



# The Crystal Brook Chronicle

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The Crystal Brook Show made a triumphant return on Saturday 13th August!

The North Western Agricultural Society Committee welcomed Jessica Stenson, recent Commonwealth Games gold medallist as the special guest to officially open the Show. Jess spoke of her experience winning the gold medal, whilst having it on display for all to see. She received some great questions from students at the Crystal Brook School in a Q&A session.

New Life Members were acknowledged for their years of dedicated service - Stuart Everett for his many years of hard work and dedication to the Sheep section; and a posthumous Life Membership presented to Vivienne Combe in recognition of her husband Graham Combe, for his vision to commence the Combined Sporting Bodies catering many years ago, which now serves as a major fundraiser for multiple sporting groups in Crystal Brook. The Catering Shed at the Showgrounds now has a sign in Graham's honour. The time given by the many volunteers is valuable and provides a considerable contribution to the success of the Show.

Whilst some heavy rain on Friday evening threatened to dampen the event, the weather mostly held out on the day, with more than 3500 people enjoying a Show that had been three years in the making.

Patrons of all ages enjoyed the return of showbags and sideshow alley, together with various entertainment, stalls and exhibits. The Fashion Parade, showcasing regional designers was a hit with the crowd, as was the number of kids who built Lego with Trent and Josh, contestants from the Lego Masters TV Show. The transition of exhibits to the Rec Centre was one of many highlights of the day, providing a bright new location for many wonderful entries to be on display.

The North Western Agricultural Society Committee would like to thank all the Sponsors, Donors, Convenors, Judges, Patrons, combined sporting clubs, Members and the wider community for supporting the Show. Without this valuable support and assistance, it wouldn't have been the success that it was. Planning has begun for 2023.

The Committee are now looking forward to their next event – the South Australian Working Sheep Dog Association State Championships on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd October. It's a free event, so come along and watch some of the state's best sheep dogs in action. Food and drink will be available on both days, with teas available on Saturday night in the Football Clubrooms.





Welcome to the September or spring edition of the Crystal Brook Chronicle. As I write this, I know that the region is still desperate for good rain so I am hoping that by the time this is read, the rain will have come and crops will have responded accordingly.

(See graph next column).

### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

It is that time of year again where we need to think about those people in our area who have gone above and beyond in making a real difference to the Crystal Brook community. These people may have done something extraordinary over the last year or they may be someone who has put in a sustained effort over a long period of time. They may do things of a high-profile nature, or they may be a person working away quietly in the background making a real difference to many people's lives.

We have three awards: the Senior Citizen of the Year; Junior Citizen of the Year and the Event of the Year. If you think that someone, or an event should be nominated for one of these awards please contact the Community Association:

[secretaryCBCA@outlook.com.au](mailto:secretaryCBCA@outlook.com.au) for a nomination form and further details.

### WE NEED YOU

The Community Association AGM is on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the meeting room of the Institute, Bowman Street. We welcome everyone to come along with your unique set of skills so we can continue to grow and develop a strong Association. The next twelve months are going to be very exciting, with the development of a new Strategic Plan, the Christmas Party, participation in the 150-Year celebrations, the Silver to Sea project, relaunch of an updated website and other projects. There is a great opportunity for the community to continue to grow and develop, but we need more help and more skills, and we know there are many people in

our community who can offer much to achieve great things.

*We look forward to seeing you at 7.30 pm on October 10 in the Institute meeting room.*

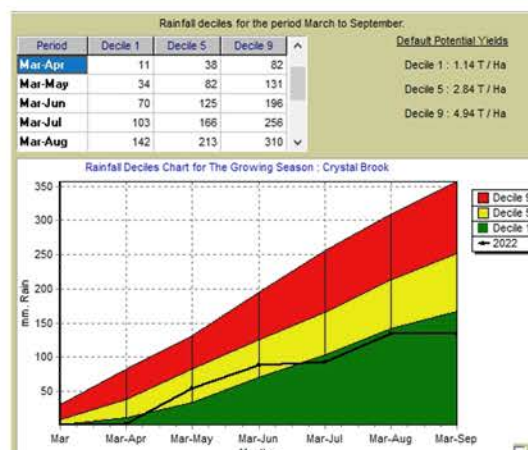
As you would be aware Crystal Brook is one of five finalists in the SA 2022 Agricultural Town of the Year. The other finalists include Kapunda, Orroroo, Waikerie and Mypolonga. This is very exciting and gives the community a great opportunity to showcase and promote all that is good about the region.

