



The Crystal Brook Chronicle

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The street party will be held this year on Friday December 16, from 6pm until 9pm. Bowman Street, from Eyre Road to Railway Terrace will be closed from 4pm until 10pm to enable activities and stall holders and the band to begin setting up. Please ensure that you do not have your vehicle parked in the street between those times.

This year there will be a bouncy castle, dunk tank and climbing wall as well as a couple of other activities we are still in the process of organising, and a face painter. The Juke Box Boys will be playing great music from 6pm until 9pm. The Mens Shed will be cooking a barbecue, and Lions will be selling doughnuts, the Golden North Van will be dispensing icecreams, baked potatoes will be available in front of the Long Room Hardware and Willochra will be selling their smashed pavlova.

There is still time for any club, organisation, artist or craftsperson wanting a stall on the night to contact Ann Ramsey: 0428 828 879 or Sue Smith: 0438 824 449.

You must have your own insurance.

Santa will arrive in Sullivan Place at about 7.30pm, depending on his reindeer and Citizen of the Year and other announcements.



2023 is the 150th anniversary of the opening of this region to agricultural selection by Europeans, as advertised in the "Register"

Tuesday, March 4th, 1873.

Selections at Crystal Brook

On Monday, March 3rd, a quantity of land in the Hundred of Crystal Brook, County of Victoria, was thrown open for selection at an upset price of 40 shillings per acre.

Monday, March 6, 2023 is the date for "Back to the Brook", and there will be other celebratory events for everyone to enjoy throughout the year. For this to happen, an enthusiastic band of volunteers will be needed to form a co-ordinating group. There are plenty of great ideas floating around. Now for the organising, so send your ideas for events and activities to:


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CRYSTAL BROOK
Christmas
2022

LIGHT UP

WINNERS ANNOUNCED
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*Best Street in the Brook
*Best Business
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Crystal Brook Community Association Inc.

Welcome to the final edition of the Crystal Brook Chronicle for 2022. Once again, I would like to congratulate and thank Sue Smith and Richard Eastwood for their wonderful effort in putting this paper together for the community over the last 12 months and acknowledge Trevor and Chris Wood for their support in printing the paper.

After a false start last month the Crystal Brook Community Association AGM will be held on Monday, November 7th at 7.30pm in the Crystal Brook Institute – everyone welcome. We need you; our town is thriving but to keep it that way we need many hands to help out.

Being a part of the Community Association is not a huge commitment, but many hands make light work and sharing out the tasks means everyone has an involvement without being overburdened. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

The bi-annual Crystal Brook Street Party will be held this year on Friday, December 16th commencing at 6.00pm in Bowman Street. This is a great family night and gives the town the opportunity to come together during the festive season. You will see some of the old favorite highlights return after the COVID hiatus and we are hoping there might be a few new surprises. If you think you have got some capacity to help out either leading up to that day or on the evening, we would absolutely appreciate hearing from you – please contact Sue Smith on 0438824449 or Ann Ramsey on aramsey@caramsey.com.au.

Nominations for Crystal Brook Citizen of the Year, Junior Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year are now open – further details can be found within this edition of the Chronicle. There are many people in our community who contribute in a variety of ways to making Crystal Brook the great community it is. You might know someone who does things very quietly in the community but makes a real difference or it might be someone doing some great things in a very prominent manner – it doesn't matter how people are contributing, if you think they are making a difference and improving the Crystal Brook Community please put pen to paper and nominate them now!

The announcement of the outcome of the Ag Town of the Year is drawing closer, it will be announced at a dinner in Adelaide on Friday, November 4th. Crystal Brook will be represented at the dinner by members of the Community Association and hopefully they will be the people to bring home the award. Solstice Media will be releasing their videos of each of the town finalists so have a look on 'In Daily' Regional News and you will find us. As I write this article for the Chronicle it has been decided that the printing of the publication will be held off a few days so we can include the outcome; watch this space!

Our updated website has gone live albeit with a lot of businesses and community groups still not having listed their current information. It is much more user friendly now, but more work will be done in the future to ensure it becomes, and remains, an excellent resource for everyone. Please make sure if your organization or business has events coming up or you would like to report on those events you send the information to secreatrycbca@outlook.com.au and it can be included on the website.

It is less than 8 weeks until Christmas Day – hard to believe I know, but true! As we move into the festive season, I would like to wish everyone a very happy, safe and blessed Christmas and a 2023 that is filled with a world of love, health, and happiness. I trust your Christmas and New Year will be full of generosity and gratitude and I encourage each of you to be aware of those around you in our community who might be suffering in some way to make sure you share some of that generosity with them.

- Anthea Pavy
Chairperson, Crystal Brook
Community Association

Update:

Mypolonga is the winner of the
2022 South Australian
Agricultural Town of the Year Award

BIKE TRAILS OPEN AT BOWMAN PARK



What a fantastic turn-out for the opening of the Bike Trails at Bowman Park on Friday October 7.

We had superb weather, adventurous kids, families, travellers and community members, who arrived on bikes, on foot and in cars to check out this new and wonderful feature of Bowman Park.

Thank you to the Bowman Park Management Committee for organising, Pip & Me for serving coffee and delicious food, Kidtober for providing eight treasure hunt packs to be hidden around Bowman Park, Port Pirie Regional Council for ensuring community event signage was displayed, BPMC and Bedford for weeding the nature playground by hand in preparation for the day, and Kidtober and Nature Festival for help in promoting our event.

