

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

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SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER



On Sunday, February 25th, a small but enthusiastic group of swimmers swam 10 and a half kilometres to raise money for Operation K9, a program which provides veterans with combat related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) access to an RSB assistance dog.

It was a beautiful summer day and the water temperature was perfect. Overall, more than \$1,600 was raised through an online donation platform, donation tins, a local RSL raffle and from those who personally handed me money for the cause. I want to extend my thanks to the YMCA for taking up my idea, for the enthusiasm shown by the local branch of the RSL, for the great generosity of all those who donated, and especially to the swimmers who turned up on the day. I know some swam their PB. Further fundraising events for Operation K9 will be organised by the local Lions and the RSL branches.

Ronnie McInerney

Saddleworth Institute Hall 150th Celebration

On behalf of the Saddleworth District Community Association Institute committee, we are very pleased to present the Saddleworth Institute Hall 150-year Anniversary Ball. The date of the Ball is set for the 25th May 2024 at the Institute Hall on Burra Road, Saddleworth. Our Institute Hall has a proud history and is still used



Riverton RSL

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Thursday 25th April 2024

Community March

Form up at Riverton IGA for march off at 6:00am

Dawn Service commencing 6:15am

Scholz Park, Riverton

Followed by breakfast

(gold coin donation)

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

For more information contact

President Daryl Mullan—0411440927



frequently for events and markets. In fact, the Saddleworth Country Market is the largest market in South Australia.

The event is Formal and one of the events on the **2024 Clare Gourmet Festival** calendar. We will have DJ Brodie Markos, Keith Hall Band and Flavella L'Amour, the award winning Burlesque Dancer, for the evening's entertainment. A light supper will be provided, and beer, wine and soft drinks will be available to purchase on the night.

Please feel free to contact us on email s.portia@rocketmail.com for more information.

Portia Stanton-Noble & Linda Humphries
Event Organisers on behalf of the Saddleworth District Community Association Institute Committee



Deli Closes

Jody Thomas, co-owner of Riverton Deli Bakery Take Away, has reluctantly closed ‘the Deli’ due to poor health. On behalf of the community, we thank Jody & Phil for their 22 months of great service. As well as their friendly smiles and efficient service, Jody’s delicious home cooked goods will especially be missed. Jody & Phil will continue to live in Riverton. We look forward to seeing them around town & wish Jody all the best with her health problems.



Are you 16 or over??? Looking for work next summer?

The Riverton Memorial Pool needs you!! Lifeguards are a crucial part of our community, enabling the pool to open, run events and allow all of us to enjoy a vital facility within our community.

For more information contact Ben Whalan on 8842 3999.

Ben Whalan

Centre Manager The Valleys Lifestyle Centre, Riverton Pool, Burra Pool .

Digital Noticeboard

Well – after a lengthy time of organisation and funding acquisition, our Digital Noticeboard is up and functioning on the front wall of the Riverton Post Office. There were a few hiccups in installation over Christmas but thanks to the installer and Sam Goodfellow from SGE Solar, it is now up and running.

This project has been a major focus for our Committee for some time. Commencing in 2021, a survey was implemented and forwarded by email to our TLR subscribers and also made available to the community in hard copy to obtain feedback on the support

that this initiative would engender. We received over 90 replies to this survey and the percentage of these replies that supported the initiative was an overwhelming 98%. This set us on the path to acquire funding to make this very important communication tool a reality.



To undertake any major initiatives, the Riverton Community Management Committee relies on grants to support anything that we wish to bring to realisation. Communication to residents is of the utmost importance and also the most difficult to accomplish. We have now been able to instal this wonderful initiative which will be such a boost to our communication method in our town. We will be able to promote events, advertise community information, provide appropriate bushfire information and much more valuable informational data which is difficult to disseminate throughout our town adequately and has been one area in which we have wanted improvement for quite a long time.

As mentioned, we have been fortunate to obtain funding to make this Digital Noticeboard a reality and wish to acknowledge the funding support provided:

Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council
South Australian Power Networks
Riverton Hotel

We would also like to acknowledge the help and support of Brad Elson at the Riverton Post Office who is kindly providing the power to operate the Noticeboard and hard wiring of the internet connection which enables the screen content to be displayed.

If any community organisation would like to have information displayed, please send the details including function, time, date and venue to

RCMC.treasurer@gmail.com

A template will be created and then forwarded for approval before display to ensure that all content is correct. Any queries regarding the content displayed will be responsibility of the organisation submitting the request.

Ruth Stevens
Treasurer RCMC

Stuff & Nonsense

Stuff & Nonsense, Riverton's second-hand store, reopened in late March with new owner, Tamara Mills. Tamara, an ex-student of Riverton Primary School, lives in Rhynie with her son, Charlie, who attends Riverton Primary School.

