



CLARE & GILBERT  
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# **CGVC PEAK BODIES**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2026**

## Our Peak Body Organisations

### *Our Community, Our Incorporated Peak Bodies*

Peak Bodies are incorporated bodies working for the community in collaboration and conjunction with the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

### Report Purpose

This report presents a year in review, and showcases the current and ongoing volunteer commitment Peak Bodies contribute to their communities across the broader Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council region. Within this partnering framework, Council maintains responsibility for services it is required to provide under the Local Government Act 1999. Peak Bodies work with Council to identify new opportunities to promote social and economic development, enhance community wellbeing, and implement strategic and community plans.



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## Key Statistics

- 9,366 residents live within the Council area.
- The Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council region covers 1,840 km<sup>2</sup>.
- Council provides \$6,000 per annum to each Peak Body.
- Peak Bodies are run by volunteers who invest heavily in their community; this funding supports their activities.
- In 2026 there are 12 Peak Body Committees.
- There are more than 100 Peak Body volunteers.



## Focus on Auburn

### Auburn Community Development Committee

*Peak Body Report from Auburn Community Development Committee: May 2026*

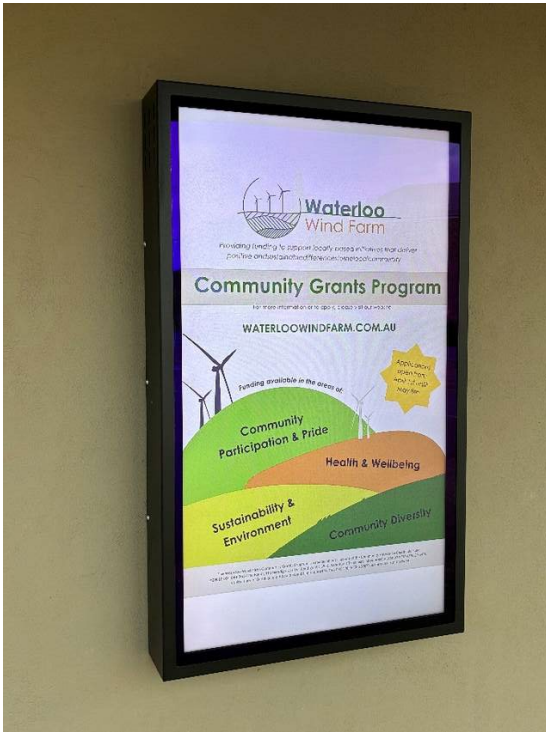
In February 2026, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council (CGVC) opened the CGVC Auburn Community Grant Program, designed to disburse funds from the sale of the Auburn RSL building, which occurred in 2024. The Auburn Community Development Committee (ACDC) held three well-supported community group meetings to provide information and encourage community groups to explore their own project possibilities. CGVC representatives and Elected Members were involved in two of the Auburn community group meetings, which proved very positive, with participants receiving clear information and the opportunity to ask questions. The Auburn community patiently awaited Council's decision on the successful applicants of the first stage of this Grant Program. ACDC is very appreciative of the opportunity to fund community projects from these sale funds, however the journey to this point has been long, with many volunteer hours spent negotiating with Council to get an end result. To support positive outcomes, ACDC encourages other Peak Bodies to work closely with Council where Council assets are sold in their communities.



The old Wakefield Council Chambers on St Vincent Street is a newly-owned asset for the Auburn community, with ACDC being the custodian. The Auburn community have long been vested in having this building operating to benefit the community. The management of the building is supported by a Business Plan developed in June 2023.

The building provides a small venue for the community to connect and have meetings and social events centrally located in Auburn. While we have the Auburn Institute, the Council Chambers building is a smaller and more intimate building. It is hoped that the building can be used to provide for small businesses or community members to use for retail, art and craft, markets, workshops (e.g. painting classes) and also strengthen engagement with tourists for its historical significance.

A number of fundraisers have been planned to assist with the general running costs. Significant funding is being sought through the Auburn Community Grant Program and State Government Heritage Conservation to provide essential funds for stone restoration, installation of toilet and waste system, purchase of basic furniture, and installation of an air conditioner.