But the biggest thank you goes to the kids, families and community members for bringing their sense of adventure to Bowman Park, as they navigated the bike trails, picnicked on the oval, played at the nature playground and explored the natural environment. So many happy and active kids, from Crystal Brook and neighbouring towns, who had a ball as they rode over the bridge, and weaved their way through the gums and native plants along designated tracks, but into a space that is wild and free.

It was a great day for all at Bowman Park, and we sincerely thank everyone for their support. We hope the bike trails are enjoyed and utilised for many years to come!



BOWMAN PARK HOSTS EXHIBITION



Mark Zed photos

This year's exhibition was held from September 23 to October 3 in the function centre at Bowman Park. There were almost 70 items on display and for sale, provided by 28 creative individuals within the community. This year's exhibition contained examples of painting in various styles and mediums, photography, fibre art and sculpture, and was viewed by over 200 visitors.

Events such as this are just not possible without the very valuable assistance of local volunteers. Thanks go to the Men's Shed for use of the display boards, to Mark Zed and others who helped set up and take down the exhibition and to the many people who donated their time. Special thanks to Helen Grossman and her helpers who provided beautiful nibbles and to Paul Zed who organised the wine, for a very enjoyable opening event.



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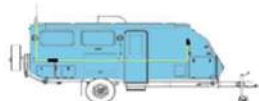
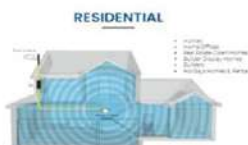
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LOCAL DOCTOR WINS GP AWARD



Dr. Holly Deer with her RACGP GP of the Year Award

“I'm extremely blessed and honoured to have been awarded the SA/NT Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) GP of the Year award. I'm not sure who nominated me - this year there were patient nominations as well as colleagues so I'm not likely to find out the source but I am extremely grateful. The nominations go to a faculty panel who then decide on the award winners. I grew up on Kangaroo Island and then studied medicine at Adelaide University. I enjoyed a lot of rural medicine experience as a medical student.

It was always a plan to work in rural medicine and I was lucky enough to secure a registrar (GP training) position at Jamestown and Peterborough and then moved to Crystal Brook to complete that training. After my GP training I then completed my GP Obstetrics training part-time at Port Augusta.

I have now been working at Crystal Brook Medical Practice for 10 years. We also look after Laura Hospital and Laura District Medical Practice where I also have the pleasure of working. I provide rural general practice care to patients, emergency care in the hospital for presentations when on-call, and GP Obstetrics at Crystal Brook Hospital. I also have an interest in aged and palliative care.

There have been lots of challenges in rural health care provision in recent years - the pandemic has obviously had a huge impact, and the workforce shortages across health that include rural doctors but also nursing staff and allied health professionals can make for trying times. But receiving an award like this is a wonderful thing for the region and for rural South Australian health. I have the privilege of being involved in people's care, and I love the continuity of care I get to be a part of by working in our General Practices and our local hospitals.

I couldn't do any of this without such wonderful support from my colleagues - the team of doctors, nurses, and administration staff, and most importantly without the support of my beautiful family. Thanks so much.”

Cheers,

- *Holly*

Crystal Brook Hospital Guild

The Hospital Guild will be conducting its annual Christmas Raffle with ticket sales beginning on November 2 and great prizes to be won. Thank you to everyone who has donated very generous prizes - Perry's Fuel Distributors, Crystal Brook Apex Club, and vouchers and goods donated by the Guild members. The project for this raffle will be to raise funds towards the refurbishment of the room identified to be the newly located palliative care room.

Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5, and will be available from Guild members at various times in Bowman Street outside Foodland. Tickets will also be available at the Street Party on December 16, when the Raffle will be drawn. The Guild will conclude its activities for 2022 with a coffee afternoon.

The Guild thanks the community for their generous support for our local hospital and its services, which we all value greatly.

- *Annette Clarke, Secretary,*
Crystal Brook Hospital Guild.

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or just come along and have some fun.**

A Spot on the Map



THE GREAT STONE WALL

The Great Dry Stone Wall runs along the high ridges of Camel's Hump and Brown Hill Ranges. South Australia's longest stone wall, is 65 km in length and has an estimated 7 million stones used in its construction around the 1860's by the then leaseholders, farming families and tradesmen. During the 1850's most of the shepherds had left for the gold fields so there was a need for fences. One of the better viewing spots is off Olives Road where the wall crosses. Park here then walk to the left, climbing the rise following the wall until you pass one of the many stone quarries from where stones were obtained.

Access is permitted along this section as it is part of The Heysen Trail. Here you can walk alongside and close up. Off in the distance a thin black line runs over barren hilltops down gullies and up slopes where it then vanishes out of sight. Here you can also get a wonderful view over the plains below. Great for photography.

From Crystal Brook follow the Goyder Highway, (B64) and turn right at "T" junction, now R. M. Williams Way, to Spalding. Continue on B64 in Spalding, then turn right then left towards Burra. Cross Fresh Water and Deep Creek, further on turn left at pumping station onto Deep Creek Road (unsealed), right at Marble Hill Road then a short distance left into Olives Road and continue on to the wall. Carry your map or GPS.

- Steve Hyde

MID-NORTH FOOD FOR ALL



Supporting Crystal Brook and surrounding towns, 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 provide the Crystal Brook Institute Hall at no cost, and the Red Cross covers our insurance obligations.

Our community would like to thank these organisations for their generous sponsorship.

