



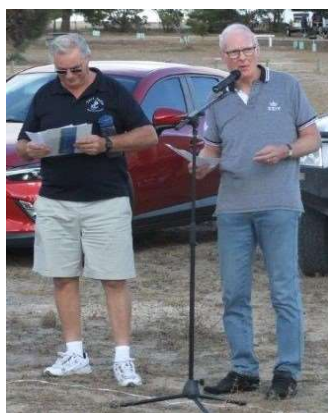
Port Julia Progress Association

February 2019 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members

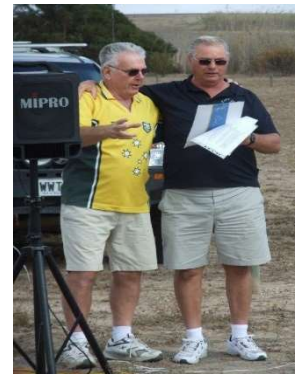
Thank you to all who attended our Australia Day Brunch held on Saturday, 26 January at the Reichenbach Bush Campground. Approximately 65 people took part in the short ceremony, where I welcomed everybody and gave a brief history of this event at Port Julia, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and raising of the Australian flag.

We enjoyed a scrumptious brunch of sausages, bacon, eggs, tomatoes, baked beans and toast with orange juice, tea and coffee in the Brian Cherry Community Hall - which had been decorated in a very Australian manner.



I wish to thank all the Committee Members who worked diligently to enable a successful function – Roger, Leonore, Ann and David for decorating the hall; Trevor and Geoff on the BBQ; Bob and May for cooking the eggs and tomatoes and the famous baked beans in ham sauce; Faye for handling the finances; Colleen, Leonore, Ann and Trish for serving everyone.

Roger set up the PA system and surprised everybody with a wonderful selection of Australian bush ballad music, and thanks to Graham for raising the flag, which I am happy to report went without a hitch. If I have missed anyone please accept this as a thank you, and it was very satisfying to hear so many positive comments from the attendees.



February Community Dinner

The Committee has cancelled the proposed Community Dinner planned for 9 February due to the short time span after the Australia Day event. We intend to hold a community Winter Dinner on Saturday, 8 June, on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. We hope to see many of you attend, and the Committee is considering a theme for the dinner and a guest speaker.

Easter Fair – 20 April



Our raffle books are now available for purchase with excellent cash and other prizes again this year. Our Secretary, Colleen Bennett, has posted out books to all members who responded last year. If you have missed out and wish to take part in the raffle, please ring either Colleen (0417 877 316) or myself (0419 837 372) and we will arrange to get books to you. You may also notice them in various shops and businesses in the surrounding towns.

Attached is a flyer regarding Easter Fair. If you are able to help on a stall let the Secretary know. We will also be collecting donations closer to the time.

Bush Campground Septic System

One of our members raised the issue of costs associated with the upgraded effluent disposal system at the Reichenbach Bush Campground administered by the Port Julia Progress Association. Below is a brief history and the costs incurred with the project.

- The existing single toilet was extended to three cubicles due to the increase in campers.
- The Yorke Peninsula Council advised that the existing septic tank was inadequate following a very busy Easter weekend four years ago.
- The Council asked that we reduce the number of camp sites to 30 (previously there were 60) immediately.
- Various options were researched, including soil permeation tests and engineering designs being drawn up to provide the best solution.

- Any decision made needed to comply with the Department of Health regulations and hygiene standard.
- The solution was to upgrade the system in two stages. Stage 1 entailed the installation of large capacity holding tanks to cope with the greater amounts of effluent.
- The total amount incurred by the Association for the cost of building two extra toilets, the research and engineering drawings and soil sampling, plus the installation and connection of the new system is \$43,000 over the four year period of the project.
- We received a Community Development Grant from the Department of Infrastructure of \$6000 to offset some of these costs.
- We are monitoring the pump out costs – in the 12 months prior to the new system being installed the cost was \$10,090; in the 6 months with the new system the pump out has been \$1,598.
- The Association has received \$67,769 in campground fees over the four year period, which has fully covered our costs with Stage 1 of the system.
- Stage 2 involves connecting into the Council Waste Water Management System on Mills Road – which is used currently by the eleven shacks adjacent to the boat ramp.
- Stage 2 involves submerged pumps, underground piping and wiring, and a monitor station – this has been costed at \$62,000. However, it will not proceed unless we can obtain a Grant for the full amount or the Yorke Peninsula Council agree to cover the costs.
- This was the direction given by Members at the PJPA 2018 Annual General Meeting, and we will continue to look at all options, other than using our own funds.

We feel we have satisfied the Health Authorities and can continue to operate the campground as an entity capable of bringing much needed income to allow the Association to use those funds to benefit the community.

Road Safety, Residents Win

We received a Road Safety Grant to improve the approach of the intersections at Old Coast Road and Active Road and also Port Julia Road. The Grant needs to be acquitted by 4 June 2019, but we need to provide engineering drawings before any work can commence by the Yorke Peninsula Council. Roger Underwood has kindly agreed to resume jointly looking after this project with me following his recovery from recent illness - thank you Roger.

Drakes Foodland Community Dollars

For every \$2 spent when shopping at a Drakes Foodland the Association receives one cent. Every six months (May and November) we receive the amount collected over that time (by way of a Foodland voucher).



I am pleased to report that in November 2018 we received a voucher to the value of \$80.00. Thank you to everyone who has used their barcode tag when shopping.

If you do not have a tag, please contact the Secretary, Colleen Bennett, who will mail one out to you – secretary@portjuliapa.org.au or ring 0417 877 316.

The tags can be used at any of the 36 Drakes Foodland stores that are spread throughout the metropolitan and country areas of South Australia.

Caution!

Residents are concerned that there are vehicles speeding along **Osprey Street** and kicking up lots of dust. Motorists should be aware that the speed limit is **50 kph**. Please ensure you do the right thing and keep to the speed limit.



Closing

On behalf of the Committee we thank you for the support shown as we endeavour to work on your behalf at keeping Port Julia looking its best for everyone to enjoy.

At the Easter Fair Roger will be managing the Information/Memorabilia Stall, where he will be welcoming any suggestions and comments by the residents. What would you like to see happen in our town in the future? What skill sets can you offer the Association to help achieve desirable outcomes? The stall will also include a photographic display of successful projects that the Association has achieved over the years.

A community survey was undertaken a number of years ago, which resulted in a Concept Plan, which we have largely addressed. This may now not reflect the wishes and desires of our newer community demographic, so please feel free to approach Roger at the Fair with any issues that are concerning you - we welcome all feedback for future discussions by the Committee.

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

You can contact me if you have any issues or email our Secretary, Colleen Bennett – secretary@portjuliapa.org.au

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2019 PORT JULIA EASTER FAIR



REICHENBACH PARK
SATURDAY, 20 APRIL
8:30am to 12:30pm



STALLS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

BEETLE RACES (*ALWAYS POPULAR!*)
EASTER RAFFLE (*WITH CASH AND OTHER PRIZES*)
DELICIOUS CAKES, PIES, PASTIES, SAUSAGE ROLLS
CHOCOLATE WHEEL (*WITH AMAZING PRIZES*)
SECONDHAND BOOKS (*ENJOY A RELAXING READ*)
SCRUMPTIOUS JAMS AND PRESERVES
TRASH & TREASURE
FRESH MARKET PRODUCE
BEST BARBECUE EVER!
PORT JULIA MEMORABILIA
PLUS EASTER BUNNY

ALL WELCOME – COME ALONG FOR A GREAT DAY

