

Rockley & District Community Newsletter

May 2025

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Rockley & District Community Association Inc.

	Dates for Your Diary May 2025	
DATE	EVENT, TIME and VENUE WHERE KNOWN	CONTACT
13 March to 18 May	Autumn Colours Heritage Festival	bathurstregion.com.au
Tues & Thurs	Pilates Mat Classes 10:30am School of Arts Hall	Erin 0448 408 794
Fri 2 to Sun 4	Royal Bathurst Show Bathurst Showground	
Sat 3	Federal Election Voting Day Rockley Public School 8:00am to 6:00pm	
	Dates for Your Diary June 2025	
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Tues & Thurs	Pilates Mat Classes 10:30am School of Arts Hall	Erin 0448 408 794
Sun 8	Rockley Artisans Market 10:00am to 2:00pm	
Sat 21	Rockley Rural Fire Brigade AGM Rockley Fire Shed 9:00am	
July & August	Rockley Mill & Stables Museum Closed – Open by Appointment Only	

Community Newsletter

Each issue of the Newsletter can be read on the Rockley Facebook page or can be emailed to those wishing to receive it electronically. An A4 copy is available to read in the Community Noticeboard in Stevens Park, Rockley.

If you would like to have the Newsletters emailed to you each month, (there is no January Newsletter) please contact Jasmin at justjasmin@bigond.com

Community Association News

The AGM for the association was held on Thursday 17th April.

The committee election was kindly presided over by Andrew Macarthur.

All committee positions have been filled.

Chair. John Monty

Treasurer. Kerry Mahony

Secretary. Jude Reggett

Public Officer. Pauline Barker

Ordinary members. Maggie Waters; Kate McKay; Randal Shaw

Welcome to our new committee members.

The association has a number of projects in the pipeline for the coming year as well as ongoing events including Rockley Gardens & Arts Festival, and Rockley Artisans Market.

All membership fees fall due at the AGM so please contact Kerry if you wish to continue or if you would like to join the association, it is only five dollars for the year!

If you would like further information or have any questions email johnmontya@gmail.com

Rockley Rural Fire Brigade AGM 2025



**2025 AGM Rockley Rural Fire Brigade
will be held on Saturday 21st June at 9:00am
Rockley Fire Station/Shed.
Corner of Pepper Street and
Pine Hill Crescent, Rockley.
All welcome.**

Rockley Waste Transfer Station

Opened and manned each Wednesday and Saturday between 2:00pm and 6:00pm during summer, it opens from 1:00pm to 5:00pm throughout winter.

Perthville News



Would you like to receive the Perthville News each month?
Please send your email contact to perthvillenews@gmail.com to be included on the mailing list.

Rockley Studio & Fine Art Gallery

Rockley Studio & Fine Art Gallery is open by appointment.
Please contact Tim on 0413 037 436 for further information

Rockley Mill & Stables Museum

The Rockley Mill & Stables Museum is manned by local volunteers, opening most Sundays and some Public Holidays between 11:30am and 3:30pm. Able to open at other times by prior appointment, please contact Pauline on the number below or Jasmin by email at justjasmin@bigpond.com, to arrange a suitable time. We are always very pleased to welcome new Mill Minders. Please contact Pauline on 0432 052 265 or email Jasmin for further details.

Ben Chifley Catchment Group News



The Ben Chifley Catchment Steering Committee Inc. was established in the mid-1990s, by several land care groups. Our aim is "Caring for our Waterways." The group undertakes activities that improve the quality of water in the Catchment area. Projects include soil conservation measures and tree plantings. If you have any projects on your property such as gully fencing, soil erosion remediation or tree planting please contact Louise, the BCCSC Secretary, on 0407 214 508. Projects need to be inspected before approval.

Poets Corner

Are you a poet or storyteller?
Please send your poems or short stories to justjasmin@bigpond.com

Earthwatch with Galileo

Latest news from ABC Rural Roundup – researchers say the impact from feral cats on native species is greater than previously thought ... DNA testing done on killed and injured released native animals has revealed that cats were responsible – some killed and not even eaten ... spotted quolls, possums, bilbies and bettongs.

Large male cats up to 5 kilograms inflict a disproportionate amount of damage in the wild ...

Tom Flinders in South Australia trapped and removed 42 feral cats in a two-day blitz in a town some 250 kilometers from Port Augusta ...

Go to the Rural Roundup site to read and see the pictures ...

Ciao for now...

