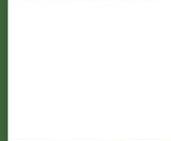


How Did You Celebrate New Years Eve 2025!



**Thank you to all of our readers.
We wish everyone a wonderful
2026. We look forward to a
joyous year ahead for
Peterborough and surrounds.**

From the Mayor

I would like to thank Chris and Cathy Woodman for the service and work done in and for the community over the many years spent as owners of the Peterborough Newsagency. The very best wishes go with you both as you begin your new adventures (whatever they may be).

Welcome to Rob and Lawina as they tackle the intricacies and maze of running the Newsagency. Thank you both for taking the leap into the unknown and once again showing support for business in the community. Good luck to you and your experienced staff who will no doubt be invaluable in the coming settling in period.

A new flag will soon be flying in the Town Square - new in the sense that it has been freshly purchased thanks to generous benefactors who have funded a new Australian Flag and a spare. The new flags are stitched not printed and so will be sturdier than the mass produced type we have had for many moons. Thank you to the Rotary Club members who presented me with the flags on behalf of the donors just before Christmas. A small act that restores a proud symbol and a kind gesture that underlines faith in the lovely people who live, serve and believe in our community.



Before Christmas I had the pleasure of attending a Headstone Project Unveiling Ceremony at the Peterborough Cemetery. Along with members of the Peterborough RSL and families of the deceased, we witnessed the unveiling of 8 Headstones now placed on eight WW1 graves. It was a lovely ceremony, very professionally organised and carried out and attended by approximately 50 people. A committee called The Headstone Project research, fund and erect the headstones complete with a soldier dressed in WW1 uniform, appropriate wreaths, eulogies and information. The families were all given a replica set of the individual serviceman's war medals with explanations of what they were granted for. New ceremonies happen all over the State and Peterborough, Terowie and Whyte Yarcowie will see more unveilings in the future.

The New Year has now begun and apart from reflecting on all that has happened in 2025 and the need to deal with the 'leftover' business that we all face - we now move onto 2026 hoping that it will bring health, happiness, resolution and a clear way forward. I wish this for everyone.

Happy New Year 2026 Peterborough and District!

Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM and Councillors



Lions Club of Peterborough & District



Last month the Lions Club of Peterborough and District completed the upgrade to the Main Street bus stop.

Thanks so much to the club for tidying up our town and enhancing the area with some lovely metal cut outs and new blue seating. It looks fantastic.



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COME ALONG AND GRAB A BARGAIN

Christmas in the Park

It's the most wonderful time of the year and what a joyous time locals and visitors had this Christmas Day at Victoria Park for the annual SPRING SPN Peterborough Christmas lunch.



History Group Peterborough

Christmas and New Year Greetings from all of us at the History Rooms/Peterborough Print Shop.

We will be closed from December 19 until January 13.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Perhaps we may even get some new Volunteers which would be truly awesome!

Joyce Collum

Chair of the History Group



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Peterborough Patchworkers

Handmade Quilts Bring Warmth and Smiles to Nalya Lodge Residents



Residents at Nalya Lodge were recently treated to a heartfelt donation of beautifully handmade quilts, generously created by members of the Peterborough Patchworkers.

The colourful quilts were lovingly crafted with care and attention to detail, reflecting the time, skill and compassion of the Patchworkers group. The project was made possible through the wonderful tuition and ongoing support of Di Harris with access to her specialist equipment at Lady Di's Craft Corner in Peterborough.





Members of the Patchworkers group recently visited Nalya Lodge to personally hand over the quilts. Those present for the presentation included Di Harris, Nora Young, Colleen Grove-Jones and Sheena Drennan.

The quilts were warmly received and will provide both comfort and a sense of connection, particularly valued by elderly residents during the cooler months. Staff at Nalya Lodge expressed their sincere appreciation for the generosity and kindness shown by the Patchworkers.



Peterborough Art Centre News

The Peterborough Art Prize Committee would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

The Art Prize this year will be held from April 3rd to April 6th with Opening night on Thursday April 2nd. For anyone wishing to enter, entry forms are currently available on the website: www.prac.org.au follow the prompts to print them out. Forms will be available at other places as soon as arranged.

