



Port Julia Progress Association

MAY 2017 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just to keep you informed what has happened since the last Newsletter.....

SOCIAL DINNER – 4 MARCH

This event was attended by a group of approximately 36 persons who enjoyed a great night of food and consuming some good wines. Although the numbers were small, everyone had a good time.

The numbers leading up to the Dinner indicated a group of 50 plus people, but on the night some did not attend. This was disappointing because the Committee had provided extra food to cater for the larger number. This meant some food was left over and wasted.

EASTER FAIR – REICHENBACH PARK – 15 APRIL

This historical event was again a huge success with a large crowd of people attending early in the morning and purchasing many bargains, plus enjoying the fabulous barbeque food. Stalls that proved popular again were the gourmet pies/pasties/sausage rolls plus the cakes/jams and relishes, with crowds browsing and buying.

Special thanks to Sandy Ising and her pies/pasties Cooks, together with Leonie Short's sausage rolls. Sue Wright provided a selection of her cakes, etc, which was much appreciated as well as Faye Matthews & Karen Howarth who made the tomato relish. Sincere gratitude to all those who contributed.

The Racing Beetles of Port Julia was organised by the Ring Masters Perry Woodward and Trevor Wright, who had their beetles in top form for the Easter racing events. Many punters left with smiling faces and cash filled pockets.

The team on the Food Stall (Paul, Bob, Kingsley, Colleen and Jenny) worked tirelessly for all the morning providing tasty bacon/egg rolls, sausages, chips, tea, coffee, cool drinks for the hungry attendees.





All the stall holders, whether large or small, provided a large variety of goods for selection at inexpensive prices, i.e. books, Kid’s Corner, fruit and vegetables, Trash’n Treasure, clothing, bric a brac, craft, etc. plus the Hoop La and Chocolate Wheel.

To all donors of goods and volunteers who assisted, please accept the Committee’s thanks for your valuable contribution.

Easter Raffle – This was co-ordinated by Perry Woodward, and May Havelberg managed the sales during the weeks leading up to the Easter Fair sitting outside supermarkets on Yorke Peninsula. May also sold raffle tickets at the Fair and we appreciate her support. Raffle books were distributed to Members and friends to sell and thank you to those who sold and returned their books.

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

1 st Prize	\$1000 Cash	F Matthews
2 nd Prize	\$500 Cash	L Robertson
3 rd Prize	\$100 Cash	L Donaghy
4 th Prize	\$100 voucher, Pt Vincent Auto & Tyre	A Pritchard
5 th Prize	\$100 voucher, Ventnor Hotel	T Sampson
6 th Prize	\$50 goods package, Drakes Foodland	J Prior
7 th Prize	\$50 voucher, Ardrossan Hardware	R Brett
8 th Prize	\$50 voucher, Bunnings	A Whittaker

The approximate amount raised at this year’s Fair is \$4500 – a fantastic effort!!

BUSH CAMPGROUND – TOILETS

The Bush Camp managed by the Progress Association is undergoing some changes regarding the sewerage system and the number of campsites, to comply with new Regulations.

The number of sites is now restricted to 30 – the design of the sewerage system will be using this number. All sites have to conform to the Minister’s Specification S.A.76A “Fire Safety Requirements in Caravan Parks and Residential Parks”. The sites need to be a size so that there is a distance of three metres space between camping units, including awnings, vans, tents, etc.

Two new sewerage systems are being designed by our Engineering Consultant to cater for the number of sites and persons in a camping unit (3.5 persons are allowed).

- *Design System No. 1* – one septic tank and one holding tank, feeding twelve soakage trenches by pumping.
- *Design System No. 2* – one septic tank and one holding tank, feeding into Yorke Peninsula Council's STED system that services the foreshore holiday homes south of the boat ramp.

Both of these systems will be a costly venture by the Progress Association. When a system has been selected as suitable for the toilets we will need to seek financial assistance from the Yorke Peninsula Council by a loan or a Grant. A Special Meeting to provide detailed information and possible assistance will be organised.

