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## ANZAC DAY, 108 Years On



*Official Party: RSL President Scott Bowman, along side the 9th Combat Service Support Battalion and the Crystal Brook Primary School SRC Year 6 Leaders – Darcy Rossack, Isabella Emms, Patrick Noonan and Peyton Jeffries.*

It was 108 years ago today when regular Australian and New Zealander soldiers, mostly just young men, looking for adventure, crowded shoulder to shoulder with their mates in large rowing boats.

As they approached the shore on Gallipoli Peninsula, the Anzacs were hit with shrapnel, bullets and blood from above. Some never even touched Turkish soil.

On April 25, at 6:15am we stopped to pay tribute to all the ANZAC's, past, present and future. We also paid tribute to all our Vietnam Veterans and those who never made it home. It is 50 years this year since the last of the troops came home. Crystal Brook Primary School SRC Leaders read a poem called 'Welcome Home', to acknowledge their bravery and service.

The memory of the ANZAC's lives on amongst the community of Crystal Brook with a strong turn-out at the dawn service.

RSL President, Scott Bowman, alongside his band of wonderful committee members who work tirelessly behind the scenes, once again put together a touching, seamless service, which up holds traditions of ANZAC Day whilst getting the students and community involved.

Thank you to all who attended and those who contributed to the service and back at the RSL, including the Australian Army 9th Combat Service Support Battalion.

*more ANZAC photos p.5*



## Crystal Brook Community Association Inc.

Welcome to the winter edition of the Crystal Brook Chronicle. As our weather becomes cooler and the days become shorter the region is looking for a good soaking rain to set the season off to a sound start, let's hope it comes soon!

When I wrote the April editorial on the importance of 'community' and how in the face of adversity the social connectedness that community provides is vital, I could never have anticipated the event that would occur in Crystal Brook on May 3rd putting our community to the ultimate test. I am so proud to say that the Crystal Brook community has indeed proved how strong it is. From our first responders to the neighbor who stepped in to help, to our hospital and medical staff and the wider community everyone has helped in whatever way they can. The conversation in the community has been 'what can I do to help' or 'how are you going'. Some of the actions have been free coffees and biscuits, banners and blue arm bands at the football, and acknowledgements at community meetings. An event like the one which occurred in our town on May 3rd should never be allowed to define our community. Rather, it is how we as a community respond to that event that should define us and the Crystal Brook community has certainly demonstrated it is strong, resilient, generous, and caring – a great place to live.

Of course, this editorial wouldn't be complete without saying that our thoughts remain with the two Police Officers, Ian Todd, and Jordan Allely, who whilst simply going about their daily job of protecting our community were seriously injured. It is my understanding that both officers are recuperating well but there remains a long road to full recovery. The Crystal Brook community continues to send its love and support to these officers and their families during this challenging time, and we remain forever grateful to them for the work they, and their colleagues do in keeping us all safe.

On another sad note our community recently lost our much-loved pharmacist and true friend and gentleman Chris Ramsey. To Ann, Matilda, Jack, Gretel, Noah, and their partners the Crystal Brook community sends its heartfelt condolences. Ann has been an active member of the Community Association for a number of years and is currently the association's treasurer. Chris will be sorely missed in the community, but his legacy will live on in the achievements he and his family have accomplished in their time in Crystal Brook – much loved and remembered always.

The Community Association is continuing to work on the preparation for the development of a community plan, meeting with other Community Associations in our region and discussing with the Council some outstanding tasks and other items we wish to be considered. I would like to thank and acknowledge some of the Community Association members along with some willing folk who have undertaken a range of physical tasks in the community recently including cleaning, tidying, labeling, and gardening – great job everyone!

A reminder that the Community Association meets on the first Monday of each month in the Institute meeting room at 7.30 pm. If you have something you would like to discuss or maybe you would like to join the group, please contact one of the members or e-mail us at:

[secretarycbca@outlook.com.au](mailto:secretarycbca@outlook.com.au)

- *Anthea Pavy*  
Chairperson, CBCA

Rainfall Records – Crystal Brook  
Source – Bureau of Meteorology

Current Year	April 2023	44.2mm	May 2023	41.4mm
1 year ago	April 2022	1.4mm	May 2022	51.6mm
50 Years ago	April 1973	29.6mm	May 1973	26.0mm
100 Years ago	April 1923	6.4mm	May 1923	37.1mm

## CRYSTAL BROOK SHOW NEWS



### North Western Agricultural Society Inc. Crystal Brook Show Committee

This year's Show will be on Saturday, August 12. The winner of our "Design the Front Cover" for the Show Book competition is Ella Clements with her ag-themed cover. (See photo). Crystal Brook Show Books will be available from the end of June. Have you planted your winter vegetables ready for Show Day? The Fruit and Veg section is always a well-supported area in the Entries Pavilion (now located in the Rec. Centre). What about entries for the craft section? During the school holidays our Committee member and Convenor, Sonya Kerin will be running a workshop each Wednesday to assist with Show entries. Workshops are free, and a great way for the kids and adults alike to get excited about Show Day.

#### Workshop 1

Date: Wednesday, July 12.

Time: 10am until 12pm

Location: Trade Hall (behind Secretary's Office)

#### Workshop 2

Date: Wednesday, July 19.

