

# THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 2023

## RPS Farewell



On the last day of term 3, staff & students of Riverton Primary School celebrated not only a term of great learning BUT also a special farewell to two beloved staff members, Principal, Cheryl Glenie, and Groundsman Extraordinaire, Andrew Mickan.

A picnic lunch with games was enjoyed by all, and some very creative outfits were worn as roles were reversed. Students dressed as Ms Glenie or Mr Mickan while Ms Glenie and Mr Mickan wore school uniform.



The Riverton Primary School community thanks Cheryl & Drew for their wonderful service. They have both given so much to the school, one inside the school buildings and the other outside.



Wonderful, entertaining and hardworking grounds-person, Mr Andrew Mickan (Drew), is retiring. Drew has worked at Riverton Primary School for the past 19 years and the school grounds are a colourful, healthy legacy of his time at the school. Drew has also been a positive role model for the male students.

Cheryl's genuine care and wellbeing support of students, staff and the school over the last eight years has been very much appreciated. After a career in education that includes almost 3 decades in educational leadership, Cheryl is going to work less and enjoy time with her partner, Ben, family and gardening. Cheryl is grateful that this is the school and the community she is retiring from. She leaves Riverton Primary School proud of her work at the school and knowing that it is in the capable hands of teachers and support staff, and under the educational leadership of incoming Principal, Melissa Claridge.

The school community thanks both Drew & Cheryl and wishes them all the best for whatever lies ahead. They will be sorely missed.





# RIVERTON RSL

## Remembrance Day Service

**Saturday 11th November 2023**

**Service Commencing 10:40am**

**at Scholz Park, Torrens Road**

**Followed by light lunch & refreshments at RSL House.**

**EVERYBODY VERY WELCOME!**

For more information contact  
President Daryl Mullan - 0411440927

# Support your community with a Lions Christmas Cake.

900g Pudding \$16    1.5kg Cake \$20    1kg Cake \$16



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## The countdown has started for the **2023 Riverton Christmas Parade and Party**

**Save the Date: Friday 15th December, 2023**  
**6.00—8.00pm**



Thanks to Riverton Hotel and Riverton IGA for their very generous donations.

## Rhynie CFS Farewell



The Rhynie Community mourns the passing of our CFS Captain of over 28 years. Neil has been a member of the Rhynie CFS for 41 years, becoming Captain in 1995, and served as Gilbert Group Equipment Coordinator for the past 12 years. He was well respected by his Brigade members, his peers in Gilbert Group and Region 2, as well as his community. Apart from attending to his duties as Captain, such as fires, road crashes, fallen trees, flooding etc., he also gave his time to many community projects. Neil was instrumental in organizing numerous projects to upgrade the Rhynie CFS Station, all of which were funded by the members of the brigade through event catering and equipment hire. Neil was a keen follower of country music, attending many concerts and music festivals across the state. He also organized several fund-raising concerts in the station, which all went to fund these upgrades.

Neil was a quiet, unassuming man who just got on with the job, despite the roadblocks. His battle with cancer has been a long one, but he was always positive, never complaining or let you know how bad he felt. I would always ask, "How are you going Neil?" and his standard reply was, "Ah, yeh OK," but I always knew that meant he was struggling. He just pushed on regardless, doing what he could at the station, at Group or Region meetings, at incidents, and at home. His strength of character, positive attitude, devotion to the CFS and Rhynie Brigade, as well as his community, have been and always will be an inspiration to me, and no doubt to many others. He is sadly missed by us all.

Grant Hovey, Brigade Member

## Meet Our New Pharmacist

Riverton Pharmacy's new partner/owner is Dr Franklin Afinjuomo. After graduating from Pharmacy school, Franklin obtained a Ph.D. from the University of South Australia in 2020 and has developed his practice in a range of areas including community pharmacy practice, academics and researcher. He is passionate about patient care and is eager to play an important role in the rural/remote primary health care team by providing a range of health services to Riverton and neighbouring communities. making sure patients get the best evidence-based medicine.

Franklin says, " We bring you quality care for less, to make sure you stay feeling your best."