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.

Over 2 million households in Australia have experienced severe food insecurity in the last 12 months – Foodbank Hunger Report, 2022.

Sadly, ***our capacity to assist new clients has reached its limit.*** If you have easy access to other food services such as the Food Hub in Port Pirie, it would be great if you could sign up with them, freeing up our food boxes for people who cannot access other services. If your circumstances have changed for the better and you no longer need our services, please let us know so that your place can be taken by someone else in need. It is great that some of our food box recipients have now found employment and no longer need our assistance.

Our team of volunteers do a great job and deserve a big thank you! Particular thanks go to Maureen Jones and Greg Wakefield who deliver and distribute food boxes from Crystal Brook to Gladstone and Redhill, to Sue Gowan for fund-raising, Ros Weir for frozen meals, Helen Kirchner for fresh eggs, and Richard Eastwood for donating our new sack truck. Many hands make light work, so we can always welcome new volunteers.

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 10:30am on any of the collection dates for this year:

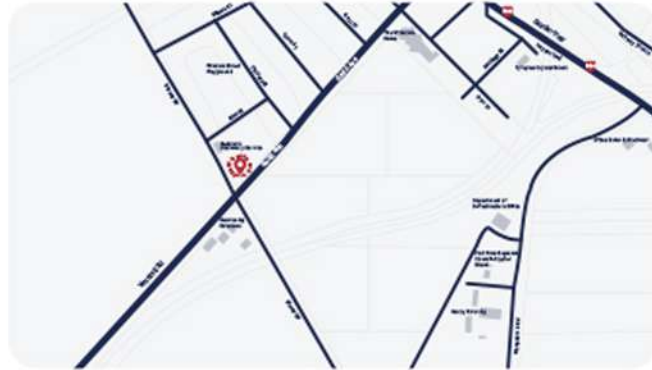
November 15 and 29; December 13.

- Paul Zed

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CRYSTAL BROOK CARAVAN PARK



The AGM of the Crystal Brook Caravan Park was held on Monday October 10th. In his Annual Report, the Chairperson, Geoff Smith, thanked all committee members and the Friends of the Park working bee volunteers for their time, work and dedication to the park.

The Report also acknowledged an appreciation for our Caretakers, Jean and Shane Martin, who are wonderful assets to the park. In our guest surveys, there are very glowing comments about their friendliness and helpfulness, and about the cleanliness and maintenance of all facilities. The park has been very busy for some months with intrastate visitors and interstate visitors from every state, and including New Zealand. In recent times the caravan park has also been visited by several caravan clubs and a motor cycle club. These visitors in turn are a boon to our other local businesses as they look for fuel and services, groceries, coffee and meals, many also enjoying a wander in Reflections and our other interesting shops.

2022-23 Caravan Park Committee

Chairperson: Geoff Smith
Vice Chairperson: Gerrie Taylor
Secretary: Annette Clarke
Finance Officer: John Yates
Committee Members: Fred Munzer; Darryl Matters; Wayne Hook; Gerry Nicholson; Lindsay Crouch. Two positions remain vacant. Please contact a committee member if you would be interested in joining.

- *Annette Clarke, Secretary,*
Crystal Brook Caravan Park Committee

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS



The Crystal Brook Community Garden is a valuable community asset but it relies on volunteers and donations for its existence, along with insurance arranged via the Mens' Shed. In today's world of widespread litigation and class actions, insurances cannot be avoided. This means that, currently, anyone interested in volunteering at the Garden needs to have a \$50 annual membership of the Shed.

A recent fund-raising venture organized by one volunteer, Wayne Bryant, involved the cutting and removal of seven donated pine trees on the Cattle Track. This will be offered as firewood in exchange for cash donations to the Garden and may also be raffled, given that there are 3 -4 tonnes of wood available.

Correction: In the last Chronicle, the phone number shown for Wayne Bryant was wrong. Anyone who would like more information about volunteering or to obtain firewood, should call Wayne: 0435 212 309

RSL NEWS

Opening Times for Meals 2022-23
Friday November 18 – Schnitzel Night
Friday December 2
Friday December 9 – Schnitzel Night
Closed January
Friday February 3, 2023

Op Shop in December

If you are decluttering and clearing out unwanted clothes or goods that are in good clean condition, bring them to the Op Shop in December to support your local RSL. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Money raised will be going towards new display cabinets in the RSL Hall.

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Back to Laura -150th



Around 800 people attended the 150th Back to Laura celebrations on the October long weekend. Celebrations included a Period Parade featuring historical agricultural machinery, vintage cars, period costumes and the Clare Valley Concert Band. Visitors were entertained with ice-cream eating competitions, butter-churning demonstrations, boot-tossing and whip-cracking.



Steve Hyde photos

Thank You

Thank you to all the wonderful people who phoned, visited and texted encouragement and best wishes while Tony was in hospital and recovery, and over the ensuing months. Extra special thanks go to Martin and Pauline Broekx who spent many long hours, days and months mowing, and in the case of Pauline, weeding our block so that it looked like a parkland, and to Brenda Perry who cooked and delivered us delicious meals. Rae Porter and Rick and Linda Flitton also assisted in many ways and we thank you very much.

There are too many others to mention by name but please be assured we appreciate all of you.

- Tony and Sue Smith

Rocky River "Riters"

Rocky River 'Riters' reading for September was "Truth" by Peter Temple. The reading for October was a personal choice book report. (The library's book of the month hadn't arrived in time.)

