SAVE THE DATE....

Georgetown Calendar of Events

September

11 GIF Newsletter Delivery

16 GIF Committee Meeting, 7pm at Town Hall

26 - 11 Oct School holidays

October

21 GIF Committee Meeting at 7pm at Town Hall

November

13 GIF Newsletter Delivery

18 GIF Committee meeting at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

Have we missed an event or activity? Please let us know so we can include it in future newsletters.

thank you GIF Marketing Working Group and GIF Community and Events Working Group.

Local & Mid North Events & Activities

September

5 Laura Markets 9.00am -1pm

13 Gladstone Art Exhibition 13 Sept - 9th Oct

15 NAC meeting 6pm - 8pm

19 Laura Bike & Hike Festival Stone Hut Hall 7.30am - 9pm

20 Wirrabara Markets 8.30am -12pm

October

9 Gladstone Art Exhibition

18 Wirrabara Markets 8.30am -12pm

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November

7 Laura Markets 9.00am -1pm

15 Wirrabara Markets 8.30am -12pm

17 NAC meeting 6pm - 8pm

National Days of Significance & Meaning

September

6 Father's Day

10 R U Ok? Day

20 World Clean Up Day

October

1 Mental Health Month

4 Daylight Saving Time Starts

5 Labour Day

12 National Carer's Week

November

6 Remembrance Day

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Did you know this?

Georgetown is within the Hundred of Bundaleer. It is generally believed that Georgetown was named for George Fisher Esquire, who was a part-owner of the Bundaleer Run. George Fisher died in 1859 in the well known wreck of the "Ardmella" on the S-E coast, whilst en route to Melbourne.

Earlier, the intrepid explorer Edward John Eyre passed this way and in 1841 John Horrocks camped here. A memorial cairn has been erected at the junction of the Main North Road and the Narridy Road to commemorate Horrock's journey.

The early settlers occupied land under Occupational Licenses until such time as the area was surveyed. These extensive original Leases were known as Runs - The Koolunga Run, the Bundaleer Run and the Bungaree Run between them, covered the area now known as the Mid-North.

In 1869 the State Government passed the Strangways Wasteland Act which made land available for closer settlement, in fact 9 Hundreds were declared almost immediately. These included the local Hundreds of Bundaleer, Yackamoorundie and Narridy. Also in 1869, Mr Conrad Wornum surveyed the township of Georgetown. It would seem that Mr Wornum had great expectations for Georgetown and expected this town to become the trading centre of the Mid-North. He laid out the township as a model of Col. William Light's City of Adelaide.

When the State Government introduced a deferred payment system for land the pioneer settlers paid 1 pound an acre (0.4 hectare) and took up the opportunity this offered. Many of the first arrivals were young men with young families - first generation South Australians. They came from further south, in the District of Gawler and some from the Fleurieu Peninsula. The descendants of many of these pioneer families remain in the district today.

The District Council of Georgetown was formed on the 2nd March, 1876 and by 1887 Council Wards were established to include Gulnare, Narridy and Yacka.

A century later in 1988, the neighbouring Councils of Laura and Gladstone joined with the Georgetown Council to become the District Council of Rocky River.

Again, in 1996/7 the District Council of Rocky River amalgamated with the Jamestown and Spalding Councils to form the present Northern Areas Council.

The spiritual needs of Georgetown residents have been met for over a century by St George's Anglican Church and St Mary Immaculate Catholic Church. Both of these churches are still open. The Baptist Church was established in the early days, but has been closed for some time. The Catholic Presbytery and the Baptist Manse are now private residences. The Georgetown Primary School began in the 1870s and is still educating our young people. Students, since 1907, have travelled to Gladstone High School for their secondary education.

Although Georgetown never quite fulfilled the pioneer dreams of many of the early settlers, Georgetown has managed to survive, drought and flooding rains, economic downturns, fluctuating grain and wool prices, closure of the railways, and population decrease. However, Georgetown residents have grit and determination and are looking to establish a new identity and prosperity for Georgetown.

Newsletter Committee.
This newsletter is produced through the **Georgetown Into the Future**, sub-committee of the Georgetown CDA.
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Come and join us
We are always looking for volunteers.
Any help no matter how small is always appreciated hope to see you at one of our meetings.
Next meeting 16th Sept

The deadline for our November Issue is **6/11/2026.**

Please send all articles, events, club information, etc to:
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Thank you to Hon Geoff Brock MP for kindly printing the Georgetown Newsletter

GEORGETOWN GOLF CLUB

The Wade Ormsby Ambrose weekend (August 15 and 16) was a fabulous time of learning from the coaching (Saturday), socialising with a beautiful meal, live music and drinks (Saturday evening) and then on Sunday a great 9-hole round of golf with teams competing for the Georgetown Wade Ormsby Ambrose Shield.

A massive thank you to our guest Wade Ormsby for his time, patience and the encouragement shown to all who participated in the weekend.

On **Saturday**, a substantial number of golfers participated in coaching sessions facilitated by Wade. The participants were able to discuss with Wade areas of their game they needed assistance with and then Wade offering suggested changes and practice drills to assist everyone's learning.

