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JULY 2026



Message from the Mayor



The rains have continued, so the countryside is looking the best I think I've ever seen for this time of year. The crops and stock feed are excellent. Let's hope this rainfall pattern continues over the next few months. Some of the early-sown crops are coming into head, and the canola is flowering. There is still a long way to go, but things are looking very positive for our farming community.

There seems to be a good number of travellers passing through Orroroo and Carrieton, so hopefully they are stopping and spending some money along the way. Our main street businesses certainly need this activity.

Our footballers and netballers are continuing to win a few and lose a few matches, so I'm not sure how finals participation is shaping up. Good luck to all teams for the remainder of the season.

The golf course is looking fantastic. It sounds like some pretty good scores are still being achieved.

The fairways are in great condition, but off the fairways isn't the place to hit! A couple of triangular days have now been played, and it is very close, with all three teams still in the hunt to win the shield.
Good luck to the Orroroo golfers for the remainder of the competition.

The continued rain is once again putting pressure on our unsealed road network. Our staff are keeping very busy trying to maintain these roads in reasonable condition. Once our flood damage claim has been approved, Council will work through the extensive list of damaged roads.

School holidays have started, so students and teachers can enjoy a well-earned break before returning in a couple of weeks.

The fuel situation is still progressing with additional information being required to finalise the development approval. Unfortunately the processes do take time, however it is getting closer. The Orroroo Main Street Footpath Project will hopefully commence soon, with as little disruption as possible to our main street businesses.

As always, look after yourselves, your families, and your local businesses.

Cheers, Grant

Next Council Meeting will be held
Wednesday 22nd July 2026
at 9am in the
Orroroo Council Chambers.

CEO Chatters

Flood Damage Update



To provide an update, Council continues to work on its stage 2 assessment of the flood damage works that requires certification from an Engineer and assessment via the Department of Treasury and Finance.

The process is lengthy and requires very careful assessment, costing and photographic evidence of the claimed damage, which is assessed against evidenced previous condition of the roads, floodways and culverts.

Council in conjunction with the Local Government Association and SA and other Councils affected by the storm event, have written to the State Treasurer Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP seeking a review of the claim subsidy percentage, which is 75%. The LGA and Councils are seek an approval for a 100% subsidy to reduce the burden and cot on Councils, Community and Ratepayers.

As it stands with only receiving 75% subsidy for the damage, based on an estimated $6M claim, Council will need to contribute $1,500,000, which is a significant impact on the Council and ratepayers.
Further updates will be provided.

Connection of Properties to the Orroroo CWMS System

The Orroroo CWMS System was initially constructed to service major facilities within the township, being the Hospital, Community Home, Main Public Toilets, Caravan Park, School, Hotels and other business.

The infrastructure installed consists of gravity drains in portion of South Terrace, full length of Fifth Street and portion of North Terrace, with this pipe work providing for future connections to all adjoining properties.

Resulting from a request from a property owner in Fifth Street to connect to the system, Council at the June meeting has approved properties that have access to the gravity drain network to connect to the system. The condition of connection include the payment of a one off connection fee of $1,500, which is a contribution towards the installation of the physical pipe that connects the property to the gravity drain. The property connection is to be installed by Council.
Once a property is connected, the septic tank remains, however there is no need to retain the current onsite waste water disposal (the French drains) on the property.

CEO Chatters Cont.

An annual CWMS fee will be applied as a Service Rate, with the annual charge being further reviewed during the 2026/27 year.

A letter will be sent to all properties that are deemed to have access to the Orroroo CWMS System that will include information as to the process for property owners to apply for a connection.
If anyone has any questions or wishes to discuss the connection to the system in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Community Engagement Policy
Due to ongoing updates to the Local Government Act 1999, Council has been required to prepare a new Community Engagement Charter to comply with the changes to the Act.

The Draft Community Engagement Policy is currently available for public consultation which closes Thursday 16th July, with copies available on the Website and at the Council offices.

Office of Small and Friendly Business – Orroroo Business Sessions High Level Themes
During recent sessions held between business owners and operators in May with the Office of Small and Friendly Business, the following high level themes were identified:

- Exploring opportunities to partner with tourism operators (e.g. bus companies) to encourage stops in town, supporting local businesses through dining and shopping
- Strengthening the "shop local" initiative, including building support from residents and collaboration between local businesses
- Providing support for website development, including online sales, accommodation bookings, and broader marketing – Promotion of the town and why tourist should visit
- Providing businesses an opportunity to provide feedback to the Council around business

In response to the "themes" identified, Council has resolved to engage with local businesses to further explore the themes and strategies for potential implementation for further consideration.

Further information will be provided to businesses with the aim of holding a number of workshops to develop the strategies, with the intention of continued involvement of the Office of Small and Friendly Business.

A big thank you for the businesses who participated in the one on one sessions with the Office of the Small and Friendly Business.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Proposed for Orroroo
Council in conjunction with the RDA Northern & Yorke have been working through the investigation with EVX/Arena for the installation of "Polecharges" for EV's within Orroroo as part of a trial.
The investigations have explored various locations, with the final location being in Second Street between the Police Station and the Medical Centre.

The charging units are mounted on stobie poles which reduces the requirement to have the charging units mounted on the footpath which takes up space.
Further updates will be provided once approval has been received for the trial.

