



# ... The Village Voice ...

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## Riverland Events

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### From Judy's Desk

Hope you have all settled into the new year. It was a bit hectic over the Christmas New Year period so hope you have all settled down since then. Life is going on as normal although Trevor and I were disappointed when someone took 4 plants from our garden. They must have come prepared with a shovel as well. I would gladly have given them cuttings!  
My 18year old grandson is staying with us for a week, Will keep me young.

### 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 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February. 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.

Barmera Main Street Markets 25th February 2018.

Lions Club Garage Sale 23rd February, Old Wood Pavillion near No. 2 oval Renmark.

Riverland Gem and Mineral Club Days. Wednesday and Saturday 1.30—4.30pm 3rd 7th, 10th, 14th, 17th, 21st, 24th, 38th.

Loxton Mardi Gras Movie Night. 23 Feb, Loxton Main Street.

Loxton Mardi Gras 24th Feb 10.45am.

Renmark Open Swimming Carnival 24th and 25th February, Renmark Swimming Centre.

Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival, Loxton Oval 24th Feb 5-10pm

Bat night—24th February 7.30 -9.30pm Wilabalangaloo. Please bring a torch and sturdy footwear.

### RESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

No function this month because of weather conditions.

Let's see what happens next month.... weather permitting!

### 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

Berri Barmera Council has swept the roads in kind (no charge to us). We are pushing for further works, might be from another source at a charge. Be patient with us, we are working on it.

## TIME FOR A LAUGH

One day Larry didn't show up. Bob didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something. But after Larry hadn't shown up for a week or so, Bob really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Bob didn't know where Larry lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him. A month had passed, and Bob figured he had seen the last of Larry, but one day, Bob approached the park and—lo and behold—there sat Larry! Bob was very excited and happy to see him and told him so. Then he said "For crying out loud Larry, what in the world happened to you?" Larry replied, "I have been in jail"

"Jail" cried Bob, "What in the world for?"

"Well," Larry said, "You know Jane, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?"

"Yeah" said Bob, "I remember her. What about her?"

"Well, one day she filed sexual harassment charges against me and, at 89 years old, I was so proud that when I got into court, I pleaded 'guilty'."

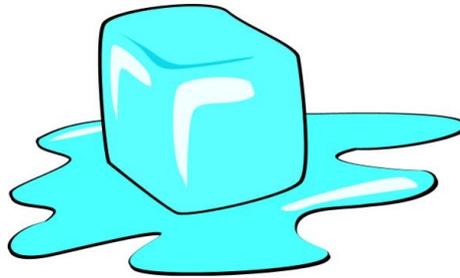
"The old judge gave me 30 days for perjury!!"

## BIRTHDAYS

**Birthstone: Amethyst  
Flower Violet  
Aquarius 21/1-19/2  
Pisces 20/2-20/3**

### February

Kellie Matthews	17th
Elaine Schultz	20th



## 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.

## Another laugh.

This is what all of us 70+ year olds, and those yet-to-be have to look forward to. This is something that happened at an assisted living centre.

The people who lived there have small apartments, but they all eat at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast, so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived so she went back up towards his room and she found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hell of a time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work. She told him she was going to call an ambulance, but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast.

So she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first step, so they called an ambulance for him. A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one leg of his boxer shorts.

I am sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know the facts.