

CHAIRS, CHAIRS, CHAIRS!!

The Easter Art Festival weekend went ahead despite numbers being down from last years attendance. Although the visiting traffic was low, the Saturday market was well received with stall holders in happy spirits and a great turn out from locals.

Congratulations to all those who entered their art work and photos into the art prize this year. There was a fantastic response.

A massive number of 40 registered submissions in the town chair trail shows the commitment that locals have to keeping our town interesting and fun. There were some really different ideas and impressive submissions. Here are a few if you missed out.



Chair Gallery

- Can you find the
- High Chair
- Rocking Chair
- Arm' Chair
- Chair Graveyard



From the Mayor

April is a lovely month for all sorts of reasons - Autumn is evident everywhere, football and associated sports are in full swing as we change from Summer sports to Winter offerings, Easter is often in April and so we have associated festivities that often bring families together, schools are on the cusp of holidays and we generally enjoy good weather. Even some of the best known songs are centred around 'April'.

A nice month!

One of the other reasons that April is special in our Australian calendar is ANZAC Day.

ANZAC Day, held on 25th April each year, commemorates the 1915 Gallipoli landings marking the service and sacrifices of all Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) troops who served in WW1 and subsequent conflicts. It honors the ANZAC spirit - mateship, courage and endurance - while remembering the over 103,000 Australians and 2,800 New Zealanders who died in military operations during this conflict.

The Peterborough RSL Sub Branch leads the commemoration ceremonies in Peterborough assisted by our Chaplain Envoy Karen Chambers (rtd).

This year, we meet just before dawn (approx 6am) on Saturday 25th April at the Rotunda and Cenotaphs in the Town Square in the Main Street. A short service is held including a short address, 2 Hymns lead by the Peterborough Singers, prayers for the fallen, the laying of wreaths and the ceremonial lowering of the Australian Flag.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service. Anyone is invited to lay a wreath or floral tribute - just present before the start of the ceremony so that your name is taken and read out at the appropriate time during the wreath laying.

After the service, everyone is invited to the Town Hall to share a cooked breakfast (\$5 cover charge) and ANZAC Biscuits with the RSL members and visitors to the community. Everyone is welcome.

Following breakfast, the RSL open the clubrooms and bar at 82 - 84 Main Street for fellowship and a wind down after the mornings activities. Once again everyone is welcome on this special day. Please come and join us.

If you have questions, please contact the RSL Secretary Moira Lawler on: 0447 140 542

The new District Council, Chief Executive Officer Henry Inat, has commenced work for Council. Henry has joined the other Administration Staff at the new office complex at Steamtown and will lead the organisation for the foreseeable future. If you have queries and would like to contact Henry, please do so by contacting DCP at 0886513566 for an appointment.



Peterborough RSL Sub-Branch

Invite you to attend the
ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE ON 25TH APRIL
commencing at 6AM

at the Rotunda on Main St (near the train)

Please join us for breakfast in the
PETERBOROUGH TOWN HALL at 7am -
\$5 each

The RSL CLUBROOMS will open at 8am

All welcome

Located at 82-84 Main St, Peterborough (near the
service station)



GOLF SEASON has teed off



The 2026 Winter season of golf kicked off on Saturday, 28 March 2026. On a cold and overcast morning members rugged up and gathered together around Hole 1 to watch the first tee off for the season.

As the day heated up, so did the golf and by the end of the day, everyone was well ready for dinner!

A well deserved BBQ dinner from the Rotary Club was provided to those present and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Russell Hill winner of Summer Wednesday Competition



Greg Budden winner of Polomka Trophy



Andrew Mercer winner of Summer Sunday Competition





LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Congratulations to Jeff Oakley who received a life membership award on the opening day of the winter golf season. Jeff has been a dedicated contributor to the club and has served as club president for 9 years. Jeff is also a thoughtful member of the community giving his time to sit on the Mid North Health Advisory Council.

A wonderful presentation was made by club patron Mayor Ruth presenting Jeff with his membership badge and plaque.

In his nomination for life membership by Shane Perrott, Jeff was described:



"Jeff has been an outstanding contributor to our club over many years, dedicating countless hours of service and leadership to ensure the club's ongoing growth and success..."

