

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2023

RDSMH Turns 100

The Riverton District Soldiers Memorial Hospital Centenary celebrations were held in the Riverton Community Hall on Sunday 9th July.



The Presiding Member of the Balaklava / Riverton Health Advisory Council, Brian Stevens, opened proceedings and welcomed everyone present with people attending from as far away as Kadina, Macclesfield, Cradock, Adelaide and Port Lincoln. Brian gave a special welcome to Ms. Penny Pratt, local member for Frome, John Voumard, Chairman of the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Governing Board, and Roger Kirchner, Chief Executive Officer of the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network.

Also in attendance were Mrs Kay Lambert, grand daughter of Robert James, the original Chairman of the Hospital Board in 1923 and Peter Glynn, great grandson of Dr. Glynn, the first doctor to work from the new Hospital.

In all over 100 people attended the event and gained great pleasure in meeting and chatting with former employees, some of whom they hadn't seen for more than 40 years.

There were approximately 20 items of memorabilia and over 80 photos on display in the hall, which created enormous interest.

A highlight of the afternoon was a presentation made to the Riverton Hospital by Mrs Anne Bachmann from Adelaide.

Anne is the great granddaughter of the Hon. John G Bice who turned the first sod of soil and laid the Foundation Stone for the Hospital. Anne had been gifted the original engraved hand trowel by her grandfather. As this hand trowel turned the first sod of soil, Anne was of the firm belief that the trowel should be a part of the Hospital's history and so the presentation was made. The trowel, in its original case, will be housed in a display cabinet and mounted in the foyer of the Riverton Hospital.

After the official part of the afternoon was completed, the guests adjourned to the supper room at the rear of the hall where a delicious afternoon tea was served, and many a story was told over a sandwich and a cuppa.



Ann Bachmann

Overall, the day was a huge success and certainly enjoyed by the locals and those who travelled some distance to attend.



*Brian Stevens, Amy McKerron
(EO / DON) Riverton Hospital,
Roger Kirchner, John Voumard.*



RIVERTON RSL

Torrens Road

Friday 18th August 2023

Remembrance Service commencing at 11:00am
at Scholz Park.

Followed by light lunch & refreshments
at RSL House.

All welcome to remember these veterans

BINGO

2nd & 4th Friday of the month
1:30pm start

Come along for an enjoyable
afternoon tea with cash prizes.

MESS NIGHTS

1st & 3rd Friday of the month
5pm - 8pm Drinks & Snacks.

EVERYBODY VERY WELCOME!

For more information contact

Daryl - 0411440927 or Mike - 0417835148



Riverton RSL

\$10 per car - Bookings required

Sunday 27th August 2023

Commencing at 9am

Scholz Park, Torrens Rd Riverton

BBQ available

RSL Bar & Museum open

Scholz Park Museum &
Blacksmiths operating during the day

For more info & bookings contact

Daryl Mullan 0411440927 or

Mike Johnson 0417835148

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25TH 2024

Swim 2kms or 4kms in '24
at

**The Riverton and District War
Memorial Pool.**

A team event, no limit to numbers, to raise
money for Operation K9 Assistance Dogs. This
is a joint project between The S.A. Branch of
the R.S.L. and The Royal Society for the Blind.

The dogs that are provided to veterans who
have diagnosed PTSD can help with
independence and assistance in social
situations, as well as providing companionship.

WEDDING OF THE YEAR



Family & friends celebrated the marriage of Tate Michael (bride) and Kelsey Noll (groom) at the luxurious venue of RSMU Clubrooms on the evening of 3rd of June.

The bride, resplendent in a strapless jewel encrusted gown, was attended by bridesmaids, Xavier Redden, Ben Przibilla, & Connor Fuss who chose dresses which suited their own individual style. The groom's attendants, dressed in formal black suits, were Chris Connell, Simone Miller, and Sarah Heaslip.

Guests were treated to a sumptuous meal of perfectly tenderised chicken breast, marinated in a honey soy jus, with a side of golden roasted potato fries.

The bride & groom's parents, Mr & Mrs Ian Michael of Balaklava and Mr & Mrs Richard Noll of Riverton, said that they were thrilled that the couple had finally 'tied the knot'. The couple generously donated their wedding gifts to RSMU Football & Netball Clubs. The happy couple honeymooned in Riverton & will also reside, separately, in Riverton.