Time: 10am until 12pm

Location: Trade Hall (behind Secretary's Office)

We will have some items to make/paint/create at the workshops, but you are most welcome to bring along anything that you think you'd like to use on the day. Cardboard boxes, paper plates, leaves, canvas to paint, old screws and bolts, picture frames - anything that you'd been thinking of entering in the Show. To register for either workshop, please contact Sonya Kerin: 0417 895 283.

We would love our local Community to get on board with Show Day excitement, so we invite local businesses in the week leading up to the Show, August 7 – 11, to decorate their front windows with their best Show themed displays. The winners, judged by the Committee, will be the lucky recipients of tickets to the Show Day luncheon. See our Facebook page and website for regular updates about planned entertainment activities for Show Day.

If you'd like to become a member of our organisation please visit our website:

[crystalbrookshowsa.net](http://crystalbrookshowsa.net)

or contact the Secretary:

[secretary.cbshow@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.cbshow@gmail.com)

or call: 0474 502 241.

By becoming a member, you help support our organisation in bringing the Crystal Brook Show to the community, in addition to the day-to-day running of our organisation and grounds.



On Friday, May 19, students from Crystal Brook Primary School took part in **National Walk Safely to School Day**. It was great to see so many of our students being active and walking or riding safely to school. Once they arrived, students were treated to a bacon and egg roll. A huge thankyou to Kupsch Bakery for providing the bread, to the Combined Churches of Crystal Brook for the eggs and bacon and Ben Hook on behalf of Apex for the use of the barbecue. Thankyou also to Carly Smart for helping with serving and to all the students who assisted.

- Paul Fogarty  
Pastoral Care Worker



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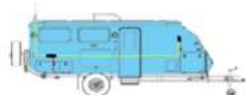
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*9th Combat Service Support Battalion - Catafalque Party*



*Dave Petersen, RSL Secretary and Veteran, laid a wreath on behalf of the local and surrounding areas Veterans.*



*Kirsty Nicolson (Citizen of the Year) and Daisy Gulin (Junior Citizen of the Year) laid a wreath of remembrance on behalf of the Port Pirie Regional Council and Crystal Brook Community Association.*



*Bob Lewis, Vietnam Veteran who read the ode, standing for the last post alongside RSL President, Scott Bowman.*



*Keeley Greatorex beautifully sang the National Anthem as part of the service.*



*Presenting Arms*



*SRC Leaders, Patrick Noonan and Darcy Rossack lay a wreath on behalf of the School Community.*



It can be hard to admit we're lonely, even to ourselves. Many people are reluctant to acknowledge they're lonely, for fear it makes them seem flawed in some way but it's important to know that loneliness is not your fault and it's not a personal failure. Rather, it's in part due to our diminished sense of community in a society that places a high value on self-reliance and autonomy.

Persistent loneliness is painful. Not only does it involve immense emotional suffering, but it also has a direct impact on our life expectancy. Pioneering research by Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience - Julianne Holt-Lunstad combining over 148 studies, showed that people with stronger social relationships had a 50% increased likelihood of survival over a given period of time, than those who have fewer social connections.

**In a nutshell, having more and better relationships predicted living longer.**

You may have seen the news headlines that lacking social connections, carries a similar risk to smoking up to 15 cigarettes per day. This statistic comes directly from Julianne's research, which also suggests that social isolation is comparable (and in many cases exceeds) other well known risk factors such as: Excessive drinking - Physical inactivity - Obesity - Air pollution - Poor nutrition. Importantly, research has linked social isolation and loneliness with a greater risk of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, depression and dementia.

**But here's the good news... There are things you can do!**

Two important factors from the latest research that increase longevity were close relationships (e.g. close friends you can rely on to support you), and social integration. Social integration includes both strong and weak bonds, such as the people you see on your daily walk, the quick chat you have at your local cafe, or the people who stop to pat your dog. It turns out the face-to-face interactions you have on a daily basis are also one of the strongest predictors of how long you'll live. Face to face contact releases a whole cascade of neurotransmitters, one of which is the stress reducing hormone - oxytocin. Even making eye contact with someone can trigger the release of oxytocin.

**Who would have thought a friendly hello could help lower your cortisol levels?**

Take every opportunity you can, every day, to help someone lower their cortisol levels whether they are someone you know or a visitor to town.



## **FLU VACCINATIONS**

The Crystal Brook Medical Practice and Laura Districts Medical Practice held Drive Thru Flu Vaccination Clinics at the Crystal Brook and Laura Football Ovals in April. 331 people received the influenza immunisation at the Crystal Brook Clinic and 221 at Laura. We would like to thank everyone who attended for helping to make these successful events. Special thanks also to the many volunteers that helped with running these clinics, especially: Dani Hickey, Ingrid Combe, Tom Kerin, Mick, Kerin, Anthony Combe, Angus Combe, Cathy Combe, Karin Lynch and Heidi McCallum and to clinic staff for being our Marshalls and Observers.

*- Gabby Combe*

Crystal Brook and Laura District Medical Practices



A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the very successful activities at Bowman Park over the week-end of May 6 and 7. Our new alliance with the Overland 4WD Club got off to a fantastic start. They proved to be very willing workers and great company as well. It has been wonderful to receive positive feedback from Club members and to hear they are keen to be involved again.

It was a great feeling for the Bowman Park committee to come away very happy with what was achieved, with the prospect of having some very valuable help in the future. Some of the tasks included removal of the central fire pit in carpark, mulching, pruning and weeding garden beds, planting river redgums near the creek, post-hole digging (in very challenging hard ground), clearing paths. During this work, new friendships were formed.