Members choose new words and phrases from readings they do in the month. Words included shot-clog, maleficent, abysmal and perfidy. Quotes included "Sleep taunted out of unreachable distance."

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. Rocky River 'Riters' meetings are in Gladstone on the second Friday of every month. Please contact us for meeting information. Our next meeting will be on November 11.

The creative writing meetings are on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Diocesan Hall in Gladstone.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining our group:

jhhc@bigpond.com.

Phone 0417849441

website: <https://rockyriverriters.club>

Regards,

- Jonathan

And the winner is ...



Crystal Brook Kindy is the winner of the Home Hardware barbecue prize.

WILSON FAMILY 150th REUNION



This year is 150 years since Peter Wilson, his wife Sarah and their family settled 'Byarlea' between Clements Gap and Merriton. They had migrated from Northumberland twenty years earlier and worked on and leased land at Pewsey Vale near Lyndoch. When land was being opened up for farming in the 1870s, Peter and his eldest son George inspected land throughout the Mid North, eventually purchasing land in the Clements Gap region, Hundred of Redhill in October 1872. To celebrate this occasion Peter Wilson, great-great grandson of the original Peter Wilson wrote and updated the family history book.

This book was launched at the Family Reunion held at Byarlea, the home of Matt and Tamara Wilson, George, Charlie and Lucy on the 2nd October. Over 110 relatives attended traveling from all States of Australia. There was a luncheon, book launch, tour of the property and the Clements Gap Church. The foundation stone was laid there by Mary Wilson, wife of George, to recognise four of their sons who served in World War One. Over the past 150 years the ownership of land has changed numerous times but there has been continuous farming by members of the Wilson family at Clements Gap and Merriton for the past 150 years. A great day was had by all that attended.

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Gavin Tyndale Willochra CEO, Nathan Arbon, Apex President

The Crystal Brook Apex recently held an online auction of donated items from very generous local businesses to raise money for Willochra Home to assist in purchasing a new bus. A total of \$4,564.22 was raised. The new bus has more seating, wheel-chair access and better safety features and is a fantastic asset that allows the residents to get out and about and enjoy the region in comfort.

- Nathan Arbon

CRYSTAL BROOK PROBUS NEWS

Tim Grossman spoke to members at our September meeting about his life as a beekeeper. He travels around the state mainly at night transporting hives to the West Coast for mallee trees and to the Riverland for almond plantations. Tim buys mainly Italian queen bees and also breeds them. There were many questions to Tim about aspects of beekeeping.

Our October meeting welcomed Virginia Holness from Miss Florence's Emporium. Virginia was visiting Crystal Brook and noticed the "for sale sign" in a shop window and ten days later it was hers. The name Florence was her mother-in-law's name who was born in Crystal Brook in 1912. Virginia has a love of fabrics and textiles and has built up an upholstery business, assisted by friends and supplying pre-loved clothing for the shop.

- Maureen Hobbs

THAT '70S SHOW!

A fun event to celebrate being a teenager in the 1970s was recently held in the Institute. Patrons dressed in gear from the 70s and the wigs and costumes created a lot of laughs. Can you identify any of the guests?



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Recipients of CFS Life Membership Awards - Alex Alpe, Jim Matthews and Gavin Hodgson

On Friday October 14, the Crystal Brook CFS Brigade members and their partners held their medal presentation night. Medals presented included CFS Service medals and clasps, National medal and clasps and the National Emergency medal as well as three life memberships.

The CFS service medals were presented by SA Country Fire Services Region Four Commander Cindy McCourt whilst all other awards were presented by Brenton Eden recently retired SA Country Fire Service Assistant Chief Officer and Director of Operational Training and Development.

Congratulations to the following members:
 SA Country Fire Service 10 year service medal: Norma Govan (Ladies Aux), Danny Hickey, Jordan Smith, Deb Thornton.
 20 year clasp: Cameron Hook.
 30 year clasp: Gavin Hodgson.
 40 year clasp: Trevor Greig; Malcolm Hill, Gerrie Taylor (Ladies Aux).
 50 year medal: Fred Munzer.

National Medal for 15 years service: Cameron Hook, Duane Morrow, Nicole Moroney, Andrew Sargent, Gavin Zani.
 1st clasp, 25years Alex Alpe, Danny Hickey, Gavin Hodgson, Jim Matthews.
 2nd clasp, 35years Malcolm Hill.
 3rd clasp, 45years Fred Munzer.

National Emergency Medal: Jim Matthews. The National Emergency Medal is awarded to volunteers who served more than 7 days on intrastate and interstate deployments at major fires. The following members also received National Emergency Medals at a Regional presentation in the Bundaleer Forest by the SA Country Fire Service Chief Officer Mark Jones earlier this year: Joel Gale, Duane Morrow, Andrew Sargent, Geoff Smith and Gavin Zani.

Life Membership of the SA Country Fire Service was awarded to Alex Alpe, Gavin Hodgson and Jim Matthews. These people are dedicated volunteers who give up their time to protect the local community and others in their time of need.

Our thanks go to the Crystal Brook Hockey Club for their excellent catering for our award's night.

- Geoff Smith



Current Life Members



Current Brigade Members

VEGETATION GROUP REPORT

This is a very small group of people, rounded up periodically, to do a bit of tidying and maintenance on vegetation areas around the town.

During the last twelve months all the planter boxes in Bowman Street have been dug over and fertiliser added. It was planned to have red and white geraniums planted in them, but before this was done bougainvillea had been purchased for each box. These hardy plants will add colour to the street.

