

1 June - First Day of Winter

Well it looks like the fog and rains are here. The sun is clocking out early, the cold is seeping in soon thereafter and suddenly, your cozy sweatpants are looking a whole lot better than going out. The first day of winter; officially known as the winter solstice, arrived on 1 June 2026 with storms and heavy rains and windy conditions announcing its self all over town. Winter solstice marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year. While the season brings a lot of cozy perks (wood log fires and movie marathons), it also brings a biting chill.

Winter Myth:

Turning the thermostat up to 30 degrees warms the house up faster.

Fact: It just makes the system run longer and burns a hole in your energy bill. Standard heating is most efficient set between 18 to 20 degrees.



From the Mayor

Volunteers

The western world depends on Volunteers! So many things are more within our reach, more affordable, more involving and therefore more interesting because of volunteers. People often value things more because they are backed by volunteers and created wholly or partially by volunteers. Volunteerism is a whole subset of people, rules, personalities, outcomes and rewards.

The highly successful 2000 Sydney Olympics was noted and known for its inclusion of a mammoth team of volunteers. Every Olympics, Commonwealth or World Games now actively recognises the effort and input of volunteers. They have always existed - it's not a new phenomenon - it's just that they are now recognised and lauded.

Here in Peterborough, Yongala and Districts we have lots of volunteers! Thanks be to each and everyone.

As a community and Council, we are always looking for volunteers! Some that you may be interested in..... *The Hospital - members of the Hospital Auxiliary or any functions that the Director of Nursing may need assistance with.

*Peterborough Miniature Railway Association - monthly run days, track or grounds maintenance, or fund raising.

*Peterborough Red Cross - that has just recently closed due to lack of volunteers.

*The sporting groups - Tennis, Basketball etc *The Youth Club/The Driving School

* Self Interest Groups like PUMPS.

*The Papier Mache and Wireworks group.

*Meals on Wheels.

*Car Drivers for Medical visits out of Peterborough.

*Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre and Visitor Information.

*Peterborough History Group/Printshop and YMCA Museum.

*The Art Centre/Annual Art Prize, Bingo sessions and Craft Afternoons, Art lessons and Monthly Markets.

*The Art and Cultural Annual Festival.

*The Peterborough and Districts Lions Club.

The Peterborough Rotary Club.

*The CFS - Country Fire Service - Peterborough and Yongala.

*The MFS - Metropolitan Fire Service - Peterborough.

*SA Ambulance Service - Peterborough.

*The Community Garden.

*The Men's Shed - incorporating days for Men and for Ladies.

*The Annual Peterborough Rodeo.

Not a complete list by any means but something that may spark interest! Please let me know those who have been missed!

Peterborough Medical Services

A group of organisations and Medical Professionals charged with finding Services and Doctors for Peterborough reconvened this week to discuss progress and practical answers to our dilemma. The Mid North Health Advisory Council lead by the Presiding Member Steve Richmond (of which Jeff Oakley and myself are members) hosted the 'Round Table' with members present personally or on-line. Discussions are on-going with workable solutions being sought through multiple agencies. It is not simple and it is not easy but we are making headway and will reconvene asap to check on progress as to when something practical can be put in place. I thank all agencies and individuals who are working diligently on our behalf. I also thank the residents of Peterborough for making the best of the solutions in place at the moment. The Hospital and those who work in it and with it are to be commended for finding ways in which to give the best medical service and advice possible.

PETERBOROUGH IS CELEBRATING IT'S 150TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR!



For those who are unaware there is a very small group working towards a POSITIVE EXPERIENCE for the Long Weekend in October this year. Under the umbrella of the History Group they are devising a programme with something for everyone.

There are some events which are available for local groups to put their hand up to cater for and keep the profits. The District Council has generously given the Town Hall free of charge for the weekend and this will be open all weekend as a meet and greet venue. Events which are up for grabs are:

Morning Tea in the Town Hall Saturday morning

Ticketed Dinner in the Town Hall - menu to be negotiated

Market in Town Square from 12.30pm - 4.30pm Saturday event coordinator still to be found.

Brunch/Morning Tea in the Town Hall Sunday Morning

There may be an option for a light meal on Sunday evening.

Please put your hand up - this small group cannot do everything and doesn't want to.