(Published with tongue in cheek with permission from RSMU Football & Netball Clubs)



Riverton Hotel was abuzz on Saturday night, 22nd July as patrons celebrated 'Xmas in July'. There was plenty of action throughout the night including a sumptuous two course meal of traditional Christmas roast and plum

pudding, a trivia quiz, raffles and a mini auction.



More than \$2400 was raised with funds going to the Leukemia Foundation. Congratulations to staff for organising the function and to the many prize winners and successful bidders at the auction.



John, Annie & staff would like to thank those who donated raffle prizes and auction items as well as patrons for making it such a successful night.

Need a JP?

Listed below are Justice of Peace based in Riverton.

Name	Phone
Barter, Dennis James (Mr)	88472311
Hallett, Kent Leon (Mr)	
Hornhardt, Quentin Jerome (Mr)	88472057
Johnson, Michael Kenneth (Mr)	0417835148



RCMC AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Riverton Community Management Committee (RCMC), held on Tuesday, August 1 in the Supper Room of Riverton Community Hall, was attended by 10 people.

John Glistak, Chairperson, read his annual report which gave an overview of the past year's happenings, achievements and works in progress.

- ◆ Updating Riverton's Community Resilience Map and Magnet
- ◆ The potential for another Statue Project within Riverton
- ◆ Completing CGVC's Peak Body Survey
- ◆ Ongoing work with the proposed installation of a Digital Notice Board in Riverton
- ◆ Conducted two Community Dances
- ◆ Support for the installation of a drinking fountain at the Recreation Ground
- ◆ Approached CGVC for installation of signage around Riverton for responsible dog owners
- ◆ Australia Day celebrations
- ◆ Received a report on the Gilbert Valley Community Centre Project
- ◆ Following up the replacement of playground equipment
- ◆ Riverton Community Hall developments – structural work and Hall refurbishments – participated in the Consultation discussions
- ◆ CGVC's lease documentation for the Community Shed at Jingle's Garden; planning approval for Community Shed received
- ◆ RCMC Constitution, after some further tweaks, approved by Business & Consumer Affairs
- ◆ RCMC Hard Drive Back Up in use for Community Groups to upload their files
- ◆ Support for Scholz Park Toilet proposal
- ◆ RCMC represented at CGVC's Peak Bodies Forum
- ◆ Conducted a Community BBQ in connection with the ANZAC Ride/Walk to Remember Event
- ◆ Participated in CGVC's Strategic Goals Focus Group Meeting
- ◆ Investigating the refurbishment of Riverton's Christmas decorations
- ◆ Conducted Community consultation regarding proposed changes to Australia Day Awards
- ◆ RDSMH Centenary Celebrations
- ◆ Petition produced in response to CGV Council's recent motion regarding the Community Hall refurbishment
- ◆ Proposal for Rhynie Improvement Scheme to become a Community Group under RCMC

Annual reports were read or tabled from the ten Community Groups which operate under the auspice of RCMC -

***Cemetery Care Group
Christmas Carnival
Gardening Group
Hall Committee
History Centre
Jingles Garden
Rattler Trail
Scholz Park
Website / FB Page
The Local Rag***

Office Bearers were elected at the general meeting that followed -

***Chairperson - John Glistak
Vice Chairperson - Gary Davis
Secretary - Cassy Griffiths
Treasurer - Ruth Stevens
Public Officer - Jackie Bruce***

***Committee Members -
Gaynor Bottcher & Di Schwarz***

RCMC meet on the first Tuesday of every month (except January) and all members of the community are welcome to attend, have items added to the agenda and contribute to committee discussions. Committee members and community group representatives have voting rights.

Ho! Ho! Help!

Riverton Christmas Carnival needs your help to organise the annual Christmas Carnival to be held in December.

There are people willing to help & many tasks can be delegated to individuals or small groups. However, an overall coordinator is urgently needed to oversee the event.

If willing to join the RCC Committee, please contact

Kaye McInerney on 0437990704
(before August 18th).



JINGLES GARDEN

Jingles Garden has been very busy over the last few months. Winter veggies have grown really well in individual plots as well as bulk plantings in the community section. Several new gardeners have joined and Jingles now has 20 members.



