



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter.
If you have any items you wish to include in future editions of our newsletter,
please let us know.

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A word from the Chair

It's great to see so much activity of improvement and development in Loxton at the moment. Upgrading facades is an important part of attracting customers and it creates continued vitality in our town. It shows a sense of pride and upgraded, clean & well kept premises gives a great first impression to our customers & visitors. Take a look at Riverland Natural Health (new verandah & sign writing), the old state bank building and Sportspower (fresh coat of paint). New businesses to out town are Bridal Bliss and Black Bean Restaurant (Bookpurnong Tce) and soon to open is Sunbake bakery. Nice to have vacant shops filling.

Unfortunately we have lost Woodberry Real Estate. Marian thought it time to retire and is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren. Marian has contributed in a very big way to the Chamber in all the years she has been in business in Loxton and for 8 years she held the position of Secretary. The loss to the Chamber will be The Pines gain, as Marian already volunteers a huge amount of time to the running of the Pines.

We wish Marian well in her retirement.

Loxton Lights Up

Trading Times & Dates

Loxton Lights Up	
Saturday 29th November	9am to 8.30pm
Sunday 30th November	10am to 2pm
Sunday 7th December	10am to 2pm
Sunday 14th December	10am to 2pm
Sunday 21st December	10am to 2pm

Are you planning anything special on light up day?

If you are, it may be suitable to put in the days programme of activities. Contact Amy Martinsen (light up co-ordinator) & have a chat to her about the suitability of including your special activity. m 0458 550 258 or email amy@planned2perfection.com.au

There will be numerous stalls—market and other—on light up day. These stalls are not just for the "itinerate" stall holders but for members who would like to show case a particular range/ item. This is particularly beneficial to those business that do not have East Terrace frontage. Maybe you would like to get together with a like business and display/sell your wares to the thousands of people who come to Loxton on Light Up day. If you would like to know any more or just have a chat about the possibility, ring Bronwyn on 8584 7886

Next Meeting: 3rd November, 2008, 7.30 pm at the Loxton Hotel

Come along and make your Chamber of Commerce vibrant by your attendance

Press Release

State Rural Women's Group to hear concerns of Riverland women

Women in Agriculture and Business SA State Council will be in Loxton in early November and is inviting local women to a meeting to raise their concerns and problems.

WAB is a state-wide rural women's group which lobbies on behalf of rural women, their families and communities. It provides opportunities for self education, self development and friendship and all important networks and information for rurally based women.

State President, Helen Colliver from Arthurton has issued the invitation to both farm and town based business women in the area to attend the meeting on Monday November 3.

Mrs Colliver said WAB wanted to clearly understand the issues facing Riverland farmers and businesses, especially how they related to the wellbeing of women and their families.

Mrs Colliver said while the meeting will primarily have a listening brief, speakers from WAB will discuss what the organisation can offer rural women.

There has been a resurgence of interest in WAB membership around the State with a new branch formed at Pinnaroo, known as Mallee WAB and many new members for the internet branch known as WAB On-Line.

WAB was formed in Riverton in 1917 and is the oldest rural women's organisation in Australia. There are 31 branches around SA and in the Riverland there is a branch at Paringa.

Murraylands Regional Councillor, Adair Dunsford of Keith said WAB branches are autonomous and set their own programs suited to the needs and interests of their members. Newer branches are attracting younger women and have a strong agricultural focus with programs including crop walks, business management skills as well as things such as work-life balance workshops.

Annually WAB state-wide supports a charity and this year it is Mind Australia, a mental health support organisation. WAB also provides bursaries for members to attend the SA Rural Leadership program and has supported the 2008 Young Farmers Drought Program run by PIRSA.

WAB has taken a vital interest in health matters since the Country Health Plan was mooted and lobbied on behalf of all SA rural communities. A motion forwarded by WAB calling for the restoration of equity in health services for all rural Australians was passed by the recent Associated Country Women of the World conference in Perth.

The Loxton meeting will be held on Monday November 3 at 7.30pm at the Loxton Research Centre. Further details are available from Adair Dunsford 87567037.

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**An Open Invitation to all Loxton & district women
to attend an informal meeting on**

**Monday November 3 at 7.30pm
Loxton Research Centre**

Raise your problems & concerns with State rural women's group
Hear what WAB can offer
Meet State President, Helen Colliver & Councillors
Stay for coffee & cake

Details – Adair Dunsford 87567037