"(Jeff) has played a pivotal role in the integration of women golfers into the same competitions as men, a significant step in ensuring inclusivity and fairness within the club. He has also overseen the rating of tee blocks for both men and women, ensuring the course meets recognised standards for all players.

During the covid years Jeff showed exemplary leadership through a time of uncertainty and angst for the club and its members."

"Not only has he worked tirelessly behind the scenes, but he has also proudly represented the club in competitions across the district, always upholding the spirit and values of the Peterborough Gold Club.

The Peterborough Golf Club has benefited immensely from Jeff's leadership, sponsorship, vision and passion for the game of golf. His dedication over many years has left a lasting legacy for members now and into the future."

Congratulations Jeff

THANKS HARRINGTON CIRCUS, WE HAD FUN



If you didn't get there, you missed out. Fun was had by all as Harrington Circus came to Peterborough with their talented show. Locals and neighbouring towns folk all shared the same sentiment, a very entertaining performance. Attendees enjoyed talented feats of contortionists, aerialists and clowns. If you get a chance to see the show, do yourself a favour and don't miss out.



Huttons Lagoon

On the Nine Mile, approximately 15kms out of the Peterborough township is a flat piece of land which any passer by would not look at twice. But after the heavy rains we received in early March, Huttons Lagoon became its beautiful blue wetland. Huttons was last flooded in the 1970's, which at the time wiped out the train line running from Port Pirie to Odlawirra and Broken Hill. The Lagoon has been dry for the last 30 years until now.



From this to

...to this



PETERBOROUGH *Patchworkers*

If you missed out on heading down to the Senior Citizens Hall or Lady Di's Craft Corner over the Easter long weekend, then you missed some amazing designs by our Peterborough patchworkers. Here are just some of the displays that were presented by the group.



Congratulations to Peter Turnbridge who won the raffle for the large patchwork quilt.



NEWS from the PETERBOROUGH HISTORY GROUP

Autumn is upon us and while this year we have had lots of rain and some wind, this season is usually a calm breathing space prior to winter. A fabulous time to work in the garden or just enjoy the beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

Easter is the time for the Art & Cultural Festival in Peterborough and the Historical Print Shop will be open as usual for your enlightening visit to see the presses in operation and to hear about the amazing history stored in the docketts we are cataloguing.

Check out other venues for things to see and do over the holiday Easter weekend.

Peterborough's 150th Birthday Celebration

The next meeting to explore and plan events for the Long Weekend in October will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 8th March in the History Rooms opposite the Police Station. We are seriously looking for people with ideas to contribute so please come along and share. Accommodation will be at a premium so please let your friends and family know so they can book ahead or plan to bring their van.

Friend of the History Group Morning Tea will be held at 10.30am on Wednesday 22nd April 2026. Everyone welcome to come along and find out what we have been doing in the name of History. We look forward to seeing you there.

May is shaping up to be as very busy month as we celebrate National Volunteer Week from 18-24 May 2026. And this year coincides with the UN International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development. This is your opportunity to thank those who already give their time and invite others to discover how volunteering creates connection, purpose and lasting positive change. This week gives us the opportunity to recognise the vital role volunteers play in building sustainable communities worldwide.

Volunteers substantially benefit their communities through providing important services to others. They may also bring new insights to the organisations or groups for which they volunteer, increase efficiencies and improve effectiveness.

Volunteering broadens people's networks and professional skills and serves as an indicator of wellbeing and social cohesion. It also has links to the economic and health status of a nation. By volunteering, people can become more outwardly focused, which may strengthen social interactions or even reduce anxiety (Department of Health 2019).

Volunteer statistics Australia 2022 cost per hour Australian Bureau of Statistics reports that: The cost of volunteering in Australia is estimated to be \$43.27 per hour. This figure is based on the average hourly part-time wage of a person of their age in their state of residence, plus 15% employer on-costs. This calculation is useful for organizations when budgeting for volunteer labour and applying for grants. It is important to note that the actual cost may vary depending on the volunteer's skills and the specific project requirements.

Without volunteers all communities would cease to thrive so no matter if you can only gift a small amount of time every hour is valued.

