

Goyder's Line Gazette

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The Orroroo Recreation Ground Group formed in 2020. Supported by Council, this group consists of representatives from the Tennis, Netball, Cricket and Football Clubs. The Group works together on activities, initiatives and events that improve the rec ground and facilities. The Group's first project was the "Grooving the Roo" Community New Year's Eve celebration, which by all accounts was a massive success!



The Group received a community event Drought Relief grant from PIRSA as well as being lucky enough to secure sponsorship from; Kelly Kelly Legal, Rural Bank, NAB, Elders Insurance Pt Augusta, Ray White Rural & Soil Management Systems to hold the great community party and phenomenal fireworks display.

Attendance levels exceeded all expectations with over 750 people through the gate. Performances included the School bands & artists, The Blue Rock Band and headline act- Gen X. There was multiple activities for the kids and plenty of food options to keep all the crowd happy.

A massive congratulations to the hands-on Organising Committee (Grooving the Roo Committee: Kate Pearce, Jessie White, Fiona Dignan, Lisa Reddaway, Jason Woods, Matt Dignan, Verity Ellery, Kellie White, Jodie Bouilly) & all volunteers on the night.

"Grooving the Roo" followed a hugely successful festive season, which included the annual Carols in the Main and Orroroo Christmas Pageant. How lucky are we to have such a proactive community!



Grooving the Roo: Fiona & Matt Dignan, Jason Woods, Verity Ellery, Lisa Reddaway, Kellie White, Jodie Bouilly, Kate Pearce, Jess White.



Carols in the Main



2020 was a challenging year for all so the Carols in the Main Committee felt it was important to have the Carols evening and bring the Community together to start Christmas celebrations in Orroroo. This would not have been possible without the guidance from Ann Frick at the council and we thank her for her time and support shown to the Committee.

We sincerely thank the amazingly talented visiting and local artists who entertained the crowd. The evening was capably compared by Sue Foulis and the wonderful lighting effects provided by Augusta Production Services ensured the night was a resounding success.

Carols in the Main would not be possible without the generous financial support from the DCOC and we are sure everyone enjoyed their ice creams, kindly donated by the Orroroo Community Church.

Thank you must also go to the volunteers of the Aged Care Fundraising Committee, Orroroo Lions Club and OAS Crunch for once again supporting the event.



Congratulations

To the 2021 Australia Day Recipients:

Citizen of the Year – Margaret Wilson

Young Citizen of the Year – Adrian Hucks

Community Event of the Year – Despite the Dust Muster

With the weather not in our favour, the Australia Day Breakfast was moved to the Orroroo Football Clubrooms at the last minute.

Over 120 people attended the event to celebrate our Australia Day and Award Winners and to welcome our newest Australian Citizen. Congratulations to all!

Check out some of the photos from the day below, more can be found on Council's Facebook page.

Thank you to the Orroroo & Districts Lions Club and their band of volunteers - we were all fed a beautiful Aussie breakfast.

We hope to see you next year at the Lions Park!

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[#wereallpartofthestory](#)



Above: Once again, Denise Ogilvy made the cake, Wow!

Below: Senator Rex Patrick with Orroroo's newest Australian resident, Ryan Ton. Welcome Ryan!



Above: (L-R) Award Winners Margaret Wilson, Adrian Hucks, Dylan Strong and Kathie Bowman

Below: MC for the morning Dylan Strong with the crowd

Right: Some Carrieton residents enjoying breakfast under the verandah.

Below right: The crowd once again enjoyed Sing Australia performing.





MORE FROM GROOVING THE ROO



Great to have live music !!



Tracey Oldfield, Emma White, Kaitlin Bodger, Kimberley Battersby, Danielle Gillies



Bek Rasheed & Lisa Reddaway



Great crowd



Fantastic fireworks !!



Jess White with Jack & Peppa



Kate Pearce & Verity Ellery



Bec Stone & baby Cooper



ORRORO CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2020



From the Council desk

Ordinary meeting: Council held its ordinary meeting on Wednesday 26th January 2021 in the Orroroo Council Chambers. Minutes are now available via www.orraroo.sa.gov.au. The next ordinary meeting is scheduled for 9am Wednesday 24th February 2021. Council papers will be available to the public as normal via Council's website.

Thanks and appreciation: Council wishes to acknowledge and sincerely thank our wonderful volunteers, who dedicated so much of their time to the running of community events over the Christmas and New Year season. Carols in the Main, Orroroo Christmas Pageant and Grooving the Roo ensured our community connected and celebrated safely, when so many other communities were unable to hold annual events.

Park re-opening: The Lion's Nature Park is once again open to accept visitors. The first stage of nature play activities has been completed and are ready for your children to explore. As minor works are still occurring in a few sections of the park, Council requests all visitors exercise due care and pay attention to remaining safety signage or excluded areas.

Opening Event: Following the completion of stage 1 works at the Lion's Nature Park, Council is planning an official opening event in the coming month. The event will be open to everyone and Council encourage everyone in our community to come along and enjoy the fun. Stay tuned to Council's website or Facebook page for more information.

Main Street Amenity Renovation: At the December 2020 meeting, Council endorsed the concept plans for renovation of the Orroroo Main Street Amenities. These plans will now be finalised and will soon be submitted for development approval.

Active construction sites: There are currently a number of active construction sites in public areas which restrict public access in Orroroo. The Lion's Nature Park and Youth Park (at the Orroroo Recreation Ground) are ongoing work sites, frequented by heavy machinery. Please respect and obey the closure signs, they are for your safety after all.

Heavy Vehicle Bypass update: Final designs will be completed in February. The necessary property acquisition to open the road across the old rail corridor is in progress and consultation with DIT regarding the RM Williams Way intersections is occurring at the same time.

After Hours Duty Officer: To improve our service delivery, Council has implemented an after hours Duty Officer. The Duty Officer can be contacted for urgent matters outside of standard business hours on **0437 949 713**. Any matters which are not urgent should be directed to the Council Office Monday - Friday on 8658 1260.

Dog Registrations



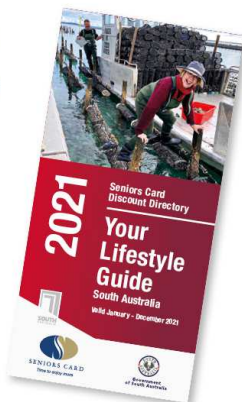
All dogs over 3 months of age must be microchipped, desexed and registered with DACO (exemptions for desexing can apply for working dogs, racing greyhounds and animals belonging to breeders registered with the Dog and Cat Management Board).

Registered dogs can be returned home safely and quicker as long as they are wearing their current registration tag or identification on their collar e.g. registration number or owner's phone details.

Time to enjoy more with your Seniors Card

Seniors Card Discount
Directory, *Your Lifestyle*
Guide available from
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The Seniors Card Discount Directory, *Your Lifestyle Guide* is produced annually and provides the state's 390,000+ Seniors Card members with hundreds of discounts and benefits provided by South Australian businesses in metropolitan and regional areas, along with useful information to assist over 60's to get out and about and remain connected to their communities.

The Minister for Health and Wellbeing wrote to you in October in relation to your office being a collection point for Seniors Card members to pick up a copy of the Directory.

This year, many of us have had to adjust timelines due to COVID-19 - the Seniors Card Unit has faced these challenges too. They liaise with business partners that wish to advertise their discounts and offers to members. Many partners have experienced hardship this year, with some closing their doors. To ensure that the 2021 Seniors Card Discount Directory is accurate and includes a range of discounts and offers for members, distribution of the Directory has been slightly delayed.

Instead of receiving copies of the Directory mid-late December, collection points will receive stock during the week commencing 18 January 2021. Should you wish to promote availability of the Directory in advance, I have attached some marketing material.

Should you have any queries, please contact Evlynn Hayes, Manager of the Seniors Card program on 8204 2404 or seniorscard@sa.gov.au.

I appreciate your support of the state's senior population and local South Australian businesses.

Kind regards,

Cassie Mason

Director, Office for Ageing Well



From 1 December

COVID-Safe Check-In



COVID-Safe Check-in is a new feature that has been added to the **mySA GOV app** to support contact tracing.

Using the app



Download mySA GOV from the App Store or Google Play. You don't need to create a mySA GOV account or log in to use this feature. If you already have the mySA GOV app, ensure it is updated.





When you arrive at a venue, simply select the COVID-Safe Check-in button in the app and follow the prompts to scan the unique QR code displayed at the venue.

The first time you use COVID-Safe Check-in, you'll be asked to enter your name and mobile number. You'll then receive a text message with a unique code to enter into the app. This is to verify your phone number. You'll only have to do this once.





If you don't have a compatible smart phone, you can still enter a venue but must provide contact details manually.

SA.GOV.AU or 1800 253 787

KEEPING SA SAFE & STRONG





SINGLE-USE MASK

DISTRIBUTION POINT

These masks are for one-time personal use only.
Please only take as you require.



Wash and dry (or sanitise) your hands before you put on your mask.



Make sure your mask completely covers your nose, mouth and chin.



Don't touch, or adjust, the front of your mask while wearing it.



Do not allow the mask to hang around your neck, or sit under your nose.



Responsibly dispose of single-use masks in the bin. Do not put into recycling.



Wash and dry (or sanitise) your hands after removing the mask.

Keep an eye out for other single-use mask distribution points around your community.

