

CELEBRATING PETERBOROUGH'S HISTORY

Many of the beautiful and significant buildings in Peterborough are turning 100 this year!

One of those situated, in the Main Street, is the Capitol Theatre - now restored for use as a theatre cafe - 229 on Main.

The Capitol Theatre was Opened on May 15 in 1926 by Mr. A. R. G. Hawke MP (an Uncle of former Prime Minister Bob Hawke) Over 1000 people were present (hundreds were turned away).

The proprietors were Mr H W Rees (his Stage name was Leslie Lester) and Mr Thomas Rees. As well as showing films there were concert performances by travelling performers as well as local artists on the theatre's fine stage which was also equipped with dressing rooms. A major event after the Opening was the arrival in 1926 of the blockbuster silent movie, "The Ten Commandments", by the American Film Producer Cecil B. De Mille.



Usherettes
L -R Rhonda Wagner,
Norman Robinson,
Vivian Gillies, Estelle
Rosser, Margaret
Dungey and
Margaret Walker



Lolly shop children with
Perce Peters
Jennifer Ball
Rosemary Byrne (Thompson)
Nora Watkins (Young)

The Times Printing Office had a regular column in its paper advertising coming attractions and printed Posters for more prestigious movies. The Peterborough History group have recorded, preserved and stored safely samples of each of these as part of the 26,000+ items printed by the Petersburg/Peterborough Times. Information provided by Tricia Cummings

From the Mayor

One of the interests and honours I have in Peterborough and District is as the current President and member of the Returned Services League Peterborough Sub Branch. The members own and run the RSL Club that was previously a Veterans Association and prior to that, the Peterborough Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cubs clubhouse. The building and land has had a long history of varying uses for 100 years (this year!)

On Saturday, members entertained an ex forces member and her support crew as a 'pit stop' as she made her way from Broken Hill to Kapunda - riding a bike! She was riding the bike to honour a member of the Australian Army from WW2. We had afternoon tea with them and she told us the history of Lt Col Vivienne Bullwinkel.

Many may know of her but if you don't, her story is worth repeating.



L-R:
Angela, Liz,
Peter, Ruth

(Lt Col Vivienne Bullwinkel (1915 - 2000) was an Australian Army nurse and the sole survivor of the 1942 Bangka Island massacre, where Japanese soldiers murdered 21 fellow nurses and many other survivors of the bombed and sunken SS Vyner Brooke. After being shot and feigning death, she survived 12 days hiding in the jungle, nursing a wounded soldier, before surrendering to endure 3.5 years of captivity.)

- * Vivienne was born in Kapunda and began her nursing training and career in Broken Hill before enlisting in the Armed Forces, becoming an Army Nursing Sister. She was posted overseas to Singapore at the outbreak of WW2.
- * After escaping Singapore on the clearly marked Red Cross ship, SS Vyner Brooke, the ship was bombed and sunk by Japanese aircraft in February 1942.
- * On February 16th, 1942, at Radji Beach, Bangka Island, 22 nurses were ordered to walk into the sea and were machine-gunned from behind and any survivors bayoneted. Bullwinkel was shot in the abdomen but survived by playing dead until the soldiers left.
- * Seriously wounded, she hid in the jungle and nursed wounded British soldier Cecil Kinsley for 12 days before surrendering. She was then held as a Prisoner of War (POW) in Sumatra for over 3 years, enduring harsh manual labor and violence.
- * At the end of the war Vivienne was freed and repatriated to Australia. She testified about the massacre at the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal, ensuring the perpetrators were held accountable. Post-war, she continued nursing, became a champion for veterans and was key in founding the Nurses Memorial Centre.
- * The bravery of the Radji Beach nurses is honored today through scholarships and memorials dedicated to their memory.

A brave and gracious lady who deserves to be remembered for her service to Australia.



On Saturday, 25 April we stopped to reflect and remember those that have made a difference in our lives. Those that we may never know and have never met but fought for our freedoms.

A beautiful dawn service was held on the bitter cold morning at the town rotunda. Thank you to the Peterborough singers who assisted in the morning.

A hearty breakfast was provided after the service by the RSL Peterborough subbranch in the townhall.

Lest We Forget



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

TUESDAY 26th MAY 2026

at the Hardware store from 9am to 12 noon.



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Unfortunately, tough economic times doesn't stop cancer.

Come & share a light moment or two with some yummy scones & a cuppa, as we all try to raise some money to help support the Cancer Council in their efforts to help everyone affected by cancer. The Cancer Council do amazing things such as providing Greenhill lodge for country patients to have comfort whilst staying in Adelaide for treatments & providing support & research to end cancer.

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**Bob the
Railway Dog**

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State Library of
South Australia
03 - 19 July

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This year, illuminart stories in light will be sharing:

Bob the Railway Dog at the State Library of South Australia, a much-loved South Australian story reimagined through projection as part of the City Lights program.