The Community Association would like to acknowledge and congratulate Alexandra, Kimberley, Nat and their small but amazing group of hard-working volunteers for hosting the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crystal Brook Show on August 13<sup>th</sup>. It was no mean feat to get this event up and running again after a 2-year hiatus and although the day was a little cold and wet, the feeling of the crowd was definitely one of delight and warmth. This event is an opportunity for Crystal Brook to show off the wares and talents of so many people from within the community and throughout the region. Thank you to those involved for all your efforts.

The annual Crystal Brook Christmas Party will again be held this year after a 2-year hiatus because of COVID. Please put Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in your diary and we will provide further details later.

- Anthea Pavy  
Chairperson,

Crystal Brook Community Association.



# Show photos



# CRYSTAL BROOK IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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## Website Upgrade

Did you know that we have over 40 businesses and 30 different community groups operating in and around Crystal Brook?

The Crystal Brook Community Association is currently updating the community website and wish to provide the best possible up to date information and contact details to our community, our region, and our visitors.

Please help promote your business and community group and showcase our vibrant community by completing the JotForm below. It's easy, either scan or click on the link below and the CBCA form will "pop up". You can choose your preferred method of contact, add your business/community/sporting group logo, or even perhaps provide a link to your own website/social media page.



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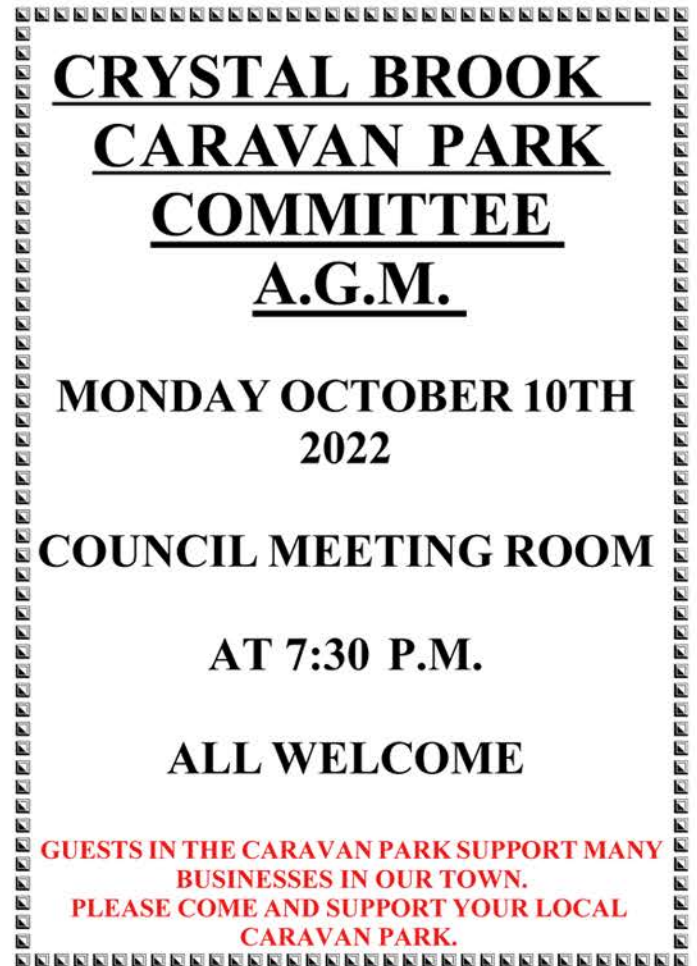


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Government of South Australia  
Department of Primary Industries  
and Regions



# Crystal Brook Newsagency & Giftware

## WELCOME CARLY

You may have noticed by now we have a new worker on Friday mornings. Carly is a great new asset to the team. She is new to the town so please be patient while she gets to know all our wonderful customers.

## HOME DELIVERY CUSTOMERS



As many of you may have heard or been advised, sadly our town home delivery of Newspapers will cease in September. Sunday, September 11, will be the last day that newspapers will be delivered to people's homes. From Monday, September 12, all newspapers can still be purchased from the Newsagency and also Perrys Service Station. Perrys are temporarily based at their Gadd Ave depot during their Eyre Road renovation period. Papers from Perrys will only be available after 7.30am.

This has been a very hard decision and wasn't made lightly but we have to keep moving forward in a positive manner. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause some people and we thank everyone's understanding.

These changes will NOT affect the deliveries to farms around the district.

## CRYSTAL BROOK SHOW 2022

It was great to see the CB Show up and running after 2 years of absence. The committee did a wonderful job and should be very proud.

We were fortunate enough to have been asked to showcase some of our Ladies clothing in the fashion parade. Thanks so much to the organisers and the wonderful models that showed their courage to get up on the stage. You all did a wonderful job! Thankyou.