Following the coaching, all players were invited to participate in a longest drive competition. Wade provided technology that measured the distance of each players attempt. Congratulations to Tom Crawford who won the men under 27 handicap group with his 294-metre drive. Congratulations also to Dylan Longen who won the men's 27 and over handicap group with his 272-metre drive. Deb Baum won the women's group with her drive of 193 metres.

Having demonstrated their prowess with a driver, all players were invited to contest the nearest pin competition. Congratulations to both Paul Baynes (men's winner) and Deb Baum (women's winner).

Saturday evening saw a large crowd of both golfers and non-golfers enjoy a beautiful meal with a selection of roast meats, baked potatoes, salads and desert to follow. The meal lead into an informative chat between Wade Ormsby and Chook Harslett that provided insight into the life of a professional golfer. Chook then conducted a live fundraising auction that resulted in a little over $4000 being raised for the club… sincere thanks to Chook for such an enjoyable interview and productive auction.

During the Saturday evening live music by Andrew (Tang) Lange (guitar and vocals), accompanied by our local talent Greg (Short Wheelbase) Smallwood on drums got toes tapping and was enjoyed by all. Thanks Tang and Greg, great work.

Sunday saw a large crowd of keen golfers assemble ready to tackle the 9-hole Ambrose competition. Attendees for the day were sustained with catering from Love U A Latte.

At 10.30am sixteen teams, each with four players commenced the round with a shotgun start. Numerous people commented on how good it was to see so many players across the whole course.

Congratulations to the following teams and individuals who received awards at the presentation ceremony following collation of the scores by our Club Captain Ian Pomerenke.

The Georgetown Wade Ormsby Ambrose Shield went to:
Crawf's Crushers Team (Tom Crawford, Ben Martin, Jake Hodby and Brad Eastwood).

Gross (stroke) winners at 29 strokes -	**Duzza's Destroyers:**
Ambrose runners up –	**Duzza's Destroyers**
Ambrose third place –	**Bev's Bandits**
Ambrose fourth place –	**Pagey's Pirates**
Ambrose fifth place –	**Karyn's Kookaburras**
Sunday Straightest Drive -	**Ian Nicolson**
Sunday Longest Drive (Men's under 27 HCP) -	**Nic Boully**
Sunday Longest Drive (Men's 27 and over HCP) -	**Albert Lang**
Sunday Longest Drive (Women's) -	**Owie Lang**
Sunday Nearest the pin (Hole 3) -	**Travis Cock**
Sunday Nearest the pin (Hole 8) -	**Brad Eastwood**

Thanks to all our sponsors, without your support such a fantastic weekend is not possible.
Aula Energy - Clare Valley Toyota - Coca Cola - Emmetts Crystal Brook - Farmhouse Fresh - Gawler pest Control - Hardy's Wines - Odds & Sudzz (Local Georgetown business) - O'Dea Power and Water - Pikes Wines - Noonan's Transport - Perry's Fuels Titleist Australia

Thanks to every member of the club who contributed to delivering the weekend and we look forward to the 2027 event.

GEORGETOWN INFORMATION

CDA COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: David Humphris

Vice Chair: Robert Cugley

Secretary: Rebecca Longmire

Treasurer: Joyleen Koch

Bowls Club: Rob Cugley

Cricket Club: In Recess

Golf Club: Greg Durrant

Tennis Club: Rebecca Longmire

Hall Committee: Greg Page

Heritage Society: David Hodgson

Members: Joyleen Koch, David Humphris, Scott Crawford, Amy Winks, Scott Lang, Nicola Dutton, Ben Crawford

Sub-Committees:

Parklands: Scott Crawford

GIF: Nicola Dutton

Georgetown CPA: Rob Cugley

Christmas Tree: Event: Beck Crawford

Anzac Day event: GCDA executives and Amy Winks

Australia Day Event ; GIF

Please note:

Some Events in the Calendar may not have times please see posters at the General Store

If you have articles, community notices, sports results or anything that may be of interest to the Georgetown community please contact:

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The Editor

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Fire, Police, Ambulance	000
Poisons Info	131 126
Fire Ban Info	1300 362 361
Power failure	131 366
SA Water	1300 729 283
(burst main)	1300 880 337
RAA Gladstone	8662 2075
Laura Hospital	8663 3100
A/H Emergency	8663 3191
Kids helpline	1800 55 1800
Lifeline	13 11 14
Mens Line Aust .	1300 78 99 78
Beyond Blue	1300 22 4636
Mental Health Triage	13 14 65
Suicide Callback	1300 659 467
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander 24/7 Crisis Support	13 92 76

Community Clubs

Golf Club: West Terrace

Bowls Club: Fisher Street

Tennis Club: Hurtle St

Darts:
Men's - Ian Pomerenke 0412154610

Contact for Meals on Wheels

- Delma Noonan 0459528794



Local Services

Don Smallacombe J P

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Post Office : open from

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Heritage Society : via appointment contact David Hodgson

Revival Upholstery: 0477839943

Trailer Fabricator : 86624071

Hon Geoff Brock MP
Independent Member for Stuart

If you have any state:

- CONCERNS
- SUGGESTIONS
- ISSUES

I would love to hear from you!



