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Editorial

Welcome everyone to the sixth edition of the New Chronicle.

On January 26th the Crystal Brook Community Association held a modified event to recognise our very worthy Australia Day Award recipients, Maxine Wilson, and the Crystal Brook Netball Club (CBNC) Debutante Ball. COVID 19 has been doing its very best to disrupt as many things as possible in our daily lives over the last 2 years and unfortunately the Australia Day celebration was no exception. Normally we would have been able to be outside with a large group of people enjoying breakfast cooked by the Men's Shed, greeting friends and congratulating our Australia Day Award recipients.

Unfortunately, this was not the case in 2022 and in the interest of community safety and not bringing a large group of people together especially at the time Omicron was forecast to peak in South Australia, we decided to go ahead with a scaled back celebration. We know this disappointed many people, but the good news was that Thomas Sawyer was able to live stream the event so the community had some ability to be a part of proceedings. It was very pleasing and encouraging to see that there were over 360 views of the live stream.

To Maxine and the Netball Club, just because the event was scaled back doesn't in any way minimise the contributions you have made to the Crystal Brook community and on behalf of the community, we thank you for that.

The Australia Day celebration causes us to reflect on the importance of volunteering in communities and nowhere is it more important than in country regions. Without the many people in our communities willing to put up their hand and offer to take on roles we couldn't enjoy the many clubs, events, and opportunities we currently do. If we added up the number of hours contributed by all the volunteers across our community and applied an hourly rate to those hours, I know we would be staggered by the figure we arrived at.

Volunteering is a two-way street, you are not only benefiting and improving your community, but it can also benefit you and your family by giving you the opportunity to make new friends, expand your networks and develop new skills. The Community Association would like to say thank you to all the volunteers in our community for all you do and encourage anyone who might have some spare time to think about what you might be able to offer. No contribution is too big or too small – even helping out with the smallest task can make a real difference to people's lives, organisations, and the community as a whole.

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Steve Hyde photo

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Editorial cont.

One of the very unexpected consequences of COVID has been a significant number of people relocating to Crystal Brook. From conversations in the community, it seems that a number of these people have purchased properties in the town and are now living in the community. To all people new to the town the community would like to say a big welcome and thank you for choosing to live in one of the best places in South Australia. If you are a local and know that you have had someone new to the town move in near you, please make them feel welcome and let them know all the opportunities the town and surrounding regions has to offer. To anyone new to the town if you are needing some information and having difficulty finding answers, please contact the CBCA:
secretarycbca@outlook.com.au

The Variety Club will be visiting Crystal Brook on Monday, March 28th from 10.00-11.00am. The cars will be parked around Adelaide Square while they enjoy some refreshments. Anyone wanting to come down and have a look at the cars and say "Hi" to the teams will be welcome.

Finally, a big congratulations to the Football Club and others involved in organising the Athletics Carnival held recently at the Crystal Brook oval. What a fantastic event and what a way to showcase our town and the people in it – great job everyone!

- *Anthea Pavy*



The Community Association will be facilitating Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 6th from 8.30am in Adelaide Square.

Bags, gloves and maps will be provided.

Please bring your own water bottles.

A free barbecue will be available from 9.30am, cooked by members of the Men's Shed.

If needed, please bring your own chair.

Bags of collected waste should be returned to Adelaide Square ready to be picked up by PPRC.

For further information call Sue Smith:

0438824449

CRYSTAL BROOK DOG PARK

Port Pirie Regional Council is creating a new dog park at Crystal Brook – but we need your help. Council is calling on the community, particularly dog owners, to share their priorities for the park so Council can better understand the community's needs.

A disused section of land at the rear of the Crystal Brook Tennis Club (see map) has been identified as suitable for a dog park. \$30,000 has been committed in the 2021/22 budget for establishing this dog park subsequent to involving the community in ascertaining their needs. This is in addition to \$30,000 budgeted to upgrade the existing dog park in Port Pirie following community consultation. This could include upgrades to existing infrastructure (eg. fencing, lighting) or new ideas (eg. dog exercise equipment, shelter, running track for dog owners).

The intention is to create a Master Plan and take a staged approach, performing some of the works in 2021-22 and seeking further funding to complete the works in future years. We would love to know what you would like to see in a dog park. Is it lighting, shelter, dog exercise equipment or perhaps something outside the box?



Visit: pirie.sa.gov.au/noticeboard/consultation or call in to the Council Office in Bowman Street to find out more about this project. Have your say **before 5.00pm, Friday March 4, 2022.**



On January 26th the Crystal Brook Community Association (CBCA) celebrated with Maxine Wilson this year's Citizen of the Year, and the Crystal Brook Netball Club (CBNC) who held the Debutant Ball this year's Event of the Year in a COVID safe Australia Day ceremony. Maxine and Carly Pavy from the CBNC were joined by Mayor Leon Stephens and Lady Mayoress Deb Stephens, Councillors Neville Wilson and Ali Gulin, Maxine's family, and Community Association members.