The Christmas raffle was won by: Julie Grenfel, congratulations to you Julie.

The December market saw a really great selection of stalls, people in and out all morning, a great atmosphere. Thank you goes to Jimmy, playing solo whilst Syd was unavailable.

The Peterborough Craft Group will be back crafting and chatting from Wednesday January 7th starting from 9.30am, look forward to seeing everyone there.

The first Bingo session for the year will be on Wednesday 11th February.

The first Peterborough Country Market for 2026 will be on Saturday 21st February, if you are looking to have a stall please contact

Haley on:0478 052 314.



**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

Dorcas 2026

The Dorcas volunteers would like to wish all our customers and donors a wonderful new year and pray it's a safe and productive one. Please keep an look out on Facebook for our opening times for January.

Any donations prior to reopening please contact Robyn on 0428312499.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.
Blessings from the Dorcas team.



PUBLIC RUN DAY

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

10.30AM - 2.30PM



Tickets \$3.00

Sausage Sizzle & Drinks

EFTPOS available

Closed in shoes essential

Children under 10 must have adult supervision

Telford Ave, opposite Steamtown

COME ON DOWN AND JOIN THE FUN!

NEWS FROM THE PETERBOROUGH HISTORY GROUP

On 19th November we had a visit from the CEO of National Trust SA, and another member of the National Trust, Millie Nichols of Clare. They were very interested in our Historic Printshop and contents as well as the unique collection of Job Dockets we are cataloguing. We also had a visit from some residents from Barunga Village, Port Broughton who all enjoyed their Print Shop encounter. At our Historic Print Shop we love welcoming visitors to explain the art of printing.



Jeff Noble was in town on Saturday 9th November to launch his book 'The Cockburn Line' at the Steamtown complex which was well attended by former railway employees and other interested parties. Jeff's book is available at the History Rooms in Jervois Street.

Heather Parker interviewed Jeff whilst he was in town and will be broadcasting it on 5PBS 91.1FM during her History Hour which is aired at 12noon on Mondays and repeated at the same time on the following Saturday. Tricia Cummings does a huge amount of research for the information she shares at the same time. Could be excerpts from family histories, spotlights on contents in the Social History Museum or even snippets from interesting letters exchanged from long ago.

I had a phone call a couple of weeks ago from Phil Clark a former printer from Sydney telling me he was driving over the spend three days with us to check up on our machines. Such a generous gesture and while he was here, he serviced our 1910 model Wharfedale Press and the Iron Press, our oldest piece of equipment housed in the Interpretive Room at the back of the Print Shop and which is dated from the 1800s. A very small but very important part on the hand fed Wharfedale called a ley which holds the paper in place as it begins to pass through the cylinder needed to be manufactured and we were fortunate to enlist the help of Milton Polomka who worked his magic and fixed the problem. Grateful thanks Milton. Thanks also to Penrith Museum and Derek for advice and our Print Shop crew Mary, Marnee and Peter. Check out our Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/peterboroughprintshop/p/DRJkc6YEqzI/>



Finally, Vale Sue Slattery who taught for so many years at the Peterborough High School and mentored not only students but also young teachers as they joined the ranks at the school.

Submitted by Judith Evans

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**Peterborough Art Prize
Committee Inc.
Presents**

Peterborough Art Prize

**At the Peterborough Town Hall
*Opening Night.***

***Friday the 2nd of April from 6PM
for nibbles & refreshments.***

Open Daily

Good Friday 3rd April to Easter Monday 6th April

10AM - 4PM

***\$5.00 Entry for adults
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SPRING SPN PETERBOROUGH EVENTS 2025

Events run by Spring SPN / in support of other groups

With an increase of members at our September AGM, our active members have been involved in delivering & supporting a wide range of Community activities & Community groups throughout 2025

