

**PJPA PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2017**

It is my pleasure to submit the President's Report of the Port Julia Progress Association on behalf of the Management Committee for 2016/2017 term of office.

This year we saw a successful social programme prepared by the Committee for the full twelve months. Although we did not make a large profit, all those who attended had an enjoyable time. These events included the following:

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** (32 attendees) held at the Curramulka Hotel, who provided an excellent Christmas style meal. For those who travelled by bus to attend the Dinner must have wondered if the Publican was a member of A.A. – the bus he drove left at 9.30pm to take the passengers back to Port Julia. Some of the members had just started to get in the swing of things – at least they had a clear head in the morning!

**AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST** held on 28 January (not the official holiday of Thursday, 26 January). This was attended by members and friends – a typical Australian meal of bacon, eggs, sausages and toast, plus cereal if required.

**SUMMER DINNER** held on 4 March. Approx. 30 people attended and had a very enjoyable time. Unfortunately numbers were down on previous booking responses received earlier which left some food left-over.

**EASTER FAIR** on Saturday, 15 April

- We had a good attendance of local and visiting tourists and Peninsula residents that wandered around buying goods on offer. This successful event is only achieved by the hard work of Committee, members and friends who provided donated goods for sale.
- The pies/pasties/sausage rolls once again had good sales and many thanks to Sandy Ising and her team of cooks.
- Once again the racing of our thoroughbred Beetle Racing Team provided to be very popular. Thank you Perry and Trevor for your efforts.
- The barbeque stall worked flat out all morning selling egg/bacon rolls and tea/coffee/cold drinks, and they eventually sold out of food. Well done cooks and helpers.
- The raffle is still very popular and the winning numbers were drawn at Midday.
- All stalls, including books, clothing, trash and treasure, memorability, fruit and veg, Hoopla Stall, all enjoyed good interest.
- We had a couple of stalls from outside interest which provided variety to our offerings, together with the restored motor vehicles which brought back many fond memories.

**WINTER DINNER** held on Sunday, 11 June. This was a very well attended event with 68 diners sitting down for a well-prepared menu cooked and presented by the Committee and members – consisting of soup, roast beef and vegetables, followed by ice cream nut sundaes.

Social programmes are a hard area to develop, as we try to provide events that are attractive to our members and friends, and I know that the Committee would be grateful for new ideas for future social and fundraising events and seek your assistance.

## **BUSH CAMPGROUND CARETAKERS**

- We have new Caretakers in Sue and Alan Jones who commenced operations early December 2016, and they have settled in and done well to manage our thirty (30) camp sites, ensuring that all fees are collected.
- Their duties include cleaning of the toilets, maintenance of the camping area and ensuring the area is neat and tidy and safe.
- They organise “happy hours” at the barbeque area for campers, and they have set up a vegetable garden plus planted fruit trees which will hopefully supply fruit.
- Thank you Sue and Alan for your professional and hardworking approach and assisting all campers to enjoy what Port Julia has to offer – thanks and well done. At this stage they will be here until after Easter 2018.

**COMMUNITY HALL BREAK-IN** – We unfortunately had our first unwanted break-in to the hall and recycle shed, with various items stolen, e.g. chainsaw, petrol in jerry cans, fire extinguishers, spanners, tie down straps, shackles, plus damage to doors and windows. This was all covered by insurance (our first claim for 12 years).

**SOLAR PANELS** – Solar panels were approved by the Committee to be installed on the recycle shed roof to help lower the ever increasing electricity cost to run the park. This project was managed by Perry Woodward who obtained quotes and supervised the installation and commissioning of their operation. He restructured our electricity costs with supplier AGL, providing us with a cheaper cost than we previously had, plus the rebate we obtained with solar panels. Well done Perry, an excellent outcome. Many thanks from Committee and members.

**NEW SHADE SHELTER** – You may have noticed at the Easter Fair a new shelter over the barbeque area food stall. This was built by Committee Member Bob Hudson, with materials paid for by the Association. Bob capably organised the design and construction of the shelter. Thanks Bob for another usable/demountable shelter for the Association.

**GRANTS** – This year there was two areas of Grant activity, i.e. completing Grants from the previous Committee as the years overlapped and new Grants applied for and won this year.

### **Grants commenced by 2015/2016 Committee**

- **RAA Regional Safety Grant of \$5000** – This was used for a crossing from the cliff top stairs, leading across the road to the Red Shed, by placing safety barriers and crossing signs to inform motorists that children/adults are crossing the road – take care. The project was designed by PJPA in consultation with the Yorke Peninsula Council and works carried out by the Council. **Completed August 2017**
- **Safe Roads Programme in Port Julia** – Commenced by 2015/2016 Committee President Roger Underwood. Bitumen spray seal to junction of Julia Road and Osprey Street. Fully supported by Councillor Tania Stock in presenting cost to Yorke Peninsula Council. **Completed and paid for by YPC, approx. \$21,000.**
- **Walking Trail** from Reichenbach Park to stairs above the Red Shed – completed by Yorke Peninsula Council to complement crossing at Red Shed. **Completed and paid for by YPC and PJPA.** Signage by PJPA.