Email pborohistory@hotmail.com if you are interested in having a stall.

Looking forward to hearing from you - Judy Evans, Secretary Peterborough History Group SA Inc.

PETERBOROUGH LIBRARY



On 29 May, 2026 the library held an open day and invited everyone to come on in and join the library. Cupcakes were handed out to anyone who joined up on the day which were appreciated by all. Wonderful conversation, and meaningful connections were made at the “Join the library and get a free cupcake” event which was a true celebration of community. “We loved seeing members come from far and wide to share stories, laughter, and a sense of community” said the Friends of the Library group.



A huge thank you to all the folks who attended the Friends' Cupcake morning tea. It was heartening to see so many people there supporting the Library. The feeling of camaraderie was amazing.

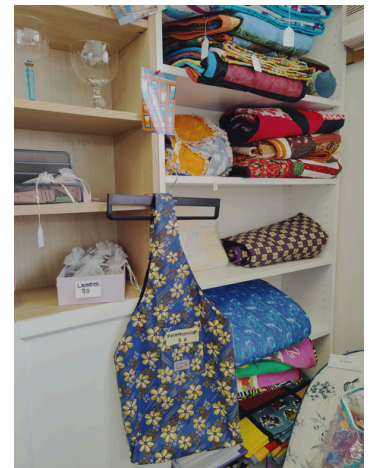
From Friends of the Library Group.



LADY DI'S Craft Corner



Lady Di's Craft Corner is delighted to showcase the work of the Peterborough Patchworkers, featuring an array of locally made gifts. The store is located at 155 Main Street, Peterborough.



Look for the flag on main street when the shop is open.



TO THE PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY

The Friends of the Peterborough SA Library would like you to know that the future of our Library in its present form is at risk.

The Council is preparing to determine in its forthcoming Budget, its funding to the Library.

We fear any loss of funding leading to reduced opening hours for our Library will have an impact on our community in many ways.

The library is more than a place to borrow books from. With the closure of the Rural Transaction Centre there has been a demand for assisted access to essential online Government services.

It provides free access to WIFI, printing services, free early childhood and digital learning programs.

It cares for community well being reducing isolation for many, such as older community members, young families and those new to Peterborough acting as a social Hub where social and learning activities regularly take place in a safe and inclusive environment.

If you have students at school they will be impacted by any changes.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT - YOU CAN HELP BY

Sign the petition, found in local shops and the Library

Join the Library

Check Facebook - The Friends of the Peterborough SA Library -for updates

Email your Councillors with your concerns, addresses to found on Council website or Council Office)

Attend the Community Consultation Day in the Town Hall, when announced.



**Friends of the
Peterborough SA Library**



PETERBOROUGH AREA LINE DANCE WORKSHOP

WHERE: Yongala Hall

ADDRESS: fourth street Yongala, South Australia
(only 10.9 km from Peterborough!)

WHEN: SUNDAY, 21st JUNE 2026

TIME: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

COST: \$20.00 PER PERSON

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CELEBRATING PETERBOROUGH'S HISTORY

Many of the beautiful and significant buildings in Peterborough are turning 100 this year. The 1920s were a time of rapid growth in Peterborough because of the expansion of the South Australian Railways and the flow on effect to the town's Commercial businesses. Two buildings with a direct connection to the Railways were the South Australian Railways Institute (SARI) Hall and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) building. The hall opened on September 3rd 1926 and was first used as a Dining hall for railway crew billeted in the nearby Barracks. In 1937 it was transferred to the South Australian Railways Institute for the recreation and education of railway employees and their families. Since then, until the late 1970s, it was a place to enjoy 21st Birthdays, Weddings, Saturday night dances, film shows, and anniversaries. There were various sporting activities promoted by the SARI - cricket, baseball, electric light cricket, badminton, ladies and men's table tennis, volleyball etc.

There were hobbies and clubs - model building, wireless club, Bridge club, Learners dancing club, Horticultural society and a lending Library. And associated with the SARI hall, was the construction of the SARI oval in the early 1950s and the wonderful Railway Carnivals held each year from 1958 to 1979. The SARI hall continuing today as a place for recreation and education, is home to the Peterborough Youth Centre.