Main Street Upgrade Project
As an update the final design and scope of works is being finalised for the Project with further engagement of the business owners and operators to follow once the information is finalised. Further updates will be provided.

Council's fee schedule for 2026/2027 includes a small number of fees that have either remained unchanged, been newly introduced, or been adjusted outside of the standard CPI increase.

Waste charges will remain the same as those applied in 2025/2026, which were also unchanged from the 2024/2025 financial year. The only exception is the introduction of new fees for the disposal of car bodies and scrap steel.

A new nominal fee will also apply to metal recyclables, based on the size of the load. This follows the same charging structure already in place for green waste and reflects the costs associated with managing and processing these materials.

The new waste disposal fees for the metal recyclables will come into effect from 1st October 2026, allowing sufficient time for the community to be notified of the changes.

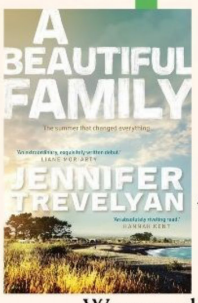
Carrieton Progress Association Cropping Lease Fee
For clarification and correction to the comments made by the Carrieton Progress Association article, the Council at the May 2026 meeting resolved to reduce the lease fee applied to the cropping land by 50% from $1,621 to $810.66 for the 2025/26 year. The Council is working with the Carrieton Cropping Project Committee with their Constitution so that a new lease for the cropping land can be assigned for the land.

Cheers, Stephen


Winter School Holiday Workshop
CREATIVE WRITING
FOR KIDS
Aged 6+
Let your imagination run wild!
Orroroo Arts Hub
Fifth Street Orroroo
Fun, creative & inspiring activities!
Sunday
12th July 2026
11.30am – 2pm
Please pack a light lunch that does not require heating
Snacks supplied! | Cost: $10
RSVP please:
by Friday 10th July 2026 (unless sold out)
to Megan Goehring
PH: 0428 864 406 or via Messenger
CREATIVE WRITING

Libraries SA Orroroo

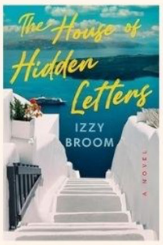
Opening Hours
Monday 8.45am-3pm
Tuesday - Friday 8.45am-5pm
Closed weekends and public holidays
Ph: 86581 100

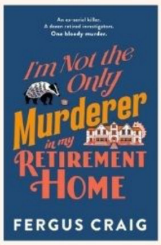


New Releases

Adult Fiction

A Beautiful Family-J Trevelyan
The Silent Twin-JL Crow
Her Last Breath-T Adams
Wrapped up at the Vintage Dress Shop-A Darling
The Writers Retreat-V Brownlee
The House of Hidden Letters-I Broom
Italian Correspondent-B Alexandra
I'm not the only Murderer in my Retirement home-F Craig





Children's Fiction

Minecraft: Ready set respawn
Lenny Lemon and the Invincible Rat
Jet Set pets
The Adventures of RAP KID
Wings of Fire: The Hybrid Prince
Real Pigeons: Flex Feathers

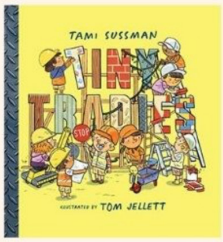
Board Books

Twinkle, Twinkle little sheepy
Fox's socks
Sing. Hum, Strum and Drum



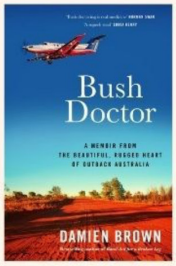
Picture Books

Prickles
The Emperor's Egg
Dawn
Train Party
Tiny Tradies
Once I was a Giant



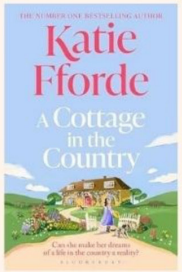
Adult Non-Fiction

Bush Dotor: A Memoir from the heart of Outback SA



Large Print

Second Chance Station-R Black
A Cottage in the Country-K Fforde



DVD

Anaconda

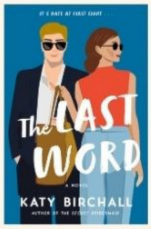


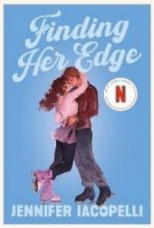
Children's Non-Fiction

Diggers and other Big working Vehicles
Machines on the Farm:
*Tractors on the Move
*Preparing and Planting
*Growing and Harvesting

Teenage Fiction

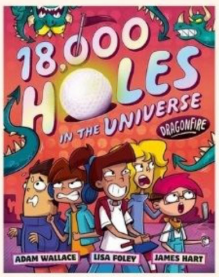
The Last Word-AL Trait
Finding Her Edge-J Iacopelli





Graphic Novels

Besties: Prank War
18,000 holes in the Universe
Chaos!: Which way will you choose
sunny Makes Her Case