Learn more about masks by visiting:
stopthespread.sa.gov.au





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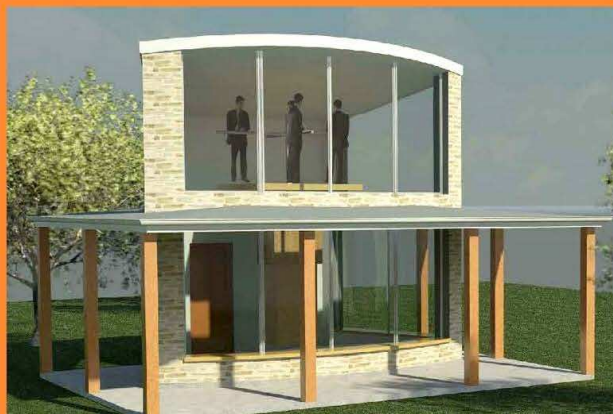
Orroroo's Woolpress Rotunda To Begin Construction

ORROROO'S NEW ROTUNDA TO HOUSE THE HISTORIC BLACK ROCK WOOLPRESS IS SOON TO BECOME A REALITY WITH CONSTRUCTION SET TO COMMENCE IN THE COMING WEEKS.

PROPOSED COMPLETION-JULY 2021.

FOR SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY, THE MEDIAN STRIP OPPOSITE THE MEDICAL CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED & AN EXCLUSION FENCE ERECTED DURING CONSTRUCTION.

STAY TUNED TO COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FURTHER UPDATES



CHURCH NOTICES

IN CHANGING TIMES, STAND CONFIDENTLY ON THE UNCHANGING CHARACTER OF GOD

Catholic Church Mass times

First Sunday of month 9.30am Orroroo
(Liturgy)
Second Sunday of month 10.00am Orroroo
Third Sunday of month 10.00am Pekina
Fourth & Fifth Sunday of month 10.00am Orroroo
Carrieton 6pm Saturdays

Friday 5th March 2021
World Day of Prayer St Joseph's
Catholic Church @ 7pm

Orroroo Community Church

There is always something exciting and satisfying about starting something new. No one really knows what this new year will bring us, many are hoping that it will be a better year than last year and that will be great if it is so, but for all we know it could turn out worse. I find it interesting to hear so many people say 2020 was a terrible year, I am so glad it is over. But when you stop and put aside all the negative things, you begin to see that in fact there were many positive things that helped make 2020 not a bad year after all. The rains came, use of masks and social distancing meant that many other diseases eased off, our oceans are a lot cleaner than they were last year and the world is greening as we see the drop in carbon emissions. Many people learnt that they could work from home just as efficiently without the stress of travelling, just to name a few of the positives. For us in this area it was a Covid free community in which we lived. 2021 will be a good year if we are prepared to focus on the positive opportunities around us; look kindly on those near us and share God's love with all those we come in contact with.

God bless, John Cozens

Preaching plan for Orroroo Community Church

Feb. 7th	Alan Matson
Feb. 14 th .	Alan Matson
Feb. 21 st .	John Cozens
Feb. 28 th .	John Cozens



Probis Report

After the start stop start stop year of 2020 it was good to begin our year with a January meeting even though numbers were low. Those that were there enjoyed the chance to gather again.

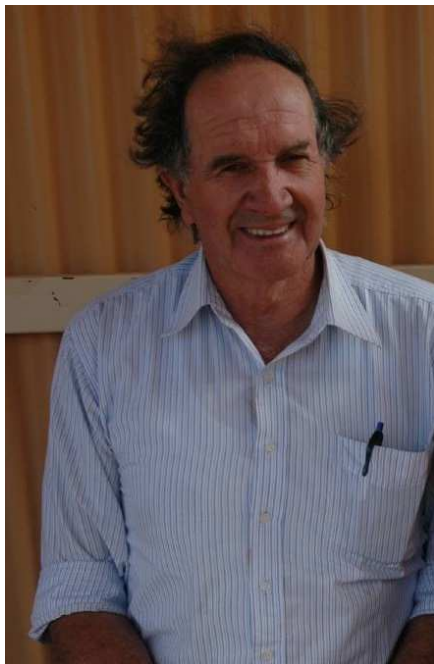
Richard Bramley as President welcomed all and conducted our general business meeting.

A letter from South Pacific congratulated the Orroroo Club on celebrating 25 years as a club in Orroroo. Seeing we were not able to celebrate last year it was agreed that in March we hold our AGM with the election of new office bearers for 2021 at 11.00am and follow with a special celebration dinner seeing that our Christmas dinner was cancelled due to Covid 19. In place of a 10 minute speaker a number of members shared their positive reactions to how Covid 19 had touched their lives in 2020. It was good to hear their positive stories. Unfortunately our main speaker has been sick and was unable to make our meeting so our guest speaker organiser arranged an old fashion games time.

We began with Richard leading us in an Australian trivia quiz competition. Some answers came easy while others stumped us all. Then it was a chance to test our dice throwing skills as we played a game of bug. Shirley McCallum with her excellent dice throwing ability was able to win a couple of games in very good time. I am sure many of us were reminded of parties long ago when we took part in a pass the parcel game. Beryl did an excellent job in putting together intriguing clues to work out who should get the next turn. After a lot of fun Dianne Jardine was the lucky winner who got to take home the prize of the day.
John Cozens

TO PROBUS MEMBERS

Regarding Probis 25th Birthday Party
11am Tuesday 2nd March at Commercial
Hotel
Cost \$ 25 each for Main Meal
Special Birthday Cake Dessert
If you cannot attend please contact
Yvonne O'Dea by Tuesday 23rd February



Obituary -Geoffrey Dean Gibb was born in the Orroroo Hospital on the 29th of June 1949, the first-born child of Murray and Beth (nee Symes) and they resided at the humble family home off of Second Street in Orroroo. Geoff's sister Janne was welcomed to the family in December 1950. The young family was unfortunately broken with the loss of Beth in 1952 to Polio. The young Gibb children then often found themselves being cared for by their beloved Nanny Symes, and it was here that Geoff and his young cousins Terry Probert and Doug Barton would get up to an untold amount of mischief. Murray married Nina Halliday in 1956 and then began a new chapter in Geoff and Janne's life. They welcomed Beverly in 1957 Sally in 1958 and Peter in 1963. Sadly, Peter was taken too soon in a road accident in 1980. After Nina's passing in 1993 Murray again found companionship with Ronda Luckraft and the two wed in 1996 adding Brenton and Graeme to their families.

After completing his Schooling at Orroroo Area School Geoff went on to work for his father and uncles at what was then Gibb Bros as an apprentice mechanic. It later went on to become Gibb's Garage and Geoff entered into a partnership with Murray and Nina. He travelled around the area selling and servicing the vehicles and machines available through their various franchises, including John Deere, Mitsubishi and Daihatsu, forming bonds

of trust and loyalty with their clients along the way. He often spoke of adventures to repair the likes of a Mini Moke or a shearing plant out on a station somewhere, or delivering drums of Golden Fleece fuel with the old Commer truck and setting fire to half the district, or going on trips up bush in a truck with John Parnell. In the mid 70's they acquired a parcel of land in the Hundred of Coomooroo. They cropped and ran a small herd of Red Poll Cattle until the '82 drought, after this they reverted to sheep. In the following years the block was added too. Saturday afternoons after closing time at the garage was always reserved for going out the farm. Geoff also had a keen interest in funeral directing, something that the family had been part of for many years, starting with his uncle Freddy Tapscott. His interest in it grew and it eventually became his chosen role. Not a glamorous job but one that he and Joan both found very rewarding.

Geoff and Murray worked side by side until 2013, when Murray passed away after suffering a stroke. At the end of 2014, the Garage closed for the Christmas / New Year break; it was then he decided to call an end and close the doors to the business to allow him to concentrate on other important parts of his life. Geoff had married Joan Hombsch in the Carrieton Methodist Church on the 12st of November 1977 and they settled into their present-day home in Sixth Street Orroroo, where they started their life's journey together.

They welcomed a son, Sam into their family in 1980, and Andrew in 1984. Tragedy again struck when Andrew was taken in 2005. It was after this that his and Joan's passion for helping others really began to stand out, often putting aside their own personal loss to help out other families in their time of need.

Joan, who has lived with M.S. for many years, had become more dependent on Geoff as slowly she lost more of her mobility. He became her primary carer and devoted more of his time to looking after her. True love still existed. He enjoyed taking Joan to Carrieton for Friday night teas where they could catch up with some old mates, and they very rarely missed out on attending the Rodeo. He became a father-in-law to Libby in 2013, a "Pa" in November 2014 to Lara and to Milia in May 2016. He was a proud and devoted "Pa" doting over his grandchildren. The Girls loved their visits to "Pa & Nan's", when on arrival they would head straight for the "biccy jar" or the lolly tin and very rarely were they disappointed. Geoff was what you would call a community minded person, he was also a person that was capable of showing great compassion and was always there willing to lend a hand and help people out, no matter who you were or what the problem was, he gave people his time. He was seen as a mentor to some, a mate to many and even a rival to others. He had many achievements in his younger years from attempting to set new land speed records in his Valiant Charger, to seeing how far you can push a fire truck before everyone jumps off the back, or playing everyone's favourite game "let's turn off the car lights and guess how fast we're going". Later in life, he found some more subdued pursuits like, "how many fence posts can I take out with the Air-seeder?" and "what stationary object can I hit with the Header today?"

On the more serious side, he was a valued member of the community and contributed in so many ways. He was a member of the Orroroo St John Ambulance brigade in its early years, and in 1975 he proudly accepted the keys to the town's first St John Ambulance, a Holden Panel Van. After ending his role as a brigade member, he continued to serve on the Ambulance Board, being recognised in 2001 with a life membership. He was a member of, and held office in, the local Masonic Lodge until its closure. He was a member of the Liberal Party for many years and because of this was called on to scrutineer vote counting on election days.

Although not a sportsman himself, he provided sponsorship to many of the sporting clubs and events in the district. He took great pride in presenting the Peter Gibb Memorial trophy every year at the football dinner albeit with the same well-rehearsed speech.

