

LOCAL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



Citizen of the Year
Grace Joan Campbell



Young Citizen of the Year
Marguerite ("Maggie") Walker



Community Event of the Year
Peterborough Miniature
Railway Father's Day event



An early start to beat the heat saw Australia Day Celebrations begin at 8am for some folks in town at the Australia Day breakfast held at the town hall in Main St, Peterborough. Whilst the number of attendees was down from past years, a lot of familiar faces were present including Councillors Mercer and Chambers.

Once breakfast was done and dusted, our own Mayor Ruth led the formalities of the morning with the Australian anthem to start. Mayor Ruth provided wonderful descriptions of the contributions each recipient provides to our community, while last years Citizen of the Year winner, Colleen Grove-Jones handed out their certificates.



Left: Darryl Harvey, Willy Polomka and President Doug Perrot



Left: Emma Porter



Above: Allan Smith and Rob Cornish



Above: Judy Higginson, Vanessa Malycha, Alex Fridge and Carla Banks



Left: Beth Chapman, Laurie Edmonds and Shirley Dearlove



Thank you to the volunteers of the Rotary Club of Peterborough and Lions Club of Peterborough for putting on a wonderful fresh breakfast for all in attendance at the morning.

From the Mayor

Nearly 50 degree heat has been a drain on all of us personally, our gardens our pot plants and I suspect, our electricity bills. Like others, I have used any means possible to cool the garden, the house, the car and the cat!

I remember my childhood when we played in the backyard sprinkler or an old washing tub full of water during the day and then rolled around the passage of our house on the linoleum at night - trying to find the coolest spot available while trying to get some sleep. We slept outside on the back lawn sometimes - watching the stars, identifying any constellations we knew or waiting and watching for the 'Sputnik' and other satellites to fly over us.

Thank heavens for inventors and investors who have now cooled our everyday world for us in many forms!

Congratulations to our new Citizen of the Year - Mrs Grace Joan Campbell, our Young Citizen of the Year - Marguerite (Maggie) Walker and the Community Event of the Year - The Peterborough Miniature Rail Association Fathers Day Event. I also add congratulations to Margie Symonds from Jamestown who was named Northern Areas Council Citizen of the Year.

Margie has spent many hours over many years in Peterborough playing her piano for our Peterborough Choir at concerts and performances in and around the District Council area and beyond. Congratulations to all winners.

Thanks for the efforts of the Peterborough and Districts Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Peterborough for the set up, preparation, cooking, serving and clean up of the Breakfast in the Town Hall.

The help and support from many organisations and individual people made it what it was intended to be - a memorable Australia Day. Well done Peterborough!

Thank you

APOLOGY

The Peterborough Informer recently published an article which was incorrectly attributed to the District Council of Peterborough Councilors. This was incorrect and has been amended. We apologise for any misunderstanding.

Peterborough Informer Editor

Ho Ho Ho ... SANTA CAME TO TOWN



On December 20, late last year, Santa spread some well needed cheer around the town of Peterborough distributing Christmas presents and delights to children throughout the community.

Thanks to the assistance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, SA Police, Country Fire Service and Ambulance Service, Santa made it safely around the streets of Peterborough in his procession of big red trucks and flashing lights.



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NEWS FROM SPRING SPN

Our SPRING SPN will be holding their first meeting for the year on Friday 6 February at 7pm at the St. Peter’s Anglican Church Hall, after having a break in January. This will be a General Meeting, followed by a Christmas Day Luncheon Meeting afterwards to review the event & discuss any improvements or add any new ideas, etc.

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.

We have recently been invited by the Orroroo Regional Tourism Committee to attend their Orroroo Markets again on the following Sunday’s from 9.00-1.00pm:

- 29 March**
- 12 July**
- 11 October**

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

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

Several members will be attending the ‘Workbench for the Mind’, 3 hour Free Mental Health Training on Wednesday 11 March for the morning session at the Golf Clubrooms. We are looking forward to this event which is available to all interested Community Members. Details can be found on the Peterborough Facebook pages.