## CRYSTAL BROOK COMMUNITY GARDEN



Behind the Crystal Brook Men's Shed, unnoticed by most residents apart from those who use the town walking track you will find the Crystal Brook Community Garden, which is being established by a small number of volunteers. There are at least 15 raised beds available for planting, with four or five of those now being prepared with good soil in time for the spring growing season. There are full tanks of water and some potting tables which will be refurbished.

What is most needed are more willing hands to help the work progress more swiftly. Members of the community are invited to come along on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to the Men's Shed between 9 and 12 for a personalised tour of the Garden.

A joining fee of \$50.00 is payable to the Men's Shed to cover costs such as insurance and the application of relevant local government requirements.

The Garden is not intended to produce ornamental plants, but will concentrate on vegetable and fruit growing from certified seed and seedlings which will be provided in exchange for a gold coin donation. Participants may choose to keep their produce or donate it to Mid-North Food for All, but it cannot be sold. In addition to the benefits of freshly grown and harvested fruit and vegetables, participants in the Community Garden will have the advantage of an outdoor activity whilst making connections with the other like-minded volunteers.

For more information about the Garden, call Wayne Bryant: 0425 212 309

## CRYSTAL BROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School has been successful with our application for a 2022 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant to redevelop the Ngalkutya Garden. (Ngalkutya means "to eat").

The garden will be used by students to grow their own food to use in lessons. A part of the grant will also be used to upgrade the school's garden equipment and help provide a space that helps the environment.

Each class also has mini compost bin which they will use to collect food scraps, limiting the school's waste.

Crystal Brook Primary School is one of 1,054 primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

We were very fortunate to have a new local business, The Long Room Hardware, providing new equipment and many thanks go to Jodie and the team at the store. Sam Smith was a massive help in coordinating the grant application process as was Megan Smart and we thank them.

The children and teachers are looking forward to working with and learning from this project and we'll keep you updated on the results.

- Paul Fogarty

PCW Crystal Brook Primary School

*Thank you*

Thank you to the People of Crystal Brook and community for your prayers, words of comfort, support, care, phone calls and text messages received during my recent illness. They have been greatly appreciated. Thank you one and all. *Helen Greig.*

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## Winter Accessories

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Spring time, can bring on

## Hay Fever



We're here to help.

If you're someone who suffers with hay fever, spring may signal the start of some unpleasant symptoms.

Hay fever symptoms can vary from person to person, but most commonly include:

- Runny or blocked nose
- Itchy nose
- Sneezing and feeling sniffly
- Itchy and watery eyes
- Itchy throat



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## MID NORTH FOOD FOR ALL

Wondering what you are going to do with all those oranges just falling on the ground? Do you know of someone who is finding it hard to put food on the table in these increasingly tough times? Would you spend a couple of hours a fortnight packing food boxes?

Food For All is here to help you.

We are an informal group of community-minded people supported by Foodbank Australia who provide fresh fruit and vegetables, bread and non-perishable food items.

The Port Pirie Regional Council provides the Crystal Brook Institute Hall at no cost, and the Red Cross covers our insurance obligations.

Over the last 18 months we have had a 100% increase in the number of families we assist. Our wonderful group of volunteers currently pack around 50 free food boxes, serving the Crystal Brook, Gladstone, Redhill, and Koolunga 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 11.00 am and 12.00 pm. The following is a list of dates for collection:

September 7 and 20  
October 5 and 18  
November 1, 15 and 29  
December 13

If you would like to know more about our group and how we might help you, or you would like to volunteer, contact Paul Zed on 0428 597 702, or drop in to the Crystal Brook Institute (Council Building) in Bowman Street between 9:30 and 10:30 on any of the collection dates.

## FOODBANK AND LOCAL ABATTOIR WORK TOGETHER

Foodbank is working with a local abattoir, Rocky's Boutique Abattoir to obtain ready-to-cook meat for meal preparation. Foodbank provides prepared meals for South Australian families who are experiencing hardship to ensure they have access to low cost, nutritious meals. They have established a working relationship with Rocky's Boutique Abattoir who will kill, prepare, and pack the meat ready for the Foodbank kitchens to cook it.

In order to keep costs down and provide this valuable service to many families, the abattoir is looking for stock that is not suitable for commercial sale and would otherwise be destroyed to assess its suitability for this initiative. If you have stock that you only believe is suitable for destroying, please contact Rocky on 0404854947. These animals may be able to be converted into vital food for fellow South Australians who are experiencing tough times.