He once went along to an Orroroo Show Society AGM to put across his view that the show was no longer viable and should be disbanded. However, he came away from the meeting as President of the Show Society and the show went on!

He served as a Justice of the Peace and was involved with the local Chamber of Commerce, and has been on the selection panel for the Australia Day Award for many years.

Geoff had strong religious beliefs and was also a Lay Minister with the Uniting Church, conducting Sunday services.

When his boys were involved with swimming, he too became involved. Although not being able to swim himself, he served as Chairperson of the swimming pool committee, being part of fundraisers and working bees, and helping out on carnival nights.

After the passing of his father, he continued with one of the town's more endearing traditions. Driving Father Christmas in the Baby Austin 7 at the Christmas Pageant. Something that is as iconic to the town as the Big Gum Tree.

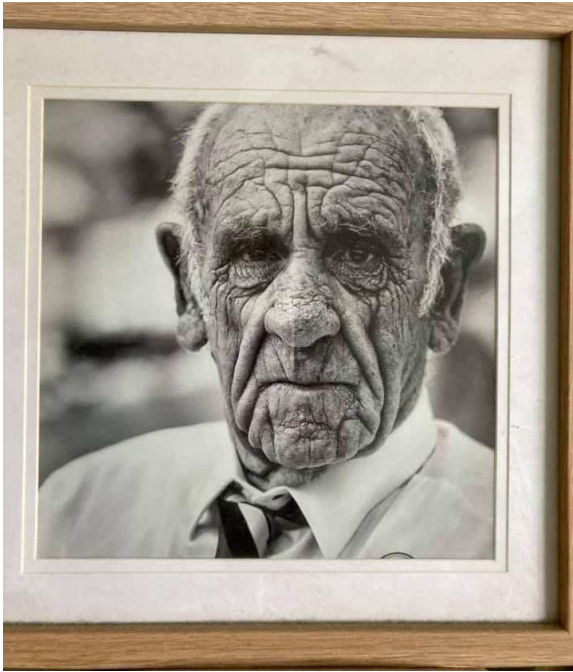


One of his more noted contributions to the community is with the CFS. Geoff joined the then EFS back in 1969, and had remained an active member for over 50 years, 40 of them serving as a Group Officer or Deputy Group Officer, an achievement that was recently recognised when he was presented with a 50-year service award. And of course, he was always on hand for those out of hours RAA calls or those so "desperately needed" spare parts.

"Behind every good man is a good woman!" And in 1996, both Geoff and Joan were presented with Council's Australia Day Award for their contribution to the town and district.

After his annual "tune up at the Quacks" (as he liked to call it) around his 71st birthday the results that came back weren't good. He was diagnosed with acute Myeloid Luekemia a very aggressive form of the disease. All this news came around the same time as he found out that he was to become a "Pa" again. Clearly, an emotional time, he realised that he would not be able to continue the funeral business and made the decision to pass it on. The Cook family have now taken on his work and the name. He can rest easy knowing what a wonderful job that they are doing. So, life again took another big turn. After several rounds of failed treatment and a grim prognosis, the decision was made to try an aggressive round of chemotherapy. Knowing the risks and with the support of his family he was prepared to give it a go, as he had so much left to give and so much left to do. The treatment did not go quite as planned, and due to the nature of it, left him vulnerable. An infection saw him placed in the ICU at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on Christmas day. This, unfortunately, was the beginning of the end. He fought gallantly for the next eleven days until the 5th of January when he succumbed to the disease. After a visit from Joan and Sam that day, he closed his eyes for the last time and passed on peacefully. Thanks go to the wonderful staff at the Royal Adelaide Hospital ICU who looked after and made him comfortable in his final days, and also to the caring and compassionate staff at the Orroroo Hospital who cared for Joan. Geoff's passing leaves not just a huge hole in the life of Joan, Sam, Libby, Lara, Milia and the rest of his family, but the community too will feel a loss. So... as he would say. "I'll leave you with it"



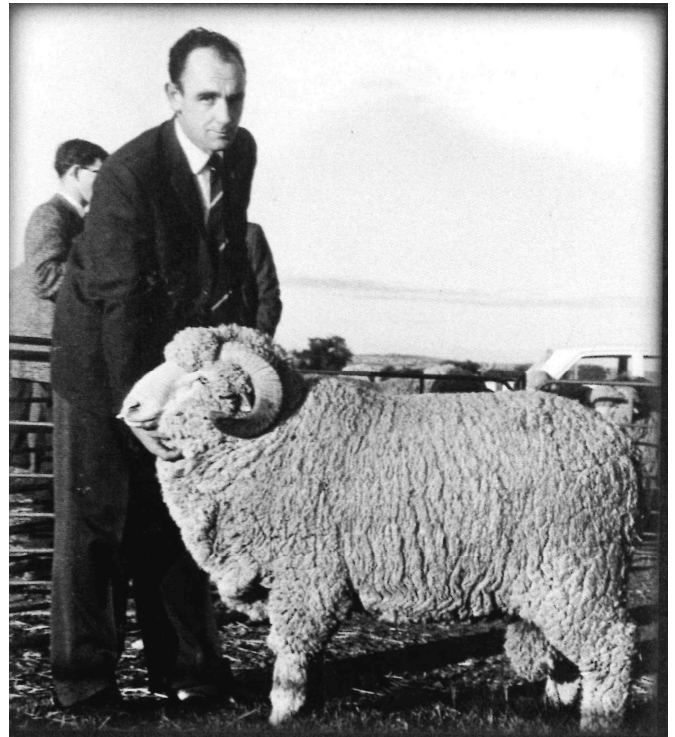


David Brooks Obituary

Dad was born on Saturday July 25th 1936 at the Orroroo Hospital to Clarrie and Phillis Brooks. This "little fella would go on to have, as Dad said "a good life". Soon his loved and loving sister, Yvonne, arrived in January 1938, and the family was complete. Dad and Yvonne were great little friends, fond memories of farm life with lots of animals and great times at Kadina with their grandparents. After his primary schooling in Orroroo, it was off to Kings College Boarding School, now Pembroke, from 1948-1951. Dad loved sports, particularly tennis, of which he captained the school side. He played in the Football First 18 in his last year of 1951, his football critique included "Did not always try hard enough at practice". After his schooling, Dad worked on the farm with his dad, as well as shearing and wool classing up on northern stations and surrounding districts. Yvonne said he was a very hard worker. Orina Merino Stud was founded in 1947 by Clarrie, Dad was brought into partnership in 1957. A successful, well known Stud.

Dad had his eye on our beautiful shy mum for a while and finally after agreeing to a dance, it would be the beginning of their lives together. They were happily married in this church on June 9th 1962 and were off on their honeymoon that afternoon all through Queensland for a month! Dad said "best have a big holiday" as holidays would be "few and far between" with their future plans. David and Glenys had four children, Wade, Andrea, Bronwyn and Vaughan. Dad was with Mum for all our births, staying in the Labour Ward and helping her. This was unheard of 57 years ago, but Matron Roberts encouraged it, Dad saying "no way was he going to leave Mum go through it on her own". Dad worked long hard hours when we were young, knowing Mum was such a beautiful mother, he knew we were all loved and cared beautifully for ... "a mother duck with her four ducklings"... so Dad could

continue to work and build the farm with his father. Our teenage years were a bit more challenging and by Dads shrug of his shoulders and usual hands in the air, we know Dad had given up by the time Vaughan got going! So Dad, with Mum, continued the Stud, to breed sheep, wool, wheat, barley, cattle, pigs, hay bale with Con Lavington and involved in share farming. Since Wade left school he has worked with Dad, albeit the usual farmer father/son ups and downs, they have done the farm proud. Dad was a well-respected sheep breeder and wool classer, judging at many shows around the district, culling for farmers and organizing the wool pavilion at the Orroroo Show for many years with his father and later with Wade.



Dad always supported us, and was immensely proud of all our life's achievements. Dad was adamant that a good education was essential so off we went to boarding schools. Not only for the academic education, but opportunities there, to meet people, become understanding of others and to learn to become resilient.

As time went on, the family grew with Robyn, Simon, Philip and Kylie and even more with eleven grandchildren, Kate, Jade, Bonni, Lana, Beau, Aiden, Kurt, Alysa, Angus, Javre and Laela. He cherished them, loved seeing and hearing what they were all doing with their lives. A dear little great granddaughter Ella born in April certainly brightened his world.

Dad was a loved brother to Yvonne, brother-in-law to Len, Uncle to Sonia and Jon. He was a loved brother in law to Rodney and Marilyn and Uncle to Justin, Aaron and Jilna. He had fond memories of his extended family.

The Orroroo Football Club was a very important part of Dads life, his love of the Club instilled in him by his Dad. His father always said "if we lose the footy club the town dies". Dad loved helping him, in 1947, his Dad and Bill Lang were determined to get footy back and Clarrie coached the first year post war recess. Clarrie and Murray Gibb completely re turfed the oval and so Dad found his passion contagious. Dad played in the Flinders League but found it hard to commit with working away. Dad loved the players, he could remember everything about them, which foot they kicked, game results, the quickest hands. "Keith Slade" and loved watching in later years their kids play. Dad was a trainer for over 20 years, Treasurer for 10 years, received the Meritorious Award in 1992 and Life Membership in 2000. He was proud of Wade and Vaughan's football achievements. Even in last couple years he rarely missed a match. Loved watching Aiden play and talking to him about the game. He was Aiden's Number 1 fan. Next best thing about footy, he loved Michelle Kuerschner's vegetable soup at the canteen. Funny never heard him mention Bronwyn and I in Netball much! Although he did always say we were great Mums and was fiercely proud of us and our independent and resilient natures!