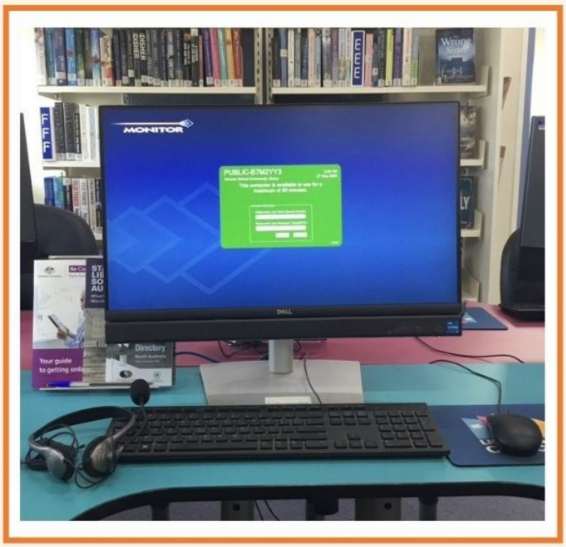




Libraries SA Orroroo

During School holidays the library opening times change

July 6th – July 19th





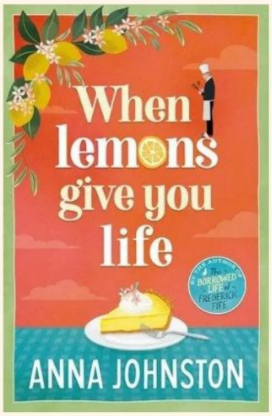
Free Wifi

Currently we have 3 public library computers, 1 public library laptop and an i-pad for our customers to use while in the library.

We also have headphone sets available to plug into the computers/laptops.

Free internet enables you to complete all your computer needs.

POPULAR Read



If you enjoyed reading:

"The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife" by Anna Johnston

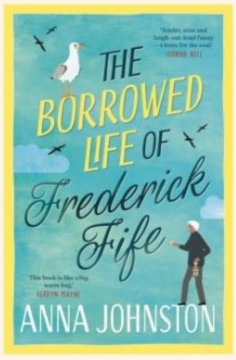
then you may like her newly released novel,

"When Lemons Give you Life".

"A sharply funny, heart-stirring novel about food, family and how far we'd go for those we love."

"A delicious treat of a novel"- Emma Grey.

"This book will leave your heart full and your tastebud ignited"- Mikki Brammer".



Available for borrowing now!



Libraries SA Orroroo

Artificial Intelligence AI



On the 4th June a Tech Essentials workshop was held in the library.
Zoran, from SA public libraries, presented two session on AI.

1. **Understanding the Basics**
2. **AI in action: Hands on with the latest platforms.**

The sessions demystified AI by showing how people already use AI in everyday life and at work, often without realising it. Zoran explained what AI is, how it works and why it matters.

Participants were guided through examples of Microsoft Copilot, Chat GPT, Claude and Perplexity, learning what each tool is best used for.

Participants hopefully left feeling a bit more confident to use AI safely and effetively.

Many thanks to Zoran for sharing his knowledge and skills and to the community members who supported this library event.

Orroroo Area School News

LACHIE KUERSCHNER





Lachie consistently tries his best across all areas of learning and has made excellent progress this term. In reading, he has successfully moved from decodable books to levelled readers, demonstrating growing confidence and skill. He is now able to independently write recounts and stories and consistently follows both class and school expectations.

Lachie regularly demonstrates all our school values, particularly respect, excellence, and tolerance.

His confidence has grown significantly throughout the term, and it has been wonderful to see him become more willing to contribute to class discussions, share his ideas, and embrace new challenges.

Lachie is also a kind and caring student who is always willing to help others. He is a valued member of the class, and his positive attitude and perseverance are to be commended.



It was fantastic to see so many students, families and community members come together to promote healthy lifestyles, road safety and community connection.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity for students to start their day positively while enjoying the benefits of physical activity.





RENEWED OPTIMISM

A significant milestone for our community occurred recently as we reflected on the anniversary of the dust storm that impacted Orroroo, and the wider region twelve months ago. Many of us remember the day when visibility was reduced to only a few metres, spirits were low, and the effects of drought weighed heavily on our community.

Fast forward twelve months and the transformation is remarkable. Green paddocks, full dams, livestock thriving and renewed optimism have returned to our district. It serves as a powerful reminder of the resilience, determination and strength that define rural communities.

While challenges will always exist, the way our community supported one another through difficult times is something we should all be proud of.

A special mention to Clay for his much-loved news update which managed to hit Channel 7! It was a proud moment to once again promote our school and community to the state.

ORRoroo HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 2026



The ***Almost*** **Annual General Meeting of the Orroroo Historical Society** will be held on

Monday 6 July 2026 at 2:00pm

Masonic Building, 9 Fourth Street, Orroroo

All positions will be declared vacant

so we hope there will be a good turnout of existing volunteers and any interested locals, who have an interest in the local district's amazing and varied history, particularly since the 1970s, with a desire to assist, in any small way, to preserve and maintain the Archives for current and future generations!

GRANT UPDATE

Sadly, we have been advised by FRRR this week that we were unsuccessful in our application for a grant to access networking and Wi-Fi for the building.

This is our second rejection but hopefully the next time we will have success!

COLLECTIONS MOSAIC

We have already purchased Collections Mosaic, a popular, Australian-developed collection management system tailored for museums, historical societies and libraries. It is widely used to catalogue and manage archives and to upload and support online local historical information. This is important for longer term preservation and easier access for locals to their history! There are already opportunities for existing hardcopy histories to be uploaded, with more additional historical research in progress, to be added when we have the facilities.