The Friday stall near Central Hotel has operated most weeks from early May. Caulis, broccoli, pumpkins and rhubarb have been available. Orders have been taken via weekly posts on Riverton Ramblings. The stall is now in recess until summer veggies are ready.

The chrysanthemums were fantastic for Mother's Day. Nearly 200 bunches were sold and Jingles' members and helpers did a great job getting them all organized. Jan 5

Douglas has been retiring from her beloved Chrysanthemum plot over the last 12 months and has been training up other Jingles' members to take over the reins. A new section has been developed in the garden over the last few months consisting



of berry fruits. Boysenberries, thornless blackberries, raspberries and passionfruit have been planted on a T – trellis system. The berry canes are tied to trellis wires and will be netted when the fruit ripens in late November.

Jingles Garden members meet on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am to tend to their plots, enjoy a chat and have a cuppa. Members of the community are most welcome to join in; it's about supporting each other. For more information contact:- Leon Schwarz 0476913612.

Rattler Trail Report



The trail continues to be in excellent condition; the surface is smooth and there is very good control of weeds along the trail edges. There are some patches of artichokes and horehound between the trail and boundary fences and it is planned to spray these patches as soon as possible.

Lots of trees and shrubs have been planted over the last 3 years and they have grown really well. They are making a real difference to the areas which lacked vegetation.

Several sections of the trail near Riverton were washed out with all the rain late last year and repairs were beyond the scope of volunteers. The Council came to the rescue and provided 60 tonnes of road base material and funding to enable Geoff Harvey with his equipment to rebuild the trail in several places.



Lots of walkers and cyclists continue to use the trail both from the local communities and visitors to the region. The trail Trakker-counter devices record 500

– 1000 users per month with autumn and spring showing the highest numbers. Recently spotted on the trail was Tracey Wostikow and her dogs.



A new shelter, table/seating and small carpark have been installed where the trail crosses the Riverton-Rhynie Road. Council provided the funding. Thanks to Grant Hovey who installed the table and seats.

Leon Schwarz
Chairperson

My third book is about to be released:

DROP DEAD LIKE FLIES



An hour's drive from the small town of Brumby Flat, a new murder mystery gradually reveals itself, in a place where hushed whispers of lost people, secret loves and big ambitions collide and spark...

I am a local Mid North author and this is the third book in my murder mystery romance series surrounding the colourful characters of the fictional South Australian small town of Brumby Flat.

The official Book Launch will be held at the 'Reading Between The Vines' author event at Saddleworth Institute, Burra Road in Saddleworth on Saturday 2 September.

Over twenty other authors are also attending the event to do book signing and selling their books. Please follow the 'Reading Between the Vines' author event in Facebook for updates.

Portia Stanton-Noble

READING BETWEEN THE VINES – AUTHOR EVENT

Authors

Peter Goers OAM
Jane Hinchey
Lorelie Johnson
Portia Stanton- Noble
Lilly Barrett
Michael P Brawn
Samantha Battams
HR Kemp
Lisa Stanbridge
Wendy Altschwager
Hailey Jade
And many more...

Publishers

Moonglow Publishing

Green Hill Publishing

Guest Speakers

Nigelleanne Blaser of
Miss Gracie Taylors
Pre-loved Books,
Clare

Forum presented by
Moonglow Publishing
and Green Hill
Publishing

Book Launch

Portia Stanton-
Noble's new novel
'Drop Dead Like
Flies'

Special
appearance by
Flavella
L'amour the
snake dancer
to bring good
luck to the
event.



Attention

All Writers, Book Lovers, and Readers!

Please join us for an exciting program with well-known local authors, including ABC Radio host Peter Goers and a lively line-up of discussions regarding the creative process, editing, publishing, fiction, non-fiction, children's literature and more.

Enjoy a meet and greet with all local authors and publishers. Authors will have their books available for sale and signing.

Invite your friends to attend with you!
Entry: \$5.00 each

This is a great opportunity to talk with authors from many different genres and backgrounds and to support the arts and literacy in our community.

Saturday September 2nd 2023

Saddleworth Institute Hall.
Burra Road, Saddleworth.

10am – 3.30pm

Coffee/food Van in attendance

For more information, please Email s.portia@rocketmail.com



Peter Goers OAM



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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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