NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

A Meeting of the Loxton Christmas Lights Committee will be held at the Loxton Hotel on Thursday 16 May 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Pat West
SECRETARY
9/05/19

AGENDA

1. Present

2. Apologies

3. On leave

4. Member’s Declaration of Interest
   Committee Members are required to:
   1. Consider Section 73 and 75 of the Local Government Act 1999 and determine whether they have a material, actual or perceived conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in the agenda, and
   2. Disclose these interests in accordance with the requirements of Sections 74 and 75A of the Local Government Act 1999 on the approved ‘Declaration of Committee Members Conflict of Interest’ form (accessible via Council’s website, Elected Members Extranet or upon request) and forward to the responsible officer no later than 12 noon on the day prior to the meeting.

5. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting
   Minutes of the meeting held 17 April 2019 (attached).

   Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Loxton Christmas Lights Committee meeting held 17 April 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

6. Business Arising
   6.1 East Terrace Lighting
   6.2 Delivery of ‘skip’ to Santa’s Workshop and Busy Bee – May 1st
   6.3 Donation to Woodleigh Childcare Centre and allocation to painters from the Christmas Tree Festival
6.4 E-mail from C Dziwoki for further discussion
6.5 Ladder for Christmas Tree Festival Committee
6.6 Structure of Committee – Section 41 vs. Community Group

7. Correspondence
7.1 Destination Riverland – Rivertimes April
7.2 Chamber of Commerce – Chamber Chat April
7.3 Destination Riverland – Rivertimes May
7.4 E-mail from D Frankel re Food Safety Course

Out:
7.5 Thankyou letter to Loxton MFS

Recommendation:
'That correspondence items 7.1 to 7.5 be received.

8. Reports
8.1 Santa’s Walk/Painters Group
8.2 Christmas Wonderland
8.3 Tour Guides
8.4 Finance –
8.5 Assets -
8.6 Raffle and Fundraising
8.7 Big Santa/Light Up Night
8.8 Community Carols
8.9 Little Town
8.10 Christmas Tree Festival/Craft Fair
8.11 General Street Decorations
8.12 Publicity/Brochure
8.13 Workplace Safety Legislation

Recommendation: That Reports numbered 8.1 to 8.13 be received.

9. General Business

10. Next meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2019, 7.30pm at the Loxton Hotel

11. Closure
Minutes of the Loxton Christmas Lights Committee Meeting
held on April 17, 2019 in the Loxton Community Hotel
commencing at 7.30 pm

1. Present
   P Mangelsdorf (Chair), C Kelly, M Krollig, G Masters, M Thomas, N Thiele and P West


3. On leave  Nil.

4. Member's Declaration of Conflict of Interest:  Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting held on Thursday March 21, 2019.
   Recommendation
   M Thomas moved C Kelly seconded
   ‘That the minutes of the previous meeting held on March 21, 2019 be taken as read and confirmed’
   CARRIED.

6. Business Arising

   6.1 East Terrace Lighting
   P West reported on behalf of S Altschwager that the project is proceeding slowly and they hoped to have lights to inspect soon.

   6.2 Step Ladder
   P West reported that the Step Ladder has been purchased at a cost of $74.95.

   6.3 Tool Box
   G Masters reported that he had procured tools from Riverland Steel at a cost of $220.29.

   6.4 Delivery of Skip/Trailer to Santa’s Workshop
   M Thomas to presented quotes for skips and trailer bins. Members agreed that we organise a medium trailer bin at a cost of $180.

   6.5 Donation to Woodleigh and purchase of items for the painters.
   P West reported that she had organised a cheque for Woodleigh and as most of the painters did not require brushes, a Vacuum cleaner has been purchased for the shed at a cost of $149.95.
6.6 Donation from MFS  
Cheque from MFS was presented to members on Tuesday, April 2 but had to be returned as it was written out to Loxton Lights Up and crossed, so the bank would not accept it. MFS will forward another.

7. Correspondence  
7.1 Chamber of Commerce – Chamber Chat February.
7.2 Destination Riverland – Rivertimes March.
7.3 E-mail to S Altschwager from C Dziwoki regarding lighting and stalls  
(Members decided to defer discussion on suggestions to a later meeting, expressing concern that we do not have enough people to tackle something extra.
7.4 E-mail S Altschwager re Sponsorship and display of banner at Pedal Prix.