Dad, with Des Fromm and Merv Butterick instigated cropping to raise money for the Football Club. The entire project was voluntary for years. Then forming the Cropping Committee, which he was a member and Chairman for over 30 years. Raising large sums of money, many clubs, groups benefited from this great committee of people, and to Dads dismay was disbanded by the Council. Yes "the acacia bushes are out of control" Dad. He was on School Council and Committee for building the School Community Gym. He wishes to this day they had built it at the town oval.

Dad loved his home town Orroroo, the community but most of all his farm. He just wanted to be home, out and about on his farm he loved, checking the stock, paddocks, trees, birds and the open air. He knew every inch of his farm. We think every line on Dads face tells a story, hard work in harsh conditions, long hours in open tractors, good years and bad, and worry, and yes the Marlboro Green Menthol cigarettes years ago!

Dad adored Mum. Dad looked after Mum for several years when ill and that was when we could see the meaning of true love. Dad missed Mum terribly, "the last ten years have been pretty ordinary without her"

Dad loved reading, especially the Advertiser. It was an absolute essential part of breakfast...the smell of newsprint and turning the pages. The Stock Journal was read over and over until the next edition and his only concern with the 6 day lockdown was how he was going to get the Stock Journal!

Dad fought through some difficult health issues to finally get home in March. Thanks to the nurses, Dr Simon Jackson and service staff of the Orroroo Hospital for getting him well enough to go home.

Thanks to Meals on Wheel Volunteers when Dad first went home, not just the delivered food but your chats with him. He was determined to stay home and in fact never stayed in hospital again...passing away peacefully at home.

As you all know, Dad loved to drive, he loved to see things and also with the off chance someone would pull him up for a chat. Dad and his father were great friends with Bart Nicholas. This friendship extended to Bart's grandson John James. So drives down the Paratoo Road were frequent to have a chat with J.J. and made more special by waving to and seeing J.J. and Ella's girls. Thanks for your caring respect and interest in our Dad.

A heart felt thank you to Keith Nutt. Keith you had a special place in Dads world. Without fail every week, Keith would visit, talk about anything...Dad loved to chat. Dad looked forward to Keith's company and we cannot thank you enough for your wonderful care, friendship and support.

Thanks to the caring community of Orroroo looking out for Dad. Helping Dad up the street, in particular Ahmad and staff at IGA, who would always look out for him in his ute outside. Thanks to all our extended family and friends for their support and love.

So, Dad continued to stay at home, not particularly happy about his health, but managed to live his life as independently as he could and adapted so he could still live his life his way and how he wanted.

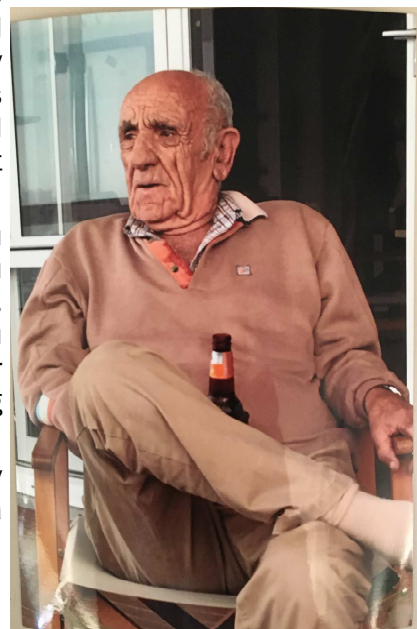
He had an incredible memory for dates, people, events of the Orroroo and Districts over the years.

Dadstrong-willed, stubborn, hardworking, determined, stoic, proud and genuinely interested in many things, people and events ... and yes, pig headed, liked to still have some control, certain things his way, be involved, included and have his opinion....but that's okay.....don't we all?

Dad had lots of one liners that were funny. Many favorite's, "Oh well, you can't make strawberry jam out of pig shit", "You can't have hair and brains" "The crop looks like its about to wave the flag" .And make sure I'm in my wedding suit "Its wool you know and in those days it cost a lot of money"

Dad... We know you loved us and you knew we loved you. So be with Mum. You will love seeing her and go dancing together again!

Sleep peacefully Dadwith a satisfied mind.



Fox Bait Distribution Days

Northern and Yorke Region

Register now for discounted fox bait

Landholders in the Northern and Yorke region are encouraged to register for the upcoming 1080 fox bait distribution days.

Foxes are a significant pest and have a large impact on agriculture and the environment through predation and spread of weeds and diseases. These distribution days aim to maximise the positive benefits of fox control through a coordinated approach across our region's landscape.

Fox baits at a discounted rate will be provided for collection across nine sites over three days in February to registered landholders. Please note that registration is essential.

Crystal Brook Oval carpark	Tuesday 23 February	9:00am – 10:00am
Napperby Memorial Hall	Tuesday 23 February	11:00am – 12:00pm
Mambray Creek: Corner of Park Rd & Augusta Highway	Tuesday 23 February	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Laura Oval	Wednesday 24 February	9:00am – 10:00am
Jamestown Oval	Wednesday 24 February	11:00am – 12:00pm
Peterborough Oval	Wednesday 24 February	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Booleroo: Opposite Northern Ag	Thursday 25 February	9:00am – 10:00am
Melrose: Nott St Car Park	Thursday 25 February	11:00am – 12:00pm
Orroroo Council Office	Thursday 25 February	1:30pm – 2:30pm

To register for the program or for more information, contact the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board on 8658 1086 or email ny.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au.

Weed Blitz

Are these weeds growing in your community?



Khaki Weed



Silverleaf Nightshade



African Rue

Khaki Weed is a summer-growing annual creeping herb with prostrate stems that are reddish with soft, silky hairs. The leaves are numerous and grow in opposite pairs of unequal size and are oval shaped with red-purple veins. The fruit is a prickly chaff-coloured burr about 1cm long.

Silverleaf Nightshade is an erect summer perennial herb growing to a height of 80cm. Leaves are silvery white, and the flowers are purple to violet and occasionally white. The fruit is a smooth globular berry which contains approximately 50 seeds.

African Rue is a summer-growing, perennial shrub that grows 0.5m high. Stems are stiff and branched with green, succulent leaves. Leaves have a distinct bitter odour when crushed and the flowers are white with a yellow centre and appear in late spring to mid-autumn. The fruit is a round, three-chambered capsule which appears at the same time as flowering.

Impacts

In favourable conditions, these declared pest plants (weeds) can spread rapidly and impact on cropping land, grazing pastures and the natural environment.

Prevention is by far the most cost effective form of weed control, followed by eradication of any newly-arrived weeds that are limited to a small number of localised populations. By keeping a close watch on emerging weeds on your property and in the community, you can help to keep them at bay.

Report a weed

If you see any of the above weeds, please contact the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's Orroroo office on **8658 1086**.

Our Landscape Officers can also assist in weed identification and advice about weed control methods and landholder responsibilities.



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Neighbourly SOS

The wonderful members of the Laura Ag Bureau delivered 750 Bales of Stock feed to pastoralist around the Orroroo district just before Christmas. It was through an initiative – Share Our Stockfeed – Helping Our Neighbours.

Not only did we receive the delivery on that day, but 20 millimetres of very welcome rain also greeted the Ag Bureau members as they rolled into town with six road trains, one B-double and ten semi trucks. Volunteers drove the trucks, baled and loaded the straw. Generous financial support was received from National Drought Agency, Perry's Fuel Distributors, WSB/Krone, Hunts Fuel, Spence Dix & Co, Gladstone Opportunity Store, Rocky River Lions, Port Pirie Rotary Club and Gladstone Caltex. The Port Pirie Rotary Club also travelled over and hosted a barbecue for the drivers and pastoralists.

Laura Ag Bureau chair and Georgetown farmer David Humphris said “despite the Ag Bureau members all being busy with their own harvest, they had stuck to their offer to deliver the feed before Christmas”. Several of the recipients were overwhelmed by the generosity and consideration of our neighbours, “this gives us a much welcome boost in being on the land”.

Council is aiming to facilitate a casual barbecue with a special guest speaker on the 23rd Feb for pastoralists, farmers and also our neighbours from the Laura Ag Bureau, due to funding received from Department Primary Industries and Regions.



Grant Bamman, Jack Bamman, Derek Combe, David Humphris, Damian Tiller, Jack Tiller, Peter Scholz, Grant Chapman, Anthony Lines, Leroy Ricks, Brad Lines, Chris Growden, Cody Robson, Kym Woolford, Snow Rowe, Hammish Klemm, Leanne Klemm, Hannah Klemm, Kym Klemm, Richard Rackham, Geoff Zwar, Leanne Zwar, Kevin Duke, Rodney Duke, Andrew Kitto, Jamie Hunt, Ian Tapscott



CARRIETON NEWS

Rainfall -DECEMBER TOTALS: Almerita 22.5mm, Mookra 34.5mm, Glenroy 21mm, Eurelia 7mm, Carrieton 43mm, Bendleby 15mm.

JANUARY TOTALS: Almerita 21.5mm, Mookra 12.5mm, Glenroy 22mm, Eurelia 28mm, Carrieton 43mm, Bendleby 29.5mm.

2020 TOTALS; Almerita 339mm, Glenroy 263.2mm, Eurelia 450mm, Carrieton 336.2mm, Bendleby 326mm.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Melanie and Todd Parish on the birth of Lenny Todd. A Grandson to Jim and Janice Reid.

Jane (Kelly) and Andrew Williams on the birth of their daughter Esme Gabrielle, a sister to Sylvie, Alfie and Zeta.

Katie and Mark Hombsch on the birth of a son Oakley Mark, a sister to Millie. Deb and John have taken a well earned break from the Community Store to visit them in Queensland.

Rachel Hilder and Dickie Anderson have welcomed a daughter Molly Jillian, a sister to Archie.