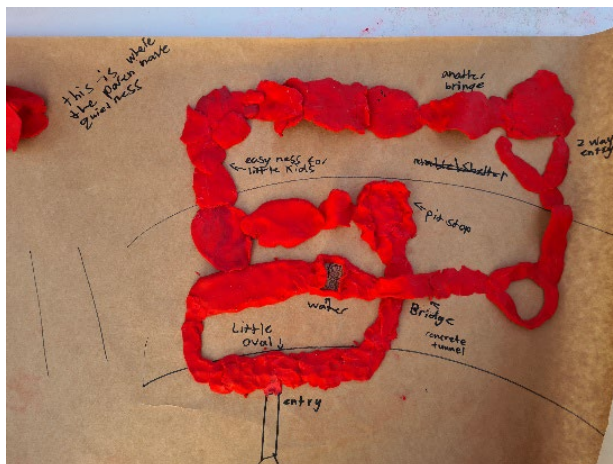
ACDC is very excited to have in full operation since January 2026, a community digital noticeboard, installed at the Auburn Institute and made possible through financial assistance from the CGVC Community Asset Grant program. The digital board is being used for 'What's On' information, and advertising by local businesses and community groups. This compliments information and advertising provided by the Auburn Express, Auburn's monthly newsletter for the past 20+ years.

ACDC has, over time, established several subcommittees, including the Auburn Institute Management Committee and U2Kids. In the past, a Terms of Reference document was developed for each subcommittee individually. Over the last six months, ACDC has produced a generic Terms of Reference document which will be used by all subcommittees, to provide consistency across the portfolios and assist in determining their specific needs of operation.

ACDC's Strategic Plan is in place. The Strategic Plan has five key elements: community engagement, visitor services, support for volunteers, environment enhancement and asset management. The Plan provides the backbone to our decision making and future direction. This is a dynamic document, needing regular review and update and will always be a work in progress.

From an idea back in 2014, when dangerous and feral trees were removed adjacent to the Auburn SACWA building, a vision was created of a community meeting place on the corner of King St and Main North Road in Auburn. Financial contributions were generously provided by numerous local and former community members. ACDC and the community also acknowledge the financial support provided by CGVC, through a successful Community Asset Grant application and Waterloo Windfarm, following a successful grant proposal. Collaboration between ACDC, Auburn and Clare RSL and CGVC, resulted in the establishment of Memorial Place. The final features of a handrail on the steps descending into Centenary Park, and a wall plaque commemorating and acknowledging the donors, have been installed. The 2026 Auburn ANZAC service was held in this space, with attendees comfortably accommodated, and not having to stand on the roadway!

An exciting and energetic subcommittee of ACDC is the local youth group, U2kids, which promotes and organises activities for the younger members of the town. The group is mostly driven by the kids themselves, their ideas and, where possible, the planning and related duties, supported by parents. U2kids has grown over the last two years, with new youth members running movie nights and themed celebration activities in the park. U2kids has a strong vision for the establishment of a bike track in Auburn, with some of their fundraising efforts targeted towards this project.



As part of the Streetscape Master Plan completed in March 2021, removal of the overhead powerlines on Main Street was recognised as a critical first step to allow other upgrade and beautification works to begin. Following extensive community consultation, most recently in 2025, ACDC anticipates continued consultation with CGVC on undergrounding the powerlines between Henry Street and North Street.

The Auburn Community Development Committee has welcomed new community and committee members over the past year, bringing a wide diversity of skills and experience to support the ongoing development of the town. ACDC is grateful for all the voluntary work carried out by each member of the team.