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers Receive Long Service Awards



The following awards were presented to Meals On Wheels volunteers on August 9:

- 5 Years:** Rob Beverage, Brian Fogarty, Julie Fogarty, Ian Seidel
- 10 Years:** Barb Hein, Fred Munzer, Judy Munzer, Liz Pavy, Rowena Payne
- 15 Years:** Ros Brooks, Rob Brooks, Elaine Haggerty, George Haggerty
- 20 Years:** Cathy Kerin
- 25 Years:** Pauline McLeod
- 30 Years:** Gillian McKenzie
- 40 Years:** Barb Russell

- Maureen Hobbs



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## **What has been happening at The Willochra Home in the past 3 months?**

### **May**

May was a quiet month for the Home. Lots of reminders were sent out to friends and families informing every one of the new requirements for entering into a RACF – as of the 10th of July 2022, people other than residents of the residential aged care facility are not permitted to enter a RACF unless they have been vaccinated against the 2022 seasonal influenza. JD Fashion came to visit and all the ladies thoroughly enjoyed looking through all the clothes available to purchase, and we had our usual entertainers visit the Home to sing for our Residents whilst they enjoyed a cuppa.

### **June**

We had our 2 monthly Resident meeting on the 8th. This is a great opportunity for Residents to put their thoughts and opinions forward, and if there are any complaints then we can work towards actioning them. We had our Biggest Morning Tea on the 9th, after needing to postpone it from May the 19th. Our Queen's High Tea was enjoyed by all – a big thank you to our volunteer, Jan, for helping to achieve this with our DT team. Willochra turned 59 on the 23rd of June! We all enjoyed a delicious cake for afternoon tea on the 24th to celebrate this.

### **July**

What a great month July has been. We have celebrated NAIDOC Week with a scrumptious lunch prepared by our kitchen staff. Our gardener, Pat, created a fire pit area where we cooked the damper and 'witchetty grubs' (damper wrapped around a stick). All staff and residents enjoyed the day. Our fundraising efforts have been in full swing - we have been able to purchase a new blood pressure machine for Rosier Cottage, which is a valuable asset to have in the Cottage. We launched our new HR platform – CompliSpace – and we are very excited about it! This will help the Admin and Management team immensely with all things HR related, and the clinical team can also utilise this to input any Resident incidents. We have had 3 months of video conferences with Gavin Ng from CompliSpace to teach us how to use the program.

We also passed our accreditation. Thank you to all of our amazing staff and residents who played their part in making this happen.

We are actively advertising for Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses and Personal Care Assistants to join our Willochra Family. The Willochra Home is one of Crystal Brook's biggest employers, and we have a very impressive name around the community. We are currently a 42 bed facility which includes our Thomas, Jones, Sunshine and White Wings, and our new 10 bed cottage – Rosier Cottage. At Willochra Home we pride ourselves on helping our staff to grow, encouraging further education, and the opportunity to take on new roles. We have nursing staff rostered 24/7 and a staff-to-resident ratio to boast about. We have excellent working conditions, a diverse working environment, and supportive management. Please send your cover letter and resume to: [rcm@willochraagedcare.org.au](mailto:rcm@willochraagedcare.org.au) to apply





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Coaching and bats available.**

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**Contact Gary on 0419 838 433  
or just come along and have some fun.**

## A SPOT ON THE MAP

*Places of interest, history, beauty,*



The photo is of the tunnel through part of the Yackamoorundie Ranges from which the backup water supply from the Bundaleer Reservoir is carried to small towns in the Mid-North and Port Wakefield. Using pumps, the water is stored in many large concrete tanks set high on nearby hills to maintain pressure to the surrounding towns. It was constructed around 1898-1903. A newer pipe-line from Morgan was constructed in 1944-45.

From Crystal Brook, travel east along Goyder Highway. At Horrocks Highway, turn right towards Clare. Near the 8km marker before Yacka, turn left at Hermitage Road, (gravel) to the tunnel viewing spot. If required use your map or GPS.

- Steve Hyde

## Arbon Family Reunion



Thomas and Roseanna Arbon were married on April 30, 1906 at Port Pirie, eventually settling on a farm at Victoria Park near Narridy. They had eleven children.

Some of those descendants gathered on Saturday, July 1 at the Laura Hotel for lunch. Thirty cousins attended and enjoyed the company with many stories to tell. On Sunday, we were given permission from the present owner of Victoria Park to visit the property. The couple residing there allowed us to look through the interior. There were such a lot of memories, with a lot of the fixtures from our grandparents still there, including the wood stove and open fire in the lounge, as well as the ornate ceilings in the house which Tom built in 1928. We thank the owners for allowing us to relive some of our early memories. Truly a successful week-end.

- Julie Sterk (nee Arbon)



Congratulations to Anthea Pavy, retired CEO, Uniting Country SA who was awarded a South Australian Council of Social Service Life Membership to honour her devoted service and outstanding contribution to our country communities. The award was presented by Dr. Jen Cleary from Centacare Catholic Country SA. Well deserved, Anthea.