Maxine has been a tireless volunteer within the Crystal Brook and broader communities since she left school in the 1970's. Her volunteering included the local Rural Youth club, a variety of sporting groups including tennis and netball, where she was awarded a life membership and the Crystal Brook Primary School Parent Club. Outside of local community groups Maxine became a Lifeline Counsellor and a counsellor/support person with the Stillbirth and Newborn Death Support Association (SANDS), where she provided support to many bereaved families and people in their moment of need across the region for over 20 years. In more recent years Maxine has been involved as a volunteer and committee member of Reflections and she has also played a significant role in seeing the rejuvenation of the Crystal Brook RSL Club. Maxine has been instrumental in raising a significant amount of funds for the Crystal Brook RSL Club whilst at the same time supporting our local veterans and their families. Maxine has committed to a lifetime of serving the local community in so many ways.

The Event of the Year, the Crystal Brook Netball Club Debutante Ball was received by Carly Pavy (Vice President Netball Club), Bronny Perry and Julie Fogarty. Carly acknowledged and thanked the many contributors that had made this event a success in particular Bronny and Julie (Debutante Trainers), Ashleigh Lynch and Emma Grossman. The event saw 10 young Debutantes and their partners be presented to local footballer Campbell Coombe in front of 240 who attended the evening. Carly emphasised that this event not only raises vital funds for the club but that it is a great tradition that continues to bring together young people from Crystal Brook and the surrounding regions.

On behalf of the CBCA I would like to thank Kupsch Bakery for donating the ceremonial cake, Ian Hurst for engraving the recipients' plaques and the RSL Club for the use of their facilities. The Association would like to especially thank Thomas Sawyer for live streaming the event enabling many to be a part of the ceremony virtually.

- Anthea Pavy



"I'd like to begin by thanking the Crystal Brook Community Association for organising this event and congratulating the Crystal Brook Netball Club Debutante Ball on their Event of the Year award. It is such a wonderful tradition. I feel very honoured to have received this award.

My thoughts immediately went to the many people who work tirelessly for our community, who may never be publicly recognised. Thank you to those people, your work is greatly appreciated and does not go unrecognised. Your hard work keeps the doors open for many clubs and organisations in the community.

I will finish with these words..... The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others, in a positive way. Thank you."

- Maxine Wilson

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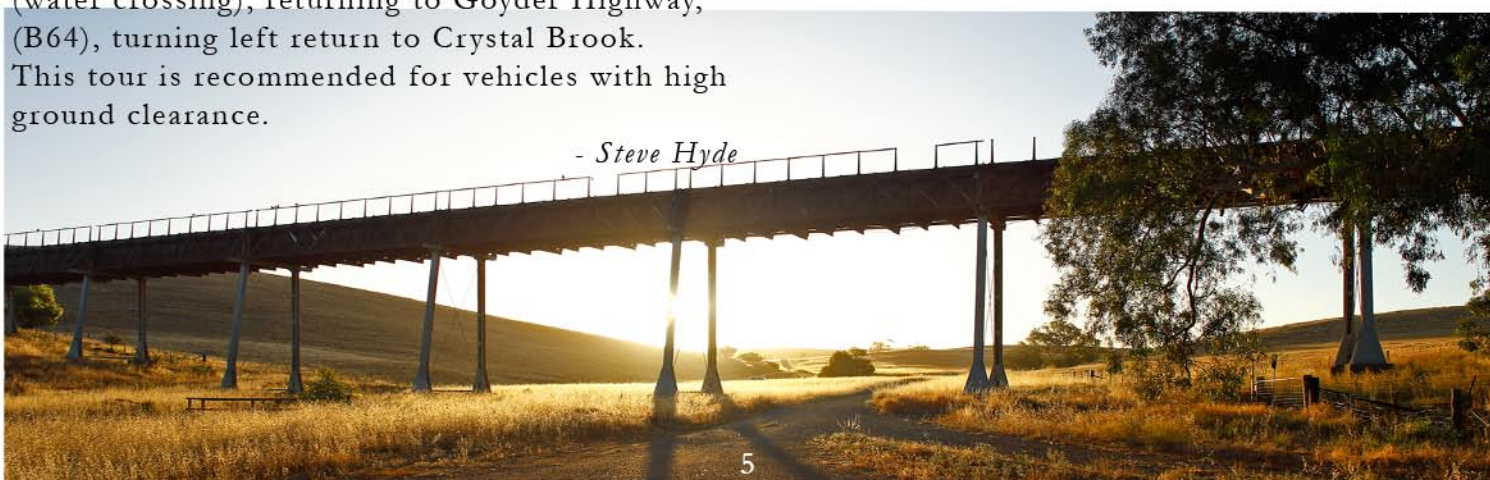
Out and About from the Brook

Water Sources - Natural and Man-made

Follow the Goyder Highway, (B64) through Narridy and Gulnare towards Spalding. After crossing Bundaleer Creek, turn sharp left at the pumping station on to Bundaleer Rd (unsealed). The historic Bundaleer Stud shearing shed is on your right. At the 'Y' junction, keep left, crossing the cattle grid, now Wheal Sarah Road, until the Water Aqueduct comes into view. Walk up the slope on the left side a short distance for great views. The aqueduct was opened in 1903 and is 152 m. long and 16 m. high. Nearby are some signs of old mining works. Three lodes of good quality copper were discovered here in 1858 and men from Burra set up the Wheal Sarah Mining Company. Shafts up to 70 m were sunk and 33 tons of copper, about 60% pure, were obtained by 1859.

Return to 'Y' junction, turn sharp left up the embankment to a reservoir viewing area. The reservoir was built to supply water to Port Pirie, Snowtown, Brinkworth and Blyth. Return to the Goyder Highway, (B64) turning left up and over the pass where there is another viewing area at the top of a rise. Then follow the signs to Spalding and lunch?

