



# PEAK BODY ANNUAL REPORT 2022



CLARE & GILBERT  
VALLEYS COUNCIL

## OUR PEAK BODY ORGANISATIONS

The Peak Body are Incorporated Bodies working for the community in collaboration and conjunction with the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

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### Our Community



\* Community of Manoora did not contribute to this Annual Report.



## KEY STATISTICS

- There are 9,366 residences that live within the Council area
- The Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council Region is 1,840km<sup>2</sup>
- Council provides \$6,000 per annum to each peak body.
  - Peak Bodies can apply annually for a portion of an additional \$13,000 to support their activities.
    - There are 13 Peak Body Committees
    - There are 100+ Peak Body Volunteers



# Focus on Auburn

## Auburn Community Development Committee

### Auburn is important in our district:

- Auburn sits in a productive agricultural, horticultural and tourism area.
- A diversity of businesses support local lifestyles and visitors alike.
- Picturesque, historical buildings built from local Bluestone quarry, centrally located.
- The residents take pride in keeping the town clean and tidy
- Our community attracts retirees, working people and young families.
- New housing, and For Sale signs not up for very long.
- The primary school provides a great learning space for young children.
- U2 Kids has established exciting projects for children and young people – playground equipment, nature garden and hospitality.

### Our future plans for Auburn are:

- Development of community assets for benefit of the community, the Auburn Institute, Parks and garden areas.
- Development of the Library building as a commercial outlet with tourist information, once it is gifted to the community.
- The Auburn Streetscape Plan, designed through Council, has many elements which can be considered and developed in collaboration with CGVC
- Development of Memorial Place, corner Main Rd and King St, as a meeting place, garden area and relocation of the World War II Memorial Gates.
- Auburn French Fest biennial event, to be held 8th – 10th September 2023
- Development of Sculpture Trail (ACDC) and “Kids Explore” Auburn Map (U2Kids)
- U2Kids group, plans further activity projects and events in the community.

### The best things about Auburn?

- The best thing about our community is that there are lots of Best things! There is something for everyone, locals and visitors alike.
- Diverse, passionate friendly community
- Community mindedness! And pride in the town.
- Auburn is a safe and friendly environment in which to live. Long term residents welcome new-comers and there are plenty of friendly smiles and chats encountered.
- The outstanding selection of Businesses and Services in Auburn provide excellent customer service, a friendly welcome, helpful information and a variety of goods for sale.
- Centenary Park with its central location alongside the River Wakefield, where garden and play spaces have been designed by, established, and cared for, by enthusiastic locals.



# Focus on Mintaro

## Mintaro Progress Association

### Why is Mintaro important in our district?

Mintaro is one of a kind! A small village, community minded, family friendly with historical significance, authentically reflecting on life of the past. We are a small residential area, offering links to agriculture, tourism, (food, wine and entertainment) cultural and social events and sporting facilities to complement the Clare and Gilbert Valleys, all this nesting amongst the beautiful setting, of trees, birds, and peaceful open spaces.

Mintaro Progress continues to support and promote annual community events including ANZAC day and the family Christmas Party. Mintaro also holds Markets, garage sales and fund-raising opportunities such as musical events. The Progress Association supports events that benefit the district, focusing on the historical aspects of our town and surrounding areas, fostering pride and integrity in the town, and district's local heritage as well as the importance of the agricultural input to our district.

Mintaro continues to promote a healthy lifestyle and visitor destination.

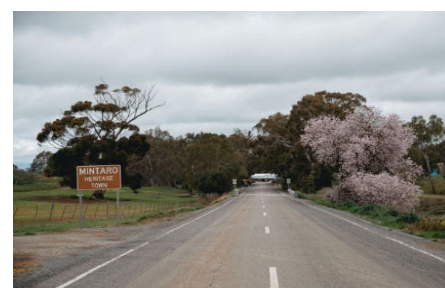
### What are our future plans for our community?