The Carrieton community welcome Stephen, Jess and Edward Watson, who have recently become residents of Carrieton. Renovations at the hotel continue, so watch this space for news of the Pub reopening (possibly April)!

Congratulations to Paddy Rowe who recently celebrated his 50th. A Birthday party was held at Almerita on a cold blustery night which would normally have been Rodeo night. The party continued in sheltered areas, but thankfully we weren't hosting the Rodeo.

With great sadness we acknowledge the recent passing of Geoff Gibb. A valued, cheerful and most obliging helpful person within our community, who will be sadly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to Joan, Sam, Libby, Lara, Milla and newborn daughter Penny.

Events held in Orroroo during the Festive Season being Carols in the Main, the Christmas Pageant, and Grooving the Roo on New Years Eve, made a most enjoyable finish to a dreary 2020. Well done to the organisers of these events! Carrieton Caravan Park Committee acknowledges the passing of Anton Thony who has been the driving force behind the Folk Music Festival weekend held in the Caravan Park for the last 2 years. Sympathy goes to his family, friends and his faithful followers "The Gathering".

Carrieton Swimming Pool received many entrants for VAC Swim. The cool water and shivering young children have encouraged the committee into looking to purchase a solar blanket for next years lessons. Thanks to Liz and Annie for their work in presenting the pool in good condition for what has been a cool summer so far.

The school year has begun with a change of Bus Driver. Welcome to Duncan Anderson who replaces Leonora Gilles. Leonora was our Bus Driver for 25 years. She gave great service going above and beyond her normal duties. Always ready to deliver papers to the Store, and other tasks asked of her. Thankyou Leonora, you will be missed. New to school life and bus runs are; Mac Clarke in Pre-school. Karli Schores-Williams and Matilda Shephard in Reception and Harvey Williams Year 9 who is now boarding at Almerita.

Best wishes and Congratulations to Leonora Gillies and Irene Hughes on reaching their 70th birthdays recently. A Happy Birthday to Kate Williams who reaches that same milestone in early February.

Congratulations to this years Australia Day Winners, Margaret Wilson and Adrian Hucks, both worthy recipients of this prestigious award.

After the formalities of the Australia Day Breakfast, the Orroroo Hotel hosted the inaugural Cricket match between Orroroo and Carrieton with the Northerners winning. Thanks to Jenny and Shane from the Orroroo Hotel and to Steve Watson from the Carrieton Pub for instigating this idea. The game will be played in Carrieton next year.

TOURISM REPORTS; Morgan Art Gallery in Hawker is closed for February as is Craddock Hotel and a lot of other businesses are also closed over the heat of summer. Please advise travellers to check out their destination venues before leaving.

Mass time at Carrieton Catholic Church remains at 6pm until the end of daylight saving.

COMING EVENTS; Carrieton Progress will meet Tuesday 15th Feb, 7.30 at the Clubrooms...EVERYONE WELCOME

Flinders Ranges Annual Campdraft will be held at Carrieton 27th and 28th March...more details in next months newsletter.

Nick Parnell will be hosting a "pop-up" event at this years Fringe in Adelaide on Friday 19th Feb, 6pm at The Jade, a vintage pub with stacks of charm and a cozy front bar. Nick is an accomplished Xylophone player.

We hope those who have been on holidays enjoyed their time away, and those who are still to head off for a break travel safely on the roads and have a good time!



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 Friday: 8.45am-5pm
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BOOK REVIEW

The Ruin

The Ruin is the first novel by Irish author Dervla McTiernan. It is a crime thriller with many twists and turns. Cormac Reilly is in the Irish police force. After having a high-flying job in Dublin, he transfers to Galway. Here he meets resistance from members of the police force and is assigned cold cases. One case involves a boy who was part of an investigation that Cormac was part of 20 years ago. He is determined to solve this case. There are many twists and turns and the characters move between Ireland and America.

It is a good read and if you enjoy it, read the sequel "The Scholar", then follow that with "The Good Turn".



ADULT NEW RELEASES

Adult fiction

The book of hidden words—Crosby
The Secret life of Shirley Sullivan—L Ireland
Saving Missy—B Morrey
Sunrise on half moon bay—R Carr
Hidden Riches—N Roberts
Bluntforce—L L Plante
The Cartographer's secret—T Cooper
Q is for Quarry—S Grafton
Best kept secrets—S Brown
The Titanic secret—C Cussler

Non-Fiction

Becoming—Michelle Obama
When the ship hits the fan. (Rip roaring tales of a life at sea)—R Anderson

Large Print

A week at the shore—B Delinsky
The white streak—M Brand
Formidable foes—RM Brown
Seeing Darkness—H Graham



CHILDREN'S NEW RELEASES

Children's Picture Fiction

We're Stuck
Fly
Cooee MiHigar
I need a parrot
Nop
Louie and Snippy save the Sea
Baby business
Children's Fiction
Weirdo Planet Weirdo!15
Bad Guys 12
Tiny Timmy Training camp
Real Pigeons— Eat danger
130— Story Treehouse
Aussie Kids— Meet Zoe and Zac at the zoo

Teenage Fiction

How it feels to Float Helena Fox
Take 3 Girls

Non—Fiction

Guinness World Records 2021



ORROROO HOTEL V CARRIETON HOTEL



Last week, the Orroroo Hotel and the Carrieton Hotel held the inaugural Orroroo vs Carrieton Australia Day Cricket Match at the Orroroo Area School oval. Both sides fielded 13 per side with team age group from 14 years to distinguished aged veterans. At 13 overs per side, both teams hit the ground running with 'tippety-run'. Homemade sausage rolls were a welcome mid game hit, made fresh by Jennie Hamilton. Novelty seagulls were placed around the field for a six pack per strike, but they managed to escape a hit and flew away to prowl the ground for another day. Gary Mannion turned it on back at the Orroroo Hotel with great live music and a BBQ Sausage sizzle. Gold coin donations from the sizzle helped raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The game concluded with Carrieton winning by 17 runs: 107 – 90. Overall, great weather and a fantastic family fun day with great team spirit and cheeky banter. Special thanks going to hosts Shane and Jennie, Orroroo Area School, Gary Mannion, team players and great turn out for the first game by both communities from both sides. Next years' game will be held at Carrieton.



Looking Back



The official party: The headmaster (Mr. J. R. Hooper) and Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. D. F. Rehn and Mr. Rehn (headmaster 1956-60), the president of the Orroroo Area School Welfare Club (Mrs. A. Chapman) and Mr. Chapman.



Some of the debs' partners: Michael Clarke, Paul Gillard, John Perry, Barry Ackland, Peter Redden and Wayne McCullum.

This photo is from

"The Chronicle"

It's from the OAS Deb Ball which was held on 23 May 1968

Supplied by John Mannion



ORROROO EQUINE CLUB



February 2021

Orroroo Equine Club

Volume 4 Issue 1



Orroroo Equine Club Committee for 2020

President/Vice President; Kathy Pitkin, **Treasurer;** Alison Sellwood, **Secretary;** Emily Byerlee, **Public Officer;** Malcolm Byerlee, **Publicity Off** Emily Byerlee **Com Members;** Faye Case, Vanessa Woods, Neil Byerlee. **Youth Committee;** Annie-Mae Pitkin, Ella Verco

Secretary's Annual Report

On behalf of the Committee & Members I would personally like to thank Kathy Pitkin (elected Vice President 2020) for took taking on Presidency from Jo O'Connor (elected President 2020).

To the Committee and Members all their support, help, advice and work they have carried out during the 2020 Season. This has not been an easy Season with the Covid 19 Shut-Downs & limitations placed on community & clubs gatherings, making many of the planned activities rather hard to organise and to hold in some cases. Once again, the Bill Willoughby Clinic being well attended with another held later during the year. Many thanks again to Barb & Bill Willoughby for all their help, support & hospitality making clinics so enjoyable for everyone. Hopefully, we shall run another Michelle McCallum Instruction Day this Season as everyone who attends always enjoys her help and instruction. The Competition Days were a bit down with attendance this Season. Congratulations to all the High Points Winners for each Competition Day. Annual High Point Trophies – it was decided that due to the poor attendance and competitors failing to qualify for Annual High Point Awards, that we would forgo this Seasons Awards unfortunately. Apologies but it will save the Club a considerable amount of money. It is always a pleasure to see our Club Members out and about enjoying their horses, riding and competing successfully in all chosen fields. I am sure that we all look forward to a successful Club Season for 2021 and hope that the Covid 19 Virus will be kept under control and at bay! Good luck to all & stay safe.

Kind Regards

Emily Byerlee

Orroroo Equine Club Proposed Dates – 2021

February	Sunday 21 st	AGM – 11am Commercial Hotel Orroroo
March	Sunday 7 th	Rally Day – Come & Try/Practice Day 10am Start
April	Sunday 4 th	Competition Day 10am Start
May	Sunday 2 nd	Instruction Day – Michelle McCallum—To Be Confirmed
June	Saturday 5 th	Clinic at Bill Willoughby's 8 am Start—To Be Confirmed
	Sunday 6 th	Clinic at Bill Willoughby's 8 am Start —To Be Confirmed
July	Sunday 4 th	Rally Day 10am Start
August	Sunday 1 st	Competition Day 10am Start
September	Sunday 12 th	Orienteering Rally Day or Trail Ride —To Be Confirmed
October	Saturday 2 nd	Clinic at Bill Willoughby's 8am Start—To Be Confirmed
	Sunday 3 rd	Clinic at Bill Willoughby's 8am Start—To Be Confirmed
November	Sunday 7 th	Competition Day 10am Start
December	Sunday 5 th	AGM & High Point Presentation Day Lunch at Hotel

Due to the Corona Virus (Covid 19) limitations and Social distancing please remember to keep your distance and stay safe for all our sakes at all times!

The Orroroo Equine Club is a helpful & friendly Starting out Club. All Welcomed!



