



Port Julia Progress Association

AUGUST 2024 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Welcome to the third Newsletter for 2024, and what a change in the weather patterns since the second Newsletter in April with shorter days and cold clear nights of very low temperatures. Still not a lot of rain falling, but enough to keep the crops growing with lovely green growth showing in most of the paddocks around town.

We experienced a very windy day in early July with a gust of 50 knots (96 kph) recorded from the north west, and which caused some minor damage to the new pergola in the campground, which we have since repaired.

A number of changes have occurred since April, with new faces and homes appearing and sadly, some familiar residents leaving for new adventures. The PJPA committee have been meeting regularly each month and have been involved in some new projects, which will include a new Community Notice Board on the Foreshore Reserve near the telephone box to replace the weather worn in use at present.

Also, in conjunction with the Yorke Peninsula Council, we have been successful in having the Give Way sign at the corner of Old Coast Road and Port Julia Road replaced with a Stop sign in recognition of a long history of near misses at this intersection. We extend thanks to our Councillor Tania Stock and Ian Yarrow from the YP Council for helping to gain this safety initiative.

Port Julia Survey

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, sent out an email with a link to where suggestions can be made and the results were collated and considered after the survey closed on 24th April. We thank the many people who took the time to respond with suggestions that were very positive and worthy of following up.

General Meeting on June Long Weekend

The Committee decided to hold a General Meeting on Saturday, 8th June at the Brian Cherry Community Hall, and all residents were invited. We had a great attendance of 37 people. The results of the survey were discussed and viewpoints taken, and also long-term plans were discussed of expectations and hopes. The meeting was then followed by a free sausage sizzle and soft drinks, tea and coffee (plus BYO drinks). This gave time for the attendees to enjoy catching up and also meeting new residents and homeowners in a very enjoyable and relaxed setting. The Committee will now start to implement the suggestions that were found to be possible within our capability and in order of priority.

Green Waste Area



This very popular and convenient resource was reopened on 23rd April, and green waste has been accepted with several burn-offs taking place to keep it under control. Thank you to all who use this facility and place their waste in a heap in the centre of the clearing, as this makes it very easy to pile up and burn off. We do not wish to burn plastics or other polluting materials and advise they should be taken to the Ramsay Waste Disposal Facility at 921 Dump Road, Port Vincent.

Stitch and Bitch News

This group meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month in the community hall at 1pm for an afternoon of Stitch & Bitch. Some sew, some knit, all crafts welcome, others just come for coffee & a chat.

We had a 2-day fun workshop in July to learn mosaic, run by Jenny @ Unique at Vincent. Thank you to Jenny for guidance & instruction and now there are mosaics popping up all over town.



Springtime Garden Walk



Jane and Fred, who have a home at No. 3 Julia Road, have transformed their front yard into a garden of wonders and delights. Jane is very keen to share her talents and garden with a proposed walk around Port Julia visiting other gardens at **1.30pm on Saturday 5th October.**

This will then tentatively culminate in a talk and garden plant sale with Kellie Saint from Gum Flat Nursery and will be held in the Brian Cherry Community Hall at 4.30pm with nibbles and tea and coffee supplied. This will then be followed by the PJPA AGM at 6pm and we hope that many will stay on to be present for this important meeting.

Mystery Stobie Pole Painter Revealed

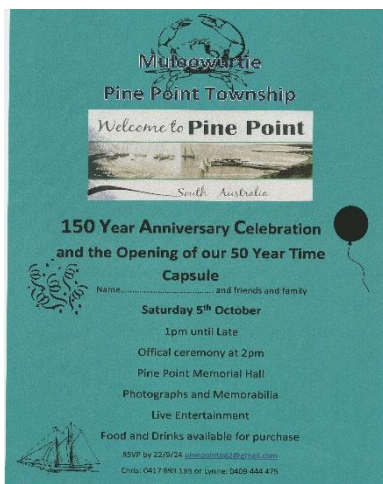


Recently you may have noticed that the stobie pole at the corner of Osprey Street and Julia Road has been given a new life with some very interesting scenes of bush camp life expertly painted on its lower area.

After much diligent and dedicated sleuthing work by myself, I can now reveal that the aforementioned Jane Baird has lent her talents to producing this artistic treat for us all to enjoy.

Congratulations Jane on your initiative at transforming a deadly dull pole into a canvas of delight. Be warned people, Jane may be visiting a stobie near you next!

Pine Point 150th Anniversary Celebration



The celebrations will commence at 1pm on Saturday, 5th October.

Contact Chris 0417 893 183 or Lynne 0409 444 475 for further information.