Tamara is excited about her new venture as a business owner. As with previous owners, she plans to continue the second-hand furniture and bric-a-brac sections of Stuff & Nonsense.

Tamara is keen to expand the plant section, having already introduced Fitzy's Natives. Another goal is to promote local produce, including honey, preserves, olive oil and candles as well as grow the gift section of the store.

RCMC advocates for shopping locally, so we welcome Tamara and wish her well with her endeavours. Call in and introduce yourself to Tamara; you may even find some goods that 'catch your eye'.



Recently a group from Woodside Quilters visited us on their way home from Burra. It was wonderful to meet 'sister crafters' and share creations and ideas. How fabulous it was to meet new friends and connect with another group.

So, if you like to create, chat, or love solving a puzzle, please join us.

Pip Robb

New to the area?
 Feeling lonely or socially isolated?
 Maybe you just want to meet new people?

Why not come along and join our
 Community Coffee and Chat table?
Tuesday mornings at 10.30am
 All welcome to come along!
EMPORIUM BAKEHOUSE

RIVERTON CRAFT AND/OR CHAT GROUP

Every Friday from 10.30am to 3pm the Riverton Craft and Chat Group meets in the Supper Room at the Community Hall. Some use sewing machines, some do hand crafts, and all are welcome. It is true to say that often we drink coffee and talk more than create our craft. We also have crossword and sudoku enthusiasts! Is that a craft? It matters not. Despite the time consumed with solving the world's problems or having a good laugh (while eating cake), the group has made and donated many knitted and crocheted items, as well as quilts, to those in need.

**Riverton
RSL**

\$10 per car - Bookings required
Sunday 26th May 2024
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

Riverton and District High School

The year has started off well at Riverton and District High School and now students and staff are busy with the learning program. It seems incredible that we are coming to the end of Term 1 and reports on student progress will be sent out to families soon. Some impressive levels of achievement already from a number of students...and we hope everyone will take on board the feedback provided and seek to improve further.

During the term we have also had an extremely busy schedule of extra-curricular activities.

The Swimming Carnival occurred on Friday the 9th of Feb with a successful day in the Riverton pool. Fantastic general participation, encouragement of each other throughout the day and with good weather, we had a great time! This was followed closely by the Interschool Swimming competition and then some of our students' participation at Marion Swimming for further competition.



Sports Day was held at the school Mar 14th and once again, we saw an outstanding level of participation from students and staff. This has been followed by an Interschool Athletics Carnival at Kapunda this week.



The annual Presentation Ball was held March 15th at the Riverton Hall, when 15 of our Year 12 students were presented to the community and had a fantastic social evening of food and dancing! It was great to see the students, their family members and staff celebrating this rite of passage for the group.



Requests for any excess fruit

Currently our wellbeing team is looking at various ways we can promote healthy alternatives for snacks and provide an option of additional food for students. We would really appreciate hearing from any community members who find themselves having excess fruit on their trees, more than they can use. If you would be prepared to donate some to the school to pass on to students, we would be very appreciative.

Kathy Champion (Principal)

WALARA UPDATE

Greetings all from Walara and welcome to the latest update.

Since the last update there has been significant progress with redevelopments with the Walara Hamley Bridge redevelopment now complete and the official opening scheduled for 12 April 2024. Guided tours are being conducted following the official opening between 11am and 12noon. Numbers are limited so bookings are essential via ceo@walara.au. At Walara Gilbert Valley progress on the \$5.9M redevelopment also continues to be positive with the 5 rooms being renovated expected to be completed at the end of this month, see the latest photos below.



Stage 2 work commences early April 2024 and community members driving past the facility will see that the shrubs and bushes have been removed to the left of the current entrance in readiness for the work to start on the 4 new rooms.

NDIS: Walara has recently undertaken accreditation to become an NDIS provider and I anticipate a positive outcome. Once confirmation has been received further information will be provided to the community.

Should you have any questions on these or other Walara matters please do not hesitate to contact Nino Di Sisto – Walara Chief Executive Officer ceo@walara.au.

Riverton Bowling Club 23/24 Season

As the bowls season slowly draws to a close, we reflect on a season of many highlights, and some near misses.

Saturday pennants saw our Division 2 side battle hard all year with not a lot of success but a fair amount of fun. Division 1 were around the mark the whole year and qualified for the finals in 2nd spot. An excellent 2nd Semi Final win at Port Wakefield saw another appearance in the big dance at Balaklava on March 23rd. Unfortunately, some of the old warriors from Hamley Bridge really came out to play, and were too good for us on the day, losing by 14 shots.