## Recycling for Fundraising

Sue Gowan raises funds for more than 10 charities and groups, both local and overseas, by collecting bottles and cans. Most people will remember her “Cows for Cambodia” project which featured an almost a life-size model Friesian cow in the main street. This time Sue is fundraising for Careflight, a not-for-profit Australia-wide aeromedical service.

Anyone who has bottles and cans for donation can leave them in the trailer at 40 Gilbert Street (corner Binney), or Sue will gladly collect them. Please call 0448 930 464 to arrange collection.

# THE LONG ROOM Hardware

Crystal Brook

A HUGE thankyou to all the locals who have visited the store and supported us through this very hectic set up stage.

We are very excited to announce some good news, our application with Home Hardware has been successful and we will be supported by this Independent Hardware Group from 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Unfortunately, this does mean The Store will be closed from Monday 19 September to 4<sup>th</sup> October for the new shelving, store fit out and training.

### THE PAST MONTH...

Very excited to be involved in the 2022 Crystal Brook Show and have Gold Medallist Jess Stenson model some of our work wear along with the impressive locals Nathan, Max, Matilda & Adele.

Sad to see the Apex Rump & Red night was postponed but pleased we could support their online auction – which we hope goes well for Willochra Home.



Proposed New Look Store



### More Good News

The Garden Centre of the store has been paved and we have received our first order of spring plantings including a selection of natives in tube stock and small pots.



Crystal Brook Show Fashion Parade. Gold Medalist Jess Stenson with Store Owner Jodie Bouilly



## ROCKY RIVER 'RITERS



*Bev Fitzsimmonds, Julie Henderson, Jan Weldon-Veitch, Robyn Holthouse, Nat Cramond, Tricia Stringer, Wendy Dunn, Alixe Dique, Jonathan Hawkins-Clarke, Lorraine Saunders. Front: Ruth Tye, Pat Toomer, Colin Raison*

Rocky River 'Riters reading for August was "Force of Nature" by Jane Harper.

Members choose new words and phrases from readings they do in the month. Words included Ineffable, tenebrous, bodacious, steeped, caribina, ineffable, half pace, archetypal, elytra, disparate, infrangible and insouciance.

Quotes included "... and in the silence, Vianne found herself thinking too loudly." 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. We had another editing workshop as part of our programme for 2022. Dr Annette Marner ran this for us. An excellent day for all attenders.

The Laura Literary Awards book of winners and runners up for 2022 is now available for \$10. A very good turnout for the awards, where we had an excellent guest speaker, Trisha Stringer who captured her audience with her tales of writing her stories. Minister Geoff Brock. MP, was able to attend the event and has offered to continue to fund some of the literary awards.

Rocky River 'Riters will be putting written pieces into the Gladstone Art Show (part of the Brush with Art program) and will have book productions available for purchase. This will be at the Gladstone Hall from September 10 until October 7.

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

The creative writing meetings have been changed due to safety concerns with night driving. These meetings are now on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Diocesan Hall in Gladstone. The next session will be Saturday, September 24.

Our next meeting will be on September 9. Please contact us if you are interested in joining our group:  
jhhc@bigpond.com.  
Phone 0417 849 441  
<https://rockyriverriters.club>

Happy reading to everyone. Regards,  
- Jonathan

## BOWMAN COURT NEWS

Well-known local identity and resident Bob Gale celebrated his 90th birthday on 24th June in the Village pergola where residents and friends gathered to congratulate and celebrate this special occasion with Bob and family. A toast to Bob was proposed, kind words spoken and a delicious birthday cake was served to all. Denise spoke lovingly of Dad and thanked all for sharing this occasion. Best wishes to Bob for many more happy days.

Doreen Cook was farewelled on 8th July with our best wishes for the future at Aberfoyle Park Retirement Village.

Russell Smart is no longer a resident in Bowman Court and is missed by all, not only for "bin duty" but for always looking to have a chat and a laugh.

Don Tilbrook is now doing "bin duty", on his gopher and has it down to a fine art. Thank you Don, the residents appreciate your kindness. Best wishes to Maxine Kitschke, who is thankfully recovering well, hopefully we'll soon see you pottering in your garden and joining us at "happy hour."

A cordial welcome has been extended to Helen and Trevor Greig who have moved in to Unit 8. We wish them a long and happy time in Bowman Court.

Happy Birthday and best wishes to:  
Jill Kirchner, Helen Greig and Don Tilbrook.

