Full membership  
$120 per year  
*** 50% reduction for the first year applies to new members **

Social or summer membership  
$30 per year  
*** Restrictions apply ***

Green Fees  
$5 per day

The 2019 season will commence on Saturday 27th April with a mixed ambrose competition, followed by a BBQ dinner at the club (hopefully we get a good rain before then !!).

Tuesday’s will see the ladies hold their weekly competitions, commencing on the 30th April. Registrations at 9.00 am for a 9.30 hit off (nine hole golfers welcome).
Being a part of a Sporting Club or Community Group can be an amazing and rewarding experience. Many of our local clubs and groups are struggling to stay afloat with both members and organisers. It would be a shame to see clubs and groups fold due to lack of support.

If you have some spare time to offer within your local community, please contact a representative of the club or member of RCMC who can point you in the right direction, details on the back page.
The Local Rag

The plan is to produce *The Local Rag* every other month, providing there is enough content to compile an issue. If you have something you would like included contact details are below.

We are hoping to include news from our Kindergarten, Primary School and High School as well as information and news from our many sporting clubs. Any other community group or club is welcome to submit an article to be included at any time.

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Vicki Nurse, vicandjim@bigpond.com
Kaye McInerney, 88472193 or email JVMKmcinerney@outlook.com

On behalf of Riverton Community Management Committee.

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Public Officer - Jackie Bruce

Committee Members - Vicki Nurse, Kaye McInerney, Ann Alder, Gary Davis, Rob Furniss

Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at RSL House on Torrens Road.

All community members are welcome to attend these meetings as an observer. For more information please contact a committee member.

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