Recommendation:  
M Krollig moved N Thiele seconded  
‘That we provide sponsorship of $100 and display the banner purchased in 2018’. CARRIED

Out: Nil

Recommendation
M Thomas moved C Kelly seconded
‘That Correspondence items 7.1 to 7.4 be received’. CARRIED

8. Reports

8.1 Santa’s Walk/Painters Group – Group to get together on May 1st

8.2 Christmas Wonderland  
P Mangelsdorf reported that he had ordered 100 tube lights.

8.3 Tour Guides – Nothing to report.

8.4 Finance  
P West tabled a report for March showing no Income and Expenditure of $421 for undercoat, sealer and blue paint.
P West reported that next year’s budget will increase by $4400 ($3100 for lights on roundabout tree and $1300 to upgrade the web site). The $1000 from MFS will be credited this year but then transferred into next year’s budget.

Recommendation:  
P West moved M Thomas seconded  
‘That the Financial Report for March be accepted’. CARRIED

8.5 Assets  
New Vacuum cleaner, selection of tools and step ladder to be added.
8.6 **Raffle & Fundraising**
June 22nd Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings not yet confirmed.

8.7 **Big Santa/Light Up Night** – Nothing to report

8.8 **Community Carols**
Nothing to report. Hopefully someone will keep us informed re Little Town.

8.9 **Christmas Tree Festival/Craft Fair**
P West reported on behalf D Fielke that the Committee had decided to extend their festival for a further 2 days – finishing on the 17th December. Dawn asked to have recorded the amount given to Community Groups and to our Committee since 2001: to the Community Groups from 2001-2011 $6330; from 2013-2017 $11399.45 (Total $17729.45). To this Committee 2001-2011 $8373.30; from 2013-2017 $11124.45 (Total 19497.55). Dawn had also suggested that their Committee could also use ladder – suggested that they see if the one we have purchased is suitable.

8.10 **General Street Decorations** – Nothing to report

8.11 **Publicity/Brochure**
P West reported that D Fielke had indicated a desire to include the Christmas Display at the Newsagency on the brochure.

8.12 **Workplace Safety Legislation**
Two members attended an Induction Session on March 28.

**Recommendation**
N Thiele moved G Masters seconded ‘That Report items 8.1 to 8.12 be received’. **CARRIED**

9. **General Business**

9.1 **Busy Bee**
All required to attend a Busy Bee at Santa’s Workshop on Wednesday, May 1st.

9.2 **Structure of Committee - Community Group vs. Section 41.**
Members were keen to learn more of the ‘ins and outs’ before making any decision.

10. **Next Meeting**
Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Loxton Community Hotel.

11. **Closure**
The meeting closed at 8.31pm.
DR Chair Honoured by Governor with Medal of the Order of Australia
On Tuesday the 9th of April, Destination Riverland Chair Deb Alexander travelled to Government House in Adelaide and was presented with the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to tourism and the community. Deb was extremely honoured to receive this prestigious accolade and was equally honoured to share the day with Riverland local Ellen Traeger who also received an OAM for her service to the community. Ellen was awarded Renmark Paringa Citizen of the Year in 2016 for her tremendous work for a wide variety of community groups and organisations as well as being a volunteer at the Renmark Visitor Centre. Congratulations to you both!

Destination Riverland
Board Vacancy (2 positions)

The Board of Destination Riverland is seeking expressions of interest from passionate individuals who have strong business acumen and are keen to play a leadership role in regional tourism.

There are two positions vacant requiring the following skill sets:

1. Accounting & Financial Management
2. Tourism Industry Experience

Please forward your expressions of interest to the General Manager, Mrs Caroline Phillips, gm@destinationriverland.org.au, IN CONFIDENCE, before the 1st of May, or call Caroline on 0418 841 552 if you require further information.
Riverland Tourism Publications Survey

Destination Riverland and the Taylor Group are focused on continuing to improve the quality and effectiveness of tourism publications used to promote the Riverland Region.

