



Port Julia Progress Association

JULY 2022 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Welcome to the second Newsletter for 2022, and I hope everyone is keeping warm in the icy mornings we have been experiencing. The farmlands are covered in a lovely green, and the promise of another successful harvest year has optimism in the community, and if the price of fuel goes down, it will put smiles on many more faces. My rain gauge shows we have had just under 300mm for the year so far with a lot of that coming from the heavy January and March events that put so much moisture into the top soils in paddocks and gardens. It is a relatively quiet year, but things are still happening and I hope this newsletter shows that the PJPA Committee is very much proactive and productive.

General Meeting

A General Meeting called on Saturday June 11th was attended by the Committee and seventeen residents who had the opportunity to discuss issues that had been raised both in correspondence and verbally.

The subjects raised were discussed and answers given where possible and concerns noted, but no decisions were made as the correct procedure was to have the Committee review all the points raised at their monthly meeting. This has now been done, and the results emailed out to members, and I will give an overview here of those concerns that required a decision to be made by the Committee.

Swimming Pontoon: A survey of members views was sent out by our Secretary on whether the pontoon should be kept or removed. This has now been finalized and the result listed below.

Wheelie Bins with speed signs written on them: Committee discussed this and decided that each bin was the personal property of the resident involved, and we have no grounds to demand any action regarding their use.

Site Fees of Campground: The Committee decided to raise the daily fee from \$10 to \$15 and the weekly fee from \$60 to \$90. This has been met with acceptance by visitors since it commenced on July 1st.

Social Events: Covid has reduced activities, but we intend to have a celebration of the Centenary of the Red Shed on October 1st – see below.

Bituminizing of Active Road: The Committee decided to discuss this with Stephen Goldsworthy, and this has been done. On his advice a letter has been sent to the Yorke Peninsula Council requesting that the road be bituminized. We received an answer from Mr. Andre Kompler (Director Assets and Infrastructure) that funding for roads is limited. and priorities are given to maintaining sealed roads that require urgent maintenance to prevent much larger and costlier work having to be done later. The Committee understands and accepts that if Active Road was to be bituminized, then quite rightly residents on other roads in the township would also like their roads resurfaced as well.

A light at the T-Junction of the Vincent Highway and Port Julia Road: This was followed up with a letter to the SA Power Network and they have advised that they will liaise with YP Council to investigate the request and progress it.

Swimming Pontoon Survey

The results of the Community survey as to whether the pontoon should be kept or removed has been finalized, with 62% of respondents wishing to retain it and 38% voting to remove it. The pontoon will therefore stay in place for the foreseeable future, as voted by the majority of respondents.



Red Shed Centenary



Yorke Peninsula Council has completed an extensive upgrade of the historic Red Shed near the jetty. On October 1st we will be celebrating the Centenary of the Red Shed from 1pm to 3pm, with limited catering - drinks, a barbecue, salads - and music will be available to the community.

The Mayor of Yorke Peninsula Council, Mr Darren Braund, will be unveiling a plaque to mark the occasion.

There will also be a limited release of a very drinkable Red Shed Centenary Shiraz from Barley Stacks Wines at \$30/bottle. These must be pre-ordered promptly and paid via the Secretary for pickup on the day.
(secretary@portjuliapa.org.au)

Publicity has also been received via the YP Country Times and Radio 5AU regarding the Red Shed, as follows: “Port Julia’s iconic red shed has received a much-needed facelift just in time for its 100-year celebrations in October. Works on the shed kicked off early last month, with money the Yorke Peninsula Council received through a stimulus grant.

The shed was built in 1920 and was used as a goods shed while the town was still a busy port.

Port Julia Progress Association Member, Graham Ward, says the shed has hosted several the town's best moments, including BBQs and parties, and the October long weekend centenary celebration will be a good chance to christen the much-loved building for another 100 years.

The shed is believed to be one of only two of its kind remaining on the YP.”



Annual General Meeting

The PJPA AGM will be held that night (October 1st) at 6pm, with drinks and nibbles to follow the meeting.



