

Port Julia Progress Association

February Newsletter 2016

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear PJPA Members,

This newsletter will begin at Christmas 2015 and will finish with Easter 2016 with mention of significant events in between.

Christmas Dinner 2015



This event, held at the Curramulka Hotel after bus travel from Port Julia, was exceptionally well attended: indeed, the largest number for several years. Photographs taken by roving camera person David Stum are on the PJPA website (www.portjuliapa.org.au) and include one of the Committee on the left. Thank you to all who supported and enjoyed this function. The evening time slot and the bus option certainly attracted many members.

Back: Faye Matthews, Roger Underwood, Paul Mason, Perry Woodward, Bob Hudson.

Front: Jenny Mason, Colleen Bennett, Ann Gill.

Absent: Trevor Wright

Replacement Beach Shelter

Despite extreme heat, Neil Dutschke met his commitment by ensuring that the replacement beach shelter was erected and completed for the Christmas holiday period. Thank you Neil!

The warm weather attracted many residents and holiday makers to the beach and the large numbers who used the shelter and commented favourably on it certainly justified its replacement and particular style.

A plaque acknowledging this structure as a joint venture between our Association and the Yorke Peninsula Council will be attached to the shelter next week.





Australia Day Celebration and Brunch

Once again, because of the superb efforts of many volunteers, this annual function was successfully held and resulted in a small profit.

Thank you to Bronny Hatfield, Sandy Ising and and Jenny Clewlow for decorating the hall and preparing the tables in such fine style and to our kitchen helpers who worked tirelessly to serve the usual and expected high standard of eggs, bacon, sausages, toast, tomato, onion and orange juice. These included Jenny and Paul Mason, Stretch and Sue Wright, Perry Woodward, Margy Nolan, Barb Bryant, Bob and May

Hudson and Faye Matthews. If I have inadvertently omitted anyone, please forgive me on the basis of a claimed senior memory lapse!

Our numbers were down substantially because the real Australia Day holiday was on Tuesday 26 rather than on the Sunday, resulting in fewer locals and campers being in town for the usual long weekend. Next year's Committee will need to plan this event with the actual holiday occurring on a Thursday.



Project Updates

Campsite New Toilets

Paul Mason and Bob Hudson have completed erecting the steel structure on the recently poured concrete floor surrounding the plumbing. Their commitment, skill and expertise, supported by other volunteers on Tuesdays, have combined to keep this project moving to a successful conclusion. Well done, Fellas!



The steel cladding and second fittings have been ordered and it is confidently anticipated that this facility will be available for the many campers expected at Easter time.

The outcome of our Stronger Communities grant application through Federal MP Rowan Ramsay's office is still unknown, but we hope to hear some good news soon! Should we get a grant, this will alleviate the present pressure on our funds for other Association activities.

Proposed Stone Entrance

The plans for this project are currently with Council and we are waiting upon Development Approval from them. Once this is received we will be able to commence this project after Easter.

A recent grant application from Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal was unsuccessful. (Thanks, Stretch Wright for your time and effort in preparing this grant application). Stretch and I

intend to work on this original application with a Port Julia History focus and resubmit it to FRRR for their further consideration.

Safe Roads/Residents Win Project

A meeting in Adelaide, initiated and attended by Perry Woodward and me with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and the consultant engineer from SMEC resulted in a further meeting to be held locally in Port Julia on February 15.

This meeting will include the consultant, senior representatives from the Yorke Peninsula Council and members of the PJPA subcommittee. It will address the plan developed on our behalf for the Residents Win Program, joint funding clarification and the wider road safety issues encompassed in the PJPA Concept Plan. We hope that decisions from this meeting will enable this project to proceed at a faster rate than has hitherto prevailed.

Also, members of our Subcommittee will provide Yorke Peninsula Councillors with an outline of our concerns and requirements through a power point presentation on February 24. This will reflect the decisions taken on February 15 and will provide all Councillors with a clear indication of PJPA road concerns and needs when considering funding priorities.

Current Topics

Tree Felling

Thanks to Council Works Supervisor Nick Hoskins and his Crew, a large pine with a split trunk, growing in the north west corner of the Bush Camp was felled for safety reasons. An Aleppo pine on Mills road was also felled for environmental reasons. It was causing prolific young tree growth.

Recycling Depot -Temporary Closure

We had a growing problem in the management of the Recycling Depot. It was filled to overflowing and no contractor would remove it because steel prices are very low. Perry Woodward, Bob Hudson, Graham Ward, Paul Mason and I loaded three caged trailers to the hilt with scrap steel. George Smith from Port Julia Dingos provided his truck, trailer and Dingo at a very reasonable rate and donated his time. This equipment was filled to capacity and taken to the Council Transfer Station. Thank you, George, for assisting us with your heavy machinery and for your generosity.