Having this new association and offer of quality help gives us some confidence to set our sights a little higher and take on some larger projects that require hands on deck. It is a game changer for Bowman Park.

Edges of the bike trail have been trimmed and weeds sprayed, so the track is easily identifiable by users. To make it easier for riders and walkers, signs have been attached to the recently installed posts and these have been located to show the trail in an anti-clockwise direction. The signs are a great addition that will continue to improve the trail for visitors of all ages. The more riders we can have using the bike trail, the more it will improve its visibility and compaction. We'd love to hear about your experiences.

## CRYSTAL BROOK CARAVAN PARK NEWS

The exciting news from the Caravan Park Committee is that finally it is full-steam ahead to install three new, 2-bedroom cabins in the Park. The cabins will be built off-site in Adelaide and transported, with plumbing, fixtures, electrical appliances and furnishings, using local suppliers and businesses, to then be installed. Expected availability before Christmas 2023. This project has been three years in the making after much planning, budgeting, negotiating, and decision making. For some time, due to the proximity of the creek bed, progress was hamstrung by the delay in waiting for the hydrological report. It has also involved bringing power across the golf course and organizing considerable ground preparation. In keeping with the Explorer theme of the other three cabins, each cabin will be named after an appropriate explorer.

The existing cabins are consistently heavily booked, and it will be wonderful to be able to offer more cabins to meet demand. Powered and unpowered sites in the Park have also been well patronized, with guests enjoying camaraderie around the camp fire on cold evenings *and*, the gas gun has proved most successful in moving the corellas, with native birds now returning.

*- Annette Clarke*



*Kindy students Kai Millard, Angus Bellman, Max Allen and Charlie Wilson at a marker on the Bowman Park Bike Track.*

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# A Spot on the Map



## The Old Broughton Road Historic Sites and Crossings

Leaving Crystal Brook from Jubilee Park, turn right at Gadd Avenue, cross the railway and turn right onto Darbon Terrace. Opposite the silos, turn left on Frith Road. Turn right at Augusta Highway then quick left back onto Frith Road. Cross Crystal Brook Creek and the old railway corridor. At the next junction turn right on Senna Road, then immediately turn left onto Whim Road and left at the next junction. Stay on Whim Road and pass the Whim Hotel ruin. This was an historic coach and wagon route where there is a sign and some plaques.

At the Spencer Highway, continue right towards Port Pirie Aerodrome and then turn left at signs onto Old Pirie-Broughton Road. Follow this historic route, passing grain growing and grazing areas. After Butlers Hall, cross Butlers Bridge and stop to read informative signs. A short stroll further on the left there is another large sign at the fence. This describes the Broughton (Wandearah) Sub-Station of the Crystal Brook Run.

Continue on Old Pirie-Broughton Road to the junction with the Spencer Highway and turn left. Stay on the highway, passing Clements Gap Conservation Park, and the old schoolhouse ruin, through cross roads. At the next cross-roads, turn right into Sinclairs Road. Cross the Broughton at Sinclairs Crossing and at the Augusta Highway turn right. Just past the Merriton road junction, turn left off the highway before the Broughton River bridge onto Glenburn Road. Cross the railway, passing the old quarry and at the Cattle Track turn left, where there are many ruins between Redhill and Crystal Brook. Cross the Yackamoorundie Creek then the Rocky River, where there was an early Agricultural Show site. Join the Goyder Highway and turn left to Crystal Brook and then back on Darbon Terrace. Another interesting afternoon spent discovering a small part of the history of the Mid-North. Unsealed roads may be dry weather only!

- Steve Hyde



The Brush with Art Event runs from September 9 until October 9. Solo artists or art groups who own Galleries, Studios or exhibit in other venues, pay a set membership fee to have their venue included in the 'art trail'. Although some artists come from other areas of the State, all venues must be located within the Flinders Ranges-Southern Flinders geographical region. Membership fees and Registration for the event are usually paid by April 30 each year in order to organize web updating and the design and printing of brochures.

### Bowman Park Exhibition 2023

This Exhibition will be in September and the link to entry forms and more information will be in the next Chronicle. Entry forms should be available in July. The 2023 flindersrangesabrushwithart website should be updated and live soon, allowing galleries and venues to update their information. For anyone interested in finding out more, please contact Lorraine: 0400 292 598

### Gladstone Art Exhibition 2023

The Gladstone Art Exhibition is an annual event presented by the Gladstone Community Development and Tourism Assoc. Inc. The 2023 Exhibition opens in the Gladstone Town Hall on Saturday, September 9 and closes on Friday, October, 6 and is open daily from 10 am until 4.00 pm. The Gladstone Art Exhibition is affiliated with the Flinders Ranges – A Brush with Art programme. Seven categories of art can be entered in the Exhibition. Closing date for receipt of entry forms is Monday, August 28. Entry fees of \$5.00 for each piece of work may be paid in cash, cheque or bank transfer. Entry forms can be downloaded from: [gladstonesa.com.au](http://gladstonesa.com.au)

## WHEN ELECTRIC POWER CAME TO CRYSTAL BROOK . . .



*Harry Gadd*

In 1922, Mr. H. C. Gadd applied to the Council for the right to supply electric power to Crystal Brook. This application received a favourable consideration when presented to a rate payers meeting, called to discuss the project. The outcome was that the Council was authorized to grant Mr. Gadd sole rights to supply electric power to the town and district, under jurisdiction of the Crystal Brook Council. On receipt of this information, Mr. Gadd contacted Mr. Murray of the Southern Electric Supply Company, who advised him to install an A.C. Plant, which was rare in those days, as small towns were supplied with D.C. or direct current with batteries used as back up when the engines were stopped. This advice proved correct, as in a few years most D.C. plants were discarded.