****2025 SPRING SPN EVENTS****

- Sat 25 Jan, 3-8pm: SPRING SPN Display stand at the Hay Run Convoy of Trucks at the Rodeo Grounds.
- Sun 9 Feb, 8-12pm: Display stand at the 'Beyond the Outback Bbq' for farmers at Victoria Park, supporting Dawson Hall Committee.
- Thurs 20 Mar, 9-12pm: 'Happiness Day', Display stand & free giveaways at My Emporium.**
- Sat 19 April, 9-2pm: SPRING SPN 'Colour Your World' free painting for all ages in Main Street as part of the Art & Cultural Festival Markets & Display stand of resources.
- Sun 30 Mar, 27 July, 9 Nov: Orroroo Markets, our display table of Mental Health resources 8.30-12.30pm.
- Thurs 4 Sept, 9-1pm: 'R U Ok? Day, 'Chalk the Talk', & our display table. Chalking positive affirmations on footpath, involving High School students starting it off.**
- Fri 12 Sept, 10-2pm: **'Chat & Connect with Community Expo'**, in the Town Hall with various groups & our Display stand.
- Sat 8 Nov, 10-4pm: 'Just A Farmer' Movie, supported the group with our Display stand & supported financially the Emcee, Alex Thomas.
- Wed & Thurs 3 & 4 Dec: Mental Health First Aid Training Workshop, hosted by Peterborough Hotel. Did a display on a bench & Carla & Judy did the training.
- Thurs 11 Dec, 9-1pm: **Pool Passes Free Raffle**, with our Display stand at My Emporium. 3 Family Pool passes given out, including 1 kindly donated by our Friend of SPRING member & 2 Individual Adult Pool Passes.
- Nov & December: **Drought Funding Grant Vouchers** of \$115.00 each in vouchers given to 35 Farmers to use in 7 local businesses.
- Thurs 25 Dec, 11-2pm: Community Christmas Day Luncheon at Victoria Park with Father Christmas arriving at 1pm by the MFS truck to give presents to children & adults; free face painting; free Ham & Turkey lunch with homemade salads & also pavlovas & music.

Drought Funding Grant Vouchers: Our SPRING SPN received a Drought Funding Grant of \$5,000.00 from Preventive Health SA, as part of the Premier's Advocate for Suicide Prevention to support drought affected Farmer's & Communities.

We were selected as one of the SPN's to do this for the Farmer's & Community & to also build social connections within the Community.

- \$500.00 was given to ex-local Emcee Alex Thomas, who hosted the questions for the panellists at the 'Just A Farmer's' Movie Event.

- \$475.00 was used to improve the Community Christmas Day Luncheon Event for everyone. Changing the Bbq sausages & bought salads to a more traditional Ham & Turkey & homemade salads & pavlovas etc, which was enjoyed by everyone that attended.

- The balance of \$4,025.00 was divided & given to 35 farmers from Elders & Nutriens Harcourt/Oakley's, which meant they each received \$115.00, as a voucher for 1 business.

- o As well as supporting the farmer's, it also helped support 7 local businesses.

We were 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 any member.

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

We hope our involvement helps strengthen Mental Health & Wellbeing within our Community & together we can raise awareness & education & take away the stigma. Happy New Year to Everyone!!

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**

Community GARDEN



Wind break completed.



Lovely area to enjoy peace in "Yarning Circle"

The "Tree lopers" who recently trimmed Peterborough's street trees were kind enough to drop a couple of loads of shredded leaves/branches to PCG. We have made very good use of this kind donation.

It has made a huge difference to the Native garden & "Yarning Circle".

Wind break/screen has been completed, and was appreciated & enjoyed the afternoon of our Christmas drinks.

Our May pruning has resulted in numerous fruit trees showing signs of revitalization.

If you haven't recently taken a walk through the Garden, please pop up and enjoy the peace and tranquility in the early morning or summer evenings.

Reminder that our annual AGM is due in Feb '26'. Keep an eye open for date in Feb edition of "Informer".

New members welcome, bring your dog (on the lead).



Tree mulch delivered was massive, ↑



← but very quickly it was utilized throughout garden.

Monthly Recipe

“ Using Seasonal vegetables”



This Month - Zucchini Chips
Zucchini is in abundance. Try this
for variety.



Cut zucchini into 4cm batons
no need to peel.

Dust lightly in seasoned flour
(S&P, try smoky paprika too).

Dip in beaten egg, coat in Panko crumbs.