OUR ARCHIVES

The Orroroo Historical Archives already has approximately **4,000** archival entries, which have been manually entered into the records since 1990, awaiting uploading and preserving.

TRIVIA NIGHT

OHS is planning a Trivia Night on **Saturday 31 October 2026** to continue raising funds for the networking project.
The monthly meeting will follow afterwards.

OPENING HOURS

Monday & Friday
2:00pm – 4:30pm
(Subject to volunteer availability)

RESEARCH & VISITOR INFORMATION

Appointments can be requested at other times via the Orroroo Carrieton District Council Visitors Information Desk in person, on **08 8658 1260** or email to **council@orroroo.sa.gov.au** to request the OHS Research Request form.

This can be returned to the OCDC Visitors Information Desk or emailed to the Council. OHS will respond in a timely manner.



District Council of
ORRORO CARRIETON

DOGGY DO'S & DON'TS

Happy dogs. Responsible owners. Stronger community.



Our dogs are part of our lives and our community. By following a few simple rules, we can keep everyone – two and four legged – safe and happy.

A responsible dog owner is a good neighbour.

DOGGY DO'S

DO KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD
Keep your dog on a lead in public places unless in a designated off-leash area.

DO PICK UP AND BIN IT
Always pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in the bin. It's the law and it's the right thing to do.

DO ENSURE YOUR DOG IS FRIENDLY
Make sure your dog is well socialised and under control around people and other dogs.

DO KEEP YOUR DOG IDENTIFIED
Ensure your dog is wearing a collar with an up-to-date ID tag and is microchipped.

DO CONSIDER OTHERS
Not everyone loves dogs. Be mindful of others and respect their space.

DOGGY DON'TS

DON'T LET YOUR DOG ROAM
Roaming dogs can get lost, cause accidents or disturb people, livestock and wildlife.

DON'T ALLOW EXCESSIVE BARKING
Constant barking can be a nuisance to neighbours and may breach council by-laws.

DON'T TAKE DOGS TO PROHIBITED AREAS
Dogs are not permitted in playgrounds, sporting ovals, school grounds or certain public spaces.

DON'T ALLOW AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR
If your dog shows signs of aggression, seek training and advice.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOG IN HOT CARS
Never leave your dog unattended in a vehicle, even for a short time.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, CLEAN & ENJOYABLE FOR ALL

By following these simple dos and don'ts, you're helping to create a welcoming community for everyone – including our loyal four-legged friends.

- Respects people and other animals
- Protects our natural environment
- Keeps our streets, parks and reserves clean
- Ensures the safety of our community
- Promotes responsible pet ownership

Thank you for being a responsible dog owner.

For more information on dog ownership and council by-laws, visit our website.

85-87 Second Street, Orroroo SA 5431 | (08) 8658 1260 | council@orroroo.sa.gov.au | www.orroroo.sa.gov.au

ORRORROO MEN'S SHED

Building Community Together

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Hello to all the residents of Orroroo, and thank you for all the support we have received from residents and businesses in the community.

At this time we are moving forward and looking for more feedback from the community. If you have any needs or ideas for community or personal items please discuss them with us.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

FURNITURE REPAIRS
- Outdoor furniture
- Broken chairs & stools
- Repairs & restoration

GARDEN EQUIPMENT
- Garden tools
- Repairs & maintenance
- Keeping your tools working

CUSTOM PROJECTS
- Community projects
- Personal projects
- Tell us your ideas!

POWER TOOLS AVAILABLE

Drills • Grinders • Jigsaws • *and more*

Interested?
Contact *Malcolm*
0419 817 106



We value the support of our community and local businesses.

If you have an idea, a repair, or a project you'd like help with, come and have a chat. *We'd love to hear from you!*

Building skills. Building friendships. Building a better community.

District Council of ORRORROO CARRIETON

SAPOL SERVICES IN ORRORROO

To ensure the Orroroo community continues to have access to local policing services, SAPOL has arranged for the Orroroo Police Station to be open on selected days over the coming months.

Residents are welcome to attend during the scheduled opening times for general enquiries and assistance.

UPCOMING OPENING TIMES

DATE	TIME
Monday 22 June 2026	9:00am – 12:00pm
Thursday 2 July 2026	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Monday 13 July 2026	STATION CLOSED
Thursday 23 July 2026	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Monday 3 August 2026	9:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday 13 August 2026	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Monday 24 August 2026	9:00am – 3:00pm

EMERGENCY **CALL 000**

NON-URGENT POLICE ASSISTANCE **CALL 131 444**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

Please note that these arrangements are subject to operational requirements and may change if staffing availability alters.

Rural Security

Fuel security

Fuel can be taken from both storage and machinery tanks. With the increasing price of fuel, these thefts are no longer just an inconvenience but a substantial financial loss. Report all theft and trespass to police. Every bit of information helps.

Lock it

If it can be locked, lock it! If not, consider installing anti-theft fuel caps on machinery and locks on pumps.

Monitor

Keep track of your fuel levels and deliveries. Only fill mobile tanks when in use.

Thoughtful fuel storage

Position within sight of the main residence. Install fencing. Consider cameras/security lighting.

Park smart

Park fuel trailers within sight of the residence and out of view from roads. Secure them if they must be left in paddocks overnight.