The geranium cuttings that had been collected were propagated and will be planted in the perfumed garden bed on Railway Terrace.

The stone wall in this area has been repaired and fertiliser will be dug in before plants are added. The overgrown pelargonium has been trimmed back and cuttings removed by Council. Shrubs by the Post Office were trimmed so drivers had a clear view when leaving the car park.

Lantana on the corner by the Crystal Brook Hotel was trimmed back off the road. Vines by the newsagency and the Crystal Brook Hotel were trimmed and tidied and encouraged to grow along a wire under the edge of the verandah. Young trees in Mercowie Park and along Railway Terrace were mulched and watered numerous times during the hot weather. Young trees along the Walking Trail were mulched and watered several times.



Bingo at the Brook is still going strong and we have donated \$200 to the Bowman Park committee to help towards the restoration of Crystal Brook's missing goanna statues. We have three more sessions left for this year: November 15 and 29 and December 13. Bingo is held on Tuesdays in the CWA Hall fortnightly, on the off-pension week. Eyes down at 1.30pm.

- Tanya Cameron



Australian Breastfeeding Association

The local mid north ABA group has enjoyed monthly meetings with many new mums and babies at every meeting. We had an interesting talk last month about all the causes of nipple and breast pain and what to do to avoid and treat this. We enjoyed a delicious morning tea and chat as well.

In November we will meet on Thursday 10th at Woodward Park, Port Pirie (if weather is bad then check Facebook page for alternative). In December we will be back at Bronnys in Crystal Brook on Monday 12th for a Christmas themed morning. If you are a new mum and aren't part of our group you can find out more on our Facebook page: ABA mid north, where you can answer a couple of questions to be accepted and then have access to more information.

At all times parents can access the ABA webpage which has a wealth of information for parents on a huge variety of breastfeeding topics.

We also congratulate Amy Trengove who has recently finished all her study and is now a breastfeeding counsellor. We share her with the Clare group due to where she lives and works. We are looking for other mums to train in either counselling or education as there is a great need in this area for help and support. We are just in the early stages of accepting a new trainee and would love her to have a buddy to study with. If you have an interest then contact one of the counsellors on our Facebook page.

- Chrissy Mackinnon

Tai Chi

During term 4, Tai Chi sessions will be held each Monday at 11am near the Girl Guide's hall at the Showgrounds and also in Bowman Park at 7pm. These sessions are open to anyone interested in gentle whole-body exercise and cater for all levels of fitness. No previous experience is required. Tai Chi in Crystal Brook is run as a free volunteer service by Southern Flinders Health to keep people in our community strong and well. For further information contact Lorraine: 86362491.

South Australian Sheep Dog Trials State Championships



Top Five Open Winners: Dave Lacey, Mike Deppeler, Stefan Cross, Anthony Ireland, Phillip Dreckow and State Champion, "Mykita Malt."

Over the October long weekend, the North Western Agricultural Society, together with Crystal Brook Football Club were excited to once again co-host the South Australian Working Sheep Dog Trial State Championships. The three - day event commenced on Friday with a competition for Novice entries, followed by two days of competition and finals in the Open section.

With no COVID restrictions this year, competitors from around South Australia as well as Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia came to Crystal Brook for an enjoyable weekend with perfect weather. Philip Dreckow with dog Mykita Malt was triumphant as Champion "top dog" in the Open final.

Many locals and visitors stopped in at the oval to see the best dogs in competition, and to grab a snack and cold drink whilst watching. The Football Clubrooms were busy Friday and Saturday night with dinner available for locals and competitors. The amazing grounds that Crystal Brook has to offer were on display, with many competitors and visitors alike commenting how fortunate we are.

Both committees are very grateful to the support showed by competitors and visitors over the three days, with the event being another very successful fundraiser. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who generously spared their time on the long weekend, and to those many people who assisted to make the event another success for the town.

- Janet Redden

Environmental Water Flow in the Brook



On Friday October 28, Landscape SA announced that through SA Water they would be releasing water from Beetaloo Reservoir on Saturday 29.

This season two run-offs have occurred where the creek has flowed. The first flow reached the end of the Motor Club property on September 13 and the second flow just passed under the railway bridge in town on October 27.

It is hoped that with an already wet watercourse that this latest flow will penetrate further than the flow last year when it failed to pass under the bridge on Highway One on November 18, 2021. These latest flows will benefit aquatic life at Bowman Park and eventually benefit the River Red Gum trees further down the creek. Ultimately, with community pressure, it is hoped that "environmental flows" will be a regular occurrence for the Crystal Brook watercourse as it is for other creeks and rivers in South Australia.

- Malcolm Sargent



The Crystal Brook Centenary book has been reprinted and is available from Crystal Brook History Group members or at Reflections for \$20.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Holy Trinity



Father Emile blessing the boxes packed with items for hygiene, education, clothing and fun before despatch.

The Catholic Women's Group has again coordinated the collection of goods and money for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes for needy children overseas. Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed so generously towards the 35 well-filled boxes and the \$350.00 needed to send them on their way.

In October, parishioners gathered in homes and the church to recite the Rosary, with prayers for the sick and those suffering disasters and atrocities around the world. Other recent events have included a Sunday parish lunch; and a planned NET youth program with the CWG and the Knights hosting the afternoon tea and barbecue.