*- Bev Wyatt*



## CRYSTAL BROOK JUNIOR BASKETBALL



Crystal Brook Junior Basketball Club is back with brand new teams and brand new uniforms all thanks to our major sponsors: Noonan Transport, Manners Auto Wreckers and the North Western Agricultural Society Inc. Please welcome the 'Truckers', the 'Wreckers' and the 'Bushrangers'.

These are three of five new sponsors of teams who have come on board and we cannot wait to reveal our final two sponsors and our final two new teams just before our season begins.

Our small club prides itself on providing a fun and inclusive night of basketball and competition, from primary school children through to seniors, welcoming all levels of skill and supporting development in a fun and exciting atmosphere.

Our club is also urgently looking for a volunteer canteen manager. The canteen is our major fundraiser and is vital to running a successful season. This is a flexible role depending on the time you may have available. It can be shared between multiple volunteers, responsibilities can be delegated and you will have support from our amazing committee. Please see our Facebook page for more information.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our first round on Thursday, October 27th.

*- Kaidi James*



## CRYSTAL BROOK GOLF



The Crystal Brook Golf Club has had a few busy months, with much needed rain freshening up the course.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July the Crystal Brook Junior Open was held. The girls' Junior Open Championship winner: Lili Bowman.

Boys Junior Open Championship Winner: Levi Ashton.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of July the Crystal Brook Ladies and Men's Open was held. There were 62 players representing 12 clubs. It was fantastic to have some local winners!

Ladies Open Championship winner - Lesley Nicolson. Division 2 winner - Deb Marner.

Men's Open Championship winner - Stephen Nitschke, B Grade - Phil Johns. C Grade - T. Gray.

The Club Championships have also been played. Ladies Club Champion - Lesley Nicolson, B Grade - Cindy Kupsch.

Men's Club Champion - Anthony Deed, B Grade - Richard Mackinnon, C Grade - Matthew Wilson.

Junior Club Champion: Girls - Lili Bowman, Boys - Luca Dransfield.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 116 players in 29 teams played in the Crystal Brook Golf Farmers Day. It was a fantastic day played in perfect conditions. The Crystal Brook Golf Club thanks the players and sponsors of the day, Platinum Ag Services Crystal Brook, O'Dea Solar and Electrical, O'Dea Power and Water, Calaby Real Estate, Rocky River Ag Services and Agribusiness Finance Australia.

The Crystal Brook Golf Club has some social events coming up. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September a Gin Day will be held, tickets available at <https://bit.ly/3BLs2sE>.

We are hosting two social Ladies Ambrose Days on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> October with drinks and live music.

All welcome.

Keep up with what is happening at the Crystal Brook Golf Club by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

## CRYSTAL BROOK BOWLING CLUB

The bowling season is quickly coming up with the pennant matches starting in early October.

The officials for the coming season are as follows:

President - Peter Cousins,

Vice President - Lin Inglis,

Secretary - Phill Perry,

Treasurer - Sharon Jeffries,

Committee - Alan Grossman, Peter Wilson,

Trevor Greig, Peter Cox, Geoff Young

The club will only have two teams participating on Saturdays. They will be competing in the top two divisions. The third team has been dropped due to the lack of playing numbers.

There will be two teams in the men's mid-week competition and two teams in the Ladies Thursday competition.

The ladies will be holding a Ladies 4's carnival on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Some club members have participated in carnivals held at other bowling clubs recently.

- Geoff Young



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## Crystal Brook CFS News

On February 9 this year, Spencer Group which is based in Crystal Brook, took delivery of its new BW10CAFS. This is a Bulk Water Carrier, capable of carrying 10,000 litres of water. It also carries a large amount of Class A foam, which can be mixed with the water to form copious amounts of firefighting foam through a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS). The compressed air system allows it to produce both wet and dry foam and anything in between. This will make it extremely useful right across our Region not just within Spencer Group and Crystal Brook. It will be able to be used for creating fire breaks with foam, helping to suppress structure and vehicle fires and can be used for various other firefighting roles. It has a 12 speed gearbox with retarder that makes it more manageable to drive and pull up. A number of members throughout the Spencer group were present for its delivery and some undertaking driver training in the new appliance. On March 6 a training day was held near Rocky River Ag at Crystal Brook allowing members to learn how to operate the pump and compressor in order to produce Compressed Air Foam. This replaces our older BW13 which has now been sent for refurbishing before being delivered to another group.

Working with SAAS (SA Ambulance Service)

Quite often, Crystal Brook CFS is called to assist SAAS with patient lifting or movement. On June 28 Crystal Brook SAAS (and MNERTs) and CFS conducted a training exercise at Bowman Park simulating a casualty in the creek area with a broken leg. SAAS crews responded to the casualty with CFS responding to assist with lifting and relocating the casualty safely to a stretcher and waiting ambulance. There were some challenges for all with slippery conditions and the extra unknown scenario

of an extra injury thrown in to test the response of SAAS members. It's great to be able to work together to see how each organisation operates and see the equipment that we both have available for things like this. Two volunteer organisations helping keep the local community safe.