On R. M. Williams Way, (signs), continue south a short distance, then turn left into Edward Lunn Drive, over the Broughton River using the old bridge viewing area. Back to R. M. Williams Way, over the newer bridge then next right (unsealed) on to Broughton River Valley Road, then over the Hutt River Bridge at the junction with the Broughton River (very photographic). Eyre's Monument, (rocky outcrop) can be seen to your right, past the quarry. At the next 'T' junction, Frome Crossing Road, turn right across the river, (water crossing), returning to Goyder Highway, (B64), turning left return to Crystal Brook. This tour is recommended for vehicles with high ground clearance.



- Steve Hyde



CRYSTAL BROOK NEWSAGENCY & GIFTWARE

5 Year Anniversary

They say, "time fly's when your having fun", and this really must be true. We can't believe we have been in business for 5 years. We have come such a long way and have learnt so much in these 5 years, and are so incredibly grateful for those that have stuck by us and continued to show your support.

Shop Upgrades

We are very excited that there will be some upgrades to the front of the shop. Hopefully you will have noticed the new posts on the veranda and very soon we will have new signage out the front (our logo was creatively designed by Leanne Clements). We will also have wheelchair access into the front entrance – please be patient with us while the work is taking place. Sure, it will be a bit inconvenient for a short time but will be worth it once it is completed.

What's New in Store

Our clothing, bags and accessories has expanded over the last couple of months, and we are so pleased with how it is being supported. We are trying to stock something to suit everyone, from different styles, sizing's, fabrics. We love hearing feedback and are definitely open to suggestions of what you would like us to stock. Tag us in your posts or send us pics, we love seeing our beautiful customers modelling the clothes.

We now also have a small range of men's clothing, which will hopefully expand in the future. We also stock sunglasses, ladies shoes, jewellery and more.....



Rocky River 'Riters

Rocky River 'Riters' reading for December was free choice, with members reporting good readings from the break. Monty Smith, OAM, made a good list for us including "March Hares & Monkeys Uncles" and "Bees Knees & Barmy Armies" by Harry Oliver and Costa's World by Costa Georgiadis.

The reading for February is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.

Members choose new words and quotes from readings they do in the month starting again next month

Rocky River 'Riters' newest book, *Reflections*, is available by contacting our secretary, or from *Reflections in Crystal Brook*, the Information Centre in Laura, or SFDC in Gladstone, for \$15.

Each month there is a writing challenge to members to write about the topic for the following month's meeting. This challenge is open to anyone who wishes to enter. The topic is given and a piece needs to be written to that topic before next meeting. If you wish to enter, please write prose or poetry to the topic and send to our secretary at pattooer@gmail.com before March 9th. The challenge for February is to write about "Salesperson".

We are planning another editing workshop as part of our programme for 2022 to take place in April. The Laura Literary Awards book of winners and runners up 2021 is available from Rocky River 'Riters, or the above shops, for \$15.

Sadly, I must mourn the loss of a great contributor to the Laura Literary Awards, Dean Hansen. He approached us to start a new category of Bush Poetry, which he made himself available to judge each year, and personally contributed this section's awards.

Entries are now being taken for the 2022 Laura Literary Awards. Closing Date for this year's competition is May 6th. Entry forms are available from our website.

Rocky River 'Riters' meetings are in Gladstone the second Friday of every month. Please contact us for meeting information.

The creative writing meetings are being held in Crystal Brook on the 4th Wednesday each month at 6:30 pm. Please contact us for meeting information. Our meetings will continue in 2022 on March 11th. Please contact us if you are interested in joining our group – jhhc@bigpond.com.
Phone 0417849441
website: <https://rockyriverriters.club>

Happy reading to everyone.

- Jonathan



The Crystal Brook Community Association is planning to update the website in the near future and all community members are asked to look at the information for their specific business or sporting club and consider what changes are needed. Further information and a request for feedback will be available shortly.

**Any queries can be directed to:
secretarycbca@outlook.com.au**

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A Community Calendar is planned for future editions of the New Chronicle and we would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in compiling it. Events and meetings of clubs and other organizations for two months from the date of publication would need to be submitted on a regular basis.

A planned "Pooled Christmas Tea" in the Pergola for residents to celebrate was a "non- event" due to very hot weather but, fortunately all residents did spend Christmas Day or part of it with their families. Some residents attended and enjoyed Community Christmas events.

Murray Heinjus has recently enjoyed the company of his daughter Katherine from America and Judy from Adelaide for two weeks. During this time they spent precious hours with Ruth in the hospital.

The most recent octogenarians living in Bowman Cour, Glenys Hall (26th December) and Bev Wyatt, (11th January) invited a group of friends to join them for "coffee and cake" at the Royal Hotel to celebrate their Special Birthdays. Also Gerrie Taylor who had a birthday on the 11th. Nice cake, coffee and good company. Glenys and Bev also had special celebrations with families & friends.

Residents have enjoyed delicious nectarines and apricots from the village trees which had very good crops this year, but not so the grapes - the birds enjoyed them! One of our resident's has a green thumb hence this beautiful Mandevilla shrub.

Doreen Cook is enjoying a two week holiday in Brisbane visiting her daughters and grand-children. We wish her a safe and happy holiday.