***To all our volunteers and their communities, we thank you for your tireless work, in making your community the best place to live, work and play.***

***Thank you for your positive support of Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council.***

## Focus on Mintaro

### Mintaro Progress Association

#### *Mintaro Story*



#### **Funding**

- Insurance for Peak Body
- Maintaining facilities (Institute, Cemetery, open spaces)
- Community events

#### **Current Achievements**

- Festivals
  - Car and Bike Show and Markets
  - Festival of the Lamb and Markets

#### **Community Catch-Up**

- Christmas show at Mortlock Park
- ANZAC Day Service
- Garden planted at the back of the Institute
- Repairing WW1 memorial boards
- Licence drafted and shared with the Sporting Body renting Mortlock Park
- Concept Plans: community workshops about pros and cons for Mintaro
- Traffic Marshal Training for the area

#### **Future Plans**

- Strategic Plan will need reviewing and updating in 2027
- Mortlock Park Vision: working on next steps with the MPA community to implement the next stages. Continue to develop this space to meet the needs of the community and Valleys
- Repairing the slate wall at the Institute
- Continuing to care for facilities, and support volunteering

Mintaro Progress Association continues to care for and support our community, build connections, and care for and promote the heritage of Mintaro, valuing the unique place we live.



## Focus on Manoora

### Manoora Community Committee

*Community Report Summary: Manoora, SA (2025)*

In 2025, the community of Manoora demonstrated strong resilience and connection, balancing youth education and farm safety with the ongoing preservation of its historic community hubs.

#### Key Community Events

The town's social calendar was anchored by grassroots events that brought residents together while raising vital funds for local infrastructure.

- **Fun and Farm Safety Day (April):** Held at Manoora Centenary Park, this collaborative event focused on the town's agricultural roots. It provided recreational activities alongside educational workshops for children and families, covering critical farm risks such as machinery and chemical safety.
- **Manoora Hall:** celebrations were held for the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Manoora Institute and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Over 100 guests attended the celebrations, and heard from guest speakers who told stories from their grandparents and great-grandparents about the Hall.

The community also hosted several successful markets in the Hall to fund building maintenance. These markets featured local artisans, fresh produce and community-run food stalls.

#### Education and Youth

Manoora Primary School remained a central pillar of the community, with a stable enrolment of 29 students. Notable achievements in 2025 included:

- Completion of a student-designed mural on the school's "kicking wall".
- Installation of new water tank storage to manage dry conditions in the Mid North.

#### Heritage and Infrastructure

The community focused heavily on the long-term viability of its historic buildings:

- **Manoora Institute:** throughout 2025, Council held discussions regarding a community land revocation process for the Institute (Lot 132, Weymouth Street). As of the end of the year, this process remained unfinalised, pending further consultation and legal requirements.
- **Maintenance:** while a \$120,000 budget was identified for essential roof repairs at the Institute, these works remained on hold throughout 2025, pending resolution of the building's management framework.
- **Social continuity:** the Institute continued to host monthly morning teas, serving as a vital link for the town's older residents.