The first plant was brought into operation in 1923. It was installed on Mr. Gadd's property in Mitchell Street. The first power was supplied between 5.00 pm and midnight, but after a few months it was made available on Monday afternoons to cater for the use of electric irons. As the demand increased, the hours of supply were extended until eventually a continuous service was provided and by 1926, the Company H. C. Gadd was formed and the generating equipment was moved to much larger premises on Railway Terrace. In 1937 a more modern unit was installed and during the 1930's an ice-making plant was installed to supply ice for the township which proved to be very popular.

The supply of electric power was continued until 1950, when the Adelaide Electric Supply Co. took over the contract to supply electricity to the township.

-As told by Mr. A. Cam Gilbert, 1994

## Where are they now?



The Crystal Brook History Group is urgently seeking short, around 250 word resumes about former students of Crystal Brook Primary School, along with a current photo. These stories will become part of the "150 Crystal Brook" book to be launched on the October long week-end and can be emailed to Marj Crouch at [rcrouch@westnet.com.au](mailto:rcrouch@westnet.com.au) before the end of June.

We want to promote the achievements of our school students as part of preserving the history of our wonderful town. Will your family be represented?



### **Missing!**

*Two Scrap Books on Crystal Brook Rural Youth.  
Last seen at the Reunion in March.  
Anyone who may have information, please  
contact Malcolm Sargent: 0407 395 075*

## CRYSTAL BROOK HOSPITAL GUILD

The annual Mother's Day Stall and envelope collection conducted by the Guild in May was very successful. Grateful thanks are given to everyone in the community who gave envelope donations, provided flowers for the stall, and donated raffle prizes. Thank you also to the Bingo Committee for a generous donation of \$500, to Julie and Chloe in the Newsagency, and Chris and Trevor in the Post Office for facilitating envelope collection.

Raffle prize winners were:

Rowena Payne; Sandy Curtis; Mick Kerin; Elaine Haggerty; Kaye Nicolson; Pauline Broehx; Pauline Arbon; and Gabrielle Crouch.

All monies raised by the Guild are used to purchase items, identified by the Director of Nursing, for the direct benefit of patients and staff at the hospital. Proceeds from this stall will be used towards providing items for the developing outdoor area at Rose View. Recently, the Guild has provided funds for a recovery chair and a shower chair, together costing approximately \$6,000.00.

Guild meetings are held in the Hospital meeting room on the first Wednesday of even months of the year.

All welcome.

- *Annette Clarke*



### **Australian Breastfeeding Association**

In National Volunteer Week, which was May 15-21, ABA Breastfeeding Counsellor, the amazing Bronny Perry, from Crystal Brook was recognised for her exceptional achievement volunteering with the Australian Breastfeeding Association. Thank you, Bronny, for your valued volunteer contribution to ABA and of course to many, many mothers and families along the way. She has been an ABA counsellor for over 37 years and helped many mums in her role as RN at the local hospital. She has opened her home regularly for our meetings, sees mums to help with breastfeeding as needed and has held a Regional representative position as well as helped with trainee counsellors locally

- *Chrissy Mackinnon*

## CRYSTAL BROOK CHILDCARE UPDATE

The Crystal Brook Community Childcare Committee is pleased to inform the community that we are continuing to progress, albeit not as quickly as we would like. We are awaiting a services (electricity, water) report which will help inform our architectural analysis for possible co-location on the Crystal Brook Primary School grounds. This information will then be utilised to engage with key stakeholders to try and seek secure funding. In the coming weeks we will be meeting with Mr Geoff Brock, MP, and the Federal Shadow Minister for Education, Ms. Angie Bell, MP to discuss the needs of our community and the support we need to continue the project.

This is unfortunately a long process, and these large projects never move as quickly as we would like. Thank you to our volunteer group for the hard work they are putting in, as well as the supportive staff at Port Pirie Regional Council. We are feeling that the conversation around Early Childhood Education and Care in our regions is increasing, with greater awareness being fuelled through the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care, headed by Julia Gillard. We have seen rural communities represented quite well in this, for which we are most grateful.

Our group is also encouraged by the recent announcement in Kingston, where they have been recipients of both Federal and State funding to build a much-needed childcare centre for their community. We are continuing our conversations with the Department for Education to ensure we are progressing as efficiently as possible.

- *Tam Wilson, Chairperson*



We have been having great attendances for our recent Bingo sessions. This month we have donated \$500 to the Crystal Brook Hospital and \$200 to Rocky River 'Riters. We couldn't do this without the support of our loyal Bingo Community.

Our next sessions:

June 13 and 27; July 11 and 25

August 8 and 22

Eyes down at 1.30pm on Tuesdays in the CWA Hall.

- *Tanya Cameron*



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FRINGE**

The Crystal Brook RSL brings the Fabulous Fringe performance to Crystal Brook....

## A Groovy Night in Vietnam

A fabulous, fun and entertaining performance paying homage to music enjoyed by Aussie personnel in Vietnam during Australia's involvement in the war from the mid 60's to early 70's. Acknowledging that it is 50 years since that last of our Veterans came home.