Email – pinpointpa2@gmail.com



New Plantings

On your next walk have a look at the new plantings of grass and ground cover that has been started at the triangular junction of Active and Jetty Roads. Committee Member Kingsley Coulthard sought PJPA approval to plant these new grasses as a way of mitigating erosion during runoff from rain. Council had reworked the area to allow a better way of handling rain water running off Active Road and had done a superb job in redirecting the water into a set of pipes that led to the outlet running under Jetty Road onto the beach.

However, the area looked very barren after the roadworks had been completed, leading to Kingsley suggesting that he could plant ground holding grasses and cover to beautify and keep the ground area stable. It's early days yet, but we hope that the grass plantings all take and improve this area.

Thank you Kingsley for carrying out this project.



Pine Point Progress Association



Two pop-up markets have been organized by the Association on 29 September and 15 December from 10am to 2pm.

Contact 0437 135 730 for more information, or email pineypopupmarket@gmail.com

Farewell to Brian and Jane Cherry

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to Brian and Jane after so many years of association with Port Julia. A large number of friends signed several cards that were given to Jane, along with a basket of treats, at her new residence at Hope Valley Lutheran Retirement Homes.

Illness has made the move necessary for them both, as Brian has been hospitalized for well over twelve months with complications of hip surgery, and Jane has also experienced severe health problems.



Both are remembered for their outstanding community service, and Brian in particular for the many projects he initiated while President of the Port Julia Progress Association.



The Easter Fairs always saw Brian and Jane heavily involved in setting up the marquees and produce stalls as well as many months of cooking leading up to the Fair, and they will be sadly missed, but not forgotten. I am sure we all join together in wishing them both all the very best as they start their new life at Hope Valley, and that Brian especially recovers his health to enjoy it.

PJPA Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday, 5th October**, 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. We want to keep our township in tip top order, and to do this while retaining the charm that drew us all here in the first place.

As this is probably my last Newsletter, I look back with pride at what the whole Committee, including Ann and myself, have been able to achieve since October 2018 when we were elected. I feel we are leaving Port Julia in a good position for the new incoming Committee to take over and continue.

In that time there have been many achievements:

- the Community Waste Water Scheme implemented to handle the septic system at the campground;
- the rework of the layout of the camping sites with a firefighting system;
- the rebuilding of the triangle area garden at the junction of Jetty, Julia and Active Roads, and a new welcome sign to Port Julia;
- we have purchased new equipment for mowing grass areas around Port Julia and new tools as well;
- we renovated the recycling shed to make it cleaner and safer for the volunteers;
- we have purchased and installed a commercial dishwasher for social functions at the Community Hall which has proved worthwhile;
- we purchased and installed a new solar light on the jetty and are currently overseeing the replacement of the original light, which is faulty and only works intermittently;
- we have sought and gained permission to use the Lookout area wall as a site for memorial plaques that can be placed by those wishing to remember a loved one associated with Port Julia - and which is starting to be used now;
- we are actively involved with Council and Dept of Transport on traffic management problems in our town;
- we continue to carry out improvements to walking trails, reserves and vegetation growth, as well as managing the green waste area in a safe manner.

The Centenary celebration of the Red Shed was another milestone, and these are some of the things that our Committee has been involved in and there are many more as well, but time and space do not allow for more detail.

The **Guest Speaker** at our AGM is **Bindi Hawkey**, Community Engagement Officer, **SA Country Fire Service**. Bindi will give a 20 minute presentation. However, she can arrange a Bushfire Ready presentation (90 minutes plus questions) for the Port Julia community at a different date (in addition to the AGM talk), so the community will be prepared to plan for a bushfire. The PJPA will look at this option.

Closing

In closing, I wish to thank my fellow associates on the current and previous Committees during my time as President. It has been an honour to meet each month and discuss issues and implement strategies that see good outcomes for our town. I have enjoyed working with you all.

I especially make mention of our wonderful Secretary, Colleen Bennett, as everyone knows that it is the Secretary who does all the hard work, and Colleen certainly does that. Also, our Treasurer, Faye Matthews, who keeps our finances on track with an eagle eye, and I am pleased that both these ladies have stated they wish to continue in their roles, making the new committee's job much easier.

I also wish to thank the various people I have had contact with over the years that are or were in YP Council positions, Steven "Goldy" Goldsworthy for his unstinting efforts at helping wherever he could for Port Julia; his replacement - Ian Yarrow; Nick Hoskins for his cheerful can-do manner; and of course our favorite Councillor, Tania Stock, who has become a good friend as well in all our dealings with her. Also our newest Councillor, Trevor Clerke, an old school chum of mine, who is always available to help where he can. Finally, for the support and encouragement that I received from members and townspeople. Thank you all.

I wish all those who nominate and take up positions at the AGM all the very best in your positions, and hope your time is enjoyable and satisfying.

As always, 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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