### Services Offered

*Accredited Quality Care Pharmacy*

*Aged Care Services*

*Beauty Services*

*Blood Pressure Checks*

*Blood Pressure Monitoring*

*Dispensing Services*

*Home Healthcare Products*

*Home Medication Review*

*Medication Packing*

*Pain Management*

*Personal Medication Packs (Webster Packs)*

*Prescription Management*

*Professional Pharmacist Advice*

*Return of unwanted medicines*

*Skin Care and vitamin sales*

*Compounding Pharmacy*

*National Diabetes Service Scheme (NDSS)*

*Sub Agent for diabetes supplies*

WELCOME, FRANKLIN!!



**Gilbert Valley  
Lions Club**

The Gilbert Valley Lions Club (GVLC) is a very active club, where we work hard and play with a lot of laughter.

Many people think that GVLC is just about selling donuts. This is wrong. We have several projects: the Big Book Sale held in the Tarlee Hall as well as the Book Swap Fridges in

Riverton and Tarlee, where anyone is welcome to grab a book or swap a book. We have provided for all ages and genres; just enjoy the read. We have helped with sausage sizzles, car park attendants, traffic marshalling, Christmas Cakes, donated quite a lot of money to many local and interstate/overseas causes (one being breakfast club at our local schools) and the selling of bags of mints and rolled mints.

### Our most visual is the Donut Van.

Revenue from the sale of Christmas cake sales nationally in the past year has exceeded \$8,300,000. It is estimated since its inception funds available exceed \$70,000,000. This is exceptional as it started in America in 1965 and then flowed onto Australia in the late '60's or early '70's. These sales only go to prove how much so many people love the Lions Christmas cakes.

This year we shall have our usual 1.5 kg Christmas Cake for \$20, a 1 kg Christmas Cake for \$16, a 900 gm Christmas Pudding \$16 and 80gm pre wrapped cakes for \$2 each. We shall have them for sale in the Riverton Post Office, Tarlee Post Office, Saddleworth Post Office and outside the Riverton IGA every Friday morning from 9am-12pm starting November 11th. Cash & Eftpos available.

Anyone wanting a Christmas cake and unable to make it to the Donut van at the Saddleworth Market or any of the other outlets, please feel free to phone Carmel Paxton on 041 7855 064 to make arrangements.

Carmel Paxton  
GV Lions Club



### FUNDRAISER FOR WALARA - GILBERT VALLEY

On Sunday 8th of October at 1:30pm at the Riverton Bowling Club, approximately 80 generous people gathered for a Quiz afternoon to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator for the use of residents, visitors and staff of our Gilbert Valley aged care facility.



Thank you to Matthew Greenslade who kindly accepted and carried out the job of Quizmaster, making the day particularly enjoyable for all who came to support us. Sincere thanks to scrutineers Kaye McInerney and Neil Rogers and also Sharon Cain (bartender) who volunteered their time.

During the afternoon Matthew introduced Monica Ostigh (Director of Care, Walara Gilbert Valley) who explained the progress of the upgrading which is presently taking place at the home.

Many thanks to Taylors Wines Auburn, Riverton Bowling Club, other generous donors and to all attendees who made the day a wonderful success.

++++The defibrillator has been ordered and should be here soon.++++

FRIENDS OF WALARA GILBERT VALLEY COMMITTEE.



Redevelopment and construction work in excess of \$3.5M is now well underway by Juncken Builders at the Walara Gilbert Valley site. Construction of 2 temporary rooms is expected to be completed in the next few weeks and internal demolition (including asbestos removal) of the 5 rooms in Stage 1 has also commenced. Fire systems are progressively being updated and a new nurse call bell system has been installed.

Concrete has been poured in the ensuites of the two temporary rooms as per attached photo and gyprocking of bathrooms is now underway. Once completed these rooms will provide for new larger facilities including user friendly new ensuites.