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Issue	Deadline (by 1st Fri of Month)	Distribution (by 2nd Fri of Month)
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Mar-26	11/03/2026	**20/03/2026**
May-26	1/05/2026	**8/05/2026**
Jul-26	3/07/2026	**10/07/2026**
Sep-26	4/09/2026	**11/09/2026**
Nov-26	6/11/2026	**13/11/2026**

GIF General Meeting Schedule for 2026/27

3rd Wednesday of the Month
at the Georgetown Memorial Hall

Our next meetings are:

- Wednesday, 20 May 2026
- Wednesday, 17 June 2026
- Wednesday, 15 July 2026
- Wednesday, 19 August 2026
- Wednesday, 16 September 2026
- Wednesday, 21 October 2026
- Wednesday, 18 November 2026
- Wednesday, 16 December 2026
- Wednesday, 20 January 2027
- Wednesday, 17 February 2027
- Wednesday, 17 March 2027
- Wednesday, 21 April 2027 (+ AGM)





GEORGETOWN 2026

NEW YEAR'S EVE

COME JOIN US

Georgetown Memorial Hall, Pitts Street

7pm - 12.30am

$20 per person (children under 12 are free)

Tickets purchased at the door will be $25

BYO DRINKS

Live Band "HORIZON"
Playing 50s 60s & 70s

Bookings essential

Payment options available

Registration forms available at: Georgetown postal service

Call Anne: 0427 359 395

Supper
Tea & Coffee included

Email: georgetownintothefuture@gmail.com



Drop the Dust Before You Hit the Seal

As harvest approaches, Northern Areas Council is encouraging farmers, truck drivers and contractors to help keep our townships safe and enjoyable by remembering to **Drop the Dust Before You Hit the Seal.**

Thousands of tonnes of grain will be transported across our region during harvest, with many vehicles travelling through local townships and on their way to grain receival sites including Gladstone and Jamestown.

While harvest is a vital part of our local economy, excessive dust entering towns can affect residents, businesses and visitors. Dust can reduce visibility, impact air quality and create additional cleaning and maintenance for homes and shopfronts.

Council is asking all drivers to slow down and take practical steps to minimise dust generation when approaching and travelling through townships.

GEORGETOWN MEMORIAL BOWING CLUB

The lawn bowls season is rapidly approaching with the first Saturday pennant game occurring on 10 October. In preparation for the upcoming season

Georgetown Club is playing a short trial match against Gladstone Club. The trial match commences at 6pm on the 25th September at the Georgetown Bowling Green. Come down and support our team.

This season, Georgetown is entering two teams,
One in Division 2 (O'Shaughnessy) and
One in Division 3 (Mahood).

Georgetown club is always open to new players. If you have never played lawn bowls and wish to try, our club will offer you some coaching and support to develop your game.

Please note:
As of early October, the bowling club and bar will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Further details will be placed at the Post Office prior to opening.

Australia Post

New postal charges came into effect on 1 September. A standard letter now requires $1.85 stamp. Concession stamps - $0.60. Christmas Card stamps - $0.65.
The Georgetown Postal Agency can supply the correct postage for letters and parcels.
Please take the opportunity to complete the short survey that has recently been placed in the community mailboxes. The Community Development Association will appreciate all survey's being returned by the end of September.
If you have any questions regarding postal matters, please speak with Rob at the Post Office or call him on 0438 583 093.

Flinders Mobile Library
www.flindersmobile.sa.gov.au

Town	September	October	November
GEORGETOWN 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Wednesday **16, 30**	Wednesday **14, 28**	Wednesday 11, 25

The Library Truck parks in front of the History Centre, on the Main Road.
A returns box is located at the Gladstone Council Office, so you can return items at any time.
The Library is part of the state wide LibrariesSA network and offers access to wide a range of physical and electronic services.
Libraries SA
For more information -
email: flindersmobile.library@libraries.sa.gov.au
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Report a Rubbish Road

Our roads are falling apart. You don't need me to tell you that. Potholes cracking rims, edges crumbling away, roads that were only just repaired now closed again after rain. You drive these roads every day, so you already know exactly what I'm talking about.

Since 2023, federal funding for regional roads was dropped by the Albanese-Labor Government, from covering 80 per cent of the cost down to 50 per cent. That gap hasn't disappeared. It's landed squarely on our regional state and local councils, who are stretched thin trying to maintain one of the biggest road networks in the country, and in some cases not doing any maintenance.

We saw the flood damage in the Far North earlier this year, and I'm glad that after my advocacy, emergency funds have come through for repairs. But patching roads after a disaster isn't the same as building them properly in the first place.

Two out of three people who die on country roads are country people. That should be enough on its own to make long-term road funding a priority, not an afterthought.

That's why I've launched the **Report a Rubbish Road** campaign. I want to hear from you so we can hold this government to account. Where the worst stretches are, what's been ignored, what needs fixing. Head to my website and fill out the form or the link below.

The more of us who speak up, the harder this is to ignore.

LINK: http://lbr.al/6s90

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