*Manoora Hall Birthday*





*Manoora Christmas*



*Manoora morning tea*

## Focus on Saddleworth

### Saddleworth District Community Association Inc.

#### Institute

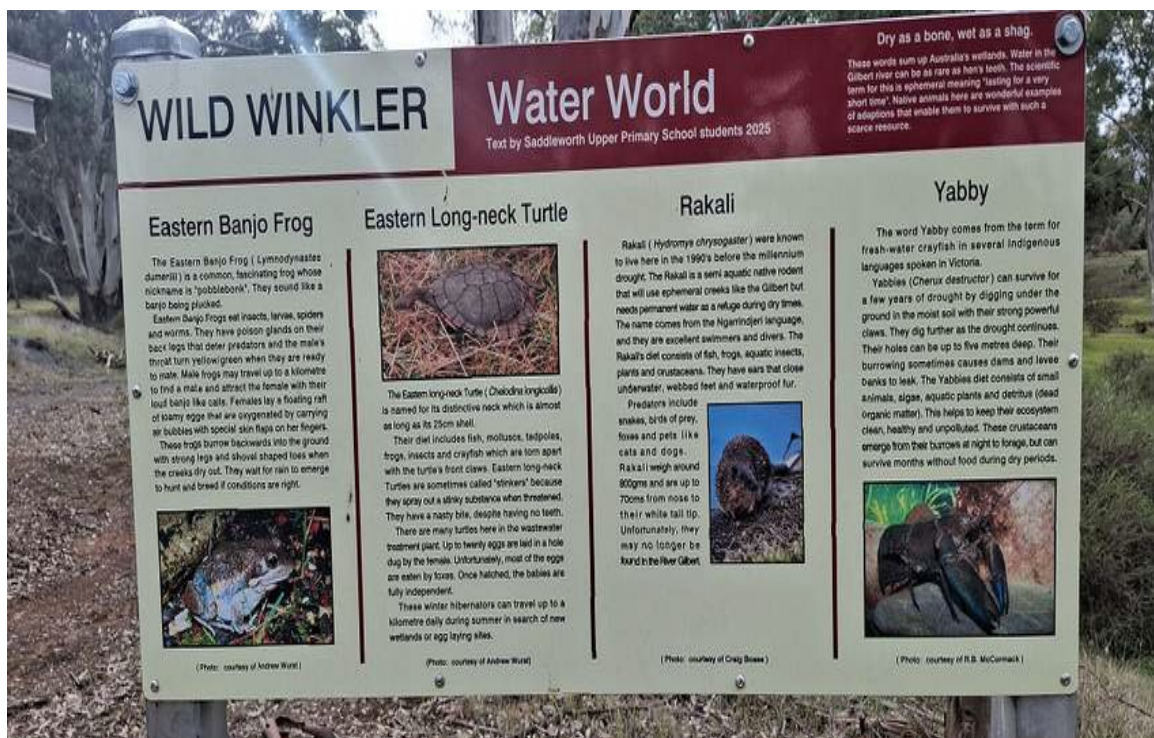
We took on the lease for the building and have had it for one year now. We continue to hold bingo and movie nights, as well as occasional events. We have been working with the Gilbert Valley Lions Club on a project for the building.

#### Caravan Park

The caravan park continues to have a regular turnover of patrons. Volunteers keep it looking great and manage the bookings.

#### Winkler Park

We have had some signs put up throughout the park explaining the birds that can be seen. Volunteers manage the park and keep it in a natural state.



## Op Shop

Our small Op Shop continues to raise money for the community and enjoys investing the funds back into sporting and community clubs in the town. This is also run by a very dedicated group of volunteers sorting and selling donations received from all over the state.



## Bee and Hill Park

Op shop donated money to install a safety fence at the back of the park. Other than some minor additions of possibly more fence, this park has finally been completed.



## Peak Body Activities

At Christmas time volunteers did an awesome job of decorating the main street and park last year along with all the houses that put lights up, made the town feel very festive.

The Peak Body also held a market and movie night to celebrate upcoming Christmas. It was well received with activities for the kids as well as food and market stalls with a large number of people attending. An awesome even organised by a couple of key volunteers.

The Peak Body continued to hold events like ANZAC and Remembrance Day, as well as holding working bees for maintaining the town and its assets.

The Peak Body known as the Saddleworth District Community Association Inc. (SDCA) continues to invest in the future of the Saddleworth Institute. SDCA worked closely with Dallis Von Wald, CGVC Director of Corporate Services (at the time) to support a Relief and Recovery Centre recommended to them by the Gilbert Valleys Lions Club.

## 20 May 2026 Council Minutes

### Resolution 103-26:

*Pursuant to Clause 5.1 of Council's lease of the Saddleworth Institute to the Saddleworth District Community Association Inc. dated 19 March 2025, Council consents to the permitted use of the land including use as a relief and recovery centre in support of emergency management activities.*



## Focus on Sevenhill

### Richardson Park Incorporated

Peak Body Report: Richardson Park Inc. 2025/2026

#### Sevenhill Penwortham War Memorial Upgrade



We were successful in an application for a grant from Department of Veteran affairs receiving the amount \$9,298 for the cleaning and re-lettering of the Sevenhill War Memorial and landscaping surrounding the memorial. Additionally, we applied for a CGVC community grant to replace the post and rail fence and add a park bench seat at the front of the War memorial, for which we were successful and will complete soon.