Our community works collaboratively to continue to develop and maintain the many facilities and interests documented in the Strategic Plan, this includes

- To promote history and heritage, developing the Mintaro Progress Website and Facebook to include relevant historical information.
- Work with CGVC to improve the lighting and footpaths around the town.
- Ensure that Mintaro has inclusive facilities that allow for easy access for all.
- Work to develop a bike track on Jolly Way, safety for all! Maybe develop the old railway track into a bike / walking trail.
- Complete the columbarium thanks to the support of CGVC.
- Improve the visual amenity of the property at the rear of the institute.
- Heritage and history – record keeping and compiling of records and photos.
- Implement strategies recommended by the Mintaro Sporting Hub, working collaboratively to apply for funding and improve all facilities and sporting opportunities.
- Provide wellbeing space, utilising the St Peter's Quiet Garden.

Our community values the peace and quiet, with a focus on

- Activities for all including families and youth.
- Retaining the historical perspective – historical integrity in future planning, not to spoil the tranquillity.
- Water management (stormwater, dumping waste water) Improve internet and communication.
- Develop awareness of agriculture within the district and develop road networks to support this by having networks for larger vehicles.



1 Mintaro Institute  
2-4 Torr Park  
5 Mintaro

# Focus on Rhynie

## Rhynie Improvement Scheme

"Rhynie" is a Gaelic word meaning running water, and alludes to the natural spring which was found here in the 1800's, and was called "Baker Springs". Although, now only a residential town of about 150 people, in the 1930's it boasted 35 businesses. Rhynie is located halfway between Tarlee and Auburn and has a large parking bay, public toilets, shelter shed and electric BBQ and a playground.

The Rhynie Improvement Scheme plans to continue to maintain and upgrade Main North Road, and the Parking Bay. Continue to lobby for flood mitigation works around town, and continue to maintain and upgrade the Rhynie Cemetery.

The community is mainly middle aged, with a few younger families as well, and the properties and larger blocks between ¼ acre to 1 acre in size. Hence it is mainly a quiet town with most residents keeping to themselves. The traffic along Main North Road is generally light, with the majority of commercial vehicles diverting to the Barrier Highway, just outside Tarlee. It is centrally located between Clare, the Barossa Valley, and Gawler, and Adelaide is less than 100 kms away, which makes it an ideal location.

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# Focus on Marrabel

## Marrabel Districts Community Association

This body is important for Marrabel as it allows some very small projects to be done. This year we propose to build a basketball pole and backboard, not for competition but as a playground addition. We submitted plans to Mace Engineering in August 2022 and as yet have had no reply, subsequently no costing has been done and no pole constructed. This has been a huge disruption to our plans.

In February 2023 we were able to clean the road sides leading into Marrabel from the west and the south. Much old vegetation and bracken along with some huge pine trees that had been burnt in a previous fire and partly damaged were removed from the road side. Town entrances look so much tidier.

# Focus on Saddleworth

## Saddleworth District Management Committee

### Why is Saddleworth important in our district?

Saddleworth is a small town with a rich history in farming; its location means there's a pretty 40 minute drive to the busier side of life (Clare / Gawler / Barossa / Wakefield); it is perfect for accommodation, so after a fun-filled day out in the vines of the larger towns, tourists and residents alike can return to Saddleworth for a great night-in, with a guaranteed tasty meal at the local pub. It's the perfect resting place before continuing on the long road to NSW and beyond. Our monthly market is second-to-none, with over 200 stalls and over 2000 visitors from all corners of South Australia and they not only plan to visit the markets but they stay the whole day and/or weekend and head to Clare, Watervale, Leasingham and other well-known winery centres.

### What are the future plans for your community?

The Peak Body's future plans are to put Saddleworth on the map as a great place for accommodation, while exploring the rest of our region and sampling our precious resources; we also want to continue upgrading our main street and our parks and welcome more small businesses to the town. We also want to introduce new people to our Peak Body, so we are ever growing and developing as a committee and a town.

### What is the best thing about your community?

The people in Saddleworth are the loveliest, most dedicated and passionate people; they care for each other; they enjoy spending time together; they want their community to not only survive, but thrive and grow in the space of business, sport & recreation and accommodation.



# Focus on Richardson Park (Sevenhill)

## Richardson Park Incorporated

### Why is Richardson Park important in our district?

Richardson Park is important because of its location, 10 minutes south of Clare, central to almost everything. With our main attraction being the play space. With people talking about the play space at Sevenhill by the oval, all over the state, which helps bring tourist to the area.