"Archival photos of the SARI Hall from the Lionel Noble collection courtesy of Janet Fielding"

CELEBRATING PETERBOROUGH'S HISTORY CONT.

The foundation stone for the YMCA was laid on June 11th. 1926. "The crowd who witnessed the ceremony at noon were forced to take shelter under shop verandahs from the falling rain" "Assistance was given by Commissioner Webb of the Railways, including a gift of land in Main Street. The building was to provide accommodation for twenty five single young men, as well as a gymnasium and other facilities. (Anita Woods, "Petersburg to Peterborough")"

This fine sandstone building in the Art Deco style adds grace to the Main Street scape. It too has been repurposed and is now the Peterborough Social History Museum - a project of the Peterborough History Group displaying items and memorabilia from Peterborough's past. Also in the building "Meldonfield" a unique collection of scale models of horse drawn vehicles and the "Lionel Noble Room"

Information supplied by Tricia Cummings and Heather Parker from the Peterborough History Group



DORCAS



Another month has passed, and Winter is officially upon us. This year winter is predicted to be quite cold so any donations of clean, warm clothing or bedding will be appreciated by all. Any warm items that do not reach the shelves because they are damaged etc, these items are put out in the "free bins" at the front of the store, so our four legged friends do not miss out. We don't discriminate when it comes to ensuring everyone's wellbeing this winter!



This year's National Volunteer Week was 18 to 24 May which aligned with the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development (IVY 2026) highlighting the global importance of volunteering and its impact on communities worldwide. The funds we raise during the year help support our local communities, charities and projects but also an organisation overseas which assists in the education and wellbeing of children.

The connected, inclusive and resilient nature of our volunteers shines through every

Thursday and Friday between 10am and 4pm
and
the Third Saturday of the month between 10am and 1pm.

We're a happy group of individuals who welcome everyone, and we love to give back to our community in a practical way. The fact that we've been exceptionally busy indicates that the time, skill and care our volunteers provide is so very greatly appreciated. So an extremely big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteers their time and skill, and to everyone who donates to Dorcas, so that we can keep the doors open and our community vibrant.

IT DOESN'T HAVE
TO BE NEW
TO BE AWESOME



ROTARY CLUB of PETERBOROUGH

On May 17, the Rotary Club of Peterborough assisted Cafe 229 on Main Street to host 61 car enthusiasts at the cafe for dinner, being the Rotary's famous BBQ and salads, and showing of the Peterborough Sound and Light show. Dinner and the movie were a great success and the car group thoroughly enjoyed their time in town.



On May 29, the Rotary Club of Peterborough assisted St Joseph's School to celebrate volunteer week as the school invited all local emergency services to a "pop up" event at the school. Rotary Club helped supply a lunch BBQ to the volunteers present. The day was filled with fun, and education for all present.

What an amazing team of emergency service people we have here in Peterborough and what a way to say *thank you* to them for all they do.



The Switchback Riders rolled into town last month on their annual Mid-North motorbike tour; raising funds for the Royal Flying Doctors Service ("RFDS"). They stopped in town at the Peterborough Hotel and enjoyed a delicious lunch supplied by the Rotary Club of Peterborough. All proceeds from the lunch were then donated by the Rotary Club back to the RFDS fundraiser.



EVERYTHING SPRING SPN

From May to August our meetings are now being run by Phone Conferencing, whereby Secretary Judy Higginson will phone members in from the comfort of their warm lounges.

Our SPRING SPN AGM will be held on Friday 4 September and we will then return to the St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall again for our monthly meetings from September onwards, which are held on the 1st Friday of the month at 7pm.

Our May Phone Conferencing meeting saw us planning a new exciting event later in the year, with details to follow later. Plus, discussion of doing some modifications of our display materials & equipment ready for when we get busy again from September onwards.

As it is National Volunteer Week from 18-24 May, we are pleased that our members are also all volunteers on so many other Committees & groups to keep our Community going, ranging from CFS, SAAS, Lions, LDAT etc, to mention but a few.

Volunteering for the many & varied groups including, services like Lions & Rotary or the Emergency Services, CFS, MFS, or SAAS or the many other social, craft groups in town is a great way to make social connections within the town, especially if you are new to the town or feeling isolated.