Go to our website for the full suite of Rural Security fact sheets, including *Preventing livestock theft.*

Need help?

Call **Triple Zero (000)** for police, fire, ambulance in an emergency.

Call **131 444** for non-urgent police attendance.

Report crime anonymously at **crimestopperssa.com.au** or by calling Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

Need more information?

Turn this page over for more on this topic, or see how you can *protect what matters* by scanning the code or visiting **www.police.sa.gov.au**

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SAFER COMMUNITIES

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PROTECT WHAT MATTERS

Fuel security

Lock it

- If it can be locked, lock it! If it can't be locked, manage risks like isolated locations or easy access. If thinking about locking options, consider whether a $20 lock is adequate to protect $1,000 worth of fuel.
- Tanks, vehicles, and machinery should be fitted with lockable fuel caps to deter access. Fit anti-theft fuel caps where possible (see fuel or farm equipment specialists for options best suited to heavy machinery that may be left overnight in isolated locations).
- The dispensing system, including the pump outlets, nozzle, hose and valves should be locked when not in use. For above-ground tanks, shield the hose and secure with a hardened cable lock to reduce siphoning or vandalism.
- The control switch for electronically controlled pumps should be located in a secure building, with the electricity turned off when not in use.
- Consider installing an isolation switch in a hidden spot to immobilise the circuit.

Thoughtful fuel storage

If you are installing, upgrading, or changing fuel storage tanks, consider these points:

- Install underground tanks - they're better concealed and harder to steal fuel from.
- Above-ground fuel storage tanks should be positioned in sight of the main residence and other storage sheds and, if possible, concealed from view from the road.
- Install motion sensor lighting that illuminates the tank(s) and surrounding areas at night.
- Enclose the site with a lockable security fence/ gate.
- Consider using battery/solar powered portable alarms or cameras controlled by your mobile on gates, tanks or machinery. Many can be fixed or mounted in various ways - permanently or temporarily - using bolts, magnetic mounts or even cable ties.
- Dogs are aware, often before their owners, of the presence of strangers. Whether pets or working animals, dogs can be a good deterrent to intruders.

Monitor

- Fuel tanks should be dipped daily, and flow meters installed to monitor fuel use.
- Mobile fuel tanks should only be filled when they are in use.
- Use a reputable fuel supplier and be present when deliveries are made.
- Maintain accurate records of fuel use and purchases, including quantities and delivery dates and times.

Park smart

- If possible, park fuel trailers within sight of the main residence. If they must be left in a paddock, then park as far away as possible from the road.
- Trailer wheels should be clamped, and the body chained and padlocked to a large tree or other firmly anchored object.
- Consider using battery-operated portable alarms or GPS tracking that can be monitored via your phone when fuel trailers have to be left in isolated locations.

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CARRIETON NEWS

What a wonderful relief to see such good June rainfalls. Many properties have already received more than their average annual rainfall in the first six months of the year. The countryside is looking magnificent, lambing percentages are the best they've been for years, and for those who enjoy a tasty seasonal bonus, mushrooms are popping up in the barer patches. It's a welcome change from the dry years we've endured. Thank goodness for the rain!

Rainfall Totals untill 29th June:

- **Almerta:** 37.5mm (YTD 343mm)
- **Carrieton:** 53.6mm another 13mm on 29th
- **Eurelia:** 63.6mm
- **Johnburgh:** 48.5mm (YTD 416.5mm)
- **Moockra:** 42mm
- **Sandal Park:** 35.2mm (YTD 351.22mm)

Sincere sympathy is extended to Margaret and Ben Hider and extended family on the passing of Graham. Graham lived and worked on his family's pastoral property at Cradock for many years. In his younger days, he was an enthusiastic and highly competitive tennis player. As his health declined in later life, he was cared for at the Hawker Hospital, where he spent his final years. Rest in Peace Graham.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Lindy, Josh, Mitch Tezacker and their families on the sudden passing of Rob.

Their loss will also be felt throughout the Carrieton community. For many years he was a valued supporter of the Carrieton Community Store, assisting with the mail service, fruit and vegetable deliveries, and newspaper collections.

Many will remember his cheeky sense of humour and friendly banter, especially during his regular postal runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Rest in Peace Rob.

The District Council of Orroroo Carrieton presented it's 2026–27 Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget in Carrieton on 10th June. As part of its responsibilities, Council is required to present its Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget to the community. It is unfortunate that such a detailed and informative presentation was attended by so few residents.

Local Government is our third tier of Government, and with both State and Federal Governments increasingly focused on metropolitan areas, it is important that we continue to support and engage with our local Council.

The Carrieton Progress Association's general meeting followed the budget presentation, providing residents with an opportunity to raise local concerns.

One issue discussed was the inability of new owners of town blocks to obtain access to the town water supply. This has delayed building and development plans for several property owners. In recent years, four people have purchased blocks in Carrieton but have since left because they were unable to access town water. Residents are keen to see this issue resolved to encourage future growth and development in the town.

Another matter of concern was the proposed lease fee for the Crown land occupied by the Carrieton Community Cropping Project (CCP).