### What are the future plans for your community?

- The new toilet block at Richardson Park oval, at the Play space (estimated cost \$200,000)
- Maintaining community assets, therefore being able to keep the CFS

### What is the best thing about your community?

The best thing about Richardson Park is ...the Playspace, which is located at Richardson Park Oval. The Playspace is a natural playground that suits all age groups, from toddlers to school aged children and even the grown-up children, yes, we mean adults.

The Playspace is great for tourists passing through, families on the Riesling Trail, birthday parties and so much more. With a shaded picnic area, BBQ and home of the Sevenhill Seahorses, right next door to run around, kick the footy, fly a kite or have a hit of cricket.



Madonna Hall



Richardson Park Playspace



Richardson Park Playspace



# Focus on Stanley Flat

## Stanley Flat Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee

### Why is Stanley Flat important in our district? What are the future plans for your community? What is the best thing about your community?

Stanley Flat is an attractive rural locality immediately north of Clare. It was settled in the 1850s and historically comprised small mixed farm holdings. It has a population of 400 (2021 Census). The Stanley Flat Soldiers' Memorial Hall was built in 1922. For many years the community had recognised the need for a hall in which members could meet and hold social events. After World War I the community decided that the hall should be built in memory of the young soldiers and nurses from Stanley Flat who served in the war. The hall was opened on 8 November 1922.

The hall is owned by the Stanley Flat community and is managed by a small committee of volunteers. It is located on Stradbroke Road, Stanley Flat at one end of the Avenue of Honour planted in the 1940s and is now dedicated to those who served in World War I and World War II. Over the past 100 years the hall has been the centre of activity in Stanley Flat. It has seen community meetings, dances, school concerts, sporting and other club events, receptions, dinners, parties, reunions and anniversary celebrations. Major events at the hall in recent years have been the commemorations of Anzac centenary in 2015 and the centenary of the Stanley Flat Hall itself in November 2022.

Use of the hall has declined over the last few decades reflecting the changing composition of the population. More widespread ownership of motor vehicles made Clare more accessible and television and other entertainments competed with community gatherings. Small community halls throughout the state have encountered similar declining use and many have been sold or demolished.

Stanley Flat is a dispersed community. Unlike other towns it has never had shops and the only hotel closed back in the nineteenth century. The closing of the Stanley Flat School in 1970 removed the only other centre of community activity. We are proud that our hall is entering its second century. Successive management committees have worked hard to maintain the hall. The interior walls were repainted in 2022 ahead of the centenary celebrations. Signage indicating the Avenue of Honour and an interpretive sign outlining the contribution and sacrifice of Stanley Flat to the war effort were unveiled at the centenary event. In 2023 the food preparation areas of the kitchen will be upgraded and the gardens along Stradbroke Road will be rejuvenated.

The hall is available for the use of the community as it has been for the last one hundred years. People beyond Stanley Flat are most welcome to join us or to hold events at the hall. Line dancing at the hall has recommenced in 2023 after an absence of several years. We are grateful to the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, our neighbours the Clare Racing Club and local businesses for their ongoing support and our volunteers whose many hours of work keep the hall functioning and in good condition.



Stanley Flat Soldiers Memorial Hall

# Focus on Tarlee

## Tarlee Hall and Community Services

### Why is Tarlee important in our district?

Tarlee is the Southern Gateway to the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council. While we may be a small town in size and population, we are big on community spirit and doing as much as we can to help Tarlee continue to be a vibrant and thriving town. Tarlee is home to many small businesses from hospitality, retail and manufacturing.

The Frank Gorey Visitor Information Bay is a fantastic resource for those unfamiliar to the area and provides tourists with information about all the towns in the CGVC. It is also an important rest stop for travellers to get out and stretch their legs.

### What are the future plans for your community?

Tarlee aims to be an accessible town for all. A major focus for us at the moment is continuing to seek information and funding to upgrade our public toilets to include a wheelchair accessible toilet and our dream is to have a more accessible playground.

The Horrocks Highway road works have had a significant impact on our town and we continue to find ways to welcome visitors to our town.

### What is the best thing about your community?

Our community minded residents make up one of the best things about our community. Our small working group are always ready to lend a hand wherever is needed and small businesses always get behind local causes.

Our community sporting clubs provide many opportunities for residents in and out of town to come together and socialise – something that is extremely important in small country towns.