Diary Dates:

- November 30th: Memorial service at the hospital
- December 4th: Christmas Carols
Sunday School wind-up.
- December 7th: Annual Catholic Ladies
Christmas Luncheon.

2023 Columban Calendars will also soon be available for purchase in the church porch.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO EVERYONE!

- Annette Clarke,
Secretary, CWG

St.Silas Anglican Church



For more information call Mark on 8632 3737 or email mark@crystalbrookanglicanchurch.org.au

Do you like movies? St. Silas has started gathering once a fortnight on Tuesday afternoons to watch a thought-provoking movie followed by tea and coffee while we have a discussion. You are welcome to join us. The movies for the rest of this year are:

Tuesday, November 8 at 2pm:

'Overcomer'

Tuesday, November 22 at 2pm:

'The Book of Ruth'

Tuesday December 6 at 2pm:

'The Chosen Christmas Special'

This year we are also having an informal Christmas Party at 2pm on Tuesday, December 20. There will be food and games for anyone of any age so come along and join us. All are welcome. Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 7.30pm on Saturday, December 24. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

A poster for Christmas services at Crystal Brook Combined Churches. It features an illustration of three wise men on camels. The text reads: 'CRYSTAL BROOK COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS SERVICES and MASSES'. Below this, it lists services for three churches: 'Community Church Christmas Day 9.00 am', 'Holy Trinity Catholic Church: Christmas Eve 6.00 pm', and 'Lutheran Church: December 18 Children's Christmas Service 9.00 am. Christmas Eve: 7.00 pm. Christmas Day: 9.00 am'. At the bottom, it lists 'St Silas Anglican Church Christmas Eve: 7.30 pm'.

2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominations for the 2022 Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year are now open. These awards recognise a community member who has made significant contributions to the Crystal Brook community as well as recognising the community events that have been held during the year.

Crystal Brook Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year Award Community Event of the Year Award:

This is presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year.

Written nominations are due by **Monday, November 28**. A nomination form can be emailed to you, or paper copies are now available from the Crystal Brook Post Office, library or newsagency. Please send completed forms to: secretaryCBCA@outlook.com.au
Winners will be announced at the Crystal Brook Christmas Street Party on Friday, December 16.

Contact Anthea Pavy on 0427 861 683 or Malcolm Sargent on 0407 395 075 if you have any queries.

2023 Community Calendar

Sunday March 5: Tennis Club Junior
Doubles Tournament.
Combined Churches
Mass: Service in
Adelaide Square/Institute

Monday March 6: Crystal Brook 150th

Sunday March 26: Fitness Centre Fun Run

Sunday May 28: Golf Ambrose
Championship

Friday July 7: Golf Club Ladies Open

Saturday July 8: Golf Club Centenary
Dinner

Sunday July 9: Golf Club Men's Open

Tuesday 18 July: Golf Club Women's
Country Week Bronze Shield (Golf SA event)

Sunday August 6: Golf Club Heritage Day

Saturday August 19 -

Sunday August 20: Golf Club Sand Greens
(Golf SA event)

Friday August 25: Golf Club Farmer's Day

CHANGES AT THE CHRONICLE

We have a new e-mail address for ads and contributions. All advertising and other contributions for the next edition of the Chronicle, published in **February, 2023**, should be sent to our new e-mail address:

crystalbrookchronicle@gmail.com

Deadline for all contributions is Friday, January 27.

Contributions as .docx files of around 300 words are preferred, to give as many as possible the opportunity to have their club, organization or other news published. Word count can easily be checked in the bottom left corner of the screen in MS Word. All contributors are invited to include a name and contact number or link to a Facebook page or website for anyone who would like more information about published items.

Photographs are welcome and will be printed along with text when space permits.

High resolution .jpg or .png files are best.

Advertising in the Chronicle

Half page: \$20; Quarter page: \$15; Trade ad: \$10. Advertisements and flyers can be sent as .docx, .jpg or .pdf files.

Questions about advertising or contributions can be sent to the e-mail address above.

Website

The Community Association website has been updated and digital copies of the Chronicle are now available to download: crystalbrooksouthaustralia.com.au

Thank you to the Crystal Brook community for your generous donations of cans and bottles, helping support a number of charities and groups. The trailer is back at the corner of Gilbert Street and Binney Road for any donations or I can collect them.

Call Sue: 0448 930 464.

Bowman Court News

It's so good to finally be having some "spring weather", and the residents are loving the burst of colour in the Village gardens. The gardener has been to prune, trim and spray weeds.

Resident Kevin Schulz celebrated his 90th Birthday on September 27. Happy birthday and congratulations, Kevin. Most Bowman Court residents joined Kevin at the Bowling Club to celebrate this special occasion with him. He will have many happy memories of this occasion.

Footy season is over, so on Friday October 7, a "happy hour" followed by a barbecue tea was held in the Village Pergola to wind-up our Tipping Competition. Thank you to Ernie for once again cooking the barbecue for us and doing a great job. He was given a small gift of appreciation from the residents.

Competition winners were presented with their winnings. Minor round winners: a tie between Allison Tilbrook and Kevin Schulz. Perfect Scores x 2: Bob Gale. 5 tipsters had 1 Perfect Score. Grand Final Winner + the margin: Helen Greig. Congratulations to all. The Pergola was decorated with "footy posters" and people wore something in their favourite team colours to add to the "footy theme".

A poem about the game of football and a general knowledge quiz concluded the enjoyable get together for Residents. Happy birthday and best wishes always to Maxine Kitschke for October 11.