- Bev Wyatt



All girls aged between 5 and 12 years are welcome to come along to the Guide Hall from 4pm to 5.30pm each Tuesday night of the school term. The girls participate in activities and games, support community and service events, and join with guides from other towns for camps and rallies.

For more information contact Lorraine
0400291598

Crystal Brook Croquet

Players began the second half of the season on Wednesday, 2nd February with a match in Port Pirie. Games are played each Wednesday from 8.30am to 12 noon, alternating between Pirie and Crystal Brook. If anyone is interested in trying croquet, they would be very welcome. We have plenty of spare mallets to share. The first four Thursdays in March will see come-and-try events at the croquet lawns. Anyone, adult or child, who is interested in trying this sport is very welcome to come along at 6pm on Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.

For more information contact:
Erica 0429 679 245 or Lorraine 0400 291 598.

Tai Chi

Sessions are held in Crystal Brook, Gladstone and Bowman Park during school terms. This form of exercise is suitable for all levels of fitness and has been proven to greatly improve balance and reduce falls. New participants are always welcome.

Tai Chi at Bowman Park: 7pm Mondays

Morning Tai Chi:

11am in the front garden of the hospital. If it is unbearably hot an alternative venue may be possible.

For more information contact
Lorraine 0400 291 598

New Faces at the Crystal Brook Medical Practice

In the last month we have seen some changes in the doctors at Crystal Brook and Laura District Medical Practice.

We farewelled Dr. Lauren McLean, who has gone to Port Augusta to complete her Obstetric training for 12 months. We wish her all the best and look forward to her potentially returning in the future.

We welcome two new GP Registrars to the practice, Dr. Antonia Rodrigues and Dr. Ali Farhan who will be with us for at least the next 6 months. If you see them out and about, please welcome them into the community. We are fortunate to have Dr Cynthia Paredes continue on with us.

We continue to have Intern placements as part of encouraging young doctors to experience time in the country and get an appreciation for rural GP work and life, in the hope that we can get more young doctors taking up this profession. The Interns rotate through the practice every 10 weeks.

Fifth -year medical students are also gaining experience at our practices. We have four students who will be with us for the whole of this year, rotating through Crystal Brook and Laura. COVID is still playing a major part in our practice life and we encourage you all to be fully vaccinated against this. Please call the practice and speak to the helpful reception staff on 86432500 if you would like further information.

MID-NORTH FOOD FOR ALL

Do you know of someone who is finding it hard to put food on the table in these tough times? Would you spend a couple of hours a fortnight packing food boxes? Food For All is here to help you. Drop in to the Crystal Brook Institute (Council Building) in Bowman Street between 10:00 to 11:00am on any of the collection dates below to find out how we can help you.

Our wonderful group of volunteers currently pack around 40 free food boxes, serving the Crystal Brook, Gladstone, Redhill, Yacka and Clare communities. They do a great job and deserve a big thank you! Many hands make light work, so we can always welcome new volunteers.

The free food boxes are generally ready to be collected from the Crystal Brook Institute every second Tuesday between 11.00am and 12.00 pm. The following is a list of dates for collection:

March 8, 22; April 5, 20

If you are currently receiving a food box you will get a text message reminder. To assist with our packing, please let us know by return text if you are unable to collect your box.





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L.H Perry & Sons to Renovate Crystal Brook Store

In 2019 L.H. Perry & Sons celebrated 70 years in business. This same year also brought to life our transformation of the Perrys retail network, with our first 3 Relax and Refuel stores at Warnertown, Snowtown and the Tinman Roadhouse being extensively renovated.

Following further successful store rebuilds and renovations through 2020 and 2021, we are now eagerly focussing on our new Crystal Brook store with construction due to start in the mid-year. We are excited to share with you some photos of how the service station and head office frontage will look.



The service station will comprise of a new shop front as well as brand new 3-lane Canopy with new multi-product pumps on each island including a dedicated high flow diesel pump for trucks. Inside the service station will include a greater range of products for our customers including barista coffee, freshly made sandwiches, wraps, muffins and pastries as well as take away dinner options which will be available for reheating. All will be quick and convenient for our customers on the road.



Crystal Brook Shopfront & Lighting Improvements

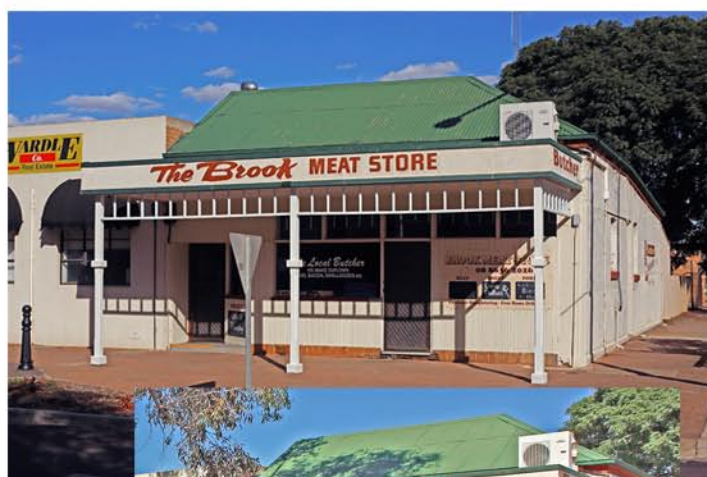
Port Pirie Regional Council is putting the finishing touches on the upgrade of Bowman Street, Crystal Brook.