We hope our involvement helps strengthen Mental Health & Wellbeing within our Community & together we can raise awareness & education of Mental Health & take away it’s stigma.

We thank everyone that has helped us or supported us in anyway over the years, either volunteering at events, monetary donations or providing beautiful gifts towards our Christmas Day Luncheon. You are all amazing!!

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

**Peterborough Art Prize
Committee Inc.
Presents**

Peterborough Art Prize

And

**The Student Art Exhibiton
At the Peterborough Town Hall
*Opening Night.***

Thursday the 2nd of April from 6PM

Open Daily

**Good Friday 3rd April to Easter Monday 6th
April**

10AM - 4PM

***\$5.00 Entry for adults
Children free***

PETERBOROUGH RODEO

It was all hands on deck at the Peterborough Rodeo this year for the 37th Annual Rodeo Event. A brilliant crowd of around 1,200 people attended the event with people travelling from all over the mid north.

This year saw more competitors in each of the categories which was a success for the club and wonderful for spectators who enjoyed even more entertainment.



Lions Club of Peterborough



Above photos of volunteer groups



The Peterborough Rodeo Club received nothing but praise from both spectators and stock contractors alike. Comments were shared about how we run the event so well. Congratulations to all volunteers and committee members.



Photos of locals enjoying their evening out at the Rodeo



The band Hold My Beer was a great success once again, and the crowd were well behaved from start to finish.

Over all the committee was very happy with the end result. If you are looking to get involved in this great event please reach out as we are always looking for new members

**See you all again next year.
Peterborough Rodeo President**

PETERBOROUGH RODEO CLUB



NEED'S YOU!!! AGM

7:30pm 24th Feb 2026
Peterborough Art Centre

The Peterborough Rodeo Club is in need of YOUR help! Do you love having the Rodeo in town? Do you have ideas for improvement for the event? Do you know what is involved to run an event so big? Please come & see what you can do to help keep the Rodeo in town & work with a team of like minded people to keep this awesome event in town. Always accepting new members & ALL positions available. Please contact us for more info peterboroughrodeos@gmail.com

NEWS from the PETERBOROUGH HISTORY GROUP

2026 begins a new year of volunteering at the History Group and whilst we are very grateful to those who currently generously give their hours, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers. If you are currently looking to upskill and change your work prospects, volunteering with us gives this opportunity to develop computing skills with Word and Database entry, filing and research along with customer client relationships and working with a team. All recognisable and valued skills in the workplace and a great opportunity to develop them in a friendly environment.

The last two grants we applied for were sadly not successful which is really disappointing. One for the installation of QR Codes with small video attachments for the YMCA and the other, the installation of more historic pavers at the Parnaroo Hall.

If you haven't visited the hall, it's a very worthwhile half hour drive on the well maintained gravel road. We are the current Trustees of the hall and the surrounding two acres which sit on private property, so the normal rules apply when entering paddocks – like 'shut the gate'. We also ask that you leave only footsteps. There are no facilities there and no rubbish collection so make sure you take water.



Photos of Parnaroo Hall taken by Chris Woodman



Volunteers are currently recording the events of 1958 – a very busy year so far we have recorded 26,332 dockets but they are not yet all on our database. The contents of the dockets are always interesting, providing an insight into our local communities and their activities.

Our thanks to the local Lions who have been very active with the changes to the garden around Bob the Dog. Thank you, it's a big improvement and we look forward to the resprouting of the salt bush which is already evident.

Recent contact with the Penrith Printing Museum has been trying to find out the age of the iron Hopkinson and Cope Press and how old it really may be so we are looking forward to finding out more information as we originally thought it was around 1878.

The sign pointing down Jervois Street with 'The Print Shop' on it has finally arrived. Thanks to council employees for their prompt action in installing it.



This month we are looking forward to hosting the Orroroo Area School students who are studying the Industrial Revolution as part of their Yr 8/9 curriculum. Our old machinery fits right in with the era.