The land was originally leased by the former Carrieton District Council at no cost. The CCP is a volunteer-run community organisation that operates a farming enterprise solely to raise funds for community projects and initiatives. Members expressed concern that Council is now proposing to charge a lease fee, believing this is difficult to justify given the significant financial support and charitable contributions the CCP has provided to both the Carrieton and Orroroo communities over many years.

150 years Carrieton celebrations are to be held in April 2028. People interested in planning the event are to contact Julie 0428 499 400 or Janet 0487 285 979.

Carrieton Rodeo Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 22nd June. All positions remained the same President Daniel Williams, Secretary Glyn Shackelford and Treasurer Kate Williams. Donations were given to RFDS And Orroroo Variety bash group Plans are well in hand for another successful New Years Eve Rodeo.

Carrieton Community Store stock take was held Sat 27th with many local helpers to make the task easy. Thanks to all those who assisted.

School Holidays - a welcome mid year break for student, teachers and parents ,no longer tied to a strict timetable. Enjoy the break and travel safe.

St Raphaels Catholic Mass remain at 6pm Saturday evening with Father Mark Whybrow.



CARRIETON NEWS

Farewell to Bev and Len Turner. After three years as caretakers of the Carrieton Caravan Park, Bev and Len Turner (pictured right) are leaving Carrieton to enjoy a well-earned retirement in Clare.



What was originally planned as a three-month caretaking role turned into a rewarding three-year chapter. Having travelled extensively themselves, Bev and Len brought a fresh perspective to the park and quickly became well known for their warm hospitality and welcoming nature.

Happy hours, sausage sizzles and Bev's famous homemade sausage rolls soon became highlights for visitors, earning glowing mentions on caravan travellers' social media pages and helping to make the park a memorable stop for many.

We sincerely thank Bev and Len for their dedication, friendship and outstanding service to our community. Their contribution has been greatly appreciated, and we wish them every happiness in their retirement. We look forward to welcoming them back to Carrieton for many visits—and, of course, to a community Friday tea and farewell in the near future.

In the meantime, Jo and Darren Sherer have kindly stepped into the role of Acting Caretakers until Barb and Brian Matthews arrive in mid-August. A heartfelt thank you to Jo and Darren for taking on the position during this busy time of year.

With the recent rains encouraging many campers to leave the Flinders and seek a warm, comfortable place to stay, the caravan park has been particularly busy, and their support is greatly appreciated.

Public Consultation Draft Community Engagement Policy

The District Council of Orroroo Carrieton is undertaking public consultation and seeking feedback on the revised Community Engagement Policy.

At its meeting on Wednesday 24th June 2026 Council endorsed the Draft Community Engagement Policy for public consultation and in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, is seeking feedback from the community.

The proposed Community Engagement Policy can be found on Council's website www.orroroo.sa.gov.au

You are invited to make a submission on this matter by close of business on Thursday 16th July 2026. All submissions will be considered by the Council. Please note that submissions may be included in a publicly available report to Council (excluding any personal contact details).

Written submissions are to be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, and may be:

- Emailed to: council@orroroo.sa.gov.au
- Hand delivered to the Council office:
  17 Second Street
  Orroroo SA 5431
- Posted to the following address:
  District Council of Orroroo Carrieton
  PO Box 3
  ORRORO SA 5431

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EURELIA

Celebrating 150 Years

SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2026

EURELIA HALL · 9AM – 1PM

History display in the hall

New printing of '*Ups & Downs*' Centenary Book by Muriel Shepherd — cost TBA (cash only)

Free morning tea available

11AM — PROGRAMME

Welcome & Book Launch

Launch of Derek Byerlee's '*Thriving on the Margin*'

Followed by unveiling of a commemorative plaque next to the Post Office

AROUND TOWN

Railway / Goods Shed accessible

Maps available to identify marked town blocks

Cemetery

Old cars on display — Peterborough enthusiasts & Sam Gibb

LUNCH · FROM 1PM

Orroroo Golf Club

Lunch — TBA

Lunch cost — TBA

Cutting of the 150th cake

Please advise if you will attend for lunch to assist with catering.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Robyn Byerlee · 0428 124 499 · robynbyerlee@gmail.com

Di Duffy · 0428 208 410 · di.duffy@skymesh.com.au

Further information to come in future editions of the Gazette.

All are warmly welcome to join us in celebrating this wonderful milestone in Eurelia's history.

ORRoROO MARKETS

in the Main

SUNDAY 12TH JULY

9:00AM – 1:00PM



ORRoROO
MAIN STREET / SECOND STREET,
ORRoROO SA



Come along and enjoy the friendly atmosphere at Orroroo Markets in the Main, support our wonderful local businesses, and browse the great variety of market stalls.

All welcome!

NEW STALL HOLDERS ARE ALWAYS WARMLY WELCOME.

For further information, contact Stacey on **0437 642 917** or **The Store on Second.**





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God-willing, we will be moving to the Orroroo/Walloway area over the next couple of years to establish an aircraft maintenance base for local & regional S.A. aircraft owners. We plan to run the business primarily from our land on Chapman Rd, which will be called "McCauley Run" (if no objections). We appreciate being accepted into the community and look forward to making new friends.