The audience is part of the show - they are the troops attending the concert, its engaging. With a very ambitious emcee/DJ who plays the character of Robbie Williams in the classic film "Good Morning Vietnam" from Australian Forces Radio and some delightful go-go dancers moving to the music of Ike and Tina Turner, The Creedence Clearwater Revival, Normie Rowe, The Temptations, and many more, this is a musical event with the laughs and soul to lift you up and have you cheering for more!

Pricing, location and more info will be available closer to the event. Save the date!

Please contact 0407602579 for more info





We are a very small community service group that would be delighted to welcome some new members. Our meetings are held every second Wednesday of each month at our SACWA building next to the Bakery in Bowman Street at 9.30 for a 10.00am start. As part of the Dolling Group we are afforded many learning opportunities with trained instructors from our regional area. The Association also offers opportunities to be involved in arts, floriculture, handicraft, assisting women in the South Pacific, advocacy on social issues and accommodation at Dequetteville House, Kent Town, and six holiday cottages around the coastline of SA.

Recently I was privileged to attend a handicraft school at head office and learn our three new crafts for this year. These new crafts were Dorset Embroidery on an iPad Case, a Trapunto armchair caddy and a knitted cable tea-cosy. If anyone is interested in relearning these handicrafts or others, we would be pleased to pass on our knowledge.

It is thanks to grants from the wind farm, Apex Club, Reflections, donations and fundraising over the past several years that has enabled us to repair, maintain and increase our facilities in order to offer them to the community at reasonable rates.

We are the proud custodians of an extremely well-utilized building, strategically situated in the main street. Our building is used extensively by various community groups. Bridge is played on Monday and Thursday afternoons with facilities for other card games and Scrabble.

On alternate Tuesday afternoons it is eyes down for Bingo and on Wednesday afternoons we have carpet bowls. All these activities include afternoon tea at a reasonable cost. On Friday mornings a group of seniors participate in fitness and wellbeing classes. Contact president Bev Young, secretary Annette Sutton or treasurer Joy Talbot if you would like more information or to join CWA.

Unfortunately, it is with great sadness that we have recently farewelled Irene Wickham, a valued member and friend. Irene was a kind, generous friend to all who knew her. A caring lady who concerned herself with others despite suffering ill health herself. It is with great sadness and a sincere sense of loss that we farewell Irene. Sincere condolences to her family.

- Bev Young



*Playing games*



*Making mosaic pavers for the Community Garden*



*Writing stories using Aboriginal symbols after discussing Reconciliation Week*

## BOWMAN COURT NEWS

Bob Gale, an original resident in the village has had to move into care and we wish him many happy days in Roseview wing at the Hospital. Work has started on preparing Unit 1 for new residents. Jenni Heinjus is now the sole original resident at Bowman Court.

Residents are very grateful to the Men's Shed for giving our wooden garden seat a good "sanding and oiling" giving it the appearance of a new seat. A donation from Village residents was gratefully accepted by the Shed committee.

Our footy tipping competition is going well, and after Round 8, three participants have a perfect score in one round.

Birds roosting and nesting on the beams in the pergola roof have been a problem soiling the beams, furniture and floor, so we've found a solution, by hanging bird netting on the Eastern end (where there is no blind) which seems to have solved the problem. Thanks to Trevor for doing the job and to Helen for her idea.

The Village held a Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council on Friday, May 5. Our new Gardener/Maintenance man Adam pressure-cleaned the pergola beforehand removing lots of "bird poo". Thank you so much Adam! The morning tea was well attended and with residents and friends we entertained twenty-three. A raffle with prizes kindly donated by The Long Room Hardware Store was won by Gerry Taylor. Second prize went to Maureen Hobbs and third prize Cherry Kennedy. A "lucky cup" was won by Viv Coombe.

Glenys Hall recited a very appropriate poem "Daffodils" by William Wordsworth. Jenni Heinjus told a few jokes which raised some laughs. To finish the morning's entertainment a "true or false" quiz was held to test people's general knowledge. We are proud of the success of the event, raising \$505.00.

Thank you all for your support and generous donations for Cancer Council of SA, also thank you for donations of food for morning tea.

- Bev Wyatt



*Sandy Curtis, Pam Millard, Viv Coombe, enjoying the morning tea.*



*Trevor Greig, job completed.*



*Garry and John from the Men's Shed*

## SPONSOR A SEAT

Recently 'A Path of Intergenerational Connection' shared a brochure with households in Crystal Brook and surrounding districts about a 'Sponsor A Seat' initiative. A Path of Intergenerational Connection Facebook posts are being shared for the next fortnight online. We encourage you to follow the posts to learn more about this amazing connection and of our intentions to raise funds to support the final stage of this wonderful project.

It's an opportunity for the community to invest funds into the magnificent curve seating that will grace this space. A safe, secure and inclusive inviting space for all people to access.

We are incredibly grateful for the support shown across our community, and we are humbled by what we have achieved so far: the connection across generations, the strength of conversation, acts of kindness, displays of compassion and empathy, people coming together to create handmade tiles to highlight this narrative, spending hours painting and glazing hundreds of tiles, forging friendships and sharing stories.

During the coming months we are going to see this project, first proposed in 2019, come together in an incredible fashion. This space along the pathway is going to complement the wonderful renovations taking place at Roseview, both inside and in their newly developed outdoor environment as a result of MPS Commonwealth Funding.

