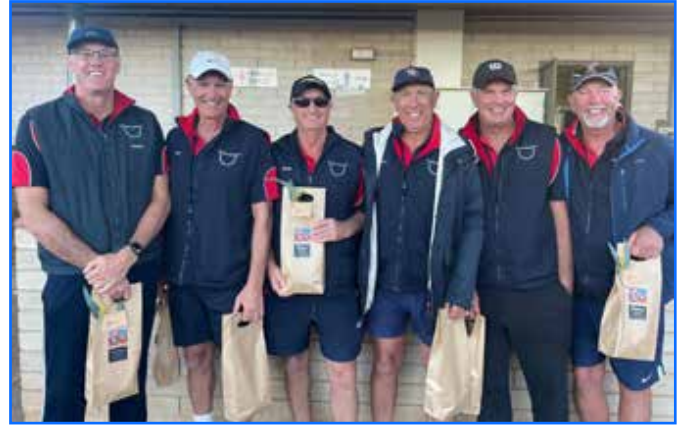




# 2024

## RIVERLAND CARNIVAL





## Riverland Carnival May 2024

Wow, what a weekend. Crisp mornings, bright sunny days. Very little wind. What could be better than playing 3 days of teams tennis on approximately 50 of the best grass courts the Riverland can offer. 70+ teams entered for the Carnival. A little down on other years but with the enthusiasm shown by those who played. The new format of playing at the one venue each day. Having all courts playing to an exceptionally good standard, then the word will be out and participation will rise.

With Mike Horsman and Barb Mc Pherson leading the innovative ideas, and congratulations to Loxton, Renmark and Barmera for taking up the challenge and providing great catering variety along with Berri's usual efficiency, it made it a pleasure for almost every team to support each venue. The pizza and fire pit experience was terrific and was also well attended.

Congratulations to the winners (presentation photos below). The crowd at the Presentations held at 4.30 (instead of the usual later time in the dark), was the biggest I can remember and its my 28th Carnival.

A reminder that the Australian Teams Championships 6th to 10th & Individual Championships 12th to 17th are being held in Adelaide next January 2025. Much more info to follow via website and emails, so keep a look out. Start formulating teams in 5 year age sections from 30s to 80s+.

Well done again to the Riverland Committee and all who participated.

Cheers, Ian Delbridge  
TSSA President











# **REPORT ON RIVERLAND TENNIS VETERAN 3 DAY EVENT**

Hi all,

*As you are all aware the 36th Riverland Veteran teams event was conducted last Saturday, Sunday and Monday.*

The Riverland Veterans Association would like to thank all clubs for the courts and catering that was conducted prior to and during the event. An exceptionally high positive response was forthcoming regarding the court surfaces, facilities and catering **at all venues**.

Several members of the veteran association spoke with many of the captains, players and spectators to get some feedback on how the event, and in particular the changes initiated this year, were received. (We have also put a feedback form out to captains and players to allow for both positive and negative comments to be submitted).

Our **initial feedback** has indicated very strong support for the single venue per day and the catering at all venues. The early start (8.30) was not quite as strongly supported however still appears to be around 90%.

The pizza night was well supported but we did receive quite a few comments regarding a “social” night, perhaps on the Sunday evening, to give more time to get together with other players. We will pursue this over the next couple of months to see if it is a feasible option.

**We are now looking to the clubs to give us your feedback on the event.**

- In particular was the catering adequately supported in most areas?
- Was the egg and bacon in the mornings a viable initiative?
- Given a “first up” at catering were there any major problems encountered that we need to address? (I appreciate that clubs may have identified local issues that they can handle at club level)!
- Was the requirement to “bag” the courts handled without too much difficulty – it was GREATLY appreciated by the players.
- We were made aware of a few minor issues at clubs and we will advise the clubs of these shortly.
- Is there anything we, as an association, can reasonably do to assist you with this event in the future?

Again our sincere thanks to all the clubs

Mike Horsman

President, Riverland Veterans Association.