We applied for a second grant to remove the pine trees on the eastern side of Richardson Park oval, for which we were also successful in this application. This will be completed soon and will benefit the oval, Riesling Trail and area on the eastern side in the future.

Our insurance this year came in just above \$11,500. We utilise our Peak Body Funding towards this expenditure.

We encountered some hefty, unexpected expenses at the end of 2025, finding white ants had been busy eating out the floor in Madonna Hall. Fortunately we identified the damage early; between the treatment and the repairs the expenditure was \$9,643. Fortunately, our previous fundraising efforts from the committee and community, we were able to cover this expense.

Sevenhill Playspace is still proving to be a very popular regional destination. We will be looking into securing its future, as the lease with the CGVC will end December 2026. We have ordered replacement and additional parts for the flying foxes, swings and mega slide and are waiting for these to arrive soon. The cost involved is \$10,053.75.

*Extracted from the TripAdvisor website: an important park for Sevenhill and the Clare Valley.*

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## Richardson Park Playspace Unclaimed

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operated Playspace. If you love it as much as we do feel free to donate towards the operating expenses.  
EMAIL: richardson.park@outlook.com  
FACEBOOK: Sevenhill Playspace at Richardson Park

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### About

An adventure playground & recreational area surrounded by natural bushland, the famous Riesling Trail & a manicured oval, there is something for everyone. The main attractions are a flying fox, a climbing structure, mega slide, flying saucer swing & dual swing set all intertwined by paths, a creek bed & native plants. The next few months will see the installation of a BBQ, tables, chairs & shelter

We have continued to support the Sevenhill Penwortham CFS and Sevenhill Cricket Club, acknowledging their importance and benefit to our town and the wider area.

*Sevenhill Penwortham CFS training space (brick building), with the CFS vehicle shed behind.*



A Clare & Gilbert Valleys Community Asset Grant has enabled Richardson Park Incorporated to remove feral pine trees on the eastern side of Richardson Park Oval, benefiting the oval, Riesling Trail, and area on the eastern side in the future.

*(Image below: Google Maps.)*



## Focus on Stanley Flat

### Stanley Flat Soldiers' Memorial Hall Committee

The Stanley Flat Soldiers' Memorial Hall was built in 1922 as a community hall commemorating the soldiers and nurses from the area who served in the First World War. Subsequently it also recognised those who served in the Second World War. The hall belongs to the community and has served the residents of Stanley Flat, White Hut and Armagh for over 100 years. It is managed by a small group of volunteers.

The hall is available for use by the community for functions including weddings, reunions, group meetings, classes etc, but not for 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties. Charges are minimal. The hall was used by the Stanley Flat Line Dancers each week throughout 2024. The annual card day for senior citizens was also held here.

During 2025 the perimeter fencing was replaced. The costs were shared between the hall and our adjoining neighbours. Other maintenance to the hall and gardens was carried out by volunteers as needed.

A memorial stone which had suffered damage was repaired and restored. The stone commemorates the planting of a tree by the Stanley Flat Guides and Brownies to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. We are grateful to Clare monumental stonemasons Pearse Memorials for their beautiful workmanship which was undertaken free of charge.

Fundraising efforts during the year included the recovery breakfast on Easter Sunday morning for patrons of the Clare Racecourse Easter Saturday meeting who had slept overnight on the course; and the Card Day for senior citizens held in the hall during May. We are grateful to the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council for this annual donation and staff advice, local businesses for their financial and in-kind support and our volunteers who all contribute to the management and maintenance of this historic community asset.



## Focus on Tarlee

### Tarlee Hall and Community Services

*From the Community Development Coordinator*

The Tarlee Hall and Community Services Committee continues to support the community through events and opportunities that build community engagement.



## Focus on Riverton

### Riverton Community Management Committee Inc. (RCMC)

Among Peak Bodies within CGVC, RCMC is one of the few that provides an umbrella arrangement for community groups, allowing each community group to manage its own activities, provide monthly reports at RCMC meetings, and have its financial transactions handled solely by the RCMC Treasurer. RCMC is also the avenue through which each community group can apply for grants for specific projects. This arrangement commenced in the late 1990s and continues to evolve into its present-day entity.