A Path of Intergenerational Connection has been funded by hours of grant-writing, including funds from Regional Arts Australia, Country Arts SA, RAA, FRRR, and generous donations from Apex Club, Lions Club, Crystal Brook Kindergarten and Local Health Network. We often have people wanting to contribute financially to the project, so we feel now is a wonderful opportunity to put more funds into the final stage. Like a 1000-piece jigsaw, the pieces are coming together beautifully. An amazing landscape is being seamlessly developed at the Hospital and along the pathway, with each piece of the project, twisting, turning and transforming, slowly and patiently to ensure they fit together perfectly.

Our community can feel a sense of satisfaction when they proudly admire this completed project, which all can enjoy.

Please contact Karena Wilson for more information: 0417 088 641.



The community garden is going from strength to strength although there is still a long way to go. Another shed was purchased by the Men's Shed for storage which is in the process of being erected. The garden beds have been planted with many vegetables including carrots and radish. We are planning more garden beds to be made available.

We made our first delivery to the 'Food For All' group which was very exciting and with ongoing planting it is our hope to deliver more vegetables and have more variety to offer. With the assistance of Brenda Perry we have been given a load of cracker dust from CML which has been spread around the beds so that there is less dust and fewer weeds to pull. The area looks much tidier.

The community is invited to come and have a look and we would love to have more volunteers with ideas of how things could be improved. Our days are usually when the Men's Shed is open, which are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 1pm though we are not always there for that whole time. You do not need green fingers, just a positive attitude and a willing body. If you would like to join our group, call Linda: 0487 379 148.



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**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**  
**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



In keeping with May History Month, on Saturday, May 20, parishioners from Crystal Brook and Port Pirie enjoyed a Pilgrimage to churches in Jamestown and Peterborough, focusing on some historical churches in our Diocese.

St. James the Apostle Church in Jamestown is a beautifully appointed church built in 1929. Here parishioners prayed the Stations of the Light, followed by a morning tea welcome in the hall.

Then it was on to St. Anacletus Church at Peterborough. Built in 1892, this church replaced an earlier one built in 1884. In 1916 this church became the Pro-Cathedral for the Diocese of Port Augusta, the name reverting to St. Anacletus parish church when the Bishop moved to Port Pirie. A feature of this large church is the magnificent raked timber ceiling. Here Greg Slattery from Laura presented a comprehensive history of the church, the building of several small churches in the area and the lineage of the bishops and priests who had served in Peterborough. Mass was then celebrated.

After lunch at a local hotel, we next visited the impressive presbytery adjacent to the church. Here there are incredible items on display including handmade vestments made by the Carmelite nuns of the time and extensive historical books including one published in the sixteenth century. The open fires in dining rooms added to the comfort of everyone enjoying a delicious afternoon tea on this cold day. A great day enjoyed by everyone.

*- Annette Clarke*

**St. Silas Anglican Church**

Thank you to all who have helped and supported us in April while we were running the Opportunity Shop. It is wonderful to be part of such a close-knit community. The raffle was drawn by Jan and Terry, who have been a great help. You can tell by the photograph that they had a good time.



The Marriage Course is coming to an end and the couples involved have all had a great time investing in their relationship. We are planning to run the course again soon. Any expressions of interest can be sent to:

[mark@crystalbrookanglicanchurch.org.au](mailto:mark@crystalbrookanglicanchurch.org.au)  
or call Mark on 0421 227 764.

On Tuesday mornings you'll find some of us in the Bakery enjoying each other's company and having a chat about anything and everything. Fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons, we gather in the St. Silas Hall to get to know Jesus better by discussing our reactions to an episode of 'The Chosen.'

On Sundays at our weekly worship in May, we were exploring the antics of the early Church in the book of Acts. In June, we are looking at the distinctives of the Anglican Church. How are we similar to other denominations and how are we different? What precisely do we believe and why? We hope this will deepen our faith and help us to work even closer with the other Churches in our town.

*- Cherry Kennedy*

*Thank You*

*Gordon Greig*

The family of Gordon Greig would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who expressed their sympathy and kind words on the passing of Gordon, Dad, Pa.



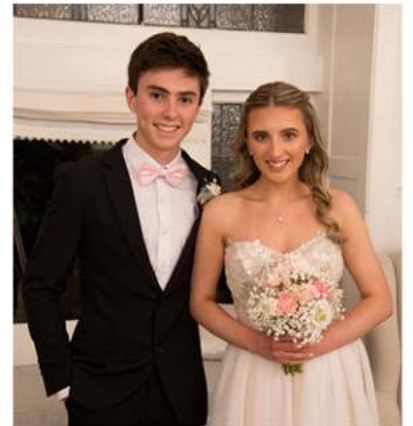
*Crystal Brook Netball Club Debutante Ball*



*Morrie Coates & Lilly Bonnyer*



*Blake Nicolson & Ruth Fox*



*Blake Hanley & Paris Crossman*



*Jay Wilson & Holly Gulin*



*Callaban Lang & Emily Venning*



*Tom Winter & Anabelle Arnold*



*Hudson Tilbrook & Adele Inglis*



*Reign Tobin & Willow Allen*



*Marc Richards & Daisy Gulin*

## CRYSTAL BROOK HOCKEY CLUB



20 Under 10s kid after their first home game. Coaches - Bodi, Sam, and Daisy.

The 2023 Season is off at a gallop, with Crystal Brook Hockey Club registering nine teams this year. Seeing 6 Junior, and 3 Senior teams, on the pitch every weekend, shows that 'THE BROOKIES' are still going from strength to strength.