Church Services in Rockley

St Peter's Anglican Church, Hill Street, have their *Holy Communion Service* at **9:30am on the first Sunday** of each month except January, and in December, when a Christmas Service is held on the Sunday before Christmas Day. Services are presently presided by *Rev Anastasia Webster-Hawes*. Morning tea follows. For current copies of the weekly Bathurst Anglican Bulletin, please visit www.bathurstanglican.org.au. The office landline for All Saints Anglican Cathedral, Church Street, Bathurst is 6331 4711. The office opens Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00am to 1:00pm or contact them via email at cathedral@bathurstanglican.org.au.

St. Patrick's Rockley Catholic Church, Phantom Street, celebrates Mass at **9:30am on the second Saturday** of each month, with the rostered priest from the Cathedral Parish of St. Michael and St. John. For current weekly *Cathedral Parish bulletins*, please visit <https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/bathurst>. Open Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, contact the Catholic Presbytery office, George Street, Bathurst on 6331 3066, or email The Dean, Father Paul Devitt at dean.cathedral@cdob.org.au.

In Rockley, a small band of locals like to offer a quiet and reflective **Ecumenical (all denominations) Worship service**, encouraged by the Cathedral Parish, at St Patrick's Catholic Church each Sunday 9:30am every weekend (except the second weekend of the month). All residents and visitors to Rockley are most welcomed to attend throughout the year.

Dates For Your Diary

Graveyards Matter: Perthville Uniting Church Cemetery Saturday 3rd May

Time and Venue: 2:00pm to 3:30pm **Cost:** \$10 per person – bookings essential

Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Guided tour of Perthville Convent Heritage Centre Saturday 10th May

Time and Venue: 10am - 12pm Perthville Convent Heritage Centre, Tenison Woods Avenue, Perthville **Cost:** \$15 per person - bookings essential

Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

BEN LAHRING – AUSTRALIAN/CANADIAN/US CLASSICAL GUITARIST

"ARBORETUM" Wednesday 9th July **Venue:** All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst

Rockley Gardens & Art Festival



Rockley Gardens and Artist Profile – SAMANTHA LARNACH

The botanical world holds great fascination for Samantha and inspires much of her painting activity.

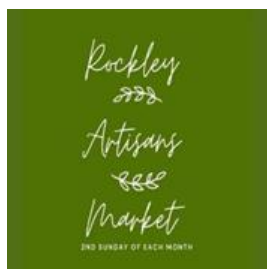
She prefers working En Plein Air ("in the open air" - outside) for the sensory experience of observing a living form in its natural state, but in her own words has to admit, "the reality is often fraught with temperature challenges and insects. Oils are often hilariously messy and Gouache dries too

quickly in the sun. But in every work, there is generally a moment of magic"

If you would like to exhibit your own creations at the Festival Art Exhibition in November, please contact Dianne on 0413 978 786 and leave a message for your call to be returned.



Rockley Artisans Market



The next market will be the
Winter Market

Sunday 8th June 10am - 2pm
More information to follow, next month.

Cooking Column

Baked Macaroni in Cheese Sauce

Ingredients

375g macaroni	1 cup (120g) strong cheddar, coarsely grated
60g butter	½ cup breadcrumbs
1/3 cup plain flour	½ cup grated parmesan
2 tsp Dijon mustard	Salt and pepper
2 ½ cups milk	

Method



- Preheat oven to moderate - 180 C or 160 C if fan forced.
- Cook the macaroni in boiling water following the packet directions. Drain and put aside.
- Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add flour and mustard and stir for two mins. Reduce heat to low and gradually add the milk stirring constantly for about 5 mins until the sauce boils and thickens. Remove from heat and add the grated cheese and season to taste. Stir to combine. Stir the macaroni into the sauce to combine.
- Spoon into a 2.5 litre oven proof dish.
- Combine the breadcrumbs and the parmesan cheese and sprinkle it over the macaroni mixture.
- Bake for 15 mins or until golden. This is another tried and tested recipe that I have made many times. I make it for the Gardens & Art Festival every year and serve it to visitors to my garden with tea or coffee.

Kids Column

Can you solve the puzzle to the right? The letters to use form the word MOTHER, and only one of each letter appears in each box, and once only in each vertical and horizontal column.

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How many words of three letters or more can you find in the grids below? Each letter can only be used once per word, and each letter must be directly beside the next, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Following this rule, as an example, the word “*from*” cannot be included in your word count from the first grid, but “*file*” can. Likewise, “*apron*” cannot be included from the second grid, but the word “*acorn*” can.

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Source: activityvillage.co.uk

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