## Grants 2016/2017.

- **Stairs clifftop above Boat Ramp – southern end of Active Road.** Submitted to PIRSA \$26,000 to provide access for residents to boat ramp, beach, fire assembly area. Design by YPC.  
**Grant application unsuccessful** – package prepared will be submitted later when suitable Grant available. Project Manager Perry Woodward.
- **RAA Regional Safety Grants 2016/2017; \$5000 maximum.** Submitted for a defibrillator to be mounted on the external wall of the Community Hall, Port Julia. Applied for \$3000.  
**Grant application unsuccessful.** Project Manager Brian Cherry.
- **NRM Community Grant Programme 2017/2018** – Applied for \$6395.00 for re-vegetation of Graham Ward Northern Walking Trail.  
**Grant application successful** and completed 21 August to 25 August 2017.  
Project Managers – Brian Cherry and Kevin Ising
- **Yorke Peninsula Council Community Grants 2017/2018**– Submitted application for \$2000.00 for purchase of a 400 litre spray tank costing \$2700.00.  
**Grant application successful** as of 19 September 2017 (“Yorke Peninsula Times”).  
Project Manager – Brian Cherry.
- **Solar lights** – A request for \$16000 to purchase four (4) pole-mounted solar lights positioned at top of stairs along the cliff face.  
Project managed by Kevin Ising through Councillor Tania Stock to have this request included in the Council Budget 2017/2018.  
**Grant application successful** – Yorke Peninsula Council to obtain quotes after Kevin submitted types of lights to be purchase. Council will install with PJPA volunteer help.

**HOSTED VINTAGE TRUCKS/UTES AUSTRALIA WIDE AT PJPA COMMUNITY HALL** – Kitchen and hall hired to John and Nola Buttfield, Port Vincent Convenors, for a Sunday lunch for all drivers and support staff of trucks/utes.

**TUESDAY MORNING WORKING BEES** – This time slot continues on with members (2-10) attending each Tuesday morning. Work involved: bottle/can sorting, town maintenance, cutting/mowing grass, poisoning of weeds, trimming trees, planting seedlings, any work which can be done to help develop Port Julia.

**DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SEWERAGE SYSTEM BUSH CAMPING AREA** – This proposed development has been progressing since Easter 2016 when the existing system overflowed when the number of toilets was increased from one to three, and to 50 campsites on the bush campground.

- Between April 2016 and up to October 2016 many meetings and emails took place between PJPA and Yorke Peninsula Council regarding the type of system Council would approve. Our then Consultant had submitted three amended designs, but were refused by Yorke Peninsula Council Building/Health Officers.

- At a meeting with the Health Officer in December 2016, I was informed that YPC cannot approve designs as it is over 40EP (40 equivalent persons), and any further designs will have to be submitted to the Department of Public Health and Ageing.
- In December 2016 I met with an Officer of the Department of Health and Ageing re our predicament, and was informed the “On Site Waste Water Management Systems Code” – not public toilets figures.
- 19 January 2017 – New Consultant appointment from Australian Water Environments, Greenhill Road, Adelaide – Mr David Pennington, Senior Design Engineer.
- Met with YPC 15/3/17 Mr S Goldsworthy, to discuss toilets, and if he could refer us to YPC Officer for advice. Referred me to Mr Grant Smith, Infrastructure Manager responsible for all YPC Waste Water Management systems.
- 28/3/17 - New design received from Australian Water Environments consisting of twelve (12) soakage trenches, taking up half the oval.
- 17/5/17 - Met with Grant Smith to discuss our predicament, and he stated that we could connect into the Council’s WWM system services the eleven (11) beachfront shacks and passes our bush camp area. We had been told previously by other YPC Officer that this was not possible.
- 20/6/17 – Met with Grant Smith and Dave Pennington on site to discuss new design proposal. PJPA Committee had given approval to proceed with designing a system that will be able to connect to YPC WWM Treatment Plant.
- Present time – new design developed and is being costed.
- It will require the PJPA to approach the Yorke Peninsula Council for a loan to complete this project, as we do not have sufficient funds. To be discussed later on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting.

This activity has taken a considerable amount of time to arrive at this design, but once costings and construction plans are finalized, then we can provide more time in managing and development of Port Julia for members and residents.

## **THANK YOU**

As President I would like to thank the Committee for their work in providing solid management of the PJPA and the help they have given me to carry out the duties of President.

- Special thanks to Colleen, our Secretary, in providing secretarial skills of a high standard. This was her first year in the role of Secretary and many times I thought that she had been in this position for many years. A great asset for PJPA.
- To our Treasurer, Faye, thanks for controlling the financial system, payment of accounts, collecting monies. Treasurer is one of the hardest jobs on a Committee. Thanks Faye.

- Thanks to Kevin Ising for his support and advice in managing the PJPA Committee and his commitment with KESAB Sustainable Communities Award and his desire to develop attractive walking trails in the local area.
- To Perry for being a computer link between the Secretary and Treasurer and being the “go between’ with the Camp Caretakers and PJPA.
- Special thanks to Tania Stock, Yorke Peninsula Councillor, for attending our Committee Meetings and representing us at Council Meetings when required.

Ann thanked Brian for the many hours he has spent working for the Committee to ensure positive outcomes for Port Julia. His efforts are very much appreciated.

**CLOSING** – Thank you to all members and friends for supporting the Management Committee.

**Brian Cherry**

**PRESIDENT, PJPA 2016/2017**