Peterborough History Group Volunteer hours from January to March 2026 add up to 492.45 hours. Calculated at Bureau of Statistics hour value, this amounts to a staggering \$21,308.31. Well worth keeping a sign in and out book for every club in town. Many thanks to our generous volunteers.

May is also South Australia's History Festival. You can discover hundreds of unique events happening right across the state. Check out the free booklet available online or at our local Foodland, the Library and History Group.

This year the theme is **Connections** and we are celebrating the threads that bind family stories, places and peoples – to the lines that link past to present, and South Australia to the world. Join us as we unearth the extraordinary in the everyday: the ties that brought communities together, the movements that changed this land, and the relationships that continue to shape our identity. We, at the History Rooms discover the richness of these connections every time we open a job docket to record its contents. Our collection is unique in Australia and is quite fascinating.

Extra! Extra! Visit the Historical Print Shop during the History Festival and unearth the events that brought our community together through the world of print.

DORCAS



Winter and Autumn clothing and accessories are in store.

Come in for a chat and check out the range of clothing we have available.

New items are constantly being added.

Clean donations are gratefully accepted during opening times.

The bin behind the store is where items can be placed that aren't breakable after hours.

Opening times are Thursdays and Fridays 10.00am to 4.00 pm and Saturdays when the markets are on.

Please remember not to leave items behind the store unsecured to ensure we receive them.



ROTARY CLUB of PETERBOROUGH

The Rotary Club of Peterborough happily provided a BBQ dinner to the Peterborough Golf Club at the opening of their winter season. After having a long day of hard golf, the golfers were relieved to be well nourished by the Rotary Club and their delicious BBQ skills.



In Term 1, The Peterborough Highschool held their summer sports day. Doug Perrott, president of the Rotary Club of Peterborough was proud to have been asked to present the awards to students who won first and second place in the senior and junior categories. Doug thoroughly enjoyed attending the school sports day and presenting the awards to the students.



Rotary Club was pleased to be invited along to the Peterborough Highschool in March to have a chat to some of the students about the benefits of getting involved in the local Rotary Club. Doug Perrott, president of the club happily spoke to the students about some of the events run by the club such as the planter box protuberance initiative, club drives to local historic sites and many volunteer BBQ's and gatherings. The talk was well received by the students who showed enthusiasm towards the prospect of getting involved.

**"Rotary takes ordinary
men and women and
gives them extraordinary
opportunities to do more
with their lives than they
ever dreamed possible."**

SIR CLEM RENOUF



EVERYTHING SPRING SPN



On Wednesday 25 February, Anthony Broomhall, Sherrie Thomas & Judy Higginson attended the Rotary Club of Peterborough's Dinner Meeting at the Bowling Clubrooms.

After enjoying a delicious meal, Guest Speakers, Natalya Grace-Jones, Uniting SA Mental Health Worker for the Drought Recovery Program & Tony Bastian, Mind Australia Counsellor, working for the Drought Mental Health Support Program, gave informative speeches on their programs & services that they offer. Recently, Amanda Balmer, Judy Higginson & Sherrie Thomas attended the morning session of Suzi Evans, 'Workshop for the Mind', 3 hour Free Mental Health Training, on Wednesday 11 March at the Golf Clubrooms. Jenni Kendal attended the afternoon session.

There was a good attendance at both of these sessions, which was well presented by Suzi.

On the evening of Monday 23 March, Anthony representing our SPN as proxy for Jenni, joined in the Teams meeting with 30 other SPN members across SA & also with the Chairperson, Elizabeth Cox to recovene the quarterly meetings. Discussions on our ongoing ways of supporting all the SPN's & planning for developing the new plan for 2027 to 2030/31.

Continual education & training & support is offered to our Network, either via our Preventive Health SA, who support all our State's SPN's, or other groups that offer this opportunity to the Community.

Anthony Broomhall & Carla Banks attended the Orroroo Regional Tourism Committee's, first Orroroo Market on Sunday 29 March, 2026 from 9.00am-1.00pm. A good crowd attended the Markets.

Their table & resources was in the middle of the Town Hall, which then allowed several people to stop & have good conversations with them, whilst also taking the various brochures & merchandise that was available.

These Orroroo Markets are events that we have supported for several years now & we enjoy supporting the Orroroo Community, too.