Our 3 Under 10s teams have many new and returning faces this year, and their 'get in and have a go' enthusiasm is really contagious. They've had two home games so far, where they all participated in some way. The catering mums put on two of the best spreads of food which was amazing. Thanks Kel, Miff, and your crew for all the hard work. It never goes unnoticed.

Under 14s Mixed is sitting well clear on the ladder following 5 wins from 5 games - 26 goals scored, and none against.

Under 18 Girls and Boys teams are tracking well and are both currently second on their ladders.

Div. 2 Women are top of their pool after 5 wins from 5 games. Div. 3 Women are also top of their group, with 3 wins and 2 draws. Keep bringing the heat, ladies!

Div. 3 Men are currently second, and with their mixed bag of talent and ages, are bringing something different each time they take to the field.

50-game milestones were recently celebrated by Alanah Greatorex and Bodi Freer. Well done, kids!

Coaches are selfless people who give up hours of their time every week to attend training, and coach teams every weekend. Some even coach multiple teams! All of them also play and train in their own senior and junior teams themselves. Voicing our gratitude will NEVER be enough for what you all do. We see you, and we thank you. The CBHC would also like to pass on our heartfelt condolences to the Ramsey family on the recent passing of Chris. Chris was a long-time sponsor and supporter of our club, and he will always be remembered as a kind, compassionate, and generous man. Vale, Rambo.

- Jo Taylor

## CRYSTAL BROOK FOOTBALL CLUB



Crystal Brook Women's Football Club had another very successful 2023 season. We had 5 Under-16 teams compete with our own team making the top 4, and our Senior Women taking out the Grand Final Premiership for the second year in a row. A uge heart-felt thank you to all clubs who competed over the season. New team Moonta Bay came out strongly and will be a team to be reckoned with in 2024. Central Augusta, West Augusta, Lions, Ports and Southern Flinders all had teams that were competitive and Lions showed they are also a team with their eye on the prize for 2024. Next Year Moonta are hoping to have an Under-16 team and we welcome other clubs who might be interested in naming a 2024 team to get in contact with us.

Winners for 2024:

Best & Fairest Caitlin Brooks (Ports) Senior Women

Best & Fairest U16: Lucy Reddaway (Southern Flinders).

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## CRYSTAL BROOK HOCKEY



Congratulations to our very own Darcy Gulin on his selection in the School Sports SA 16 and Under state hockey team. Darcy has certainly put in the hard work and dedication to get himself selected. Countless trips to Adelaide, and the whittling down of the squad, has seen this amazing kid catch the eye of selectors and coaches.

Darcy has also been travelling down to Adelaide in the last few weeks to play in the Metro 1 competition for Woodville. His fitness and mental strength to be able to play 2-3 games at club level every weekend, then travel to Adelaide and take it up another notch, shows the calibre of talent this young man is bringing to the squad. He has been slotting into these teams like a veteran and has already earned the respect of players and coaches he's encountered so far. He even manages to squeeze in umpiring for the Port Pirie Association every weekend, too! (I'm exhausted just writing this!)

Without the strongest commitment from himself, and his parents Ali and Leith, this dream would never have taken shape into reality. Hopefully this is just the beginning of his representative hockey journey. The Championships are in Adelaide in mid-August, and Darcy has shown over and over that he is a star on the rise.

The Crystal Brook Hockey Club is so proud of your accomplishments, Darcy, and wishes you all the best in August and beyond. Darcy is also the Crystal Brook Hockey Club's first State Junior representative since 1998!

## CRYSTAL BROOK NETBALL



In April, Lucas Gulin, son of Emma and Matt Gulin, travelled to Perth to represent SA in the Under 17's boys AMMNA Championships. Lucas was Vice-Captain of the team who won the silver medal. He was also selected as Wing Attack in the Under 17 All Star Team. Lucas has now made the Australian training squad for under 17's. He has a weekend training camp in Sydney at the end of June and if selected from that he will go to New Zealand for a week to play for Australia Under 17's at the end of September.



Former Narridy resident Jemma Kelly (third daughter of Robyn and Ned Kelly) has recently been selected in the Netball 17U national squad to participate in a 5-day camp at the AIS in Canberra in July. She was part of the SA team that participated in the state competition in Darwin in mid-April. SA finished 5th in the competition and played in Defence. Jemma is currently playing for Metro Jets in the Premier League in Adelaide.

## CRYSTAL BROOK CRICKET CLUB



The Crystal Brook Cricket Club held their end of year presentation dinner on Friday, March 17 at the Crystal Brook Golf Club. A huge thanks to the Crystal Brook Golf Club for hosting.

Following a successful season 2022/23, Trophy Winners were:

Cliff Price Cricketer of the Year:  
Joint winners:  
Hugh Marshall, Hayden Hooper

Graham Pavy Memorial Trophy,  
Best Club Person: Angus Combe  
Batting Trophy: Hayden Hooper

Fielding Trophy: Hayden Hooper  
Bowling Trophy: Josh Clements



The third season of Junior Golf has commenced at Crystal Brook Golf Club.

Mondays – Coaching: 4.30 - 5.30 pm.  
Sundays - Playing Time: 10.00 am – 12 pm.

Attend all or just a few sessions, whatever works for your family. Get on board and have some fun at our coaching sessions which are all game-based and maximum participation. \$10 for casual visits or \$50 for unlimited and you can use the course and hitting nets whenever you like.