Seventeen businesses and commercial property owners have collaborated with Council to enhance their street appeal through the Crystal Brook Shopfront Improvement Project. The project was funded through \$235,000 from the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme.

These shopfront building improvements are underway and include repairs, modifications, replacement, painting and signwriting to the parapets, verandas and shopfront facades of the nominated businesses.

The enhanced shopfronts will not only provide an economic and aesthetic boost to the individual businesses, but will also contribute to a revitalised streetscape.

In addition to this, Council has installed heritage solar lights each crossing. Community consultation identified the desire for heritage lights and street furniture as part of the Bowman Street upgrade. The new solar lights contribute towards this vision along with heritage bollards and seating.



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News from the Willochra Home

The past three months have been busy here at The Willochra Home. COVID19 always adds an extra stress on everyone with the rules and regulations to gain access into a RACF constantly changing. Our Admin Team (particularly Steph) have been working incredibly hard to ensure all of these rules and regulations are abided by for the safety of our Staff, Residents and Visitors.

In November we had our usual Melbourne Cup celebrations. Everyone had such a fun day dressing up in fancy hats and enjoying a delicious meal prepared by our kitchen staff. We got in a bit early with our Christmas decorations – we put up our Christmas Trees and a few decorations around the Home. Our raffles were in full swing with the big Christmas raffle – thank you to Pat for organising the amazing prizes for us!

December came around before we knew it, and the Home was very much in the Christmas spirit. A few of our staff were busy preparing the bus for our Christmas Pageant ‘float’. It looked absolutely amazing! Everyone who participated in the making of the ‘float’ and walking in the pageant had a lot of fun. We had our big Christmas luncheon on the 23rd, where all Staff and Residents sat together to enjoy a meal prepared by our kitchen staff. We all dressed up in our best Christmas attire to spread the cheer, and we had a special guest come to visit our Residents - Father Christmas!



January was the month for birthdays when we had 6 Residents and 7 Staff members celebrate their birthdays. We have implemented a new program within our Home, called the ‘Bright and Bubbly Workplace Plan’ and within this we are having a lot more casual days (all Staff, Residents and Visitors are encouraged to participate), a ‘Staff of the Fortnight Award’, and having inspirational quotes sent out on our communication program. As this progresses we will have a lot more to add to the list. Our DT and Cleaning staff organised a lovely morning tea for our Residents, having a ‘Willochra Shuttle’ to take them to the ‘rainforest’ (Sunshine Wing Court Yard) for a cuppa. We had a few dress up days – ‘Day at the Races’ and Australia Day. Our raffles for this year have started, with our Valentine’s Day and Mother’s Day raffles.

So far this month.... We will be at the Crystal Brook Op Shop raising funds for our new bus, which we are hoping will be delivered in April this year, so watch this space.

We are also actively advertising for Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses and Personal Carers. If you have any of these qualifications and are interested in joining our team, please send your resume and cover letter to: rcm@willochraagedcare.org.au



Chargeo Design Celebrates First Anniversary

In April 2022 Chargeo Design will celebrate its one year anniversary of business from 49 Bowman Street in Crystal Brook. In February, 2021 Virginia Holness paid a visit to the beautiful little hamlet of Crystal Brook and fell in love with a very old, very unloved building, and that's where this journey started.

The services offered by Chargeo Design currently include upholstery work on furniture items and soft furnishings. The business ethos is 'hand-made, hand crafted and hand-picked' with an emphasis on recycling and restoring items to their previous state of beauty. Bespoke pieces are created and re-created with love and intention. We can create a unique, personalised space in your home or workplace

The shop is also an outlet for other creatives, offering fabulous bespoke pieces including candles, flower art, pottery, pre-loved clothing hand picked by a passionate stylist, crystals, odd socks and fabulous works of art.

It has been a very successful year through Covid shutdowns, and periods of low foot traffic. Virginia would like to express her sincere gratitude to the Crystal Brook and greater community for their support and trust in her skills and creations.

The next exciting phase will be access to more design services including Interior Design and exterior styling, more access to beautiful home-styling pieces in addition to involvement in Community Creative Projects. Watch this space.



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Combined Churches of Crystal Brook

The recent opening of state borders has been challenging for lots of businesses and services but unlike the first wave of Covid, this time Crystal Brook has been affected. The Combined Churches of Crystal Brook recognized that our nurses at the hospital were under considerable strain with Covid in our hospital. The pharmacy staff were run off their feet with adding vaccinations to their daily tasks and providing help and information to ensure our town's safety. The school year was disrupted and teachers in our town were left with the dilemma of working, teaching their own children who had to stay home and providing online and face to face teaching.

Through generous donations, the Combined Churches were able to provide the hospital staff with a gift basket of delicious food, coffee pods and tea. The pharmacy staff and the primary school staff were given a choice of a complimentary drink from The Vault or Little Edon, to show the churches appreciation of all the extra work that is being done to keep our town the wonderful place it is.



From left: Bronny Perry, Sigrid Ebert, Fiona Pasche, Andrew Lane(EO/DON), Chrissy Mackinnon (churches Rep).

St. Silas Anglican Church

There's lots happening at St. Silas at the moment and we'd love for you to join us. In addition to our regular Sunday morning service at 8.30 am, we have started a midweek Bible Fellowship Group. This gives us the opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an informal way. The group meets in the St. Silas Hall at 2pm each Tuesday. If you're interested in joining us or for more information please call Mark: 0421 227 764.