Our SPRING SPN 'Chat & Connect with Community Expo' in September is a great way to see the Volunteer groups & Services that provide the town with so many opportunities & is a great way for you to become a Volunteer, too. So, many groups are needing new Volunteers to help, so look into becoming a Volunteer.

In April, the Festival Art & Cultural Committee, all again run by volunteers, allowed our group to run our 'Colour Your World' event of painting artwork, which tied in with their Art theme. Art Therapy is a wonderful, creative, relaxing way to help reduce stress & anxiety, so give it a try!

Why not join the Monthly Art Workshops, or the Peterborough Craft group on Wednesdays at the Art Centre? There are so many other craft or Community groups that you could join, too.

Again these are all run by Volunteers, who all do amazing things for our Community!!

Our next scheduled event is the Orroroo Markets on Sunday 12 July, 9-1pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

We hope our involvement helps strengthen Mental Health & Wellbeing within our Community & together we can raise awareness & education of Mental Health & continue to take away the stigma.

We encourage groups to invite us to attend their events with our table of resources & to contact us anytime on: springpeterboroughspn@gmail.com or to contact any member.

Emergency Support 24/7: Call 000

Crisis Support – Mental Health Triage 24/7: 131 465.

Lifeline: 13 11 14.

Kids Help Line: 1800 551 800.

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Make stuff. Meet people. Be part of something.

REIGN

We're starting something new in Peterborough.

A space to:

- be creative
- plan events
- try new things
- meet people

Free food included.

AIMED
AT AGES
16-25
(ISH)

BORED? COME MAKE SOMETHING.

No pressure. No experience needed.
Just show up.

DETAILS

-  Peterborough Youth & Community Centre
-  Fortnightly 2nd & 4th Fridays May - Nov 2026
-  7pm - 9pm



REIGN

Contact Alysha for more info
0416267391 or hello@partofthings.org

Reign is a project of the Peterborough Local Drug Action Team.



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LIONS CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT INC. – NEWS UPDATE

Community Spirit Delivers Outstanding Result

After more than two years of planning, hard work, and community collaboration, the Lions Club of Peterborough & District Inc., is proud to announce the completion of its Lions on Mane Project.

The project began with a vision to create an attractive and welcoming public space for residents and visitors while further enhancing the Lions Memorial Fountain precinct adjacent to the Tourist Carriage display.

Following the development of detailed plans, the Lions Club submitted a proposal to the Peterborough District Council, which was approved, allowing the project to move forward.

Stage One

The first stage focused on improving safety and accessibility within the area. New lighting was installed throughout the precinct, creating a safer environment for those using the nearby bus service, many of whom previously waited and boarded in darkness. LED lighting was also added to the Lions Memorial Fountain, significantly enhancing its appearance after sunset.

With assistance from a number of dedicated community members—whom Lions proudly refer to as our “Friends of Lions”—concrete slabs were prepared and installed to accommodate new tables and seating, providing a comfortable space for people to gather and enjoy the area.

Stage Two

The second stage involved a major transformation of the site. Work commenced with clearing the area and removing sections of the existing saltbush hedge, while the remaining hedge was trimmed to improve visibility and overall presentation.

Preparation then began for the laying of approximately 5,000 pavers. Once again, the Friends of Lions answered the call, generously contributing their time, expertise, and labour. Their efforts resulted in an impressive transformation that has created a lasting asset for the community.

Adding further character to the project are two large laser-cut artwork panels. One depicts the history of road transport through the years, while the second features a 1950s-style bus, recognising the important role of the former Hoile’s Bus Park in Peterborough’s history. A laser-cut bin surround featuring iconic Australiana scenes was also installed, adding both functionality and artistic appeal to the precinct.

LIONS CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT INC. – cont.

The finishing touch came on 29 May 2026 with the installation of the LIONS ON MANE sign, timed to coincide with National Volunteer Week. The sign serves as a lasting tribute not only to Lions members but also to the many community volunteers whose dedication continues to make Peterborough a better place to live.

A Community Effort

The Lions Club of Peterborough & District Inc., extends its sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this project. There are far too many businesses, organisations, and individuals to name individually, but your support, encouragement, and assistance have been invaluable.

This project was made possible through funding provided by the Lions Club of Peterborough & District, with additional support from the Australian Lions Foundation.