Thursday pennants saw the 17 teams play each other once, before the competition was split into 3 divisions based on ladder positions. Riverton White played off in division 1 and finished out of the finals. Riverton Green qualified for the Div 2 finals and after a close Semi Final win bowed out in the preliminary final. All hopes were with the Blue side who had two very close final wins to qualify for the Grand Final, only to be out played by Watervale on the day.

Well done to all of our pennant teams, and those people who helped fill in on occasions.

Most of our club events have been run and congratulations to the following players:

*Men's Singles. Neil Rogers, Runner Up
Mark Griffiths
Women's Singles ...Cath Greenslade,
Runner Up Ann Harrip*

Two excellent high quality finals enjoyed by a good crowd of spectators.

*Women's Pairs. Jasmine and Cath
Greenslade, Runners Up Marg Prime and
Ann Harrip.*

Men's Pairs are still to be completed.

Gilbert Valley Cricket Club

Club President Tom Vater welcomed everyone, summarised the season & thanked sponsors and volunteers who help in many ways.

Junior coordinator Kym Vandeleur thanked Riley McInerney for running 'Woolworths Blast'. The children enjoyed his guidance and fun.

Kym then introduced the Under 12 coaches, Matt Norman and Sam Goodfellow. In Sam's absence, Normi spoke about the two teams and presented them with photo certificates. They thoroughly enjoyed their season and will all be back next season. Some standout players in both teams.

Junior coordinator Kym spoke about the juniors as a whole; some issues with numbers. However, GVCC are producing some very promising cricketers who are energetic and enthusiastic. He congratulated Henry and Hudson on making the Barossa & Light representative team and winning! Billy Nicholls also played in the Under 16 rep carnival.

Greg Callery spoke about the U14 team he coached. He recalled the games played this season, thanked the Under 16's who helped fill a side while they could. He presented the trophy recipients:- Hudson Callery Bowling trophy, Hudson Callery Batting trophy and Hayden Philp Coach's trophy.



Other highlights include Wooroora and Region 8 Singles Champion - Neil Rogers, MNTF Singles Champion and Region 8 Runner Up - Cath Greenslade, MNTF and Region 8 Pairs Champions - Ann Harrip and Cath Greenslade, Men's Country Carnival Fours Runners Up- Bob Hnatzsyn, Dean Willmott, Willy Willmott and Mal Squire. Mal also reached the last 8 of the



Country Carnival Singles and Neil Rogers has reached the last 16 of the State Singles.



Business Bowls finished on a high with the Riverton Café winning their first ever game and Vin Callery pulling off a last bowl special to guide Vin Callery Transport to glory. (His next bowl may have been on the wrong bias, or it may not have been!)

The club welcomed a host of new bowlers this year and everyone is always welcome, be it to play or just come along and enjoy the many social events on offer in a relaxed comfortable environment.

Matthew Greenslade



Greg Schwartz spoke about his U16 team> Numbers were an issue and he thanked the Under 14's who filled in each week. He

also thanked the parents & children who came from Clare & Watervale to help fill our side. Trophy recipients were Billy Nicholls, Batting, Cooper Schulz tied with Boston Schwartz for Bowling and Harrison Callery received the Coach's trophy.

Josh Nourse then spoke of the A4 teams' season and presented trophies.

A4 bowling and Batting was won by Jack Vater. Jack also received the 'MW Busch Cricketer of the Year' trophy. Noah Parkison won the Fielding trophy.

In Caleb Schwartz's absence, Tom Vater read his speech about the A2 season. The Ivan Button Most Promising U21 Player trophy was awarded to Ambrose Condon.

Tom Connell had a great season with two 'fivers' and subsequently won the A2 Bowling trophy.

Ashley McInerney was awarded the Batting trophy with the most runs and Dylan Busch received the Craig Marshall Trophy for Best Fielder.

Tom Connell also received the 'H M McKeogh Memorial Cricketer of the Year' trophy.

On to the club trophies and Adrian Nourse received his certificate for 40 years of service. Adrian continues to be Treasurer of the club and is still very involved in the club.



Richard McInerney received the 'Don Molineux Club Man' award. Richard works tirelessly on the turf pitch and contributes to the club in a significant way. Well deserved Richard.

Annie Nicholls (Secretary)

Riverton lawn Tennis Club

The 2023/24 season was looking very grim for the Riverton Lawn Tennis Club with us unable to field a Senior team and also struggling for Juniors.

Out of the woodwork, along with our 2 remaining Juniors, 15 new children surfaced, keen to learn the sport.