Looking Back

100 years ago, this month

In January 1921, creek crossings near Orroroo were the cause of two accidents. Orroroo suffered a terrible tragedy on New Year's Day 1921. Mrs Fred Marshall and her three children were drowned in the Walloway Creek. This story was repeated by newspapers all over Australia.

5 days later, the driver of the Tarcowie mail (Mr P Chaplin), lost control of the mail coach when his horses bolted. One may consider he caused the accident himself!

Later in January, a section of the main street was given a coat of asphalt. "The civic fathers seem to be trying to make our centre habitable, but why keep the asphalt dark? What about a little light on it?" Alas, this reference to a scheme for bringing lighting and power to Orroroo was not imminent. Orroroo citizens had to wait until September 1923 for lighting and power in the town.

When residents left Orroroo, they were usually given a Farewell Social. One such event happened in January 1921. Orroroo played Jamestown in a cricket match and Jamestown won by 5 runs.

And the rainfall for 1920 had been quite good. Cradock received more rain for the year than Orroroo!

1921 January 5 THE WALLOWAY CREEK FATALITY

Source: Advertiser, Adelaide, Friday 7 January 1921

The unfortunate drowning accident of New Year's Day, when Mr Fred Marshall of Orroroo, suffered the loss of his wife and three children in the floodwaters of the Walloway Creek is one of the saddest pages in the history of the district. Mr A Green, who was an eye witness of the occurrence, gives a graphic description. Messrs Green and Marshall left Orroroo with their families at about 10am on New Year's Day, with the object of giving the children a picnic. Each family drove out in its own trap, and they were all taking tea under the trees when the storm broke. The horses were hitched in and an early start was made for home, with the object of getting across the creek before the water came down. Nearing the Walloway Creek, the vehicles were about three chains apart, and it was raining heavily. Mr Green was driving in the rear, and as Mr Marshall's trap entered the cutting leading down to the creek, he noticed the horses shy and increase their pace. On reaching the spot he found an empty sack stretched out in the mud. Driving farther down he came to the bend and noticed that Mr Marshall (who was nursing one of the children and driving) seemed unable to free his brake until the horse were in the water. As Mrs Marshall was getting out of the buggy some floating debris struck the horses which plunged and overturned the trap, throwing the occupants into midstream. The water was travelling fast, and it turned the trap over and over for about a chain. Mr Marshall hung to the child he was nursing, and the eldest girl clung to his left arm. Unfortunately, the reins became entangled about his legs. Buffeted and bruised and unable to use his legs, the father was separated from the children in deeper water. Swimming on downstream for another

200 yards he searched for his lost ones, but was eventually washed ashore, weak and exhausted. Mr Green in the meantime had hastily made his horses secure and followed the creek down and was in time to assist Mr Marshall up the bank. He then made a thorough search. Mr Higginson, who lives nearby, galloped down in response to Mr Green's signals, and together they searched the stream until dark. By this time Mr Marshall was in a bad condition, and it was with difficulty that he was persuaded to rest for the night at Mr Higginson's home. The police and friends in Orroroo were notified by telephone, and a search was made by them that night, but without success. The bodies were found next day, that of Mrs Marshall being three miles from the scene and those of the children five miles.

January 5 MAIL COACH HORSES BOLT

Source: Advertiser, Adelaide, Friday 7 January 1921

When entering McNamara's Creek, about 15 miles out, today, the driver of the Tarcowie mail (Mr P Chaplin) saw a snake on the road. He tied the horses back to the brake, and, dismounting, killed the reptile with his whip. The cracking of the whip however, frightened the horses, which bolted. The coach was loaded with cases of eggs and cream cans. Mr J Croker, who witnessed the incident, went after the runaways on his horse. Fortunately, the team kept to the road, and Mr Croker brought them to a standstill after a gallop of 3 miles.

RAIN GAUGINGS FOR THE STATE 1920

Source: Observer, Adelaide, Saturday 8 January 1921, page 4

The following is the [abbreviated list of] rainfall for the year ending December 31 1920: -

Adelaide Plains - Adelaide 2,670 points [678mm]; North Adelaide 3,086; Grange 2,144; Glenelg 2,172; Brighton 2,587; Mitcham 3,398; Unley 2,755; Rose Park 2,921; Glen Osmond 3,081; Magill 3,812; Paradise 3,133; St. Peters 2,774; Mallala 1,794; Roseworthy 1,864; Gawler 2,213; Two Wells 1,850; Virginia 2,162; Smithfield 3,171; Salisbury 2,061.

Far North - Oodnadatta 1,127 points; Warrina 923; William Creek 1,131; Coward Springs 1,091; Marree 1,007; Farina 1,337; Copley 1,462; Beltana 1,430; Blinman 2,153.

Upper North Western - Hookina 2,339 points; Hawker 2,665; Wilson 2,608; Gordon 2,220; Quorn 2,338 [582mm]; Port Augusta 1,636; Bruce 1,813 [460mm]; Hammond 2,293 [582mm]; Wilmington 2,606; Willowie 1,852 [470mm]; Melrose 3,128; Booleroo Centre 1,908 [485mm]; Port Germein 1,597.

Upper North Eastern - Cradock 2,314 points; Carrieton 2,261 [574mm]; Johnburgh 1,980; Eurelia 2,182; Orroroo, 2,100 [508mm]; Nackara 1,872; Black Rock 2,190; Ucolta 1,544; Peterborough 1,750; Yongala 2,238.

Lower North Eastern - Terowie 1,600 points; Yarcowie 1,727; Hallett 1,971; Mount Bryan 2,046; Burra 2,342; Farrells Flat 2,212. North-East. - Yunta 1,651 points; Wankaringa 1,556; Mannahill 1,101; Cockburn 1,307; Broken Hill, NSW 1,171.

Looking Back

January 13 STOTT STRUCK BY A PICK

Source: *Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, Friday 14 January 1921*

Mr Stott, of Orroroo, was engaged in sinking a well when a pick fell on him. The point struck him on the ribs, and caused a nasty wound. He will be for some time confined to his bed.

January 14 PROGRESS. MAIN STREET ASPHALTED

Source: *From "The Orroroo Enterprise." Per Quorn Mercury, SA, Friday 14 January 1921*

For days the man who perambulates the broom about our main thoroughfare has been busy; paper and garbage, manure and bones ... had been pushed into heaps, and we became scared ... of dirtying the highway with our dusty boots. The public ... were busy speculating on who was coming to Orroroo. A morning or two later barriers faced us at intervals across the street. ... With the street looking like a steeplechase course in miniature, folks driving vehicles began to keep clear and haunt the back thoroughfares. But the blockade business was explained on Thursday morning of last week, when the wholesome smell of tar greeted us, and we awoke to the fact that our main thoroughfare was being treated to a coat of asphalt. With an asphalt road an accomplished fact, our shopping centre should be a trifle less dusty, and the risk of broken limbs through jumping pools of water should be reduced to a minimum. Dogs will appreciate the clean place to wrestle with their bones, and the Boulevard de Orroroo should be quite a fashionable strolling ground. The civic fathers seem to be trying to make our centre habitable, but why keep the asphalt dark? What about a little light on it?

January 21 FAREWELL SOCIAL

Source: *Quorn Mercury, SA, Friday 21 January 1921.*

On Tuesday evening quite a nice little gathering took place at the Orroroo Institute to say farewell to Mr and Mrs JC Hagger and family who are leaving to reside in the city. Mr WC Addison presided, and in his opening remarks expressed regret at the loss of a family who had been such good workers in the town. Mr Hagger had taken a certain interest in public matters, and had conducted a very thriving business. The home which he built and extended, with its gardens and poultry yards, were a model and were a few more to emulate his example, with such a water supply available - the town would be a veritable beauty spot. Mrs and Miss

Hagger had been valued and willing workers for St Paul's Church, where they would be sadly missed. Miss Hagger had been a pillar in the Sunday School, while it was nine years ago since she first entered the choir. At the same time, they took the opportunity of saying farewell to another great worker in Miss Tancreda Harslett, who was leaving for the city join the ranks of the nursing profession. The nursing institution was a most noble calling, and they felt sure that Miss Harslett would make rapid strides in her new calling, and be ever sure of a warm welcome when returning to the district of her birth. (Applause).

On behalf of the members of St Paul's the Chairman presented Mr and Mrs Hagger with a travelling case, Miss Hagger with a bulky package, and Miss Harslett with still another package. Mr Hagger, in responding on behalf of his family thanked the many friends who had joined in the evening's good wishes. It was 28 years ago since he came to Orroroo. In those days he thought that three months would be plenty long enough, but he had stayed, and though the early years couldn't be termed successful, the later years were satisfactory. Both he and his wife would always have a warm corner in their hearts for Orroroo and their many friends. (Applause) Miss Tancreda Harslett, in quite a charming manner, expressed her own thanks, much to the delight of the gathering, who gave her a stirring reception; neatly she expressed her thanks for the gift. She was proud of Orroroo and always would be. (Applause). The speeches were interspersed with an overture by Gladys Arthur - given in good style. Miss Avery was in good voice in "Memories," and Mr and Mrs Pfitzner, Miss McDougall, and Mr J Bills "Beloved." Mr J Bills presented the rollicking song of "The Dashing Hussar" in good voice; the oft-sung story of "The Old Shacko" is one that will never die. Blanche Arthur rendered a well selected item in a manner that won her goodly opinions; while Miss Graham contributed something about hearts, gardens, flowers, in her usual good style. Mr Rickets handled "Up from Somerset" well, and Miss Nita McDougall's vocal number was well rendered. The evening was a most pleasant one. Mr Ralph Adamson acted as MC for the dance. Supper was provided in the supper-room, and the music was supplied by several ladies.