Peterborough Church's Service times for May 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

St Peter's Anglican Church

55 Kitchener Street

Sunday May 3rd. -11.00am

May 10th. 9.00am

May 17th.- 3.00pm

May 24th. 11.00 am

May 31st. - 10.30am

Contact Heather Parker 0400 461 100

**Christian Meditation is held every Monday morning
at 10.00am
in the the side Chapel at St Peter's**

NEWS from the PETERBOROUGH HISTORY GROUP

Plans for celebrating the 150 years of Peterborough are shaping up and a working programme will be published soon. Additions and suggestions welcome but there will be a cut-off date. Clubs and groups who may be interested in providing food for various events will be invited to submit their offerings.

During April we hosted a busload of people travelling with Aust Wide Tours who were most appreciative of their tours of Meldonfield and the Historic Print Shop and on Anzac Day Pat Jones, formerly Pat Chambers brought her family back to Peterborough. During their visit to the Print Shop, they discovered a Job Docket with her father and brother Des mentioned in a music programme. A serendipitous find which added to Pat's and Des's children's visit to Peterborough.

A reminder to residents to visit Hutton's Lagoon and enjoy the historic spectacle. This event does not happen often but has attracted a myriad of birdlife of a wide variety and is a delight. Please take care and respect the opportunity and leave only footprints. There are no facilities.

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.

May is History Month throughout South Australia and so a reminder to come in for a tour on any Wednesday for a special treat and discover the treasures we find in the docketts.

Friends Morning Tea was not actually well supported this year as we did not send out individual invitations, and the Informer was late printing however; we do still need your support. A Friend's obligation is simply to pay a subscription of \$10.00, spread the word about what we do, come to any events we may be involved in and bring a friend.

Print Day in May is an event for which we have opened the Print Shop in previous years but have not advertised in time for this year. We have posted on Facebook so hope that people did participate and post their efforts to the international page. Check out how you and your family can be involved on the Town Facebook page.

Appreciative thanks to the Lions Club for their attention to Bob's Garden it's looking loved and well cared for.

Volunteer Month is May and we give heartfelt thanks to our wonderful band of volunteers who turn up regularly and give so many hours towards the many tasks involved in collecting and preserving our community history.

Vale Mrs Christine Arbon, our wonderful friend and scone maker. Chris was a well-respected member of our community as was borne out by the attendance at her recent funeral service. We use the word Vale respectfully and affectionately in Australia. The word itself actually comes from Latin, where 'vale' simply means 'farewell' or 'goodbye'. It carries a sense of finality but also a gentle acknowledgement of the person's life and their departure from this world. It's a quiet way to mark a significant loss, a respectful nod to someone who is no longer with us.

DORCAS



Lots of treasures to find in store.
We are bursting at the seams with bargains galore.
Pop in for a look and a chat.

Opening times are 10.00am and we close strictly at 4.00pm.
No purchases will be processed after 4.00pm.



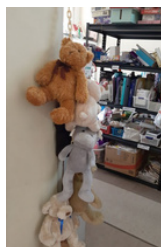
Clean donations are always welcome.
The donation bin is located behind the store. Please bring bigger donations in store during opening times.

The warmer days are decreasing, and colder nights are approaching fast. Thank you to everyone who has donated warm clothing, underlays, sheets, blankets, quilts and heaters, along with many other generous items.

Dorcas volunteers work hard and always strive to offer the maximum opportunities so donations can be displayed. It is sad that the chipped, torn or unclean items end up in the bin.



Still searching here...



Furry friends to show the way

Keep busy during the colder nights!



Locals finding something just right!



As Occupational Health and Safety raises its head from time to time, all donations in good order are always appreciated, and our customers agree with every purchase they make.

No matter how busy we are, the volunteers who staff Dorcas are always willing to share a laugh, to listen or to just offer a hand to find that special item.

ROTARY CLUB of PETERBOROUGH

On 26 April 2026, the Rotary Club of Peterborough assisted the Terowie Citizens Association in welcoming the Shannon's Rally Heartland 2026 cars into Terowie and cooking up a storm on their trusty portable BBQ.

While the teams were hard at work fixing their cars, the Rotary team were hard at work cooking up sausages and steaks to feed the hungry group.

What a fantastic afternoon.



The monthly dinner meeting took place on 29 April 2026, showcasing Karen's culinary expertise. The Rotary Club of Peterborough were joined by special guests Cheryl Slater, President, and Jude Schwarzman, Secretary of The Peterborough Community Garden. They delivered a presentation on the garden's recent activities and future plans for the next 12 months, emphasizing its community-focused ethos and affordability, with membership priced at \$20 per annum. The garden is open to people of all ages, and we encourage those interested in joining this community initiative to contact existing members for more details.