## CRYSTAL BROOK TENNIS



Crystal Brook Tennis Club A-Grade Premiership Team Defeated Wandearah 12-117 to 12-104

Back row L to R: Max Crouch, David Crosby, Rhys Pasitchnyj, Peter Ackland, Sam Inglis, Geoff Saunders.

Front row L to R: Niamh Douglas, Meagan Venning, Jade Inglis, Adele Inglis, Samantha Jared, Coralie Crosby.



Life Memberships were Awarded to Jade Inglis and Scott Wilson. Both members have contributed substantially to the club for over 25 years, fulfilling numerous roles during that time.



Maps available from Reflections and the newsagency



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW

## Crystal Brook CFS Needs You!

Crystal Brook CFS has been a part of the local community since 1947. Over that time the brigade has evolved, from solely a bushfire brigade, to responding to all types of emergencies. The Crystal Brook CFS provides a 24/7 fire and rescue service to Crystal Brook and the surrounding communities, this service is provided entirely by volunteers.

Crystal Brook firefighters are fully trained in basic firefighting but also in a number of specialist areas, these include; Road Crash Rescue Operations & Breathing Apparatus, just to name a few.

The Crystal Brook CFS is recruiting now and is in dire need for new volunteers. We are calling upon YOU and the greater Crystal Brook community to step up and answer the plea, will you become a fire fighter? Do you have transferrable skills in areas such as admin, finance or logistics, interested in giving some time to your community?

### **THEN CRYSTAL BROOK CFS WANTS YOU!**

Without new members the Crystal Brook CFS may not be able to maintain their current capabilities and could struggle in responding to an emergency.

### **WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?**

The Crystal Brook CFS have training nights weekly on Wednesday from 7.30pm at the Crystal Brook Fire Station, 39 Railway Terrace Crystal Brook. We encourage you to come say hello, visit the brigade and discuss with us how volunteering for the CFS can work for you.

### **INFORMATION NIGHT!**

The Crystal Brook Brigade will be holding an information night on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm please come and join us.

*For more information please contact Brigade Captain Gav Zani on 0427879823*





Twelve members recently attended a combined Probus hosted by the Laura and Districts Probus Club. Each club provided an item which included skits, songs, poems and stories.

In April, Roger and Heather Jones spoke on their trip to Israel for the Australian Light Horse re-enactment of the 100th Anniversary of the charge on Beersheeba in 1917. Roger joined the Barossa Light Horse to get an insight of some formation riding. He joined the tour in Cairo, which was made up of 100 riders and 80 non-riders. They visited Egypt, Amman in Jordan, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. From Jerusalem they went to Beersheba to begin the ride. They assembled on the same ground on which the Charge took place in 1917. There were two lines of fifty mounted riders with about 2 km of flat country between them and the flags and dignitaries at the other end. On command they re-enacted the Charge at a trot toward the dignitaries. Kevin Shultz thanked Roger for his report.

*- Maureen Hobbs*

### **Thank you**

**Rocky's Boutique Abattoir** along with **Foodbank** would sincerely like to thank the farmers in the region who have generously donated their sheep to support Foodbank. The meat from the sheep is made into mince and enables Foodbank to make up a range of meals that are then distributed to people experiencing difficulty and hardship.

To date the donations of these sheep have enabled Foodbank to create around 500 nutritious meals, assisting many individuals and families. This is an outstanding effort by all those involved and much appreciated by Foodbank and the people they are assisting. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

If you would like to be a part of this great initiative, please contact Rocky: 0404 854 947.

All contributions, advertising and flyers for the next edition of the Chronicle, published on the first Monday in **August** should be sent to: [crystalbrookchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:crystalbrookchronicle@gmail.com)  
**Deadline for all contributions is Friday, July 28.**

**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. Longer items may be edited for space requirements. All contributors are invited to include a name and contact number or a 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 as space permits. High resolution files are best.

### **Advertising in the Chronicle**

Half page: \$20; quarter page: \$15; Trade ad: \$10. Ads and flyers can be sent as .docx, .jpg, .png or .pdf. Full page ads are not available. This is to allow space for more advertisers and contributors, without increasing the page count and print cost.

**Flyers** and other notices not offering a product or service will be featured at no cost as space permits. Anyone who would like more space for a notice can buy advertising space up to a half page.

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

### **Website**

The Community Association website has been updated where digital copies of the Chronicle can be downloaded: [crystalbrooksouthaustralia.com.au](http://crystalbrooksouthaustralia.com.au)

  
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**Eyre Road, Crystal Brook Fuel Station**

Eyre Road, Crystal Brook, has recently completed its renovations, marking a significant milestone in its rich history.

This iconic fuel station, nestled in Crystal Brook, holds a special place in Perry's story as one of their first-ever fuel stations, tracing its roots back to 1949. What began as a local fuel station in Crystal Brook has since blossomed into approximately seventy-five retail locations, comprising a mix of owned, operated, and supplied sites.

These retail outlets span across regional South Australia and extend to areas in Western Australia, Victoria, the Northern Territory and New South Wales. Throughout its evolution, Perrys has remained a proud family-owned and operated business, maintaining its strong ties to its Crystal Brook origins where its headquarters are still based.

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**YOUR PLEDGE**

Tax deductible donations can be made to Uniting Country SA to 'Sponsor a Seat', specially curved seating design to feature in the outdoor space at Roseview. Donations over \$500 will receive an engraved plaque on the bench recognising your contribution. Any amount will be gratefully welcomed.



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