Friday mornings sees us back in the Hall for our 'Social Morning' from 10am, where we do craft, board games, etc., and there is always a jigsaw on the go. We also enjoy a coffee and chat at 'The Bakery' each Tuesday morning at 10:30am, where we discuss everything under the sun!

For more information about St Silas and any of these activities, please visit:

www.crystalbrookanglicanchurch.org.au

- Cherry Kennedy

Crystal Brook Community Church

Ever wanted to know what the Bible is all about? We have an exciting new Youth programme called 'Books of the Bible At-a-Glance', paired with 'Learning Lookups' for each book. A new book is discussed each week, a game or two is played, and there are snacks for those attending. This is suitable for Year 7 onwards.

We also have a programme for Primary-aged children in our Sunday School, and both the Youth and Primary-aged sessions are open for anyone to attend.

A 'Seek and Find' Garage Sale will be held on Friday 8th April and Saturday 9th April in our Hall, open from 10.00am – 4.00pm both days. Household goods, craft, clothes, linen, toys, small pieces of furniture etc. Proceeds to help our Mission projects. We hope to see you there! Blessings,

- Marj Crouch.

CRYSTAL BROOK SHOW NEWS

The North Western Agricultural Society Inc. (Crystal Brook Show Committee) held their AGM recently and is pleased to announce this year's Committee:

Alexandra Dewar, Kim Zohs, Nicole Moroney, Anne Clothier, Mel Guerin, Jo Piggott, Janet Redden, Graeme Frick, Nat Hodgson, Jodie Bouilly and Nic Bouilly.

We thank outgoing Committee members Ashley Redden, Ned Kelly, Ian Nicolson, Phillip Combe, Nicole Smith, Caitlin Marshall and Debbie Smart for their hard work and dedication to the Committee. If you would like to assist the Committee with Show Day preparation, grounds maintenance or even be a Committee member, please contact Alexandra Dewar on 0474 936 939 - all help is sincerely appreciated.

Plans are well underway to host the Crystal Brook Show this year after a difficult two years of cancellations due to COVID-19. The Show is scheduled for Saturday, 13th August and we are very excited about what this year will bring. A Convenor's meeting was held on Monday 28th February to start preparations for each section on Show Day.

You may have also noticed some work happening at the Showgrounds - the boundary fence between the Caravan Park and the Showgrounds has been replaced, which has tidied up the area significantly.

Follow the "Crystal Brook Show" Facebook page for updates throughout the year and as we get closer to Show time. Thanks to the Crystal Brook community who continue to support our Committee and Show.

- Janet Redden



CRYSTAL BROOK BOWLING CLUB

The bowling season is fast coming to a finish with only a couple of games left before the finals commence. It has been a season of various experiences with washed out games, changes in covid regulations and player unavailability causing some forfeited games.

At the time of writing the Boucher team has had two losses and a draw to sit in third position on the premiership table.

The Mahood team are sitting in top position having lost a couple of games as well as having some washed out games.

The Royal team is the team that suffers from player unavailability and has had to forfeit some games but has also received a forfeit. They will play in the finals as they are third at the moment.

The mid-week teams see the men's Blieschke teams have mixed seasons. The White team are in second spot, but are in a tough battle with Pirie Blue to hold that position. The Red side has won more games this season than the past two years with 5 wins but are still second to bottom.

In the ladies competition the Bullock team is in fourth spot and the Bookmakers team are currently in second position and both teams will participate in the finals. The ladies club singles champion is Agnes Dhu who defeated Sue Burgess. The pairs' champions are Sue Burgess and Wendy Sandercock.

The men's singles are approaching the finals while Phil and Adam Perry won the club pairs' championship.

The club Seafood Bowls tournament was to be held on the 13th February but was postponed because of the heat. It will be replayed on Sunday 20th March.

-Geoff Young



Sue Burgess lost to Agnes Dhu in the Bowls Club Singles Championship. Agnes will now go on to play in the Association Champ of Champs.

- Betsy Wilson

Crystal Brook Classic Athletics

The inaugural “Crystal Brook Classic” Athletics meet, held on Saturday the 12th of February, was an overwhelming success.

Months of planning and organising went into this event and hosting the South Australian Athletics League could not have been possible without the valuable and generous sponsorship from local business owners and Members of Parliament. Close to \$14,000 in prize money was raised for the athletes.

Over 100 athletes registered for the day, for a total of 240 race nominations. Pacific Hydro was the major sponsor of the event, providing \$6,000 that was equally shared over the Men’s and Women’s 120m Sprint, which were both tight battles to the finish line.

This free community event also featured a range of food vans and drinks provided by Prancing Pony and Grounded Cru Wines. Kupsch Bakery provided their well renowned pasty and another local business, Little Edon was beautifully situated in the canteen.

We were given the opportunity to include Little Athletics as part of the programme and this enabled competitors to enter from Orroroo, Balaklava, Clare and Kadina, with students from Crystal Brook Primary School filling in the remaining lanes. Geoff Brock sponsored the Little Athletics and this is an area of the Athletics Carnival we hope will grow and develop in future events.

Other highlights of the evening included the first class commentary by Tom Rehn of Channel 9, a harmonic rendition of the National Anthem performed by local talent, Chloe Evans (nee Joyce) and the Community Sports Sprint which was won by Nathan Hooper.