It is with great sadness that we say that our highly valued member, Peter Cheetham passed away on Tuesday 27th January at his home. Peter was only 71 years old and was an inaugural member of our group. Peter 's contribution was quiet, steady and consistent. His latest research was focused on the Parnaroo families and was extensive. He taught for many years at the Peterborough High School, and many students will remember him as will the teachers who passed through our town over his years of teaching. We will miss you, Peter. Vale.



PETERBOROUGH CHURCH GROUPS

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

St Peter's Anglican Church

55 Kitchener Street

Sunday February 1st-11.00am, 8th-9.00am,

15th-3.00pm and 22nd-9.00am

Contact Heather Parker 0400 461 100

Nigeria is the focus for this years World Day of Prayer to be held on Friday March 6th. You are invited to join with the Peterborough Combined Churches for a Service at St Peters Anglican church at 2.00 pm. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

HELLO FROM **PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Hello from Peterborough Community Garden (PCG)

January heat has kept us on our toes. Despite this a small harvest of veggies has been donated to Community Hub this month, (Kale, Cucumber's Zucchini and yellow cocktail tomatoes).

Our Herb garden has been thriving and our members have enjoyed utilizing the numerous herbs. We have a very healthy Bay tree, & Kafir Lime for anyone wanting fresh Bay leaves or Kafir Lime leaves, contact us through our Facebook page -Peterborough SA Community Garden Inc. or contact us through Messenger, one of us will be glad to show you around.



Membership Fees due
\$20 full member with plot
\$10 FROG

AGM Notice

Mens Shed (Peterborough Hospital Grounds)

Mon 9th Feb @ 6.30pm

New members Welcome

One of our talented members has done some wire work - come and have a look at the lovely goanna & dogs.



Peterborough Art Centre News

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

News update! This year the Student Art Exhibition will be held at the same time as the Peterborough Art Prize, that is from 3rd to 6th April at the Town Hall. Entry forms are available online at www.prac.org.au (look under entry forms), also available at the Newsagents and Crossroads café and from the Art Centre on Wednesday mornings, and Market days.

Good news for all the Bingo enthusiasts, Bingo re-starts at the Art Centre on Wednesday 11th February from 12.30pm for eyes down at 1pm, not played before; come along and try your luck!

The first Market for 2026 is on Saturday 21st February from 9am. If you would like to have a stall at any of our Markets, please contact Haley on: 0478 052 314.

The Peterborough Art Prize Committee is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to come and help or join the committee, you would be most welcome. The committee is a small, but dedicated one that each year puts on the Art Prize at the town hall, there is a lot of preparation behind the scenes to bring this great event to our town.

Despite having had some extremely hot weather the Peterborough Craft Group is on every Wednesday morning, from 9.30am and is fully air-conditioned. Why not drop in and have a chat and maybe a cuppa and see what we do?

Look forward to seeing you there.

Janet Ridge



**Peterborough
Country Market at
the Art Centre**

2026

- 21st February
- 21st March
- 18th April
- 16th May
- 20th June
- 18th July
- 15th August
- 19th September
- 17th October
- 21st November
- 19th December



**Peterborough Bingo
at the Art Centre**

2026

- 11th and 25th February
- 11th and 25th March
- 8th and 22nd April
- 6th and 20th May
- 3rd and 17th June
- 1st and 15th and 29th July
- 12th and 26th August
- 9th and 23 September
- 7th and 21st October
- 4th and 18th November
- 2nd and 16th December

Community

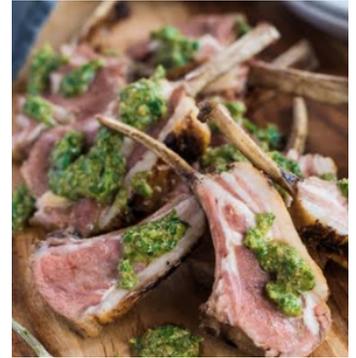
GARDEN

Monthly Recipe

“ Using Seasonal vegetables”



This Month - Salsa Verde
(simple green sauce)



INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 3/4 cup of parsley
- 3/4 cup of mint leaves
- One clove of garlic
- 1 teaspoon of Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon of white wine vinegar
- 4 tablespoons of Local Olive Oil (sold at Markets).
- pinch of salt

METHOD

Place all ingredients in deep jug, blitz with stab mixer. If too thick add a tablespoon of cold water..