Following the presentation, President Douglas Perrott expressed the clubs gratitude to the guests with a token gift. The Rotary Club will organise a visit to the community gardens soon.



L-R: Cheryl Slater, President of the Peterborough Community Garden, Rotary Club of Peterborough President, Doug Perrott and Jude Schwarzman, Secretary of the Peterborough Community Garden



Doug presenting gifts of thanks to Cheryl and Jude

EVERYTHING SPRING SPN

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

We were in a central position on the lawned area and we had 15 children & 3 adults having fun painting some amazing artwork. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to all the organisers of the event for another successful Festival.



Our event of painting artwork tied in with the Art & Cultural theme with Art Therapy being 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.

Please Note: From May to August our meetings will be held by Phone Conferencing, whereby Secretary Judy Higginson will phone members in. So, our 1st meeting will be Friday 1 May. Our AGM in September will then return to the St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall

Our next scheduled event is the Orreroo Markets on Sunday 12 July, 9-1pm. However, we do have a few other ideas & events for discussion with more details later.

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.

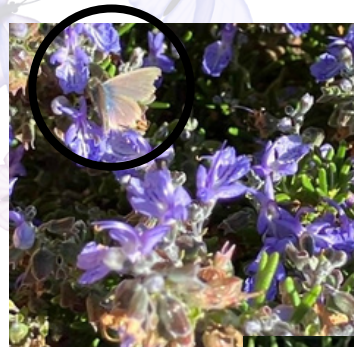
Emergency Support 24/7: Call 000 Crisis Support – Mental Health Triage 24/7: 131 465.
Lifeline: 13 11 14. Kids Help Line: 1800 551 800. Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Fly Butterfly

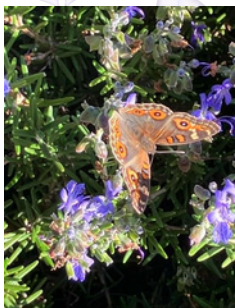
If you haven't noticed, there has been an abundance of butterflies fluttering around in your gardens recently. This is primarily driven by recent rains and warmer weather, which created ideal conditions for a surge in plants which are loved by caterpillars. Thanks to Judy Evans for these beautiful photos of some of the butterflies she has found in her garden recently.



Chequered Swallowtail



Bitterbush Blue



Meadow Argus



LIONS CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT INC. – NEWS UPDATE

It is with great sadness, that we advise that our valued member of the Lions Club of Peterborough & District Inc., Chris Arbon, passed away on Wednesday 15 April 2026. Chris was a very valued member of the Club since joining in 1998, giving 28 years service as a Lions member serving the Community. .

However, her association with the Club goes way back to when her husband Howard Arbon was a Lions member when the Club was formed in 1979 & she was a Lions Lady, who helped & volunteered at working bees & events etc. So, Chris had given 47 years of service to Lions & our Community.

After becoming a member, Chris held many Club positions over the years, including President. Chris was a keen, dedicated member, who was always at events or working bees including catering events, selling Bingo Tickets in the Main Street etc., & always with her friendly smile & fun sense of humour, that we will all miss.

At the funeral on Monday 27 April, Lions members were honoured to form a Guard of Honour for Chris, as she left the Town Hall. We will all miss you Chris! R.I.P. Deepest sympathy to Julie & Shane & family & families, at this sad time.

- Lions sold Donuts from the Van at the Art & Cultural Festival Market's on Saturday 4 April in the Town Square from 9-2pm, which was a very successful day.
 - o Vanessa Malycha & Laurie Edmonds also sold Bingo Tickets & Lions Cakes next to the Van.

- Alex French laid a wreath on behalf of Lions at the Anzac Dawn Service on Saturday 25 April.

- Lions continue to work on their various projects, including:
 - o 'Lions on Mane' Street project, which saw a working bee held on Sunday 19 April trimming the saltbush, rosemary and tidying the area around the Lions Memorial Fountain & Bob the Railway Dog.
 - o Weekly maintenance cleaning is done by members on the Lions Memorial Fountain to past Lions members, which is near the new benches & tables.
 - o On Sunday 12 April, a working bee was held at the Lions Rose Garden at the Cemetery, which saw dead-heading of roses, weeding, raking & maintenance on the irrigation system.

- Vanessa Malycha is the Lions representative for the Centenary Celebrations of the Buildings over the October Long Weekend, and has been attending these meetings. Lions are looking forward to being involved in the event.

Some of our newly elected officers, President, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Officer & Administration Officer, will be attending the Club Development Training Days on Saturday 16 May in Port Pirie.

o The Club Elections for all of the other Club positions within the Club will be held at our Works Meeting on Tuesday 5 May.

· 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. Please see the Advert.

o Gold Coin donation for entry. Raffles will be available. Entertainment will be by the Primary School students.

