



Port Julia Progress Association

FROM THE PRESIDENT

FINAL NEWSLETTER

After two years in the position of PJPA President, my retirement is imminent as it is now time for someone else to assume the role. This will, therefore, be the final time that I communicate with you in this capacity.

During my period of office, it has been my privilege to serve on the Management Committee with a wonderful group of local volunteers who, as a team, have achieved much on behalf of the Port Julia community. Many of these achievements have been noted in previous newsletters and a pictorial record and more detailed descriptions will be available at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday October 1. Other non-committee volunteers, past Committee members and YP Council personnel have also provided time, active support and specialist skills on a variety of occasions. I am indebted to these PJ stalwarts and they will be named and lauded, rightly and publicly, at the AGM.

The annual President's Report for the AGM is presently being prepared and this will contain details of the several projects in which the Management Committee has been involved. This newsletter, therefore, will provide a brief update only of these projects.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

A Flyer with details of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held in the Brian Cherry Community Hall on October 1 has been emailed and posted to all members.

In brief, the meeting will be after the AFL Grand Final and will have two components. The *formal* component will start at 6.30 and it will not be a tedious drawn out meeting. We will efficiently confirm AGM 2015 minutes, receive audited balance sheets and financial statements, appoint an auditor, table the President's Report and elect/reelect Committee members.

Following that, we will commence the *informal* part of the evening which will include socialising and a free barbecue and refreshments, both non-alcoholic and alcoholic. Members and their house guests are invited to attend both the AGM and the social gathering afterwards. Please contact Acting Secretary Colleen Bennett with the number in your party who will be attending. Her details are: secretary@portjuliapa.org.au or mobile 0417 877316.

After years of meritorious service, a substantial number of Committee members are likely to stand down at the AGM in October. Jenny and Paul Mason have indicated a desire to travel in 2017 as has Trevor Wright and Perry Woodward. Having served 5 years in the capacities of Committee member, Vice president and President, I shall also be standing down.

The following Committee members have generously indicated their willingness to stand again:

- Faye Matthews (Current Treasurer)
- Colleen Bennett (Current Acting Secretary)
- Bob Hudson
- Ann Gill

Other nominations will be most welcome. Please advise Colleen Bennett if you are willing to stand for election or if you wish to nominate someone with their assent.

MEMBERSHIP FEE JULY 1 2016 DUE AND PAYABLE NOW

For the past two years, the Committee has regularly reminded members about subscriptions being due and payable on July 1 each year.

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.

It will be appreciated if all members will pay their fee before the AGM as only financial members are permitted to vote.

Subscriptions (\$10 Single and \$20 Family) are due for this Financial Year July 1 2016 - June 30 2017

Electronic Fund Transfers

Bank Transfer: (Noting your name on the transfer)

BankSA: BSB 105-064 Account: 260248340

Cheques by Post

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

Name:PostalAddress:.....

Port Julia Address:.....Phone Number

Email address:.....Sub:(\$10 single, \$20 family)

DEPOTS

Green Waste

This facility has reopened and members are welcome to use it responsibly by dumping GREEN WASTE ONLY.

It is nearing capacity and plans are being made for a CFS supported burn off when weather permits.

Recycling

This steel waste facility will remain closed until the price of steel increases and your continued cooperation in refraining from dumping steel waste will be most appreciated.

PROJECT UPDATES

Campsite Toilets

Unprecedented numbers using the Bush Camp at Easter time stretched the septic and soakage pit to its limits. Committee action since then has resulted in a \$6000 grant from Rowan Ramsey MP toward rectifying the problem, specifications and a report from Consulting Engineers for the YP Council; a quote from a contractor to extend the soakage pit and install a larger septic tank and an application to the YP Council for Development Approval. Once development approval is received this project will begin and our septic and soakage pit will be most adequate for future use by campers.

Proposed Stone Entrance

This project has been deferred for decision by the 2016 -17 Committee. We have received Development Approval for this project but two unsuccessful grant applications have resulted in a Committee decision to place this project on the back burner as our reserve funds will be required for other projects. I would hope that further grant applications are pursued by the next committee to bring this project to a satisfactory conclusion.

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Safe Roads/ Residents Win Project

The Safe Roads Subcommittee has attended several meetings with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and the YP Council to clarify roles and funding to enable a grant application to be lodged with the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure. Happily, only a few outstanding aspects need to be addressed before the grant application is prepared.

We have received a cheque for \$5000 from the RAA's Regional Sponsorship Funding program and these funds, as another contribution to our Safe Roads Resident's Win project, will provide a pedestrian crossing at the base of the stairs adjacent to the Red Shed and will assist with the overall funding of this project.

A recent and very productive meeting recently with Stephen Goldsworthy at the YP Council offices indicates that the walking trail from the Camp Ground will proceed once some necessary formalities with affected residents are completed.

I will be attending this week a further meeting with a DPTI consultant with regard to drawings being prepared for safer intersections at the junctions of The Old Coast and Julia Road and Active Road, respectively, and a slipway from the Vincent Highway to Julia Road.

News is expected soon with regard to possible funding for the bituminising of the road from Port Julia Road along Osprey Street to the Camp Site entrance.

Residents and PJPA members are assured that we are persevering to achieve positive road safety outcomes in accord with community expressed needs.

Up to the minute news with regard to this project, and others, will be available at our forthcoming AGM on October 1

CAMP GROUND MANAGER

Historically, local volunteers have managed the Bush Camp. However, uncertainty of tenure and the availability of replacements has led the Committee to engage the services of a Camp Ground Manager who will reside in the camp for an agreed time in return for a free powered site and utilities.

A site near the barbecue area has been prepared and a couple with experience in managing caravan parks have been interviewed. They will arrive in mid September. Following the completion of some associated formalities, full details will be disclosed and introductions will occur at the AGM.

In closing, may I thank each of you for your support of the work of a fantastic group of people who have done their very best on behalf of the Port Julia community. I have been proud and privileged to have been involved and to have served with them.

From a personal perspective, I am indebted to not only my committee compatriots, but also the many members and residents who have provided me with support during my tenure as President. Thank You, All!

Please continue to show that support by joining us at the AGM and Social Get Together on Saturday October 1.

With Final Best Wishes

Roger Underwood

President.

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