Shallow fry until golden. 😊



More from Lions Club of Peterborough & District

Friday 28 November: Lions Over 60's Annual Christmas Dinner - One of highest number of people attending in recent years.



Saturday 6 December: Lions Children's Christmas Party, which was a success.



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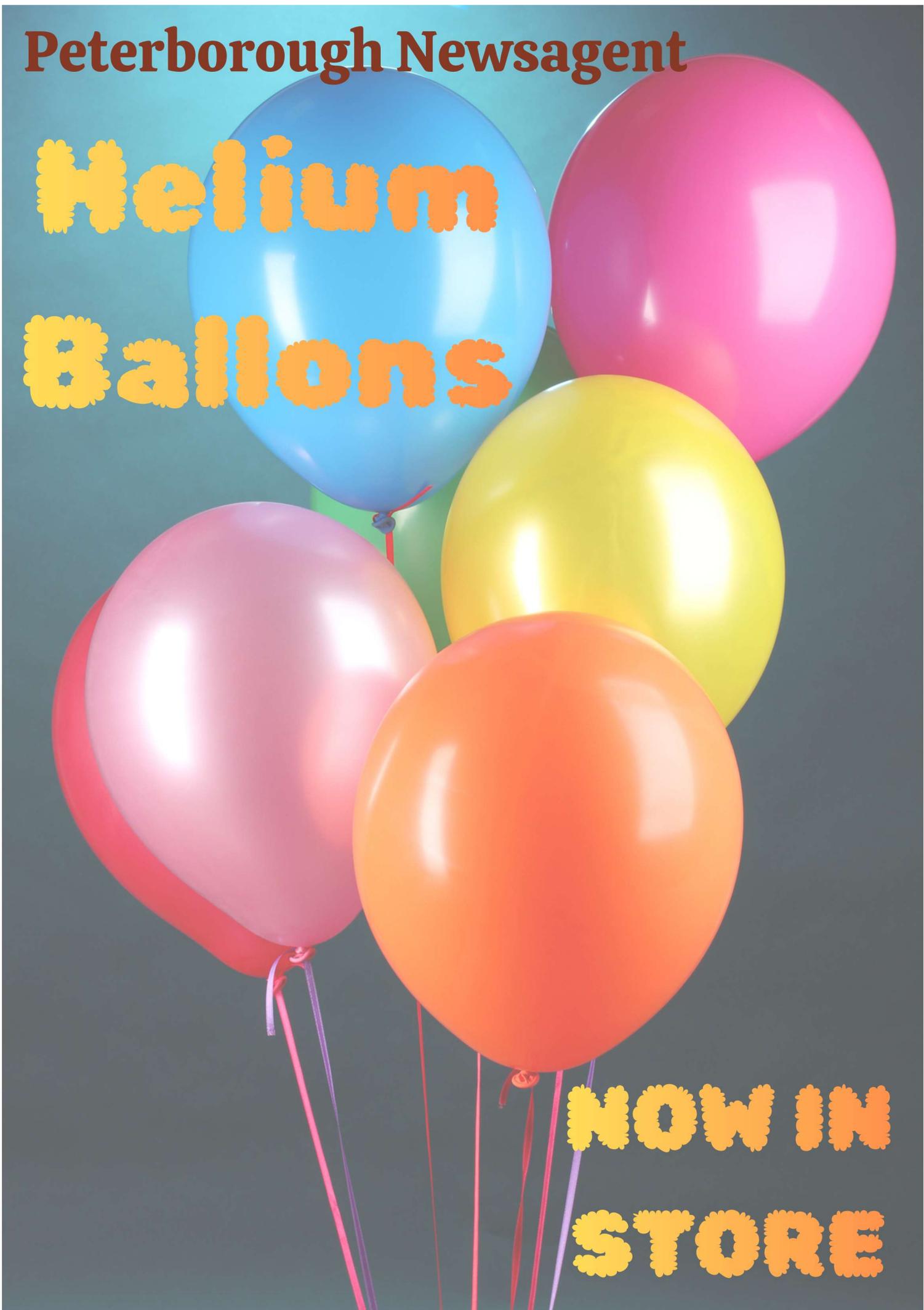
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