Informed decisions regarding the future of publications will continue to be made based on consumer trends, research data and feedback from both consumers and the industry.

As such we appreciate your time in completing this short only survey regarding:

1. The Official Riverland Visitor Guide - which is distributed outside of the region, interstate and internationally and is designed to motivate potential visitors to consider the Riverland in their future holiday decision making
2. River Time – which is distributed only in the Riverland region and is designed to provide more detailed information for consumers
encouraging visitor dispersal.

Please take the time to complete this short survey. Your feedback will be valuable in our planning for 2020.

Begin Survey

Destination Riverland are excited to announce the release of their 2019 Industry Partnership Programme.

This year we have refreshed our partnership opportunity to provide increased value at both the base level partnership and in the form of a new range of industry partner PLUS packages. These new packages provide excellent promotional opportunities at a reduced cost and represent great value for money.

We recognise that your success is our success, and that it is important that we continue to unite as an industry to grow the Riverland as a popular tourism destination.

I invite you to review the attached document and contact our office to secure the partnership package that best suits your business.

Numbers for PLUS packages are capped so act fast to avoid disappointment!

I look forward to working with you in 2019 to continue to grow the tourism industry in our amazing region.

Kind Regards

Caroline Phillips
GENERAL MANAGER
SATC Riverland Highlights
December 2018 - January & February 2019

In our last e-news we featured some information about Destination Riverland working closely with SATC to ensure our region receives exposure through the ongoing state campaign. If you would like to view SATC’s report you can download it here.

Nominate Now #SATA2019

Nominations for the 2019 South Australian Tourism Awards are now open
for all SA tourism businesses across more than 25 categories.

The awards celebrate tourism businesses that have demonstrated excellence throughout the year, with most category winners going on to represent the state at a national level.

The program also rewards entrants with improved business planning and greater opportunities for growth and recognition.

You too could shine on the national stage and be recognised as one of SA’s tourism champions!

Nomination fees start from $190 (incl. GST) for TiCSA Members. Not a member? Sign up today and save.

Submit your awards nomination here.

Small Winemakers Showcase a Success

Over 140 visitors attended the first Small Winemakers Showcase at 919 Wines on Saturday, featuring Spook Hill, Top Block, Mundoo Ridge Wines and Junnare Wines. The event attracted visitors from Adelaide, Melbourne, Mildura, Switzerland and Spain, as well as large number of the local community. “This illustrates just how many superb wines this region is producing. Mingling
in the crowd it was encouraging to hear the comments from visitors from near and far remarking about the diversity, quality and enjoyment attributed to our Riverland small producers. Special thanks to Eric & Jenny Semmler of 919 Wines for this great initiative. Let’s hope that Riverland wineries can use this to build local pride, and a springboard for a new era. The Riverland is truly on the verge of greatness.” said Riverland Wine’s Chris Byrne.

2019 TICSA Conference

Two Days | 8 Masterclasses | 15 Workshops | 11 Plenary Sessions | 30+ Speakers | Networking Opportunities

The 2019 State Tourism Conference is a highlight on TiCSA’s events calendar. With a strong line up of presenters, the two-day event will bring together industry representatives from all regions and sectors of South Australia, providing professional development and networking opportunities.

Scroll down to find out what's on offer this year.

Conference details
**When:** Tuesday, 28 May – Wednesday, 29 May 2019
Day two: full day conference

**Where:** Adelaide Oval

**Investment:** from $360 (inc GST)
Early bird discounts end Wednesday, 1 May

RSVP: Tuesday, 14 May

[Register here](#)
include:

- Opportunities for Heritage Tourism
- The Market for Heritage Tourism
- Crafting great Heritage Tourism Experiences
- Creating and promoting Heritage Tourism Destinations

The program has been designed for you to explore new ideas and latest thinking from our keynote speakers.

Learn new skills in the workshop sessions, see heritage tourism in action and build your networks through the social program.

This is the first gathering of Australia’s heritage tourism industry at a national conference. Register Today!

For more information on the Australian Heritage Tourism Conference visit their website.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter break.
From the Board and Staff at Destination Riverland.
In this issue...