We are looking forward to being involved in the Art & Cultural Festival Markets on Saturday 4 April in the Town Square to again run our successful, 'Colour Your World' event, where we provide free boards & paints for everyone to be able to paint, whatever makes them happy!

Our event of painting artwork ties in with the Art & Cultural theme, but Art Therapy is a wonderful, creative, relaxing way to help reduce stress & anxiety, so give it a try!

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 are pleased to be invited by other groups to attend their events with our table of resources & encourage anyone 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

LIONS CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT INC. – NEWS UPDATE

The Lions Club of Peterborough & District Inc., had a very successful 2025/26 Basketball Season & would like to thank the Basketball Association for again allowing us to continue to run the Basketball Canteen on Monday & Tuesday night's. A BIG thank you.

- Lions members work on a roster system on Monday nights. Julie Atkinson works on the Tuesday night's with Coral Masters or Cheryl Willmott. Members were kept busy during the semi-finals & then the Grand Final on Saturday 28 February.

- o Lions donated \$1,250.00 to the Basketball Association towards their Youth Training etc.
- o Over the 4 years that Lions have done the Basketball Canteen, Lions has donated to the Basketball Association: \$8,250.00.

- Vanessa Malycha & Judy Higginson enjoyed attending the Rotary Club of Peterborough Dinner Meeting on Wednesday 25 February to hear two Mental Health Guest Speakers talk.

- Lions will be selling Bingo Tickets on the following days:

- o All Fridays: 10 April, 24 April, 1 May. Exception: Thursday 16 April.

- o We thank everyone that supports our fundraising by buying Bingo Tickets in the Main Street & also at the Railway Hotel.

- Lions sold Donuts on Saturday 21 March from 9-12pm at the 'Lions on Mane' area during the State Elections & was kept busy with the many people coming to vote.

- o Lions will be selling Donuts from the Lions Van at the Art & Cultural Festival Market's on Saturday 4 April in the Town Square from 9-2pm.

- Lions continue to work on their various projects, including:

- o 'Lions on Mane' Street project with the new table & benches & paving. Other additions will be added to the area soon.

- o Weekly maintenance on the Lions Memorial Fountain to past Lions members, which is near the new benches & tables.

- o Lions Rose Garden at the Cemetery with working bees & watering & maintenance.

- Vanessa Malycha is the Lions representative for the October Celebrations of the Buildings etc.

- Donations recently made in March: \$200.00 to the Haemophilia Foundation.

- o \$1,250.00 for the Basketball Association from doing the Basketball Canteen.

- Lions have a few busy months coming up, as our newly elected President, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Officer & Administration Officer, will have the opportunity to attend Club Development Training Days on Saturday 16 May in Port Pirie.

- o The Club Elections for these positions was held on Tuesday 3 March, with all the other Club positions will be voted on at a later date.

- Lions are looking forward to hosting the Cancer Council's 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' on Friday 15 May at the Senior Citizen Hall, Main Street from 10-12pm. More details later.

HELLO FROM **PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Community Garden is looking lush and the colours in "Judy's flower garden" are amazing (the gate closest to the men's shed), come and admire the variety of flowers. Why not visit, bring your 4 legged furry companion and have a stroll through, and enjoy the beauty and the peace of the garden.



We recently had visitors from Qld, who left a lovely message on blackboard, lovely to see others appreciating the garden.

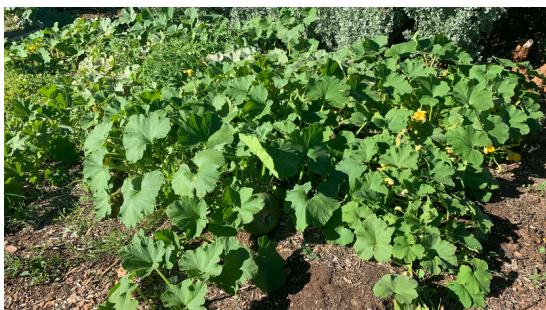


The community hub has been the beneficiary of the produce from PCG this last month - eggplants, bok choy, cucumbers, & spinach.

Reminder to those who wish to become members - whether that is a FROG \$10 (FRiends Of the Garden) or member with a plot - \$20, you can now do bank transfer.