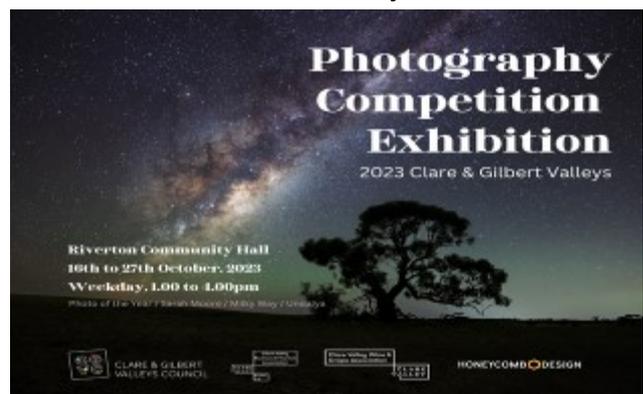
Board Chair, Malcolm May, and local Board Member, Matthew Greenslade, said how excited they were that this work is now well underway which can be seen by the community.

The strong partnership with the Friends of Gilbert Valley continues. The Friends have recently donated \$2,500 towards a new defibrillator which will be installed in the facility. A quiz event is scheduled at the Bowling club and tickets have been well supported, with a number of raffle prizes on offer. We thank the Friends for all their fund raising and support of the residents.

A reminder to Walara Members that the AGM will be held Tuesday 24 October 2023, 6pm at the Owen Institute. Registration will be required to comply with COVID management protocols by COB 20 October 2023 to [ceo@walara.au](mailto:ceo@walara.au)

CEO, Nino Di Sisto [ceo@walara.au](mailto:ceo@walara.au) continues to be available for any questions from the community on the redevelopment which is expected to be completed by end of 2024.

Nino Di Sisto  
CEO Walara Gilbert Valley Homes





## GOLF NEWS

### Riverton Golf Club Women

This year our season commenced in late April and finished at the end of September with only one day lost due to bad weather. Although small in number we enjoy our weekly 9 hole competition, some weeks more than others, depending on how well we've hit that little white ball.

Huge thank you to the men who mow, spray, rake, maintain the scrapes and machinery and generally keep the course in excellent condition throughout the season.

Our club hosted the Women's District Foursomes in the middle of the season - a big job for our small group - but feedback received was positive. A thank you to the members - female and male - who made the day so successful.

Another thank you to Olive Oil Packaging Services and Michelle Freeman for donating and printing our programs.

Final results for Season 2023:

*Club Champion: Ann Harrip  
Runner-up: Jo McNamara*

*Handicap Champion: Mary Connell  
Runner-up: Elaine Leaver*

*Most Consistent: Jo McNamara  
Runner-up: Ann Harrip*

*Putting Competition: Chris Haagmans &  
Jo McNamara*

### Riverton Golf club Men

2023 was another successful year for the club with several new members joining. Men's trophy winners:-

*Club Champion: Ryan Thomas  
Runner up: John Rankine  
B Grade Champion: Tim Buttery  
Runner up: Andrew Leaver  
Handicap Matchplay: Sam Goodfellow  
Runner up: Neil Fletcher*

*Bernie McInerney trophy: Sam Goodfellow  
President's trophy: Andrew Leaver  
Captain's trophy: Simon Goode  
Weekly points: Sam Goodfellow  
Gross Eclectic: Ryan Thomas  
Net Eclectic: Neil Fletcher*



**RSMU  
Hawks**

## Football

Despite enthusiasm throughout the club, low numbers and injuries prevented RSMU Hawks from reaching their full potential this season. On the positive side, large numbers in the minis & sub minis makes the future of the club look very bright. Thanks to everyone for their support during the season & we look forward to success in 2024.

Congratulations to all trophy winners and, in particular, to Yarn Michalak who was awarded Life Membership after serving for many years as trainer & head trainer.



Andrew King Memorial Trophy (Most Dedicated Under 21)- William Noll  
Club Person- Simone Hier & Gavin Noble

### A Grade

Ern Blatchford 'Most Mail Medal Votes'-  
Justin Schurgott  
Coach's Award- Sam Ball  
Donald Williams Memorial Trophy 'Best Team Man'- Xavier Redden  
Most Consistent Player- Adam Klavins  
Third Best & Fairest- Zack Hier  
Runner Up Best & Fairest-

Ben Geytenbeek  
Winner Best & Fairest- Xavier Redden  
**B Grade**

Best Team Man- Tom Vater  
Coach's Award- Nathan Busch  
Third Best & Fairest- Patrick Browne  
Runner Up Best & Fairest- Ben O'Leary  
Winner Best & Fairest- Tom Vater