- Gavin Zani



## TIME HOP 1940's

*from the Crystal Brook Courier, May 1940*

The Australian Wheat Board for the protection of the wheat that had been sold to the British Government and other purchasers had selected two country centres for wheat storage depots in South Australia, one at Kadina and the other at Crystal Brook, from where the wheat would be railed to Wallaroo and Port Pirie respectively.

The Crystal Brook site was on railway property and adjacent sites occupying about 15 acres with a stacking capacity of between one and a half and two million bags. Daily wheat was transferred to Crystal Brook from railway yards and sidings on the narrow-gauge systems — Wilmington— Port Pirie, Peterborough— Pirie; broad gauge Yacka — Gladstone. Mammoth stacks were built and roofed, with the sides being protected with hessian. The installation of the stacking sites, sheds, the receiving and handling of wheat provided employment for between 50 and 60 men. the wages bill amounting to about £250 a week.

The attached photo clearly shows those sheds in the railway yards and to the northwest.

Does anyone know what the tracks into the current tennis courts were for or what date this photograph was taken? Please contact a Crystal Brook History Group member or

*- Malcolm Sargent 0407 395 075.*



## TIME HOP 1970's

*Pokies Train*

Does anyone remember the Pokies Train that came to Crystal Brook in the 1970s? They stopped for a meal at the CB Football Club before returning to Adelaide. Any photos or stories would be appreciated. Contact a Crystal Brook History Group member or Malcolm Sargent: 0407 395 075

## PROBUS NEWS



*Dr. Annette Marner & Vic Morgan*

Speakers at recent meetings included Marian Wicks who spoke on the history of Red Cross and informed members of the many services they provide.

Dr. Annette Marner spoke at the August meeting. Annette is a former ABC radio broadcaster, and an award winning poet and novelist. Annette talked about her life and work on her novel "A New Name for the Colour Blue" which won the 2018 Arts SA/ Wakefield Press Adelaide Festival Award for Literature.

New members are very welcome to join our club and enjoy interesting speakers and outings.

*- Maureen Hobbs*

## Lutheran Women Caring And Sharing

The 55<sup>th</sup> Upper North Zone Lutheran Women's Fellowship Day was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August and hosted by Jamestown Lutheran Women's Fellowship. Nearly 50 women of all ages met for a day of fellowship and to hear guest speakers talk around the theme "Caring is Sharing". Attendees came from across the Mid and Upper North - from Port Broughton to Whyalla.

Pastor Stephen Noblett, of the Southern Flinders Parish opened the day with a devotion on the theme, focusing on Hebrews 13:16 "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased".

The first guest speaker was Rhianan Strangways, the marketing manager from Lutheran Laypeople's League Australia. She spoke about the many ways the LLL assists with grants and loans for nationwide projects including schools, aged care facilities and local congregations. Rhianan also spoke about the resources available through the Lutheran Tract Mission and attendees enjoyed browsing the display of tracts, cards, bookmarks and magnets available as comfort and encouragement along life's journey.

After a lunch of warming soup and a variety of savouries, locals John and Pam Staker spoke about the program Kids Hope that is currently being run as a collaboration between the Uniting Church and the Jamestown Community School. Kids Hope is a mentoring program where one adult spends one hour per week with one student over a number of years to create positive change in the life of the child through a consistent mentoring relationship. The program aims to build resilience in the children as well as hope, a sense of purpose and positivity. Local children and mentors are already benefiting from this program and new mentors are encouraged to join. The final speaker was the Lutheran Women SA/NT district assistant secretary Chris Kuchel. Chris gave a report on the various projects LWSA/NT support and



Attendees: Rhonda Klemm, Brinkworth,  
Wynne Barratt, Whyalla

encouraged those present to continue on in their current ministries.

Attendees were encouraged to bring along a blanket or quilt to donate to Lutheran Care for those in need. Pastor Stephen closed the day with a devotion and blessing of the blankets destined for Adelaide. Chris left with a car full of blankets on their way to bless others!

The next Zone Fellowship Day will be hosted in Whyalla in 2023.

- Kylie Kupke

**Southern Flinders  
Health Advisory Council  
Annual General Meeting**

You're invited to meet with your local Health Advisory members, who advocate for new and improved health services on behalf of the community.