The town Christmas Party and town bonfires are also highlights in our community and it is always wonderful to see families coming together to catch up at these events. Both of these events are always kept at a minimal cost thanks to the hard work of our organisers and fundraising efforts.



# Focus on Riverton

## Riverton Community Management Committee

### The role of the Riverton Community Management Committee is to:

- Encourage and promote the Riverton Community, involving the physical, social and economic aspects.
- Provide and/or facilitate active recreation and sporting programmes to be held within the local community.
- Organise and make representation to Local Council, State and Federal Governments and any other relevant bodies on issues pertaining to the Riverton Community.
- Develop and promote a sense of identity within the Riverton Community using, for example, such instruments as the local Newsletter.
- Promote tourism within the Riverton Community and the wider community.
- Seek funding opportunities where appropriate.
- Cooperate with relevant groups to achieve the above objectives.

### Future Plans for the Riverton Community:

Encourage and promote Riverton Community, involving the physical, social and economic aspects.

- Better signage to Riverton & better signage within Riverton & for heritage spaces.
- Keep the town beautiful, gardens and streetscape.
- Close off Elizabeth Street and beautify.
- Entrance Signage for Riverton.
- Jingles Garden.
- Public Art Works.
- Entertainment & Community Events.

### Best thing about our Community:

- It has retained many of its historic buildings.
- A growing town that is presently attracting new residents into the town from near and far; the property market is presently very buoyant.[Riverton: 2001 Census – 668; 2021 Census – 795; Riverton & District: 2021 Census – 1,029]
- With continual improvements to road networks, Riverton is now an easy commute to Adelaide.
- Excellent school and sporting facilities.
- A variety of community groups with which to be involved.

# Focus on Waterloo

## Waterloo Soldiers Memorial Hall

### Why is Waterloo important in our district?

Waterloo is important in our district, as it has become a much more prominent gateway to the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council area, and other council areas beyond. The completion of the bitumen road linking Waterloo to Marrabel a couple of years ago has greatly increased tourist/traveller traffic, as well as heavy freight, and most recently Burra wind farm traffic. Waterloo is also an important source of history in our district, being founded in 1865, and lying on the bullock route linking the Burra copper mine to Pt Adelaide. It now lies on the Lavender Federation Walking Trail, and so has numerous visitors utilizing this popular recreational trail. The Waterloo district of course has numerous children who catch the local bus to attend Manoora Primary School, a wonderful small school that continues to punch well above its weight!

### What are the future plans for your community?

Past and future plans in the Waterloo district have centred around preserving history through signage and beautifying the town with tree planting, with a particular focus on the community managed Waterloo Hall and adjacent Tom Kruse Park. Included in this area is a playground, shelter shed, wind farm signage, bust of Tom Kruse the Outback Mailman, Waterloo history signage and of course public toilets. All these amenities are used by many local townsfolk, travellers, walkers and bike riders. After upgrading the electricity supply and night lighting to the shelter shed in 2022 using Peak Body funding, our next project is to receive and install under cover, a disability friendly, electric BBQ in 2023. A longer term plan would be to reroof the main Hall itself.

### What is the best thing about your community?

- Relatively peaceful (traffic excluded sometimes!)
- Beautiful views/countryside and backroads.
- Fascinating history
- Interesting bluestone homes and buildings in both the town and the rural community.
- Surprising locals!
- Headwaters of the River Light



# Focus on Watervale

## Watervale Community Association

### Why is Watervale important in our district?

Watervale, (including surrounding towns Leasingham and Penwortham), is situated in the centre of the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council region. The town has seen a rejuvenation and new life over recent years with new businesses established, boutique wineries expanding their offerings, the organic growth of businesses such as the Watervale General Store and the expansion of the Watervale Hotel becoming a premium food and wine experience for tourists. From a community perspective there has been an increase of new residents' particularly young families settling or accessing services in the town. The Watervale Primary school provides a warm, inclusive and inviting learning space and has seen an increase in student enrolments from Watervale and surrounding areas.

The sports community hub includes cricket, tennis and bowls and continues to grow in response to the positive cultures of the clubs. The Mount Horrock's Society is a passionate group that continue to preserve and record the valuable history in the region. There is also the valued CFS town that services the local community through a dedicated volunteer base. The Vale Community Hub now sits proudly at the heart of Watervale, amongst all these clubs and the Watervale Oval, and is a welcoming community space for a diverse range of events, functions and activities to support social connectedness.