Contact Judy or Cheryl via FB or leave a msg on blackboard at garden.

Thanks to a grant from Dorcas our new vegetable garden is about to be completed and we are hoping to plant a variety of winter crops. Come and join us if you would like to be involved or have support to start your own veggie patch.





**Beans are in abundance-
why not try this simple recipe?**

Green Beans with Garlic and Black Pepper

Place beans into pot of boiling salted water. Reduce heat and simmer for 4-5 minutes. Drain, and let cool. Finely chop 2 cloves of garlic, (don't use a garlic press as it releases too much liquid). In a fry-pan or wok, put 3 tablespoons of Olive oil, saute garlic, until it just starts to take colour. Toss in green beans and cook for further 3-4 minutes. Add generous squeeze of lemon juice, coarsely ground black pepper and a knob of butter. Ready to serve.

ASIAN STYLE OPTION

Add a teaspoon of Sesame oil and chopped chili during the saute process and sprinkle sesame seeds on green beans before serving.

BON APPETITE !

DORCAS



March was very busy with generous donations and busy bargain seekers, so *WELL DONE* everyone!

As we move into April, the opportunity to reflect on the spirit of generosity, love and hope that Peterborough offers, provides a special time for us to shine. The inspiration and dedication of sharing our community ties not only in April but throughout the year, highlights the ongoing service that our volunteers and supporters offer to the district.



The Peterborough Community Christian Church and Dorcas volunteers wish everyone a very peaceful and happy Easter.

At Dorcas we're sure you'll find lots of clothing and homeware to help make your heart sing. So please do drop in and have a chat, look around and score a bargain.

Peterborough Art Centre News

Once again, the weather was kind to us for the market last month. Despite some of our stallholders being away and voting on it was a good market with a very happy and friendly atmosphere and a continuous flow of people coming through. **Ever wanted to have a Market stall? Please give Haley a call to make a booking and for further information on 0478 052 314.**

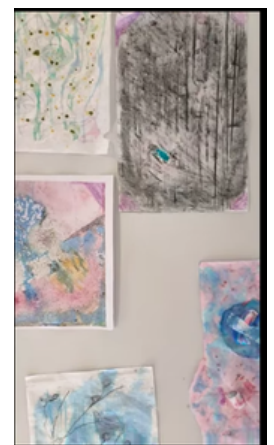
Thank you to Jeremy and Vicki for cooking the BBQ, and Jimmy for keeping us entertained with his music.

The Peterborough Arts Collective have been holding their Workshops on the First Saturday of each month, unfortunately some people have been booking in but not turning up on the day, if you book for a workshop and find that for whatever reason you can't make it please notify the organisers as they often have a waiting list.

Just a reminder Bingo is held every 2nd Wednesday (the same day as the recycle bin goes out), if you haven't played Bingo before come along and give it a go, you could be a winner!

The Craft Group, held each Wednesday, is a friendly group, so if you have a craft that you like to do bring it along and share a cuppa and chat and exchange crafty ideas and maybe learn something new.

Ink & Stick Workshop - March



PAC = PETERBOROUGH ARTS COLLECTIVE

Events Calendar 2026

- 2nd May Life Drawing
- 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





South Australia Ambulance Service Volunteers

Local ambulance teams are on the lookout for more recruits in our regional areas. Volunteers play an important role in supporting their communities and helping ensure emergency care is available when it's needed.

Volunteering with SAAS offers a range of benefits, including:

- Free training and uniform
- Free ambulance cover for you and your immediate family
- Nationally accredited qualifications, including HLT21015 Certificate II in Medical Service First Response and HLT41115 Certificate IV in Health Care
- Life-saving skills and the opportunity to support your community
- The chance to meet new people and build lasting friendships

Ever thought about volunteering? Now is a great time to get involved.

The SA Ambulance Service website has everything you need: volunteer information, ambulance cover and renewals, the AED register, and much more.

<https://saambulance.sa.gov.au>



Memoriam

MARKEY KELVIN GLEN

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remembered by Roseley and Family



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Friday & Saturday

9am - Midnight

Sunday

10am - 8pm

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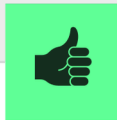
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