At the conclusion of the event spectators were treated to some live music by Hill Valley. It was fantastic to be able to hold such an event and the community contribution and response has been fantastic. We look forward to making this an annual event for years to come.

- Shane Arbon





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Fantastic to see the resurgence of a local paper for Crystal Brook and extremely well done to everyone who's taken this initiative.

As readers may know, the Electoral Commission has changed the boundaries so that our electorate of Stuart now includes Crystal Brook. From my perspective (and putting aside living in Wilmington so being a BMW supporter), the opportunity to represent Crystal Brook in parliament and as your Deputy Premier is wonderful! For fifteen years I've driven through Crystal Brook very regularly going to and from Adelaide for work, and I'm always impressed with the steady growth and development while retaining a positive country town feel with so many beautiful homes and an active main street.

Growth of course comes with challenges, and one we all know about is the need for a new childcare centre. Working with Tamara Wilson and her very organised leadership group as well as the Council has been a pleasure and I'm sure it will be achieved.

I'm pleased to have helped get the new lights on the highway installed. Successfully advocating for annual water flows from the reservoir down the Crystal Brook has been terrific. And Bowman Park and the Caravan Park are just two of the obvious local development opportunities.

If re-elected next month, it'll be a huge pleasure to become more deeply involved in Crystal Brook and give it the same positive benefits that other parts of Stuart have received for the last 12 years.

BINGO

After our lovely Christmas break, Bingo is off to a good start for 2022. Everyone had been eager to get back to having their eyes down. We like to keep giving our profits back to our players in prize money with the surplus given to Crystal Brook community organisations. Our Easter Raffle will be up and running in our next few sessions, being drawn on 5th April. Bingo is held on Tuesday's in the CWA Hall fortnightly, on the off-pension week.

The next few dates for your diary are:
Tuesday, 8th & 22nd March;
and 5th & 19th April

Come along have some fun, you don't have to be a professional to play, just over 18 years old. Follow us on Facebook: Crystal Brook Bingo.

- Tanya Cameron

NEW FOOTBALL CLUB UNISEX CHANGE ROOMS OPENED

The Crystal Brook Football Club's unisex change rooms were officially opened on Friday, 11th February. Ian Lambert, President of the CBFC thanked the many stakeholders involved in making the building happen. The Office of Recreation and Sports provided grant funding, along with the Port Pirie branch of the YMCA who also provided a substantial amount of funding.

The Port Pirie Regional Council, the SANFL and the North Western Show Society supported the CBFC through the whole grant process and requirements of delivering a building suitable for unisex usage. Kalisch builders, Wohling Electrical, and Perkins Concreting were responsible for the build and have done a magnificent task, in providing the CBFC community a building for recreational use.

The building is suitable for single team use or can be divided to allow for two teams within the rooms, Covid safely. Also, included are an umpire change space, and new canteen area. This amazing building meets standards for CBFC to host regional competitions, it can also be accessed by the community for events they may hold at the Showgrounds. We are already using this building for our women's football competition on Friday and is receiving rave reviews from participants and visiting clubs.

- Jacinta Huxtable



Sign up at the front desk any time!

1001 Books Before School Challenge

Every challenger wins!!

Parents and caregivers reading to children promotes bonding and prepares children for early education.

The 1001 Books Before School program encourages kids to read by awarding fun prizes all throughout the challenge.

Don't worry, it's easier than it sounds! Reading 3 picture books a day for 1 year means reading 1095 books. Wow! Repeat books are welcome too. Each time you read a book, mark it down in your 1001 Booklet, and when you've reached a milestone bring it into the library to collect your prize.

Join any time, it's free!

Let's read together!

For 0-6 year olds



From left: Jacinta Huxtable, (Secretary CBFC), Mick Fogarty, (Patron CBFC), Peter Ackland, (CEO, Port Pirie Regional Council) Will Schultz, (SANFL), Ian Lambert, (President CBFC), Simon Purdue, (SANFL), Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP; (Deputy Premier of SA), Leon Stephens, (Mayor, Port Pirie Regional Council), Ian Eberhard, (YMCA) Peter Staden, (YMCA).



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BIKE TRACK OPENS AT BOWMAN PARK

Stage one of the Bowman Park bike track is complete! Hand Built Trails from Melrose put the finishing touches on the pump track in December, and the committee along with the Port Pirie Regional Council is finalising the signage for the track.

The bike track is a share path for cyclists and walkers, and no motorbikes or horses are allowed. The track is approximately 1 km long, starting from the car park, crossing over creek via the footbridge and around the old rodeo grounds. It is a beginner to intermediate level, with only small inclines along the way. The trail loops around the amphitheatre, with gentle corners, and is a wonderful way to take in the natural beauty of Bowman Park. We thank the Federal Member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey, MP for providing the funding through the Stronger Communities grant, and Port Pirie Regional Council for supporting the project.

The Committee is busily preparing for hosting the Brush with Art exhibition at Bowman Park again in September to October this year. It is a fantastic opportunity for local artists to showcase their art to the public. We welcome any artists, young and old, and of any experience to begin considering entering the exhibition. Further details on how to enter will be provided closer to the date.

