



Port Julia Progress Association

FEBRUARY 2024 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2024 and I trust that the New Year has been good to you all so far. We are seeing some very mixed weather, with plenty of windy days keeping our fishers off the water, but our Bush Campground has seen a huge influx of visitors travelling around our beautiful region.

Our Caretakers, Belinda and Chris, have been kept very busy looking after them and keeping the campground facilities looking very neat and clean. I would like to bring you up to date with what the Committee has been involved in since my last Newsletter in October last year.

Christmas Dinner

A wonderful night was held on December 9th when 30 people gathered at the Dalrymple Hotel in Stansbury to enjoy some great fellowship, drinks, jokes, prizes and a scrumptious meal. We have now had five Christmas dinners at this venue and always been given courteous, efficient and friendly service, and it has been a pleasure dealing with this family-owned hotel.

Australia Day Brunch

Thank you to all who attended our Australia Day brunch held on Friday, January 26th at the Reichenbach Bush Campground. Approximately 90 people attended and took part in the short ceremony, where I welcomed everybody and read a humorous poem simply entitled "Poem" written by Tony Hurey. This was followed by Roger Underwood who also read a poem entitled "Australia Day" by Steve Rogers, a poignant and meaningful look at our country.

The singing of the National Anthem and raising of the Australian flag was then carried out. This was followed by a scrumptious brunch of sausages, bacon, onions, 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 acknowledge and thank all the Committee Members and friends who worked very hard on bringing this function to such a successful and enjoyable outcome:

- Colleen Bennett, Roger Underwood, Leonore Latz and Gil and Helene Gray for setting up and decorating the hall so wonderfully well;
- Steve Lewis and Kingsley Coulthard on the barbecues, cooking sausages and bacon;
- Judy Clayton and Kim Barrett for cooking the eggs and tomatoes;
- Belinda Coller on the toaster;
- Faye Matthews, Helene Gray, Colleen Bennett and Simon Cobbledick for serving the hungry hordes;
- Roger Underwood for setting up the PA system; and
- Gil Gray for raising the flag.

If I have missed anyone out, please accept this as a thank you, and it was very satisfying to hear so many positive comments from the attendees. This gives us encouragement to continue this iconic community event here in Port Julia. A donation was asked of those attending, and we raised \$350 for the Flying Doctor Service, which is an excellent result.



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.

Australia Day Honour

It was my great honour to have been one of six people nominated for the Yorke Peninsula Council Citizen of the Year Award for 2024. The award ceremony was held at the Maitland Town Hall in the afternoon of Australia Day, and was attended by our Mayor Mr. Darren Braund, the Federal Member for Grey, Mr. Rowan Ramsey, and other dignitaries.

Ultimately, the Award went to Mr. Ben Wundersitz, who was a very deserving winner, but all the Nominees were congratulated on the roles they play in the communities they live in. I was very humbled to be included in their company.

*Perry is pictured with Darren Braund,
Mayor of Yorke Peninsula Council*



The Memorial Wall

In November last year Council granted permission to use the Lookout stone wall as a Memorial Wall for the placing of plaques honouring the memory of those who have passed on, and who were associated with Port Julia.

There are strict guidelines required by Council, and the PJPA is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the location. In December a small number of volunteers undertook a tidy up and repaint of rails, shelter shed and seat.

The purchase, manufacture and placement of all plaques will be administered solely by McQueen Funerals and an order and payment form is attached.

The plaques may take up to three months to appear on the wall, depending on work load and availability, so patience will be required after an order is placed. Payment must be received by McQueen Funerals before the order is completed -, bank details are on the order form.

Year of the Dragon

2024 is the year of the “wood dragon”. The dragon is the 5th in the Chinese Zodiac sign. Dragon’s personality traits are: **charismatic, intelligent, confident, powerful -and they are naturally lucky and gifted.** In everything that they do, they tend to do it to the best of their ability with high standards.

Year of the Dragon includes 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012 and 2024.



Campground Shade Structure



We now have an additional structure adjacent to the BBQ Shed that is covered in shade cloth, and which allows more campers to gather for their happy hours in comfort.

The work was mainly carried out by Brian Purcell to whom we are very grateful for his energetic leadership and tradesman's skills. He has given us such a great new area, which has proved very popular with the campground patrons - thank you very much Brian.

Rainwater Tanks

It has been drawn to our attention that E.coli has been detected in a rainwater sample taken recently in Port Julia. It may be prudent to have your water tested, especially if you drink the water that comes straight off your roof without being filtered, or having the water first flush diverted before entering the tanks.

Bird droppings on the roof being washed into the gutters and downpipes, and tanks are strongly suspected of being the source of the contamination.

Approved water testers can be found in the Yellow Pages, and include The Australian Water Quality Centre in Victoria Square Adelaide.



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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