- Bev Wyatt



Caps are back in fashion at Bowman Court



The first weeks of term 4 saw the Girl Guides discussing the meaning of International Day of the Girl Child and the reasons why there is a need to focus on girls and young women throughout the world.

Soroptimists International provided kites for the girls to fly, which they decorated with powerful words and statements to encourage girls to reach their full potential.

An Art Day was held on Saturday where girls tried their hand at basket making, macrame, collage, fence weaving, spin art and fingerprinting. It is hoped that many of the products from this day will be on display in the Port Pirie Art Gallery during the Youth Art Show from November 2 to December 11.

Golf Club Member Recognized for Her Service



On Saturday October 22, Amanda Bowman was announced as the winner of the SA Country Volunteer of the Year Award for 2022. This was in recognition of the enormous amount of work Amanda has put in to the Golf Club over the last 3 years. Some, but not all of her achievements have been the instigation of the junior coaching scheme, fund-raising efforts, arranging of sponsors and the writing of grants to gain funds for our golf club improvements.

Amanda could not be present at the awards as she was on holidays overseas, but she was able to send an acceptance video and Graeme Frick was there in person to accept the award on her behalf.

After this news, the CBGC and Amanda received another email to say that she had also been selected as the 2022 Community Instructor of the Year!

We are so proud of all Amanda has achieved and I thank her on behalf of the Crystal Brook Golf Club.

- *Richard Mackinnon*
President, CBGC

[Facebook.com/crystalbrookgolfclub](https://www.facebook.com/crystalbrookgolfclub)

Crystal Brook Croquet

The croquet season is now underway with our Crystal Brook team playing Pirie each week, alternating between home venues. Matches are played Wednesday mornings commencing at 8.30am and finishing by midday. Please feel free to come along and watch some games and if you would like to try this challenging sport contact:

Erica 0429679245 or
Lorraine 86362491.

New players would be very welcome

CRYSTAL BROOK FOOTBALL CLUB 2022 AWARDS

Life Member: Mickey Fogarty

Seniors

Best Club Person

Michael "Mickey" Fogarty Award:

Brian Butcher

All Grades

Most NAFA Votes

Shane Arbon Award: Sam Richards and Oscar Pedler

Colts

Outstanding Achievement Award

James Clothier Memorial Award: Tyler Phillips

A Grade

Best and Fairest

R. O'Shaughnessy Trophy: Luke Kapitola

Runner-up: Jackson Nance

Coach's Trophy: Patrick O'Dea

Best Team Man Graham Combe Trophy: Daniel Hill

B Grade

Best and Fairest

R. O'Shaughnessy Trophy: Shayne Richards

Runner-up: Ryan Perkins

Best Team Man: Angus Combe

Coach's Trophy: Sean Clarke

Senior Colts

Best and Fairest:

Damien "Joel" Head

Oscar Pedler

Runner-up: Hugh Marshall

Best Team Man: Lucas Manners

Most Improved: Adam Smith

Junior Colts

Best and Fairest Phil Stevens Trophy: Lawson Wauchope

Runner-up: Sam Richards

Most Improved: Paxton Mayger

Best Team Man: Ryder Arnold

Coach's Trophy: Gavin O'Brien

Most Consistent: Aaron Hombsch

Note: Due to space limitations in this edition of the Chronicle, it was not possible to include photos of the Award winners. Anyone who would like to see the photos can log on to the CBFC Facebook page.

CRYSTAL BROOK HOCKEY 2022 WRAP



Men's Grand Final winning team

The 2022 hockey season has come to an end, with all 5 teams from Under 14s up to Division 2 Women making it through to the finals series. Unfortunately, the Under 14 Mixed, Under 18 Girls, and Division 3 Women were knocked out of contention during Semi and Prelim Finals. They all fought their hardest and should be so proud of their season. Division 2 Women played a contentious and hard-fought Grand Final match, that went into overtime, but they sadly ended their year with a score of 1-2 against Redemption next year, ladies!

The Division 3 Men's team was successful in bringing home the chocolates after their Herculean, late-night game. What a game it was, too! The score was 1-1 at full time (70 minutes), which meant they would have to play 10 minutes each end until a 'Golden Goal' was scored. At the end of the 20 minutes of extra time the score was still tied 1-1, so penalty shoot-outs were needed. CB won the shoot-outs thanks to the mad goalkeeping skills of Ryan Catlin, the perfectly placed goals from the individual shot takers, and the superlative coaching from Ali Gulin. Final score 4-2. Cliff hanger, nail biter, heart stopping. MVP of the GF – Zac Crispin.

Crystal Brook Hockey Club also made a magnificent showing in the Port Pirie and Districts Hockey Association Awards.

CBHC Junior Club Awards

Under 10 White Most Improved – Harper Green.

Under 10 Red Most Improved – Adeline Nicol

Under 14 Mixed

Best and Fairest – Bella Gulin

1st Runner Up – Eli Tucker

2nd Runner Up – Macen Taylor

Under 18 Girls

Best and Fairest – Daisy Gulin

1st Runner Up – Alanah Greatorex

2nd Runner Up – Bella Gulin

Junior Highest Goal Scorer –

Logan Wurst

Junior Club Person

Daisy Gulin. Daisy coached an Under 10 team, umpired, filled in coaching, canteen and other duties without hesitation when required. She also played in two grades every weekend. Daisy is a positive role model in the club to juniors and seniors alike. She leads by example and epitomises all that is great about our club.