### What are your future plans for your community?

The Watervale Community Association has worked extremely hard over many years to build the Vale Community Hub and we are now in the final stages of completing the project which includes the installation of audio visual equipment, WIFI, and the final stages of landscaping. We will also support the Watervale Tennis Club in seeking funds to establish their fourth court and to complete landscaping between the courts and the Vale.

The Vale continues to have regular bookings for a diverse range of events and activities and we will be working on building on the business plan for the centre to further create opportunities for a diverse range of community, tourist and arts and cultural events to be held at the centre.

The WCA in partnership with children and families from the school and local sporting clubs and Council to look at review the current playground at the Oval precinct and to create a potential concept plan for the space.

The WCA has also created a Welcome to Watervale social media page which will celebrate and promote the town- its unique heritage, businesses, people and places. This will be a priority project to assist the Watervale community to increase interest and visitation to the town.

The WCA also will be working with the Mount Horrock's Society to support the development of a digitalisation project which will assist with the digital recording of valuable historical documents and pieces which currently are housed at the Watervale Institute. This will also include the digitalisation of awards and sport record boards belonging to the sports clubs which can then be displayed electronically at The Vale.

### **What is the best thing about your community?**

The Watervale community prides itself on being a resilient, self-reliant and innovative community. As a representative of all the community group and businesses, the Watervale Community Association is a strong and active association that further supports cohesion and encompasses a diverse range of ages and interests in its membership. We are extremely fortunate to have active involvement of the primary school and playgroup to ensure that we are engaging children, young people and their families in our strategic planning. Our community has a strong history in working together, and also with the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council, to create positive outcomes for the town and its future.



# Focus on Stockport

## Stockport Community Association

### Why is the Stockport community important in our district?

- Stockport was established in 1845 and is primarily a farming region; grains, sheep, piggeries and free-range chicken farms
- A small township of approximately 122 private dwellings and 272 residents (2021 Census) with a high percentage of adults employed (approx. 90%+)
- The closest towns being Tarlee (9kms) and Hamley Bridge (6kms)
- The Stockport community bring many important aspects to the district, these are just a few:
  - Rich social life
    - The community gathers each year to celebrate Christmas with a free BBQ and the exchanging of gifts for the children
    - To welcome new residents, to celebrate special occasions and to bring the community together, well attended free BBQs are held
  - Volunteering
    - The post office, owned by the community and run daily by volunteers, providing a well needed service to the community by the community. The funds generated by this service are used for upgrading community amenities, the purchase of new play equipment and funding events.
    - The local cemetery is kept clean, tidy and well-presented so that those visiting their love ones that have past can be assured their sites are well respected
  - In times of natural disasters
    - During the floods, the community rallied and assisted each other with the filling and placing of sandbags to divert floodwaters away from homes
    - The community brought comfort to each other, especially those badly affected by the floods, by assisting with:
      - accommodation, not only for the people, but also their animals;
      - household goods and clothing;
      - social comfort; and
      - the clean-up!
    - During the "Pinery" fires, members of the community put their lives in harm's way assisting in putting out fires and similar to the floods the community alerted and brought comfort to each other, assisting where possible in moving families and animals to safety.



Stockport Oval and Tennis Courts

## What are the future plans for the Stockport community?

- Upgrade to Public toilets at Stockport oval
  - Roofing
  - Paving
  - New pans and sinks
  - Entrance wall
- New Play equipment
  - Basketball ring
  - Tennis nets
  - Climbing 'tree'
- Gates to be installed at the Stockport oval entrance arch
- The holding of more social and celebratory events

## What is the best thing about your community?

You would have to admire the resilience of the Stockport Community, having survived:

- floods in 2010 and again in 2016
- fires in 1990 and 2015
- even pestilence at one stage (grasshopper/locust swarms)

recovery from these events takes time, strength and mental resilience, something the Stockport Community have shown they possess on more than one occasion.

The community of Stockport have rallied together on every occasion, providing assistance, comfort and social interaction – showing respect and kindness to each other and a willingness to be a true part of the community.



1 Stockport Town Hall

2 -3 Stockport Oval and Tennis Courts

4 Stockport entry sign



# Peak Body Forum 2023

## Manoora Recreation Ground - 27 March