**Event Details**  
Date: Thursday, 27 October 2022  
Time: 6.30 pm  
Location: Laura Football Clubrooms

All members of the public are welcome to attend

For more information, visit:  
[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SouthernFlindersHAC](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SouthernFlindersHAC)

## HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



*CWG members enjoyed a birthday luncheon at Booyoolie, Gladstone.*

Welcome to Father Kevin Mathews who has retired as Parish Priest at Cummins and has now “retired” to Port Pirie, assisting also at Crystal Brook and Redhill and remaining on the Marriage Tribunal.

Welcome back to Father Jimmy, who has returned from a family visit to the Philippines.

Visitors to the parish have included Missionaries of God’s Love Sisters, enjoying local hospitality in their travels.

Parish Council elections for the Cathedral and Holy Trinity have been held recently. Thank you to John O’Dea and John Slattery who have now retired. Congratulations to Graeme Frick who has taken the role of Vice Chairperson; and to Genevieve Wells who has agreed to continue yet again as Parish Finance Officer.

Celebrations have included a parish morning tea for Grandparents’ Day and a birthday luncheon at Booyoolie Brew, Gladstone, for Catholic Women’s Group members. The next parish morning tea will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Father’s Day.

The twice-yearly meeting of all groups associated with Holy Trinity has once again been a great opportunity for everyone to share information.

Church services are held Sundays at 8:30 a.m., and Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. All welcome.

*- Annette Clarke, Secretary, CWG*

## St.Silas Anglican Church News

Our Sunday morning congregation has swelled recently as we have welcomed a family of toy sloths into our midst! This has introduced a delightfully different twist to our weekly gatherings.



One of our Church members has launched ‘The Ukulele Group of Crystal Brook.’ Their first concert was held at St. Silas in August and was a great success. Well done Gwen and all involved.

Watching the T.V. series ‘The Chosen’ together has been a wonderful experience. We have especially enjoyed the group discussion afterwards which has always been stimulating and thought-provoking.

We have been pleased to join with people from other churches in and around Crystal Brook to pray for children and young families in the area. It is so encouraging to see Christians working together in unity and depending on God in prayer.

We are so thankful to God for everything He is doing in and around us in this beautiful town.

Everyone is welcome to join us at any of the above activities. Find out more by contacting Gwen: 0429 907 446.

# BINGO



*Joanne Sawyer, Glenys Stephens, Regina Till,  
Leonie Beveridge*

In August we celebrated our 4th Birthday.  
We are still going strong and having a great group of  
people each fortnight.

Bingo is held Tuesdays in the CWA Hall fortnightly, in  
the off-pension week. The next few dates for your diary  
are: 6th and 20th September  
4th and 18th October

Come along and have some fun; you don't need to be a  
professional to play. Afternoon tea is provided.

We would like to thank our wonderful group of players  
for bringing afternoon tea and helping pack up the hall  
after each session.

Follow us on Facebook: CrystalBrookBingo

*- Tanya Cameron*

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### **Thank You**

Arthur and Cherry Kennedy send  
their sincere thanks to all the  
caring people who came to  
Arthur's aid at Perry's Petrol  
Station on July 27.

## DEADLINE AND ADVERTISING

*The deadline for contributions to  
the next Chronicle, including advertising  
is Friday, October 28. We aim to publish  
on the first Monday of November.  
Items of up to 300 words are  
preferred. Longer items are welcome,  
but may be edited for  
space requirements.*

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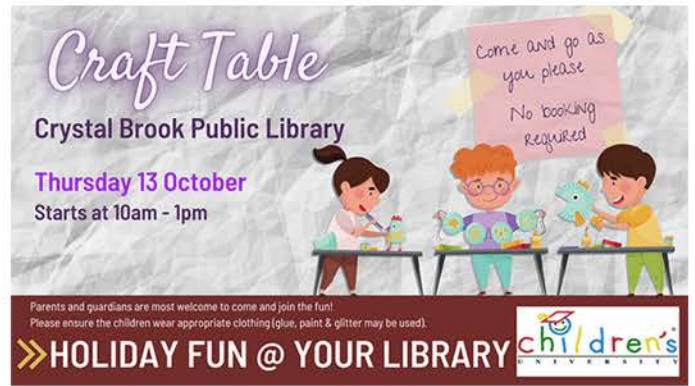
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**Bowman Park Exhibition  
September 23 - October 3**

An exhibition of a variety of modalities including watercolour, oil and acrylic painting, fabric art, sculpture and wirework. All items on display are contributed by residents of Crystal Brook and surrounds. Works will be for exhibition and sale.



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*CBNC 2023 Debutante Ball*

Practices are yet to be decided but most likely Mondays in term 1 in Crystal Brook. For students in year 11 & 12 in 2023  
Expression of interest to [cbncsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cbncsecretary@gmail.com)

**14th  
April**