### **Under 17**

Most Improved- Ben Noble  
Coach's Award- Connor Branson  
Best Team Man- Tyson Kimlin  
Runner Up Best & Fairest- Mitchell Noll  
Winner Best & Fairest- Connor Branson

### **Under 14**

Best Team Man- Alex Hudson  
Most Improved Player- Wyatt Clarke  
Coach's Award- Hudson Callery  
Runner Up Best & Fairest- Eljay Branson  
Winner Best & Fairest- Walker Hart

### **Under 11**

Coach's Award- Jack Glynn  
Coach's Award- Archi Crouch  
Most Improved Player- Campbell Richards  
Most Improved Player- Marius Engelbrecht  
Most Valuable Player- Kieran Vandeleur  
Most Valuable Player- Paige Fry

## **Netball**

Another season done for the RSMU Hawkettes and what a year it was!!

Congratulations to Jess McInerney and Emmi Behn on leading the A2s to a fantastic Premiership. Well done to Kerry Heinrich on her Best on Court performance on the day.



Our junior and senior award winners were recognised at their presentation events. Well done to all on a great season.

Congratulations to Shannon Noll who was awarded Life Membership of the RSMU Netball Club and Mia Parkinson who was awarded the Patroness Award for most dedicated under 21.



President's Award: Kerry Heinrich

A1 Best and Fairest: Sarah Noack  
A1 Runner Up Best and Fairest:  
Abby Griffiths  
A2 Best and Fairest: Paige Rowett  
A2 Runner Up Best and Fairest:  
Simone Miller

B1 Best and Fairest: Sarah Heaslip  
B1 Runner Up Best and Fairest: Jess Hier  
B2 Best and Fairest: Nadia Langtry  
B2 Runner Up Best and Fairest:  
Kelly-Anne Dutton

C1 Best and Fairest: Kasey Jenner  
C1 Runner Up Best and Fairest: Ella Dixon  
C2 Best and Fairest: Jess Seeliger  
C2 Runner Up Best and Fairest:  
Stevie-Lee Dutton

J1 Best and Fairest: Ryleigh Senar  
J1 Runner Up Best and Fairest:  
Jemma Miller



ALL PROCEEDS TO TRAIN VETERANS' DOGS

## SWIM FOR OPERATION K9

Swim 2 or 4km to raise funds for Operation K9, a charity that provides dogs for veterans with PTSD. Celebrate summer, health and fun!

• SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25  
• REGISTER YOUR TEAM OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL

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RIVERTON OUTDOOR POOL

## Cuzz's Corner

Did you hear about the snake charmer who married an undertaker? They had towels called 'Hiss' and 'Hearse'.



A lawyer was driving along in his car when he saw two men alongside the road eating grass. Disturbed, he pulled over to investigate.

"Why are you eating grass?" he asked.

"We don't have any money for food, so we have to eat grass."

"Well," said the lawyer, "then you come with me to my house and I'll feed you."

The men thanked him and climbed into his car. As they got comfortable the lawyer turned to them and said, "You'll going to love my place; the grass is over a foot high."

## GWION'S ROYAL EVENING

Gwion became more and more excited  
As the news swept all across every nation.  
He told every man, woman and child  
That King Charles was having a "Corrugation".

Gwion's mother said he could stay up late  
As it was an important part of history.  
They could even have cucumber sandwiches -  
Gwion said he'd rather have meat loaf and cheese.

After having their snacks while watching TV,  
The novelty value started to wear off.  
When his father asked if he was enjoying it all,  
Gwion said, 'No Dad, I am not!'

The pomp and the pageantry did noy impress,  
How much more could this boy take?  
He wriggled, he yawned, he lost interest  
And it was only twenty past eight!

'If I swear, will I be sent to bed?'  
The boy aged just five, asked his mother,  
Who replied, 'Yes, you certainly will!'  
'BUGGER'

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## Riverton Community Management Committee

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Vice Chairperson - Gary Davis  
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Treasurer - Ruth Stevens  
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Committee Members -  
Gaynor Bottcher & Di Schwarz

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.

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***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.

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*On behalf of Riverton Community Management Committee.*

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