The following community groups currently operate within the RCMC structure:

Cemetery Care Group, Christmas Carnival, Gardening Group, Hall Committee, History Centre, Jingles Garden, Rattler Trail, Rhynie Improvement Scheme, Riverton Commerce Group, Scholz Park, and Website/Facebook Page.

### Achievements, Activities and Issues for 2025–2026

- Scholz Park: Blacksmith Competition
- Riverton Community Awards
- Riverton Footpath Safety
- ElectraNet Information Session
- Updating and fine-tuning RCMC's Strategic Plan
- Community Asset Grants
- Welcoming Riverton Commerce Group as a new RCMC Community Group, working to invigorate and revitalise the main business precinct of Riverton
- Return of Riverton Markets
- Providing financial support for several community groups
- Riverton Recreation Ground public toilets project
- State of Torrens Road bins
- Riverton Community Hall refurbishment
- Riverton Community Library
- Riverton Christmas Carnival
- Australia Day celebrations
- Riverton Tennis Club



*Scholz Park Blacksmith Competition*



### Future Plans

- Discussions regarding another Alfie Hannaford statue
- Neighbours/community meet and greet, potentially in connection with the next Blacksmith Competition event
- Riverton Emergencies Plan
- Reimagining Riverton: Riverton Commerce Group
- Riverton Community Hall Project – Part 2: Building Refurbishment

*With work set to begin in early June 2026, CGVC has appointed contractor Mykra Pty Ltd to deliver the \$1.22 million refurbishment of the Riverton Community Hall. This will include a refreshed foyer and main hall, a fully refurbished bar and kitchen, an enclosed north verandah for more usable space, new accessible toilets and a stage lift, and an upgraded switchboard, fire safety system and air conditioning. Thanks are given to the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council for making the Riverton Community Hall Refurbishment Project a reality.*

*(Extract below from the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council website)*

Published 28th May 2026

### *Riverton hall gets a major makeover*

Big news for Riverton - the much-loved Community Hall is about to get the upgrade it deserves, and work is set to start in the coming weeks.

Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council has appointed contractor Mykra Pty Ltd to deliver the \$1.22 million refurbishment, backed by a \$770,000 grant from the South Australian Government's Enabling Infrastructure Program.

The works, scheduled to begin in early June, will see the foyer and main hall refreshed, the bar and kitchen fully refurbished and the north verandah enclosed to create more usable space.

New accessible toilets and a stage lift will make the hall welcoming for everyone, while behind-the-scenes upgrades to the switchboard, fire safety equipment and air conditioning will bring the building up to modern standards.

ATM access will be maintained throughout the works.

The project was shaped by local input, with the community having their say on what they wanted from an upgraded hall.

Phillips/Pilkington Architects developed the refurbishment plans and will manage the project through to completion, expected in late October.

Mayor Allan Aughey OAM said he was pleased the work was now scheduled to begin.

"There were necessary steps we had to work through to manage risk and navigate the Development Assessment Process," he said.

"But with Stage One approval now in place, we're delighted to be moving forward.

"The Riverton Community Hall has long stood as a symbol of civic pride and community spirit.

"This refurbishment will ensure it's not only preserved for future generations but made fit for how our community uses it today," Mayor Aughey said.

"Well done to all involved in getting us to this point."

The project is funded through Council's Annual Business Plan & Budget 2025-2026.

Contact: Richard Dodson, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council  
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Tree planting along Bruce Road: A previous Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council Community Asset Grant has enabled this beautification project. Watch this space.



Riverton Caravan Park is operated through a Section 41 Committee. The Section 41 Committee is a committee of the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council and works in unison with the Riverton Community Management Committee, in support of the community.

The Pioneers Garden, located at the northern end of Torrens Road, is tended by a dedicated group of volunteers. A sustainable and beautification project, which remains ongoing.



## Focus on Stockport

### Stockport Community Association Inc.

*Stockport Township: established 1845, named after Stockport, England, by Samuel Stocks, his birthplace. Population 272 (2021 Census).*

### Facilities

Both the Hall (incorporating the Post Office) and oval facilities are regularly hired out and utilised by past and present residents, as well as those from neighbouring communities.