The Committee has decided to **temporarily close** this community facility until steel prices rise because the PJPA cannot afford the costs involved in dispensing with community metal waste.

This is a forced business decision and we seek your cooperation, as with the Green Waste area (which opens again soon). We have appreciated very much community assistance in managing the green waste issue.

Diving Platform

Late last year, Perry, Graham, Paul, Bob and I scrubbed clean the diving platform moored on the northern side of the jetty and secured it with new ropes. It was heartening to see this safe, clean facility used frequently over the holiday period.



Membership

For the past two years, the Committee has regularly reminded members about subscriptions being due and payable on July 1 each year. There has been active follow up in our quest to gain a clear list of financial members.

We have identified a small number of members who have not responded at all, to date, and it is our decision to remove these people from our active membership list after one more reminder. The Committee is assuming that this group does not wish to continue its membership. So, if you haven't paid subs from July 1 2015 or before and wish to retain your membership, please pay by March 4 2016.

The \$20 annual subscription has not changed in many years and offsets the cost of our newsletter and flyer postage, internet and web access and web maintenance.

Subscriptions are due for this Financial Year.

PJPA, The Treasurer, RSD 20, Port Julia, SA 5575 or

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General Meeting

General members' meetings are held on occasion to provide all with the opportunity to advise the Committee on issues of community concern, to provide feedback and to receive information about current issues.

A General Meeting will be held at **7.00pm** on the **long weekend in June on Saturday June 11**. Members may care to address any issue but particularly those associated with our Concept Plan. e.g. the provision of a Southern flight of stairs from the Active Road cliff top to the boat ramp: the

development of a plan for a safe, all weather launching and retrieval area to the boat ramp; to enlarge and improve the existing boat trailer area with a graded spray seal and lines.

All members are invited to attend on this evening or to provide the Committee via email (secretary@portjuliapa.org.au) or hard copy (RSD 20 Port Julia 5575) with their views on any issue of concern.

Historical Significance ?

There exists the remnants of a camp urinal wall in the Southwest vicinity of the bush camp. The Committee has considered using this wall as a foundation for a Camp kitchen on a plan requested of, and generously prepared, by Brian Cherry.

The Committee considered this plan and decided that adequate provision exists for camp kitchen facilities. It has retained Brian's plans for possible future consideration by other committees.

An expression of concern has been noted that the proposed demolition of the urinal wall will constitute a loss of history. The Committee has both revisited the site and reconsidered its decision to demolish the urinal wall after becoming aware of this expression of concern.

At its February meeting, after due consideration, the Committee unanimously agreed that the urinal wall should be demolished with the benefit of at least two additional camp sites becoming available.

However, before asking the Yorke Peninsula Council to proceed with the wall demolition, the Committee is prepared to consider further any **definitive evidence** of the urinal wall being of historical significance. Submissions to this effect should be lodged with secretary@portjuliapa.org.au by March 4, 2016

EASTER 2016

The Port Julia Easter Country Fair will be held on Saturday March 26, on the oval and grounds adjacent to the Community Hall.

A Committee subcommittee is presently planning for this event and looks forward to your support for this major fundraising effort on behalf of the Port Julia community.

Preparations are well in hand and many volunteers from our community are engaged already in cooking, baking and preserving ready for the several stalls that assist us so much in our fund raising. Additionally, we have had offers from several others to assist on the stalls and in various other activities. We appreciate this help, immensely, and invite others to contact me on 0428826404 if you would like to help us continue the success of this important and enjoyable occasion.

Particular assistance is required on Good Friday morning March 25, starting at 8.00-9.00 am to erect the large tent and stall shelters, move trestles and tables and generally create the physical environment for the Fair.

From the wider community perspective, each member has been sent an Easter Fair Raffle Book. This is a major fund raiser for us and we have to ensure the money for the cash prizes. It is absolutely imperative that we cover this cost and we ask each of you to ensure that you sell and return your Raffle Book stub with the money to Jenny Mason. If you can inveigle your friends and relatives to part with \$20, additional Raffle Books can be obtained from Jenny who can be contacted on 0458475676.

Our popular Trash and Treasure feature will again be held and **quality** items for inclusion will be well received. Please do not use this invitation to dispense with damaged goods/furniture and old TV's (as pictures) as one person has done, recently.



Quality books and magazines and used clean clothing can also be deposited for sale at the fair.

Please note that there will be huge savings at our Memorabilia Store as we clear our stock of quality PJ hats and T shirts (women's, men's and kid's)

Final Word

The PJPA Committee is very focused in its voluntary efforts to achieve the very best outcomes for the community. It appreciates the tremendous support from part time and permanent residents in its endeavours and looks forward to your further support at the forthcoming Easter Fair, our major annual fund raising event.

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