- Get ready for Loxton Pedal Prix this weekend, Sunday 5th May
- Australia Post hosts General Chamber Meeting, 13th May
- New laws for Gift Vouchers
- Exciting new Social Media Project under way
- Loxton VIC/Library merger and Council Strategic Plan feedback
- New look for Warners... now Country Proud Clothing
- Easter Picnic thanks

Record number of teams coming to Loxton...

Round 2 of the 2019 UniSA Australian HPV Super Series is set to be another big event for Loxton this Sunday 5th May. With a record 123 teams registered, there will be hundreds of people in town for our Special Sunday Trade from 10am to approx 4pm. In addition, member businesses will be catering around the track and in the Martha Street Food Court, using the opportunity to raise valuable funds. Click here to visit the website will full information including road closures, times, maps, public toilets, pedestrian crossovers etc.

LAST CHANCE FOR BANNER SPONSORSHIP - If you would like to have your corporate signage (max 1.5m wide x 90cm high) displayed trackside at this year’s event for only $100 +GST click here to confirm before Thursday 2nd May.
The Chamber will be in direct communication with participating teams. If you have any specials, promotions or information that you would like passed on, please email Sonya ASAP.

Thank you to District Council of Loxton Waikerie and the following sponsors for their generous support of the event:

Further information regarding the event click here to visit the website or can contact either Sonya Altschwager, Business & Events Manager on 0427 064 825 or Sue Schultz, District Council of Loxton Waikerie Community Development Officer on 8584 8000.

__________________________

Special venue for May General Meeting...

Our May General Meeting will be held on Monday 13th at 7pm* in the Loxton Post Office, 27 East Terrace. Shirley Pontt, Postal Manager will be our Guest Speaker presenting 'Local Go and Grow Online'. Shirley's presentation will include an overview on e-commerce trends and how Australia Post can assist small businesses with their online needs.

Light refreshments will be served. RSVP is essential. To confirm your attendance or include an item on the Agenda for discussion, please email Anita Leach, Secretary. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Please note the meeting will start 1/2 hr earlier at 7pm (not 7.30pm).
New laws for Gift Vouchers...

As of 10th December 2018, gift vouchers sold in South Australia must have a minimum 3 year expiry date (click here to see SA Govt. website information).

We can continue to sell our current printed Loxton Gift Vouchers (showing a shorter expiry period of 6 months) until 10th June 2019 but will be informing consumers that these vouchers will be honoured for 3 years.

We encourage you to look at vouchers presented as any dated after 10th December 2018 are valid for 3 years. Expiry dates on vouchers purchased before 10th December 2018 will not change and are valid for only 6 months.

Remember, it is always up to individual businesses as to whether you accept Loxton Gift Vouchers, but we sincerely appreciate those who participate as our Loxton Gift Vouchers have proven highly successful. To date we have sold nearly $250,000 worth of vouchers ($20,000 worth were sold in December 2018 alone!) which is money being spent directly back into our local member businesses!!

Loxton Gift Voucher Guidelines and reimbursement instructions are available through the Members Area of our website. If you’ve forgotten your password, please email Anita Leach, Secretary.

Exciting new Social Media project...
The Loxton Chamber of Commerce will be embarking on an exciting new 12 month Social Media project thanks to funding recently approved by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie. This project will build on our existing social media including the town hashtag #loxtonsa, with the introduction of an Instagram page and produce a catalogue of professional videos and high quality still photography depicting our local business community, and Loxton as a destination.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that John deCaux (pictured) who runs a successful production company, Six Foot Four Productions, has agreed to work together with member Riverland Digital Media on this project. Many of you may know John who grew up in Loxton, or his father Mark deCaux who together with John has become quite a Youtube sensation through their Bush Bee Man channel (click here to visit the website).

John is really keen to get started on production, so he may call in to your business or you’ll see him around town. If you have any questions or require further information please feel free to contact Sonya on 0427 064 825.

We'd like your feedback...

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie are currently trialing a merger of the Visitor Information Centre with the Library. During this period it is important that we actively seek feedback from visitors and tourists as to their experience during their stay. As you would appreciate, the Loxton Chamber do a lot of work to actively encourage visitors and tourists to our town to benefit our members. We acknowledge that local businesses and their staff are all ambassadors for our town, and tourist officers of sorts, so perfectly placed to gather accurate and genuine feedback.