We managed to rotate some of the older children through a team that played competitively, with the rest turning up for practice, week in and week out, to learn new skills and have a lot of fun. We made the change this year to play in the Julia and Light Association, playing Friday nights, and whilst we weren't able to crack a win for the team, we were able to win a number of sets with brand new players winning some sets across the season too. Friday night home games had tennis, kids playing, Mums and Dads socialising and Richard Bastian nervously cooking sausages and watching Elise play every point!

I had the privilege of "coaching" (I use the term loosely) the children and the group was awesome. We practised Thursday afternoons and they were very keen to

learn and to practise. There was always a lot of laughter and, for me, this is what made Thursday practice so enjoyable. The joy of sport for a whole new group of kids makes it all worthwhile. We were even lucky enough to have a Professional coach from Adelaide visit on 2 occasions for some extra skill sessions.

Special thanks go out to Lisa Parkinson, Gayle McInerney & Rhiannon Robinson for weekly assistance with the team and practice & also thanks to the rest of the parents for showing up weekly and encouraging your children to pursue this great sport. Thankyou too to the children for your respectful behaviour every week. I get an extra big kick of now walking past the Primary School and having a whole new crew of kids wanting to chat about their day with me.

Jane Parkinson
PRESIDENT
RIVERTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

RSMU JUNIOR FUN NIGHT

On Thursday 21st March, RSMU hosted the juniors first training session for the 2024 season. For something a little different we turned it into a Family Fun/ Come and Try night. We had a free BBQ and inflatable obstacle course set up on the oval which was enjoyed by children of all ages (and the odd, agile parent) throughout the night.



The event was a huge success, welcoming lots of old and new faces to the club across both netball and football. The kids had a ball and are now rearing to go for a fun and enjoyable season ahead.

Tayla Przibilla
RSMU Football Secretary
0431 906 051



RSMU Football Club

To our valued supporters and sponsors.

Welcome to the 2024 season from the RSMU Football Club. As second year in the President's role, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and ongoing sponsorship. As a Football Club we continue to work hard to promote the game, encourage individual and team development as well as provide a good social atmosphere for both players and supporters. The 2024 season has some exciting changes ahead, with the appointment of Jake Birchmore as Senior A Grade Coach, along with Bradley Koster taking on the Reserves role. Between these two guys there is an abundance of experience and knowledge to help lead the boys towards a flag.

I would also like to welcome Simon Fidge to the club as our new Senior Colts coach. Simon comes with plenty of senior coaching experience and is willing to develop and provide the necessary skill sets to help give our boys every opportunity for success throughout the season.

We welcome back Kim Hart who has been reappointed as Under 14's Coach. Kim has

been doing a great job with these young lads, and with all what he has to offer as a very passionate and skilled coach, this could be the year to get them to the end. Good Luck to all coaches and players on an exciting year ahead.

Again, I would like to thank the generosity and continued support from all our sponsors, members, supporters and committee members which helps keep this club running, and look forward to working together in 2024.



Regards
Ben Przibilla
President RSMU
Football Club

RSMU Netball Club

The RSMU Netball Club is looking forward to the 2024 season. We have had many new players come to club which is great to see. Senior trials and training started with low numbers but we have managed to fill all senior sides. The senior players and coaches enjoyed a bonding session playing bowls and getting to know each other last weekend. We are still looking for a C2 coach so, if you are at all interested, please reach out.

Junior training has started. Numbers are surprisingly high which we are very excited about. We have been able to introduce a new grade, 17U. This means girls will not have to play seniors as soon as they are over the age of 15, which is great for the sport and the community.

Thank you to all coaches, umpires and volunteers for their commitment to our club – we are enormously grateful.

If you have any questions, want to be involved or sponsor our great netball club – please contact our club President, Kerry Heinrich (0419 026 286).

Good luck to all the footballers and netballers this season and Go the Hawks!!

Coaches for the 2021 season

*A1 – Sarah Noack
A2 – Nikki Hannaford*

*B1 – Jaz Connell
B2 – Chenelle Busch
C1 – Kasey Jenner
C2 – TBA*

*17U – Simone Miller, Sarah Noack
13U – Paige Rowett, Rachael McInerney
10U – Lucy Smith, James Vandeleur
Net Set and Go – Zoe Hier*



GET BEHIND THE WHEEL

We are committed to serving our community and wider districts, but are always looking for new recruits to expand our team of volunteers. With the ability to commit to volunteer hours that suit your lifestyle, regular training opportunities and a friendly and supportive crew, this is the ideal volunteer role to give back to your community.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
Duane Dutton – Riverton VTL – 0409 430 044

JOIN US!

Please pick up after your pooch!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dog poo on our streets & town oval is dirty, smelly & unsightly!

Riverton Community Management Committee

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

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.

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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