- Carly Perry on behalf of Bowman Park Management Committee



Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (SFHAC) Report

The AGM of the SFHAC was held on 28th October 2021 at the Crystal Brook Football Clubrooms. Colleen Slattery from Laura retired from SFHAC at the AGM. We thank her for her service over the years. We welcome new members – Jenni Cleggett from Laura and Bev Harris from Gladstone. Continuing community members are: Brian Higgins (Presiding Member), Lorraine Griffin and Robyn Johnson (Laura), Phillip Heaslip (Wirrabara), Shane Kirk and Jo Grossman (Crystal Brook). Bronny Perry continues as staff representative with Kathy Webb as the Local Government representative from the Northern Areas Council. Dr. Helen Robertson continues as the Medical representative. Tim Zander's term as Local Member of Parliament representative has expired and a new Member of Parliament representative will be appointed after the upcoming State election. We thank Tim for his efforts during his term on the SFHAC.

New Happy Haven OSHC Director

For those that don't already know, I have decided to retire from Happy Haven OSHC. I worked for OSHC for three and a half years and took over as Director two years ago.

I wish to thank all the families for their support and happy memories that have been made over this time.

I decided to take this step 6 months ago; I felt that it was time. It was fun getting to know families and children on a different level.

The new Director is Leslie Johnson who is happily learning the job. He has been with Happy Haven for a little while so I hope everyone gives him the same support that I received. I have not retired from life so you may see me around Crystal Brook so just say 'hello'. Who knows what the future brings for me as I step into the next phase of my life. Thank You.

- Linda Flitton

Sue Denton has left the building



After 10 years as the Customer Service Officer at the Crystal Brook Rural Office, Sue Denton has decided to take early retirement, effective from 28 February 2022.

During her 10 years many changes have occurred, firstly with the state-wide One Card Library Management System which has enabled the Crystal Brook Library patrons to connect with the collections at 130 libraries across South Australia; a service embraced by many of the patrons.

Another major change was the redevelopment of the old office space in 2018 into a more user-friendly library environment.

“I have enjoyed my years at the Rural Office, meeting the Crystal Brook residents, chatting about books and assisting with their inquiries. When I began in 2012, I had only been living in Jamestown for several months and often said I knew more people in Crystal Brook than in Jamestown, something I hope to rectify in retirement. I wish to thank the friendly Crystal Brook people for their welcome and assistance as I learnt the role.

Not living in the area and not having worked for a Council before (my background being school libraries) I had a huge learning curve but quickly embraced the town and became familiar with the services provided by Council.

I look forward to the new role retirement brings – more golf, some travel, spending more time with grandchildren and extra quilting projects. I’m sure I will miss the daily commute to Crystal Brook and the residents but have agreed to be available for casual relief once I’m settled into my new norm. Cheers!”

Farewell to the Clarkes



The Crystal Brook Community farewell Dave and Denece Clarke as they move to Western Australia and wish them well in their new venture. They have been residents of Crystal Brook since mid-1970s, raised their two children here and have contributed to the community in many ways.

Denece spent nearly twenty years helping with the primary school LAP programme, encouraging and supporting many early learners. Denece and Dave were passionate about caring for the environment both in Crystal Brook and in the Clare valley. Dave’s passion for the environment has seen him planting and caring for thousands of trees during his forty years in this region, along roadsides, at Bowman Park and within Crystal Brook. He has been outspoken on many issues relating to the care of the natural world but the physical legacy of the numerous trees now offering shade and habitat will benefit many people, birds and animals for years to come.

Return Thanks

Yates, Cheryl Jillene (Jill)

John, Jason, Katrina and families wish to sincerely thank all relatives and friends for their kind, comforting expressions of sympathy, their cards, phone calls messages and visits given to us in our time of grief and sad loss of Jill, who passed away suddenly on January 31.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

REVISED ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Starting with the May edition of the New Chronicle, full-page ads will be discontinued. This will allow a greater number of contributors to be published and to present a better visual balance between articles and advertising. A new category, for Trade and Retail ads will be available, similar to the sample below, providing an opportunity for small businesses and others to advertise at a low cost.

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New advertising rates:

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(a half page can be a vertical column or a horizontal half page)

Deadline for contributions and ads for the next New Chronicle, published in May, is Wednesday, April 27.

Preference is for items of around 250 words. Longer contributions are welcome, but **may be edited for space requirements.** The aim is to produce a publication with good variety and readability.

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The Redhill Gas and Food Stop Pty. Ltd. is a family company which has owned and operated the Redhill Roadhouse for the last 25 years.

Through this period we have successfully trained a number of people in safe food handling, cooking, general cleaning, fuel console operation and stock control. They have also learnt customer service, an attribute that has helped them move on to bigger and better things.

We currently have a vacancy for one or maybe two of these positions, as our business continues to grow. If you are interested in one of these positions, you may give William Perry a call for a chat or arrange an interview.

Phone: 8636 7126 7.30 am - 8.30 pm.

"The Brook Classifieds"

For Sale: Two recliner chairs, manual operation, sea-green fabric, Australian made. Excellent condition: \$100 each. Call Sue: 0477 467 401

Friday Meals at the RSL

The RSL will be open for meals on the first Friday of each month from 6.00 pm. Friday April 1st will be a music night. For bookings please call: 0407602579

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW



Crystal Brook CFS Brigade is looking for volunteers.

As part of the Brigade you will have the opportunity to respond to:

- Local, state and national bushfires
- Vehicle, house and other structure fires
- Road crash rescue
- Flood and storm damage
- Local community initiatives

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