### Stockport Hall / Post Office

- Managed by local volunteers
- Post box fees are reinvested into the community
- The Book Swap box remains very popular



## Soldiers Memorial Park Upgrades

The Memorial Park grounds are having a facelift: all outbuildings and the Soldiers' Memorial Wall are being freshly painted. The colour of the lettering is yet to be decided and finalised.

*Before*



*After*



The outbuildings are now all matching in colour.

*Before*



*After*



Inside, the cupboard fittings are to be removed and replaced with new overhead cupboards, benches and moveable island cupboards. The walls, ceilings and floors will be repainted.



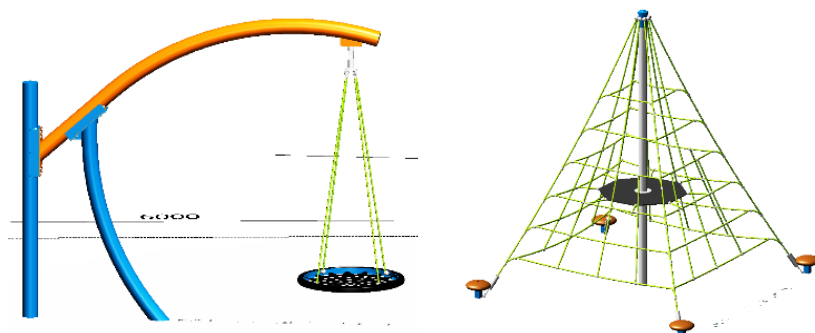
**Soldiers Memorial Park Landscaping / Tree Planting**

Local native species were purchased and planted, and are doing well, despite high summer temperatures.



## Soldiers Memorial Park Playground Upgrades

Council approval to purchase new equipment was given on 17 October 2024. Under the 2025/2026 Community Asset Grant, \$10,000 was received to assist with the purchase. Installation of the equipment by ForPark SA was scheduled for approximately 21 May 2026.



## Free Local Events

Each year the Stockport community comes together for various events, including:

- BBQs
- Moonlight hikes
- Christmas celebrations with dinner and Father Christmas handing out gifts.

In 2026, a new monthly morning tea commenced, held on the first Tuesday of each month. These events are well supported by the community.

## Stockport AGM 19 August 2025

Officers appointed:

- President            Brian Koch
- Vice President     Dick French
- Secretary           Terry Savage
- Treasurer           Juanita Werner

## Looking Forward

The Stockport Peak Body is appreciative of the yearly Peak Funding from Council and, together with funds raised via the Post Office and hiring fees, we are constantly seeking ideas from the community on ways to improve the amenities, and increase the enjoyment and social interaction within the community.

## Focus on Waterloo

### Waterloo Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee Inc.

In 2025 the Waterloo Peak Body was able to fulfill its goal to reroof the main body of the Waterloo Districts Soldiers Memorial Hall Inc.

This was possible thanks to the Community Asset Grant, Peak Body funding through Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, and success through the Waterloo Windfarm grant.

We greatly appreciate this help, keeping the Hall in sound order for many decades to come, and look forward to any further Peak Body funds to maintain our small but vibrant community/township.

*Before*



*After*



Tom Kruse Park and surrounds continue to be an important part of the Waterloo community. It combines a playground, shelter shed, electric BBQ, automatic night lights, a bust of the Outback Mailman Tom Kruse with his story, other town history, Windfarm history and information, plus public toilets.

*Photograph courtesy of Helen Dominish.*



This makes it an important place for the parents in town and their children, plus many travellers, including those on the Mawson and Lavender Trails (walking and biking). It is quite visible, and yet is surrounded on two sides by trees which provide a naturally serene barrier from traffic, attracting much bird life as well. All of this is also in the vicinity of the Soldiers Memorial Hall and the town Post Boxes. Peak Body funding has contributed to many projects in this precinct, as well as other community grants and Hall fundraising over the years. We look forward to future upgrades and projects in the years ahead!