CBHC Senior Club Awards

Most votes overall – Zac Crispin

Player of the Finals – Bella Gulin

Senior Highest Goal Scorer –

Paula Peterson: 21 goals.

- Jo Taylor



The first time all five Gulins have been on the field at the same time. Leith and Darcy umpiring, and Bella, Daisy and Ali playing together.



CRYSTAL BROOK NETBALL CLUB 2022 BEST AND FAIREST AWARDS



A GRADE
B&F Gemma Horgan
R/U Jemma Kelly



B GRADE
B&F Mabel Arbon
R/U Carla Hook



C GRADE
B&F Amanda Bowman
R/U Anabelle Arnold



D GRADE
B&F Kim Allen
R/U Olivia Pilkington



E GRADE
B&F Emmie Starke
R/U Charlotte Kerin



F GRADE
B&F Liz Clarke
R/U Cammie Noonan



CLUB PERSON AWARD
Jess Tobin



LIFE MEMBER AWARDS
Julianne Hill



Robyn Kelly



G GRADE
B&F Zara Bowman
R/U Emily Wilson



H GRADE
B&F Lilli Bowman
R/U Hilary Wilson



I GRADE
B&F Lily Merkel
R/U Kaden Hook and Ruby Hook



J GRADE
B&F Georgia Clements
R/U Tahlia Millard



Gloria Lamber Memorial Trophy
Most junior votes
Zara Bowman and Lily Merkel



Roy O'Shaughnessy Memorial Trophy
Most senior votes
Gemma Horgan



F GRADE PREMIERS!!!

Back row : Tracey Large, Natalija Wauchope, Meg Arbon, Cammie Noonan, Bridie Perriman, Matilda Wilson, Lilly Bowyer, Jodie Pacey, Liz Clarke
Front row: Chantelle Phillips, Kim Allen (coach), Kelly Fogarty (coach), Maggie Clarke

Best on court: Tracey Large

Samantha Jared's Trophies



Samantha plays netball for Central Risdon Netball Club in Port Pirie. This season she played in D Grade as Goal Shooter. Her team made it to the grand final which was played on September 3. Unfortunately they lost by 7 goals against Saint Marks Celtic. On that same day the Port Pirie Netball Association had their trophy presentation, where Samantha received Best and Fairest for D Grade and the Bath Cup for most votes over C, D, and E Grade. She also received the Hutchison Memorial trophy for Most Votes over all Grades in the Association. Her team also received the Goal Throwing shield for C, D and E Grade.

On Friday, September 9, we had our club presentations where Samantha received the Best and Fairest trophy for D Grades, Central Risdon Netball Club and the seniors' Most Votes Medal in honour of Daphne Hutchinson. Daphne was the founding member of Centrals Netball Club in 1955. Samantha has had an outstanding season in 2022, also receiving a certificate to mark 10 years playing for Risdon and Central Risdon after they amalgamated.

The Combined Churches of Crystal Brook present

Carols in the Park

at the Rotunda

Adelaide Square, Crystal Brook

In case of inclement weather, Carols will be held in the Institute

Sunday 4th December 2022

From 5.30pm - BBQ & drinks
- Hot donuts
- Free face painting & children's craft

6.30pm - Carols commence

★ Programs available for a gold coin donation
★ Glow Sticks for sale



Bring your family & friends to join this Community celebration of Christmas!



Veda Images

Friends of the Women's & Children Hospital—
Crystal Brook Auxiliary

FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Are you hoping to update your family photos before Christmas?
Book now with Veda Images for a fundraising session,
With 75% of fees going directly to the Women's and Children's Hospital.

When: Saturday the 19th of November or
Saturday the 26th of November

Where: Crystal Brook Golf Course

Cost: \$60 per session. \$15 deposit fee to Veda Images, \$45 cash to Women's and Children's Hospital Rep

What's included: 15 Minute session, 5 Digital prints of your choice. Other images can be purchased via online gallery privately.

Please Book online at : <https://calendly.com/vedaimages/wch-family-photo-fundraiser?month=2022-11>



Please join us for our
Christmas Shopping Night
Friday, November 25
CRYSTAL BROOK FOOTBALL CLUB
Kendrew Terrace, Crystal brook
Don't miss the fun!
6:00pm Start
Grazing platters supplied, glass of wine on entry
Bar open until late
Tickets: \$30
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-shopping-night-tickets-428921063447>
Variety of stalls to cover all your Christmas gift needs

You're invited
Beetaloo environmental water release celebrations

Join us to celebrate the environmental water releases into the Crystal Brook Creek during the past two years.

Sunday, 13 November 2022, 12pm-2pm
Bowman Park, Crystal Brook
Barbecue lunch provided

Register:
<https://BeetalooBBQ.eventbrite.com.au>
For more info, contact Jennifer Munro on 0437 548 992.

Certificate of Merit
for Outstanding Community Service

Port Pirie Regional Council

Nominations are now open for the **Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Community Service**.

This is your opportunity to help recognise individuals in the community who have made significant contributions to Port Pirie and the region.

Certificates are presented at the New Years Eve Celebrations held at the Port Pirie Foreshore Precinct or elsewhere in the region, depending on the nominee's location.

Nominate online or download a nomination form at Council's website www.pirie.sa.gov.au or pick up a form from Council offices or Libraries.

Nominations close Friday 25 November 2022.

Join our inspiring **South Australians** for an impactful conversation.

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