Adelaide Observer, Saturday 7 October 1876, p.4

BUSH CEMETERIES

TO THE EDITOR

Sir—There is at Pekina Head Station a cemetery containing from 35 to 40 graves. When the run was resumed this cemetery was treated as mere ordinary ground, and it now belongs to the possessor of No 16, Coomooroo Hundred. The public road runs alongside of it, and had any regard been shown for the dust of those who are buried there it might easily have been retained as a Government Reserve. As the Northern country is now being taken up by nominal farmers everywhere, there is no spot, however rocky, lifeless, and barren it may be, which will not be subject to a like desecration. I write to you because my words may meet the eye of some one who has a friend or relation buried in one of these Northern cemeteries, or of one of our legislators, who, in reverence for our dead, friendless countrymen, will bestir himself to correct what, on the part of our Government, must have been an oversight.

GEORGE DOVE, Archdeacon of Flinders St. Andrew's Parsonage, Walkerville, Michaelmas Day. 1876.

South Australian Register, Wednesday 10 March 1880, p.4.

DROWNED IN A TANK — On Monday afternoon, March 8, a son of Mr James, of Wilmington, aged two years and a half, was drowned in one of the numerous waterholes of the Pekina Creek. It appears that he and other children were playing about the station, when they went too near to the water and the little boy fell in. On his playmates giving the alarm the child was got out, but it proved too late. Police trooper McBeth, finding his efforts to restore respiration unavailing, galloped to Orroroo for Dr Clarke, who on arriving at the station found life to be extinct. Mrs James, the mother, is on a visit to her mother at Pekina.

Adelaide Observer, Saturday 23 September 1876, p.4

THE NORTHERN AGRICULTURAL AREAS

[From our Special Correspondent]

At about eight miles from Tarcowie the valley is divided by an isolated hill, known as the Hogshead, christened probably on the *lucus a non lucendo* [an illogical explanation or absurd derivation] principle, and because it has not the remotest resemblance to anything of the sort. Taking the western branch of this divided valley we arrive at the township of Pekina, which is as yet in a rudimentary stage of development, with the notable exception of a very neat Catholic Chapel, built upon a conspicuous site, and commanding a fine view both up and down the valley. From this point onwards towards Pekina the valley commences to close in, and becomes more broken up with frequent patches of scrub. The cultivation paddocks become gradually fewer, and at last are confined to occasional strips along the eastern border of the valley for the most part looking pretty well. At seven miles from the Pekina

township the spurs from the opposite sides of the valley meet each other in confused scrubby undulations, following which for a while we come to the edge of the deep and storm-washed canon, along the banks of which stand the Pekina Head-station, with its numerous and substantial outbuildings. Here our eyes were treated with the unwonted but grateful sight of pure running water, while along some of the reaches of the creek watercress was growing vigorously. The road descends into and follows the creek for awhile, emerging again upon the opposite side close to the head-station itself. One notes with more than ordinary interest the station burial-place, nestled in a sunny nook by the side of the creek, and partially walled in.

From the number of rude flagstones set up to mark the graves it would appear that quite a number have gone to swell the great majority from this lonely station. Of most of them it might probably be said that their last resting place was not one they themselves would have chosen. The head-station, though not pretentious is substantial and comfortable-looking; it is built of stone, as also are the men's quarters, cookhouse, store, and a nondescript erection since known as "bachelors' hall." At a little distance are a capacious woolshed and dumping-room, with the usual array of cattle and drafting-yards, all of which will in future be applied to other purposes, as the selectors have invaded the run in all directions, and more are coming. Be it ever so heretical, one cannot help regretting that the exigencies of settlement and cultivation should necessitate the destruction of a really splendid property such as this was; and one hopes that those who with a great expenditure of pluck and capital first tamed the desert here will get substantial compensation for the undoubted hardship of having been shifted unceremoniously out of house and home. A short stage over the undulations of the Muckra ranges brings us to the level of the great Pekina Plain; and we emerge suddenly from the scrub to find ourselves in the new Government township of Orroroo, the future greatness of which is represented at present by a really fine hotel just being finished, a store and post-office, and a blacksmith's shop. But the view over the plain is grand. The distance to the Blackrock Ranges, directly opposite, cannot be less than eight or nine miles; and one follows their serrated outline into blue distance to the southward, and away northerly till they unite with the outlying spurs of the Oladdie Range, which rises in misty grandeur and shuts in the plain. The wide expanse of the Oladdie Area is partly visible, soon to be scrambled for by hungry selectors, and covered with an eruption of nondescript homesteads. Of the Pekina Plain proper, from this point to Yatina, about 17 miles; it is all taken up, and much of it fenced in. The drive to Yatina is over first class road, and all down hill, over which we sped merrily, the horses having nothing to do but run away from the buggy. The plain has not been long in the hands of the farmers, and for some miles from Orroroo

the cultivation is limited in extent, and mostly backward in appearance. But close under the friendly shelter of the Muckra Ranges a belt of wheat-paddocks extends nearly to Yatina, and most of these look thriving, but rather late. In or towards the centre of the plain some land is being broken up for next year—a wise and provident expenditure of labour—and a very large quantity is fenced in. As we passed down we saw a beautiful and unusually perfect mirage, which showed inverted pictures of the trees and distant ranges as perfect as any lake could do. Of the land in the centre and to the eastern side of the plain that is sown this year all of it seems too late to have any chance of returning the amount of seed sown. Truth obliges me to say that the land referred to is the least promising of any I have hitherto seen, but I hope for better things in the neighbourhood of Mannanarie.

Seventeen miles from Orroroo brings us to Yatina, where there is a capacious hotel of two stories, a handsome store, and a very neat Catholic chapel, which is, I understand, to be formally opened in a few days. In travelling through these areas one cannot avoid noticing the generally substantial nature of the homesteads erected by the selectors, with a thrifty regard to present outlay, coupled evidently with a confident anticipation of better things to come. They are most of them built in the form technically known as lean-tos, and adapted to receive the addition of a more ornate frontage by-and-by. This arrangement, however perfect viewed economically, is sadly deficient in the matter of variety. In fact, the ever recurring monotony of these structures becomes irritating, and the less durable shanty built of adobe and thatched with straw becomes positively lovely by comparison. The farmers as a rule are, so far as I have seen, quite cheerful as to the prospects of the season, especially since the last rainfall; quite prepared to make the best of a poor yield, and to accept thankfully a larger one if it comes to them.

The South Australian Advertiser, Saturday 25 August 1860, p.5 **WANT OF RAIN IN THE NORTH** - We learn from a correspondent that the country in the vicinity of Pekina sheep-station is in a very dry state, the want of rain being much felt. Some of the flocks of sheep there are being regularly watered, which, should the drought continue, will be generally the case. Successions of such dry winters must tell upon the country, and unless some genial rains soon fall, there will be a poor prospect for the summer. The news which has come from the Eastern Plains is, that part of the country is still laboring under drought, and is looking worse than ever. On some of the adjoining runs, the sheep are being placed upon summer country even now, and regardless of consequences during the ensuing season, it being found impracticable to occupy portions of the country usually set apart for winter feeding. We have seen a letter from a stockholder there who describes the weather as "fearfully dry," and says they are carting iron tanks about from station to station, for the supply of the huts.

News, 16 August 1928, p.5. PEKINA STATION

Visit by Mr Thompson, MP TRADE WITH BROKEN HILL

Once the headquarters of one of the largest pastoral holdings in the Commonwealth, the old homestead of Pekina Station, in the north-eastern district of South Australia, is now but a memory. A few heaps of crumbled masonry presented a picture of desolation to Mr TT Thompson, MP, when he this week visited the site of the old homestead once occupied by Mr Price Maurice. The advance northward of farmers into the territory of the pastoralists is reflected in the sub-division of Pekina Station. The district is now fairly well populated, and the station, now cut down to between 4,000 and 5,000 acres, is the property of Mr H Cottrell, a brother-in-law of Mr Thompson.

Renowned for Wool Clip

As a boy aged eight years, the present owner first saw the station 63 years ago. With his father and an elder brother had walked the whole distance from Burra. Daily stages of the long journey were: Booborowie, Canowie, Goodwell's Well, Yongala, Mannanarie, Black Rock and Pekina. The late Mr W Swann was manager of the station and its huge tract of country at the time. Work was found for Mr Cottrell and the elder son. Young Cottrell went to the station school, the mistress of which was the late Mrs J Hewlit. In the early days Pekina was renowned for its wool clip. The clip for 1865 from Tarcowie, Pekina and Oladdie Stations, then owned by Mr Price Maurice, was estimated to be worth £30,000. The shearing shed at Pekina measured 120ft. by 40ft., accommodation having been provided for 30 shearers at work. Only a few feet of the wall remains.

Pekina Reservoir, which supplies the irrigation blocks on Walloway plains has silted up a good deal. At present blockers are unable to obtain sufficient water. Fine building stone, from which slabs measuring up to 10ft. by 4ft. wide and 1ft. in thickness may be cut, is to be found on the old station.

Rain Urgently Needed

Mr Thompson reported that wheat crops at Pekina, Mannanarie, Morchard, and Willowie were doing well, particularly those about the last mentioned place. Rain was urgently needed at Walloway, Eurelia, Carrington [sic], Hammond, Quorn, and Hawker, where crops were backward.

Tradespeople at Orroroo and Yarcowie were feeling the effect of New South Wales competition in the trade with Broken Hill, since the direct rail route to Sydney was opened. Although Orroroo is only 175 miles from Broken Hill, compared with 600 miles separating the Barrier and Sydney, flour millers of Sydney were able to sell their product at Broken Hill at a much cheaper rate than the South Australian millers could quote. A similar position existed in regard to the butter trade. From Broken Hill South Australian flour and butter manufacturers had received good orders in the past owing to the high standard of production, but this trade was now in jeopardy.