The completed precinct now stands as a testament to what can be achieved when community spirit, volunteerism, and a shared vision come together. It is a place for residents and visitors alike to relax, reflect, and appreciate both the history and future of Peterborough.



Lions on Mane - before



Lions on Mane - now

HELLO FROM **PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Haven't the rains been a blessing? The garden is bursting with colour (and weeds 😊) and the last of the Autumnal colours are disappearing. Several of our new members have been very enthusiastically planting - someone even suggested a "Best garden Bed" competition.

Thank you to Dorcas

Sunday 31st saw about 18-20 of us enjoy a lovely Morning tea, blessed with sunshine despite the cool morning. We shared morning tea/ lunch of homemade sausage rolls, curry puffs, vegetable tart, cherry pie muffins, & sandwiches.

We procured a fire pit and some dry wood which kept us warm. Our successful pumpkin and capsicum crop, meant no one left empty handed.



Sheena, Judy & Kate setting up.



Chris, Dennis & Barbara relaxing after fire was set.

"Work & Chirp"
Due to the cooler evenings, it will now start at 2pm.
Next one Tue 9 th June
Just come for a chat and/ or a cuppa.

Peterborough Art Centre News

It was great to see Syd back with Jimmy entertaining us at the May market after he had been unavailable for a few months, thanks to both of you for keeping everyone entertained.

The BBQ was very popular on a day of cool, damp weather, thank you Vicki and Jeremy.

Despite the inclement weather the market saw a steady flow of tourists and locals coming through.

Peterborough Art Collective at the Art Centre had a very successful Life Drawing session in May. Due to popular demand, we are considering running fortnightly drawing sessions. The 6th of June will see us hosting a Felt Bowl workshop, by an award winning felter, we are very fortunate to have such a talented tutor move to town. The workshop will be held on Saturday 6th June from 12pm to 4pm, cost is \$30, supplies included. Materials will also be offered for purchase to take home for \$10. The workshop will be held at the Peterborough Art Centre for bookings please phone 0476 263 203.

Exciting news, one of our local artists and committee member Haley O'Shea along with 16 other artists from around the country, has achieved Highly Commended in the upcoming Napier Wallace Art Prize, to be held at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and due to open in September and run until March 2027. Over 100 entries were submitted. This art prize is only open to entrants that are either Australian Defence Force veterans or current serving personnel, promoting artistic excellence and raising awareness of the military experience, only a group of shortlisted entries are displayed. The public can vote for the People's Choice either in person in Canberra or online via the Australian war Memorial website once the art prize is officially opened in September, the date to be announced later in the year. Updates will be announced in future newsletters.

PAC - PETERBOROUGH ARTS COLLECTIVE



Events Calendar 2026

- 6th June Fibre Spinning, Hand Spinning
- 4th July Watercolour & Technique
- 1st August Flow and Resin Art
- 5th September Papermaking
- 3rd October Mosaics
- 7th November Tree of Life Pendants
- 8th December Intro to Oil Painting



- 20th June
- 18th July
- 15th August
- 19th September
- 17th October
- 21st November
- 19th December



Peterborough Bingo at the Art Centre 2026

- 3rd and 17th June
- 1st and 15th July
- 29th July
- 12th and 26th August
- 9th and 23 September
- 7th and 21st October
- 4th and 18th November
- 2nd and 16th December

PETERBOROUGH CHURCH'S SERVICE TIMES FOR JUNE 2026

**St Anacletus Catholic Church
34 Railway Terrace
Mass 5.00pm every Sunday
Contact Pat Brackenridge 0439 803 976**

**Peterborough Community Christian Church
31 Kitchener Street
Worship 10.00 am every Sunday
Contact Robyn Painter (08) 8651 3050**

**The Peterborough Community Christian Church wish Bob Fisher
a very Happy 90th. Birthday on July 7th.**

**St Peter's Anglican Church
55 Kitchener Street
Sunday June 7th. -11.00 am June 14th.- 9.00 am June 21st- 3.00 pm
June 28th.-11.00 am
Sunday July 5th. - 11.0 am July 12th.- 9.00 am
Contact Heather Parker 0400 461 100**

**Christian Meditation is held every Monday morning at
9.30am inside the side Chapel at St Peter's Anglican Church.**

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