Warm regards,
Tim& Di Gallard and family



From Orroroo to Hallett
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we take the time to care

and



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Mortuary Manager

we consider it an honour
to be able to help
at such a difficult time



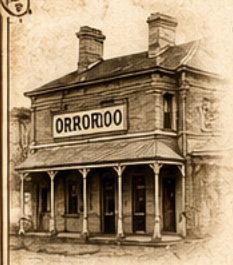
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Shelley
Funeral Assistant



MEMORY LANE

— ORRORO THROUGH THE YEARS —

Remembering our people, our places and our past



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— JULY 2026 —

The pages of old newspapers often provide a fascinating glimpse into the lives, concerns and values of those who came before us. While major events make the history books, it is the everyday stories that paint the richest picture of life in our district.

Two newspaper reports, published five years apart, reveal very different aspects of life around Orroroo during the late 1920s and early 1930s.



A COMMUNITY CONCERNED FOR ITS YOUTH (1933)

In February 1933, the Australian Christian Commonwealth reported on a large public meeting held in the Methodist Church following growing concerns about alcohol at local dances.

Around 200 residents representing the Methodist and Baptist congregations gathered after becoming increasingly worried about liquor being brought to dances in motor vehicles and reports that some young women were being encouraged to drink to excess.

The meeting was described as orderly and respectful, with prominent townspeople speaking without personal attacks or inflammatory language, Nevertheless, the message was unmistakable—the churches believed it was time to take a firm stand.

> “Strong drink and beach pyjamas in a local hall are not what we want to see.
>
> — *Australian Christian Commonwealth (SA), Friday 10th February 1933*

Particular concern centred on the introduction of a “cabaret” dance, with residents objecting to both the availability of alcohol and what they saw as changing social standards. The article even noted criticism of “beach pyjamas” being worn in the local hall, illustrating how fashions of the day could become matters of public debate.

A committee comprising ministers and lay representatives from both churches was formed to address similar issues in the future. Their aim, they stated, was to ensure that Orroroo’s social activities remained morally safe for young people.

Looking back today, the article serves as a reminder of how strongly churches influenced community life and how closely residents worked together when they believed local values were under challenge.



The Methodist Church, Orroroo – venue for the well-attended public meeting in January 1933.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1933, the Methodist Sunday School in Orroroo had 140 children on the roll with 18 teachers, and an attendance rate of 79% for children and even higher for teachers. The churches of the time played a vital role in the education and values of our young people.



AN ACCIDENT ON A COUNTRY ROAD (1928)

Five years earlier, in July 1928, the *Chronicle* (Adelaide) reported on an unfortunate accident involving Mr M.W.B. Bull, a saddler from Willowie.

While walking home, Mr Bull was struck by a passing motor car. In what reflects the close-knit nature of country communities, the driver immediately stopped and offered assistance.

Initially believing his injuries were only minor, Mr Bull declined hospital treatment. However, after receiving first aid from Mrs G.M. White at the local post office, it became apparent that his injuries were more serious than first thought.

He was driven to Orroroo, where Dr Sweeney treated a badly bruised left leg that required several stitches.

PEDESTRIAN INJURED BY MOTOR CAR

WILLOWIE, July 15th

MWB Bull saddler, of Willowie, while walking to his home was knocked down by a motor car. The motorist returned and offered to take the injured man to a hospital, but Mr Bull did not consider his injuries serious. He was taken to the post-office, where Mrs GM White rendered first-aid. It was then found that the injuries were more serious than were supposed, and Mr Bull was motored to Orroroo and treated by Dr Sweeney. Mr Bull’s left leg was badly bruised and had a cut that required several stitches.

Chronicle (Adelaide), Saturday 21st July 1928



Motor vehicles were becoming more common on country roads during the 1920s.

Preserving Our Stories

These newspaper extracts remind us that local history is about far more than buildings and dates. It is about the people who lived here, the issues they debated, the accidents they endured, and the community spirit that shaped everyday life.

As we continue to explore Orroroo’s rich past, these small stories help preserve the character of a town that has always cared deeply for its people and its future.

Do you remember?

Do you have stories, memories, photographs or documents you would like to share? We’d love to hear from you!

PLEASE CONTACT THE GAZETTE OR THE ORROROO HISTORICAL SOCIETY so we can keep our local history alive.

ORRORO IS TURNING PURPLE THIS JULY!

IN SUPPORT OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Orroroo Regional Tourism Group invites the whole community to help turn Orroroo purple this July in support of those living with **Cystic Fibrosis** – sufferers, families, and friends.

Join the Purple Haze!

- **DRESS UP** FOR **PURPLE DAY**
- DECORATE YOUR **GATES, FENCES, GARDENS, HOMES OR BUSINESSES**
- SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL FAMILIES AND **RAISING AWARENESS**

Together we can make a difference

Let's come together as a community and make Orroroo glow purple!



LET'S MAKE ORRORO A PURPLE HAZE THIS JULY!