ORROROO BOWLS..

North Western Bowling Association North Western Competition Pennant Table as at 30/01/2021 ROUND 14

	<i>Division</i>	<i>Game Win</i>	<i>Game Draw</i>	<i>Rink Win</i>	<i>Rink Draw</i>	<i>Total Point</i>	<i>Total Shots</i>
<u>1 BOUCHER</u>							
1	LAURA	11	0	38	1	297	436
2	BHAS	9	0	31	1	243	247
3	ORROROO	9	0	27	2	236	106
4	CRYSTAL BROOK	7	1	27	0	204	89
5	PORT PIRIE	7	0	26	3	195	77
6	JAMESTOWN	6	0	28	0	176	83
7	PT GERMEIN	3	0	20	0	100	-240
8	BOOLEROO CENTRE	3	0	14	2	90	-181
9	MELROSE	3	0	10	1	81	-313
10	PETERBOROUGH	1	1	13	2	58	-304
<u>3 MAHOOD</u>							
1	ORROROO	10	1	28	0	266	227
2	BOOLEROO CENTRE	9	1	21	2	234	80
3	GLADSTONE	7	1	25	0	200	70
4	GULNARE	6	1	20	2	172	140
5	PORT PIRIE BLUE	6	0	17	2	156	10
6	PT GERMEIN	5	1	17	1	145	3
7	PORT PIRIE PURPLE	5	0	18	0	136	-64
8	BHAS	3	1	12	1	95	-99
9	JAMESTOWN	3	0	8	0	76	-213
10	CRYSTAL BROOK	1	1	5	1	41	-154

EAST DIVISION

1	GEORGETOWN	9	1	14	3	221	146
2	MELROSE	8	1	18	1	207	175
3	ORROROO	7	1	16	0	182	128
4	JAMESTOWN BLACK	7	0	12	0	164	23
5	GLADSTONE	5	0	10	2	122	-15
6	BOOLEROO CENTRE	5	0	9	1	119	-15
7	JAMESTOWN RED	5	0	8	1	117	8
8	WIRABARA	3	3	7	3	107	-83
9	PETERBOROUGH BLACK	3	0	6	0	72	-114
10	CALTOWIE	2	0	5	0	50	-156
11	PETERBOROUGH WHITE	1	0	5	1	31	-97

NORTH WESTERN BOWLING ASSOCIATION BLIESCHKE COMPETITION Pennant Table for 27/01/2021 ROUND 15

<i>Division</i>	<i>Game Win</i>	<i>Game Draw</i>	<i>Rink Win</i>	<i>Rink Draw</i>	<i>Total Points</i>	<i>Total Shots</i>
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NORTHERN FLINDERS

1	JAMESTOWN GOLD	10	0	22	0	244	152
2	MELROSE	8	1	15	1	201	101
3	BOOLEROO WHITE	8	1	15	0	200	27
4	BOOLEROO RED	6	3	14	0	178	21
5	WILMINGTON	7	1	12	0	174	-34
6	ORROROO	4	1	8	0	106	-56
7	JAMESTOWN BLUE	4	0	12	1	105	12
8	CALTOWIE	1	1	5	0	40	-223

North Western Bowling Association Northern Flinders Competition Pennant Table as at 28/01/2021 ROUND 15

ORROROO BOWLS..

Nth Flinders Comp —Pennant Scores 17/12/20 Rd 11

ORROROO			JAMESTOWN		
K BOWMAN	16		J BRAY	19	
K WILLIAMS	8		M WELLS	28	
	24	0		47	24

Nth Flinders Comp —Pennant Scores 21/01/21 Rd14

ORROROO			MELROSE		
K BOWMAN	16		L BISHOP	22	
K WILLIAMS	11		J TAYLOR	27	
	27	0		49	24

Nth West Comp—Pennant Scores 16/01/21 Rd 12

DIVISION 1

MELROSE			ORROROO		
J TAYLOR	24		J STARES	19	
M FULLER	29		P ROWE	28	
S TAYLOR	20		S JONES	26	
N McCALLUM	16		K HOOPER	36	
	89	4		109	24

Nth West Comp—Pennant Scores 23/01/21 Rd 13

DIVISION 1

CLUB		SCORE		CLUB		SCORE	
ORROROO				PT GERMEIN			
P ROWE		20		N LEUE		34	
K HOOPER		34		C WAUCHOPE		16	
S JONES		27		G KROSCHELL		17	
J STARES		29		E KROSCHELL		11	
		110	26			78	2

Nth West Comp Pennant Scores 30/01/21 Rd 14

DIVISION 1

CLUB	SCORE		CLUB	SCORE	
P/BORO			ORROROO		
P SUMMER	22		S JONES	22	
D CUNDY	20		K HOOPER	31	
G BRACKENRIDGE	17		J STARES	26	
A WILLMOTT	21		P ROWE	16	
	80	3		95	25

Blieschke Comp—Pennant Scores 13/01/21 Rd 13

ORROROO			GLADSTONE		
T DAWES	26		R SALER	17	
M GREEP	23		F BICE	16	
	49	24		33	0

Nth Flinders Comp —Pennant Scores 14/01/21 Rd13

ORROROO			CALTOWIE		
K BOWMAN	25		C CRAWFORD	9	
K WILLIAMS	37		K BOTTRALL	9	
	62	24		18	0

Nth Flinders Comp —Pennant Scores 28/01/21 Rd15

J/TOWNBLUE			ORROROO		
H HAMS	22		K WILLIAMS	14	
R RICHARDSON	28		K BOWMAN	11	
	50	24		25	0

Nth West Comp—Pennant Scores 16/01/21 Rd 12

DIVISION 3

GLADSTONE			ORROROO		
R O'NEILL	28		G McNAMARA	21	
J SARGENT	15		B KUERSCHNER	28	
F BICE	24		T DAWES	18	
	67	14		67	12

Nth West Comp—Pennant Scores 23/01/21 Rd 13

DIVISION 3

CLUB	SCORE		CLUB	SCORE	
ORROROO			PT GERMEIN		
T DAWES	21		M GARRARD	23	
B KUERSCHNER	46		F KEMP	6	
G McNAMARA	34		W KNIGHT	14	
	101	24		43	2

Nth West Comp Pennant Scores 30/01/21 Rd14

DIVISION 3

CLUB	SCORE		CLUB	SCORE	
CRYSTAL			ORROROO		
BROOK					
			WON BY FORFEIT		
	0	0		15	24

Blieschke Comp—Pennant Scores 27/01/21 Rd 15

ORROROO			WIRRABARA		
T DAWES	26		J HARNESS	12	
M GREEP	29		G TAYLOR	16	
	55	24		28	0

ORROROO COMMUNITY GYM

FEBRUARY 2021

Orroroo Community Gym: General Covid Rules:

- ⇒ Sanitise your hands on arrival, and before and after using each piece of equipment
- ⇒ Sanitise your equipment before and after you have used it with the spray on sanitiser.
- ⇒ Maintain social distancing as required. Exercise equipment is 2 metres apart, so please do not move it without OCG Committee permission. Sign in every time you attend the gym, for ease of contact if required.
- ⇒ If you are unwell, have flu like symptoms or a cold, do not attend the gym - stay at home
- ⇒ A maximum of seven (7) people may use the gym equipment rooms at the same time
- ⇒ Bring your own towels to use on seats and benches.
- ⇒ Feel free to bring your own personal equipment e.g. mats to use and take home again.

PLEASE SIGN IN AT EVERY VISIT FOR EASE OF CONTACT IF IT IS SO REQUIRED.

Pilates Sessions with Kay: Monday & Wednesday 5:30—6:30pm
Friday 9—10am

The members of the Orroroo Community Gym Committee would like to thank Adrian Hucks and Council for clearing the Town Hall in readiness for the Pilates Classes this last week. Your help was most appreciated.

Cancellation of 2021 ORROROO HALF MARATHON

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the 2021 event.

With extra COVID-19 regulations and requirements for sporting events and road races, we feel that the extra personnel required, which includes supervising Covid Marshalls, extra drink station attendants and our usual timers and helpers is stretching our few hard working volunteers more thinly.

We also were made aware that there was some community uncertainty and concern too for the extra visitors involved our event.

There was a good deal of disappointment from, but understanding of, our plight from many of the runners who responded to the email sent out last week, so we anticipate that with a few more volunteers on board, and hopefully more certainty of the situation in 2022, we should be able to hold the event in 2022.

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Thank you

Joan, Sam, Libby and the girls would like to thank everyone for their kind help and support following the loss of Geoff.

We are all truly lucky to be part of such a caring community.

Thank you

David Brooks

Wade, Andrea, Bronwyn & Vaughan and their families would like to thank all their friends and the Orroroo Community for their expressions of sympathy, care and support on the sad loss of our Dad, father in law and grandpa. Thanks to all the staff of the Orroroo Hospital and Dr Simon Jackson for their care during Dads illness. Thanks to Murray Gibb Funerals, Orroroo Football Club for their support and the Orroroo Golf Club for catering. Huge heartfelt thank you to Keith Nutt and JJ Nicholas for their care, support and friendship of our dad. Dad passed away peacefully at home and is now with his beautiful wife and our mum.

Did you know?



Peter Amey is now a Justice of the Peace for South Australia. He can be contacted during business hours at the Orroroo Post Office (8658 1020) or after hours on 0438 252 430 for any JP services that you may require.

Other Justice of the Peace in the district are

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Condolences

Meredith, Jason, Kylie and George from Northern Area Funerals wish to offer their sympathy and condolences to Geoff Gibb's family, friends and his local community on his recent passing.

Geoff was always generous with his advice and assistance when we first started our business and we will always be grateful.

Geoff was a stalwart of the community.

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