New Campground Caretakers

Our new Caretakers, Chris Venning and Belinda Coller, are now on site and taking good care of our campground.

They look forward to meeting the community and carrying on the good work of Joe and Robyn Garland, who have now resumed life on the road. We wish them well as they endeared themselves to all who came in contact with them. Robyn and Joe received many outstanding reviews from campground patrons, and we look forward to seeing them again if their travels bring them back to Port Julia.

Say hello to Chris and Belinda if you are near the campground, Belinda is a keen fisher and enjoys catching a meal at our jetty!

Erosion on Jetty Road cliff face



The Association has called for action to be taken to address the erosion along the cliff face adjacent to Jetty Road which has now reached a dangerous point.

Council has agreed it is dangerous, and are looking at possibly placing a rock wall at the bottom of the cliff face, then putting backfill in to replace the eroded soil.

Whatever solution they come up with, it will be an expensive and massive undertaking. It will require much cleanup work of rocks on the beach, and also require landscaping and beach access arrangements afterwards.

New Solar Light



If you are brave enough to visit the jetty on these very cold nights, you will have noticed that we now have a second solar light at the inshore end of the jetty. This was requested by several keen fisher people who noted the previously dark area which was also a good fishing position and the new warm glow light has been accepted with enthusiasm.

The Committee applied for a Council Community Grant to help with the purchase cost, and we were successful. We thank Yorke Peninsula Council for the Grant, and also their help in installing the light which benefits our community.

Fishing Line Recycling Containers



While visiting the jetty you may have noticed two new additions mounted on the guardrail which look rather strange. The accompanying notice on each explains that they have been installed to be receptacles for unwanted fishing line that would otherwise perhaps end up in the sea - causing many problems with our sea life through entanglement and ingestion by fish, dolphins and other marine animals. Many thanks go to our newest Committee Member, Margie Rowley, for this thoughtful suggestion.

Green Waste Area

This has been reopened since May after the fire ban season ended, and it is obviously a popular facility for residents. We have had several burn offs already, with everybody holding their green waste until the facility reopened. Thank you to you all for doing the right thing, and we hope this convenient waste disposal area will continue to benefit the community of Port Julia.

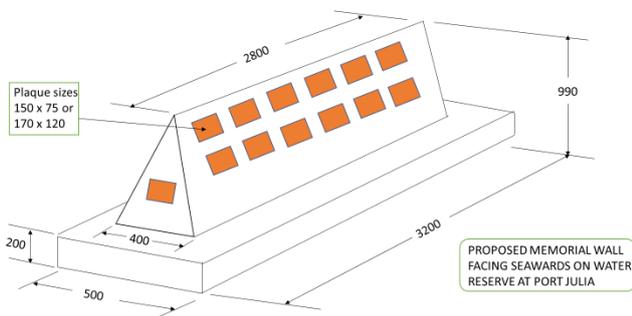


Speed Humps



As a result of the traffic speed data collector that was installed last October, the Council has installed new traffic calming speed humps - just past the Osprey St and Julia Road junction. The Council intend to monitor the effects of this on vehicle speeds, and may add other speed humps if needed e.g. at the start of the 50km entrance to the township if vehicles entering are still speeding.

Future Projects



The Committee is hopeful of gaining Council approval for a Memorial Wall to be installed in a quiet area near the carpark at the northern end of the public reserve.

Pictured are some draft designs of the wall.



Drakes Community Dollars

I am pleased to report that in June we received a voucher to the value of \$93.00 that we can use to purchase supplies from Drakes at Ardrossan – this helps keep our costs down when planning social events etc. Thank you to everyone who has used their tag when shopping - the PJPA receives 1 cent for every \$2 spent at any Drakes store, and as you can see, this adds up after a while.



PLEASE REMEMBER...

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE – from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

A **MEMBERSHIP FORM** is attached.



Thank you to those who have paid their membership fees already.

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.

As always, please feel free to raise any suggestions or concerns with either myself or any other Committee Member, and be assured that each one will be reviewed and discussed at a monthly meeting of the PJPA.

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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