Delicious over lamb, mixed through pasta or over cooked salmon.

PETERBOROUGH/ORROROO AMBULANCE

Still working behind the scenes during the school holidays

While the school holidays give us a short break from regular training, our team still work hard behind the scenes to keep the station running smoothly, rosters, planning and preparation continue all year round, to ensure we are always ready to support the community

Looking at our current volunteers, did you know that together they have supported the community for a combined total of more than 94 years? This is an incredible commitment to the community, and something we are very proud of.

We have several projects planned for the year ahead, and our commitment remains strong, not only in providing an emergency service, but also supporting community engagement projects whenever we can.

We are also fortunate to receive assistance from staff who support our roster from neighbouring towns and even the city. So, if you see someone in green around town, be sure to say hello. We consistently receive great feedback from visiting members about how welcoming and beautiful the community is.

Amanda Balmer – Volunteer Team Leader Peterborough





Medical Services in Peterborough

Peterborough is well supported with easy to access medical services. Almost all services are based around the **Peterborough Soldiers Memorial Hospital (PSMH)**, in Hurlstone Street.

The PSMH continues to provide the health care that the Peterborough Community has received over many years. This includes 24 hour access to treatment via emergency presentation to accident and emergency, inpatient care when required and residential aged care, including Nalya Lodge.

The PSMH is staffed with a resident on call doctor, who is available for afterhours call out when appropriate. Many rural hospitals in South Australia have access to an online medical service known as SAVES. SAVES (South Australian Virtual Emergency Service) operates between 7.00pm and 7.00am overnight daily. If the need is more complicated or urgent than SAVES can manage, the on call doctor is called in.

If no doctor is available in Peterborough procedures are put in place. This can be a frequent happening in many rural hospitals in South Australia, however, in Peterborough since August 2025, there has only been a total of 30 hours when there has been no available doctor.

It is important to continue to consult a General Practitioner (GP) to ensure the continuation of treatments and therapies – including prescription medications. This can be done by visiting clinics in other locations or via telehealth appointments. Private Health Insurance funds can provide assistance with telehealth for members and pharmacies can also provide assistance. Some medical clinics also provide telehealth consultations.

If assistance is required with telehealth appointments eg: don't have access to the needed technology and equipment or unsure on how to use telehealth, staff at the PSMH can assist. Phone PSMH to make enquiries and arrangements. Appointments can be held on site in a private room.

Other services that may have been traditionally accessed via a medical clinic are also available via the PSMH. These include most blood tests, regular injections, infusions, wound care and suture removal. Members for the public are encouraged to call the PSMH for an appointment for any of the above.

The phone number for the PSMH is 8651 0400.

For those who require travel to Adelaide to visit specialists, assistance can be accessed via the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS) www.pats.sa.gov.au and transport can be arranged via Care in Motion. More information to be provided in future issues.

The above information has been provided by the Mid North Health Advisory Council (MNHAC), for the benefit of the Peterborough Community.

Ruth Whittle – Peterborough Community Member MNHAC

Jeff Oakley – Peterborough Community Member MNHAC

Steve Richmond – Presiding Member – MNHAC

POOL PARTY

On behalf of the community, we'd like to thank the Rotary Club of Peterborough for stepping up and opening the local swimming pool on Australia Day which was an absolute hit. 79 people came down to enjoy the cools of the water and splash around for a play.

We are very lucky to have wonderful volunteer clubs in town to keep the community moving forward.



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