Therefore, we strongly encourage you to pass on any comments you may receive from your customers during this time so that we, as the representative body of the business community, can collate this and provide a formal response to Council at the end of the trial (expected to end of June 2019). Please click here to email your feedback/comments to Anita Leach, Secretary or click here to email Deb Petch, President. If you would prefer to remain anonymous you can
deliver a hard copy in a sealed envelope to our Document Exchange at Riverland Lending Services, Shop 7 Martha Street Loxton.

**STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY...**
The Council is currently undertaking a review and update of its Strategic Management Plan. This is a great opportunity for our business community to provide your valuable perspective on what you think is working, and what could be done better. Please click here to complete a brief survey (approx. 7 minutes) on a wide range of community, environmental and economic issues. All responses are anonymous and the Chamber appreciate you taking the time to provide your input.
Spots are now filled to participate in the SA Weekender and Winter Radio Campaigns as listed in our Industry Partner Prospectus. However we welcome any tourism business to become a base level Destination Riverland Industry Partner. For more information on becoming an Industry Partner you can view our prospectus or contact pa@destinationriverland.org.au

As outlined in our Industry Prospectus, part of being an Industry Partner is the access to a range of cooperative marketing opportunities with Destination
Riverland throughout the year. Below are two of the exclusive offers we have for Industry Partners this Winter.

>> Italo Vardaro Photography <<
Freshen up your media and stock library this winter with new images from Italo Vardaro!
See below for more details and an example of his great work. You can view more examples [here](#) and [here](#).
To organise a photo shoot please contact Vardaro Studio on 08 8582 3111 or [studio@italo.com.au](mailto:studio@italo.com.au)
UpStyle Package Photography by Italo Vardaro

Freshen up your media and stock library!
Exclusive offer Autumn and Winter 2019 only.

Variety includes:
- Interior & exterior photography
- Hotel, Motel, B&B, accommodation
- Restaurants & cellar door
- Houseboats
- Businesses
- Tourism operators

Package includes:
- Daylight photography only.
- 6-8 photographs and post production.
- Sharp, clean, corrected images perfect for printing and electronic media. All images supplied hi-res.

Package price: $165.00 plus GST

>> Hot Winter Deals <<
As part of this year's Winter Campaign, Destination Riverland are again offering the opportunity to promote 'Hot Winter Deals' on our website exclusive to our Industry Partners. Similar to last year, these deals will be promoted on our website, winter e-newsletter and Facebook page. These deals could be a winter-specific offer, or simply a listing for your business. To see an example of one of last year's 'Hot Winter Deals' click here.

The cost to participate is $50 (Industry Partners) or no cost to those who have participated in the Winter Radio or SA Weekender packages purchased with an Industry Partnership.

Please contact us at pa@destinationriverland.org.au by the 10th of May to participate or for any questions at all.

Riverland Tourism Publications Survey
Destination Riverland and the Taylor Group are focused on continuing to improve the quality and effectiveness of tourism publications used to promote the Riverland Region.

Informed decisions regarding the future of publications will continue to be made based on consumer trends, research data and feedback from both consumers and the industry.

As such we appreciate your time in completing this short only survey regarding:

1. The Official Riverland Visitor Guide - which is distributed outside of the region, interstate and internationally and is designed to motivate potential visitors to consider the Riverland in their future holiday decision making
2. River Time – which is distributed only in the Riverland region and is designed to provide more detailed information for consumers encouraging visitor dispersal.
Please take the time to complete this short survey. Your feedback will be valuable in our planning for 2020.

Begin Survey

Dear Stallholders, members and friends,

Food Riverland is announcing a temporary recess to the Riverland Farmers’ Market, while the committee plans a new-look financially sustainable market event for the region.

