



... The Village Voice ...

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Riverland Events

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From Judy's Desk

Hi all

Sorry this is a bit late but we all needed a break over Christmas, especially our Secretary.

I was fortunate to have our Christmas with my daughter, her husband and my grand-daughter and her partner. What a nice quiet and relaxing day. Lovely food and great company.

Hope you have all had a good break over the Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

INTERESTED IN ART?

The Berri Art Club meets Mondays at Belmont Hall, Uniting Church, Denny Street Berri. Times from 9am to 12 noon.

Contact Irene Mitchell, Unit 14. 85822962.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If you have a mobile phone with contacts listed in it, do you have an emergency number listed? This number can be listed as ICE and can be your partner, children or a close friend.. This would allow any person to contact your family in case of an emergency.

Loxton's Historic House and Garden "The Pines". Every Sunday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th January. Gardens open 7 days a week free of charge. Tours of house a fee applies.

Loxton Club Trivia Night at Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton. 7pm every Wednesday night, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Barmera Main Street Markets 21 January 2018.

Riva Fest 13th January 5pm. Gates open 4.30pm, Renmark Riverfront.

Loxton 2018 Free Australia Day breakfast, 7-9am Loxton Rotunda.

Lions Club Garage Sale 26th January, Old Wood Pavillion near No. 2 oval Renmark.

Netafim Waikerie Australia Day Event 27th January 6pm-11pm Waikerie Football Oval.

Rivergum Cruises Yarra Cliffs Cruise 4/1/18 2-4pm. Leaving Waikerie riverfront on board Qatar cruising upstream to Yarra Cliffs and return.

Berri/Barmera Australia Day

RESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

A BBQ was held in the gazebo on 8th December with about 20 residents attending. Apparently it was enjoyed by all.

CALLING THE COTTAGE HOMES PHONE NUMBER

If you need to call the Cottage Homes phone number, for an **URGENT** matter, when the office is unattended, please leave a message for Cynthia. She may be at the library and cannot answer the phone immediately. When she gets calls and there is not a message Cynthia is not sure if it is urgent or not and if the matter has been rectified. A short message would be appreciated.

ROAD WORKS

The Council have been in with the street sweeper and water tank to try and alleviate the dust problem we have in the village.

Unfortunately it doesn't seem to have fixed the problem.

The Committee will research other avenues to rectify the dust problem.

TIME FOR A LAUGH

IRISH GHOST STORY

This story happened a while ago in Dublin, and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's true.

John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitch-hiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped. John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door...only to realise there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't running. The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralysed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him. Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength, he jumped out of the car and ran to it...Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had. A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realised he was crying...and wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other... "Look Paddy. There's that fooking idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it."

BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone: Garnet
Flower Carnation
Capricorn 23/12-20/1
Aquarius 21/1-19/2

January

Mrs Elma Mason	2nd
Mr Doug Nayda	6th
Mrs Sheila Thrussel	12th
Mrs Helen Grimsley	13th
Mrs Mavis Lugg	20th

ANOTHER JOKE

Why Parents Drink

The boss wondered why one of his most valued employees was absent but had not phoned in sick. So he dialled the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper.

"Hello?"

'Is your daddy home?'

Small voice whispered, 'Yes, he's out in the garden.'

"May I talk with him?"

The child whispered, 'No'

So the boss asked, 'Well, is your Mummy there?'

Yes, she's out in the garden too'

The boss asked 'May I talk with her?'

Again the "No'.

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked 'Is anybody else there?'

'Yes' whispered the child, 'a policeman.'

Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, 'May I speak with the policeman?'

"No, He's busy' whispered the child.

"Busy doing what?'

'Talking to Daddy and Mommy and the police with the dog'

Growing more worried as he heard a loud noise in the background, the boss asked 'What is that noise?'

It's a helicopter' answered the whispering voice.

'What is going on there?' Demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive.

'The search tem just landed in a helicopter.'

'A search team?' said the boss.

'What are they searching for?'

Still whispering, the young voice replied with a muffled giggle...

'ME'

COUNCIL RATE REMISSIONS

You may be aware that the council gives remissions to pensioners on their council rates.

As we pay the council rates and cannot claim the remission, residents can apply for their own unit, and the remission will help keep the costs of the village down.

If you are willing to assist can you please come to the office on a Thursday with your pension card so that we can fill out the relevant form.

This has come about because an application for rate concessions from the Cottage Homes to the council has been refused.

We need your assistance to help you.