



Port Julia Progress Association

APRIL 2024 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Welcome to the second Newsletter for 2024 ,and I trust that the beautiful Autumn weather has brought with it long days out fishing on placid seas and lots of crabs and mixed bags of fish. The Bush Camping Ground is starting to quieten down as the caravans start to pack up and head North for warmer climes and this allows a lot of maintenance to be carried out while things are quieter.

The working bees are attracting a lot of helpers and we can tackle painting, slashing and trimming duties around the campground and our little township. The working bees are carried out on Tuesday mornings and usually last two hours, followed by a cuppa and some tasty treats supplied by our helpful band of volunteers who are a wonderful gang of willing and skilled helpers, and I thank them all sincerely for their efforts.

Green Waste Area



I have received many inquiries as to when we will be opening the green waste dump, and I am pleased to say that this will happen on Tuesday April 23rd, and green waste will be accepted from then.

I wish to give a big thank you shout out to all who have been patient and held their waste until we can legally burn at the end of April. I know this is very hard when people wish to clean their yards up, and sadly several people have chosen to ignore the advisory sign, and indeed the fencing that is in place, and dumped their waste regardless.

I can only continue to advise that this is selfish and unacceptable, and if a fire broke out during the time it is unattended, a catastrophic fire could result with so much pastoral land around us. To those who did this, please bear that in mind next year and wait until we reopen. This is a wonderful resource that saves a lot of expensive trips to the dump and we don't want Council to force us to close it down as they would, if we do not manage it safely.

Port Julia Survey

At our recent monthly meeting, the Committee committed to sending a survey to the community to ask for their thoughts on projects they may like to see undertaken by the PJPA or other entities such as the YP Council that will benefit our township. Our Secretary Colleen Bennett has sent out an email with a link to where suggestions can be made and the results will be collated and considered. The survey will close on April 24th and for those who have not been aware of that, the link is as below: <https://forms.gle/xLiCJzz9KE7syrYVA>

General Meeting on the June Long Weekend

The Committee have decided to hold a General Meeting on Saturday June 8th at the Brian Cherry Community Hall starting at 4pm, and all residents are invited. The results of the survey will be discussed and viewpoints taken, and also long-term plans will be discussed to gauge people's expectations and hopes. The meeting will be followed by a free sausage sizzle and soft drinks, tea and coffee plus BYO drinks.

Reichenbach Entrance



The paint on the name of the campground top rail was in poor condition, and also on the entrance posts and railing.

The Committee approved getting a cherry picker and painter in to tidy it all up. Jesse Hender carried out the height work, and the PJPA working bee painted the lower posts and railing. This has resulted in a bright welcome to caravanners arriving at the campground.



The Memorial Wall

The Memorial Wall at the Lookout is proving to be a place of tranquility where loved ones are remembered in a quiet place of reflection with a wonderful view. The PJPA has organized two plaques for our late Life Members – Graham Ward and Judy Prior (who passed away on 12 February).

The purchase, manufacture and placement of all plaques will be administered solely by McQueen Funerals, and an order and payment form can be found at the end of this newsletter.



The plaques may take up to three months to appear on the wall, so patience will be required after an order is placed, and will only proceed after payment is received by McQueen Funerals, bank details are on the order form.

New Emergency Sign

Sadly a life was lost during a late night time fishing endeavor in the Mills Beach area recently. It was brought to the attention of the Committee that for those involved they were not aware that we have a defibrillator available at the Brian Cherry Community Hall, as well as a free public phone box to call an ambulance. So we have taken steps to erect a prominent sign mounted on the Red Shed pointing out the locations of these two important items.

Graham's Garden

Some residents in Adonis Court have spent many months weeding and clearing the reserve area in the middle of the court before planting new plants. These have been well cared for to enable them to flourish.

The late Graham Ward was a major contributor to this garden area. In memory of Graham a sign has been erected to honour his involvement. Graham is sorely missed.



2024 Calendars

We still have some Port Julia 2024 calendars available if you haven't picked one up yet, these can be picked up from the Brian Cherry Community Hall. Please ask the Caretakers to open the hall so that you can obtain your copy.

Yorke Peninsula Saltwater Classic – 13/14 April

This was held at Stansbury and Port Vincent. One event was the Marine Art Exhibition at the Port Vincent Institute. The exhibition was the Saltwater Classic "Celebrating Life and the Sea", and there were approximately 90 entries, which included about 60 adult and 30 junior artists' exhibits.

Congratulations to our Vice President, Ann Gill, who won the People's Choice Award with her entry titled "True Blue" (the crab). Ann received a \$100 voucher as 1st Prize.



Organisers estimated about 500 people viewed the both the Art and the adjoining Wooden Boat display, and with the perfect weather, the Sea Regatta from Stansbury to Port Vincent was a great success. I was a member of the Coastguard crew who were on duty to ensure the safety of all participants on the water. Other outdoor attractions included a Classic Car display, Stationary Engines, market stalls and the Navy Band.



Photos taken at the bay at Port Vincent on Sunday.

The single boat (called St Ayles Skiff) with the long oars had a crew of five, including Ann Gill.



PJPA Succession Planning

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5th, and it is the intention of both myself as President and Ann Gill as Vice President to not stand for re-election. There is a need for these positions to be filled, and the work of the PJPA to continue to do the things we all like to see happen as far as keeping our township in tip top order, and to do this while retaining the charm that drew us all here in the first place.

I therefore am giving plenty of time between now and October for interested persons to nominate their interest in standing for these positions and/or filling Committee positions, as there will be a need for some positions there to be filled as well. Both Ann and I have enjoyed our roles as President and Vice President for the past six years, but it is now time for fresh thoughts and ideas to be brought to the table. I encourage and thank you for your considerations in thinking about standing in these positions and implementing new ideas as to how Port Julia should progress in the future.

Closing

On behalf of the Committee, once again thank you for the support that we are shown as we endeavor to work on your behalf at keeping Port Julia in the best of order that everyone can enjoy.

Finally, please check out the Port Julia Progress Association website where there is a lot of information included at www.portjuliapa.org.au

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