- Food Riverland was created in 2005 to promote and cultivate the region’s diverse and innovative food industry. It has served many purposes over its 14 years, but membership and activity has significantly dwindled in recent years.
- In recent years, Food Riverland has solely focussed on running the Riverland Farmers Market in its current format which is currently held every Saturday at the Berri Senior Citizens building.
- The current format of the market is not financially sustainable, and while significant efforts have been made by both volunteer committee and staff (past and present) to change the viability, it has now reached a point where the remaining funds cannot support continuing without significant change to the market.
- The Food Riverland committee has made the decision to put the Farmers’ Market into a temporary hiatus while it develops a plan for a new-look
market event. Improving the sustainability of the Farmer's Market will help Food Riverland increase membership, and return to its roots as a food industry body which promotes the impressive food production in our region. The backbone of any successful Industry association is its membership and we welcome food industry feedback on membership.

· We thank all of the market stallholders, market managers, staff, committee of past and present. We particularly would like to acknowledge the people who have week-in, week-out attended the market as stallholders, staff and volunteers who have dedicated early starts on Saturday to the event.

· We understand the market is a well-loved event by the community and though we would love to keep it going as it is, it simply isn’t viable. We hope all of our attendees will support our future initiatives, in addition to a new customer base and more stallholders we hope to attract by taking a fresh approach to the event.

To read in full, including FAQ's click here.

---

Nominate Now
#SATA2019

Nominations for the 2019 South Australian Tourism Awards are now open for all SA tourism businesses across more than 25 categories.
The awards celebrate tourism businesses that have demonstrated excellence throughout the year, with most category winners going on to represent the state at a national level.

The program also rewards entrants with improved business planning and greater opportunities for growth and recognition.

You too could shine on the national stage and be recognised as one of SA’s tourism champions!

Nomination fees start from $190 (incl. GST) for TiCSA Members. Not a member? Sign up today and save.

Submit your awards nomination here.

---

2019 TICSA Conference

2019 SA Tourism Conference
LEADING & DEVELOPING TOURISM IN SA

BOOK NOW
28-29 May 2019 | Adelaide Oval

Two Days | 8 Masterclasses | 15 Workshops | 11 Plenary Sessions | 30+ Speakers | Networking Opportunities

The 2019 State Tourism Conference is a highlight on TiCSA’s events calendar.
With a strong line up of presenters, the two-day event will bring together industry representatives from all regions and sectors of South Australia, providing professional development and networking opportunities.

Scroll down to find out what's on offer this year.

**Conference details**

**When:** Tuesday, 28 May – Wednesday, 29 May 2019
Day two: full day conference

**Where:** Adelaide Oval

**Investment:** from $360 (inc GST)
Early bird discounts end Wednesday, 1 May

RSVP: Tuesday, 14 May

[Register here](#)

If you have an upcoming event, don't forget to register it on the Riverland Event Calendar! Registering your event is the best and easiest way to let us know
about your event for further promotion, including our fortnightly spot on 5RM where we discuss upcoming events, regular blogs and social media posts. The Riverland Visitor Information Centre's also print weekly event sheets for visitors.

It takes no more than 10 minutes to do! Check it out here.

If you have any further questions please contact us at pa@destinationriverland.org.au

Copyright © 201747 DESTINATION RIVERLAND INCORPORATED, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.
Food Safety
Short Course
Use hygienic practices for food safety SITXFSA001

How up to date is your food safety knowledge?

TAFE SA and your local Council are offering this accredited short course designed to help you increase your knowledge of food safety and to enhance the level of professionalism in your region.

This interactive course is appropriate for anyone involved in food handling.

Course covers:
> Legal requirements of food safety
> How to prevent food spoilage
> Pests and waste control
> Cause and effect of food poisoning
> Food handling practices
> Storage of food
> Personal hygiene

For enrolment and further information contact TAFE SA:

Gemma McGowan
TAFE SA Regency Campus
Ph: (08) 8348 4662
E: foodsafety@tafesa.edu.au

Loxton Hotel
Pyap Room, 45 East Terrace
Loxton SA 5333

Thursday 6th June 2019
9.30am – 1.00pm

Berri Barmera Council Chambers
Entry through Berri Town Hall
19 Wilson Street
Berri SA 5343

Thursday 6th June 2019
2.00pm – 5.30pm

*FREE Course - for Food Handlers within the 3 council areas
(*Small Regional Community Funding Criteria applies)

*Bookings are essential*

tafesa.edu.au