So, bring your family & friends along to enjoy delicious home-made morning tea & help support this worthy cause that affects so many people.

LIONS CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT Inc.

TO HOST:



'AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA'



FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026

TIME: 10.00AM TO 12.00PM

WHERE: SENIOR CITIZEN'S HALL

MAIN STREET

PETERBOROUGH

ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION

Raffles Available.

Entertainment by Primary School Students.



SO, BRING YOUR FRIEND'S ALONG & ENJOY A CUPPA & A FUN MORNING,
WHILST SUPPORTING THE CANCER COUNCIL.



Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES DIRECT TO THE CANCER
COUNCIL FOR VITAL RESEARCH, PREVENTION AND
SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

Peterborough Art Centre News

The winners of the 2026 Peterborough Art Prize are as follows:

Open Art:

- First Prize --- Coral Andrews for “Butcher Jack Lindner”
- Second Prize --- Gerhard Ritter for “Then They Broke The Mold”
- Highly Commended --- Lynne Gibb for “Splendid Fairy Wren”
- Highly Commended --- Haley O’Shea for “On Foster’s Farm”
- Highly Commended --- Yvonne Geelen for “Fishing

Senior Student

- First Prize – Eliza Richmond for “Bundaleer Cows”
- Second Prize – Eva Greise for “Heart and Home”

Junior Student

- First Prize --- Sophie Weston for “Dragon Art”
- Second Prize – Jackson Marter for “Station’s Sunset”

Pre-School

- First Prize – Cash Sorensen for “Untitled”
- Second Prize – Xena for “Untitled”

Photography

- First Prize – Clinton Giles for “Mirrored”
- Second Prize – Coralie Riedl for “Mysterious”

People’s Choice

- Open Art -- Jessica Redden for “Mossman Gorge”
- Senior Student – Eliza Richmond for “Copy of ‘Poppy Fields Near Argenteuil’ by Claude Monet”
- Junior Art – Ava Duthy for “Untitled”
- Photography – Coralie Riedel for “Mysterious”

The Easter Raffle was won by a very happy lady named Dorothy.

Many congratulations to all the winners.

Many thanks to everyone involved with this years Art Prize including, Mayor Ruth Whittle for Opening the Art Prize, also the Artists, Judges, Sponsors, Volunteers, and a special thank you to Lorraine and Mike B for the splendid food for the evening.

The April Country Market was a busy one despite some of our Stallholders being away, and other events on over the weekend, we were entertained by Jimmy and his music, thank you Jimmy.

Don’t forget the markets are on every 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am to 12.30pm, if you would like to have a stall, please contact Haley on: 0478 052 314.

Peterborough Craft Group is on every Wednesday morning at the Art Centre from 9.30am until 12.30pm, everyone is welcome, even if you would like to drop in for a cuppa and chat. Bingo is also on Wednesdays fortnightly after Craft group (the same day as rubbish recycle bins go out.

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



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



Peterborough Bingo at the Art Centre 2026

- 6th and 20th May
- 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

PUBLIC RUN DAY
SATURDAY 9 MAY
11.00AM - 2.30PM



**Tickets, Drinks &
Sausage Sizzle all \$3.00**
EFTPOS available

Closed in shoes essential

Children under 10 must have adult supervision

Dogs only on leash

Telford Ave, opposite Steamtown

Vintage & Veteran Car display by PUMPS

COME ON DOWN AND JOIN THE FUN!

RSL Peterborough Sunbranch

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23 April to sell ANZAC Day badges in the Main
Street ahead of Anzac day on 25 April.**





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Friday & Saturday

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Sunday

10am - 10pm

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Memoriam



HIGGINSON, Douglas John
23 January 1933 – 23 May 2017

Dad, although, nine years have passed, I know you are always watching over us & guiding us through life.

All the memories we created together are timeless treasures that we will all cherish forever.

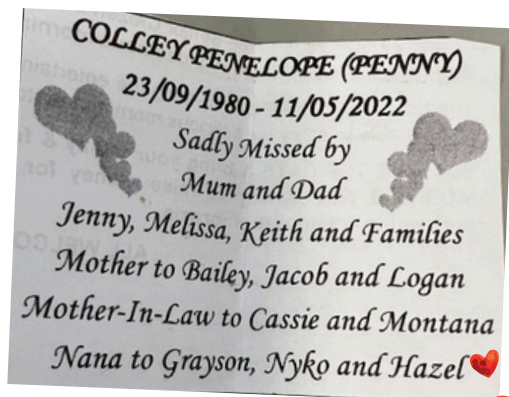
Thank you for every lesson, every laugh, every treasured moment we shared, Dad.

You may have been a quiet person, but you had a huge impact on all of our lives & you lived for your family.

Forever in our hearts.



Loving and remembering you always Dad,
Judy, Jeff & Grand children & Great-Grand children



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