Colours of Orroroo

ARTS

Spring Exhibition

26 SEP – 11 OCT 2026

EXHIBITION HOURS
10am – 4pm each day

LOCATION
Orroroo Town Hall
17 Second Street

OFFCIAL OPENING
Friday 25 Sep 6.00pm

MORE INFORMATION
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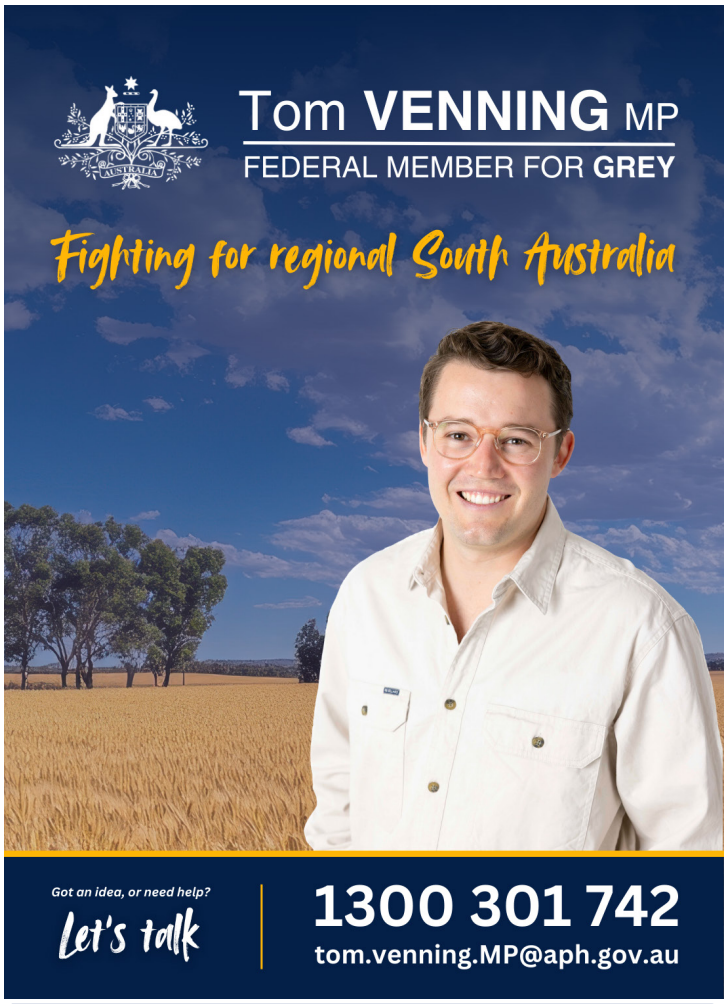






WASTE CALENDAR

For collection Enquiries please contact
Clare Valley Waste on
0438 884 340
Between 8am-4pm



JULY KEY DATES

Girl Guides During school term	Mon	3:30 - 5:30pm
Mosaics Group	Wed	5:30 - 8:30pm
Art & Craft All Welcome	Thurs	12 - 3pm
Glass Art Group	Thurs	1.00pm - till late
Quilting Crafters	Monthly 1st Sat	10 - 4pm

Colours of Orroroo Arts Hub Exhinbition
26th Sep
11th Oct

POP UP WORKSHOPS

Eco Dyeing Fabric 11 July 11am - 2pm

Creative Writing for Kids 12 July 11.30am - 2pm

Bookings & Information

WWW.COLOURSOFORROROOARTSHUB.COM.AU

July-26						
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

UNITING CHURCH
Preaching Plan for Goyder Ministry Area
Orroroo 10.00am

12/7/2026 11am Anglican HC
19/7/2026 Jenny Hagger
26/7/2026 Andrew Shields

Preachers and Contact details
Judy Laskey 0428 599 959

Catholic Church Mass times
First Sunday of month 9:30am Orroroo (Liturgy)
Second Sunday of month 10am Orroroo
Third Sunday of month 10am Pekina
Fourth & Fifth Sunday of month 10am Orroroo
Carrieton 6pm Saturdays.

Preaching Plan for Orroroo Community Church
Church services every Sunday at 10am

Cut off dates for the Gazette 2026

Cut Off date	Publishing Date
3rd Aug	7th Aug
31st Aug	4th Sept
28th Sept	2nd Oct
2nd Nov	6th Nov
30th Nov	4th Dec

Justice of the Peace
Trevor Laskey 0427 599 051
Joy Ford 0427 533 628
Sharon McCarthy 8658 1390
Len Turner (Carrieton) 0429 502 090

Calendar of Events

July	12th	Orroroo Markets
July	19th	Black Rock Dirt Circuit
Aug	16th	Black Rock Dirt Circuit
Sept	26th - 11th Oct	Colours of Art Orroroo
Sept	20th	Black Rock Dirt Circuit
Oct	10th	Eurelia 150th
Oct	11th	Orroroo Markets
Oct	18th	Black Rock Dirt Circuit
Oct	25th	Willowie Celebrating 150 Years
Nov	7th	Black Rock Dirt Circuit (Saturday Fun Day)

If you have anything you would like to put onto the Calendar of Events, please let Council know by emailing: council@orroroo.sa.gov.au



Thank You

SIMS, DAWN (IDA)

Lawrence, Belinda, Neville and their families sincerely thank the doctors, nurses and staff for the compassionate care given to Dawn during her time in hospital.

Our heartfelt thanks to Northern Area Funerals for their kindness, professionalism and support in arranging Dawn's funeral, and to Blacksmiths Chatter for generously providing the venue for the gathering following the service.

A special thank you to the members of the Orroroo Community Church for their care, support and thoughtful assistance during this difficult time.

Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone in the Orroroo community for the many cards, flowers, messages of sympathy and acts of kindness. Your love and support have been a great comfort to our family and are deeply appreciated.

Lawrence