CAMPGROUND MANAGERS

The Progress Committee has appointed temporary Managers of the park to collect all fees, clean the toilets and keep the grounds tidy. Sue and Alan Jones are a husband and wife team who came from Queensland and are working their way around Australia. They will be leaving approximately July 2017. They are located at Site No. 1 on the left-hand side as you drive around the camp ground.



GRANTS

Two Grants have been applied for with the following organisations:

- **RAA Safety Grant** – application for a defibrillator to be mounted on the Community Hall external wall costing \$3000.00.
Application – NOT APPROVED.
- **Northern & Yorke Nature Resource & Management Board** – application for a Community Grant 2017/2018 for the revegetation of the Graham Ward Northern Walking Trail (western end), costing \$6395.00.
Application – WAITING ADVICE.

GREEN WASTE DUMP – This dump is provided by the Progress Association with approval from the Yorke Peninsula Council on the proviso that we keep the area tidy and conduct a burn-off, with the assistance of the CFS (not in the Fire Ban Season).

The dump is closed during the summer months and a fence and explanatory sign are erected. Yet people are still leaving their trees and cuttings illegally across the fence spilling across the road. This means that the Progress Association has to pay to hire machinery to push the materials back into the allocated area.



Please note that if illegal dumping continues, Port Julia residents may lose the dump site and will have to travel further to a Council dump.

Do the right thing for your community.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS – There has been a change with the Progressive Dinner planned for early June. We are now holding a **Winter Dinner** in the Community Hall on **Sunday, 11 June 2017** from 6.30pm with a three course meal costing \$15.00 per person. All residents, families and friends welcome. See the attached flyer. A Social Dinner is planned for 5 August 2017 and further details will be provided at a later date.

TRIBUTE – John Juers passed away on 10 February 2017 (aged 88 years). Sincere condolences to Norma, Warren, Laurette, Derek and families.

John was born in 1928 at the beginning of the Depression and finances were difficult for his parents. However, he lead a good life growing up and completed Year 12 (Year 10 then) at Minlaton Higher Primary School. His mother kept 2 or 3 cows and John used to bring them home for milking morning and night. The fresh milk, cream and butter provided the family with a little extra money.

John was a Boy Scout during World War II attached to the Volunteer Defence Corps (VDC). On one particular occasion the Scouts had to direct traffic away from the local rubbish dump because the VDC were experimenting with a home-made bomb which was supposed to blast a gap in barb wire entanglements. The second attempt proved successful, but a piece of the iron water pipe holed the roof of a house about half a kilometre away!

John spent 1945 as a Junior Teacher at Curramulka Primary School, with a class of 50 children. In 1946 he attended Adelaide Teachers' College. During 1947 and 1948 he was Teacher in Charge at Mount Hope Primary School. John resigned as a teacher in March 1950. He returned home to work with his father who was a grain agent and stone mason. John worked as a builder's labourer and grain lumper.

John always had a great connection with Port Julia – he visited with his father at numerous times when he was young and on one occasion had lunch on one of the ketches. One time at Port Julia a Minlaton Policeman came to search one of the ships – some chickens had gone missing and may have been stolen. After the Police left 17 chooks were found!

Lumping was hard work, but well paid. One day a gang of four stacked 14,000 bags in 8 hours, which equates to about 250 tonnes over the shoulder. After all the grain was stacked, usually by the end of January, the stacks were roofed and curtained.

John and Norma married in 1952 and raised three children. John helped his father build his parents' home at Port Vincent in 1956. In 1959, after various jobs in the building line and lumping at the Minlaton Stacking site, John returned to teaching in Minlaton till his retirement in 1986. During school holidays John was asked to lump wheat at Port Vincent.

John and his family enjoyed fishing and boating activities. Two of his sons were members of the Port Vincent Sailing Club and John and Norma's boat was used as a rescue craft.

The family has many fond memories of "The Shack" at the Dipper - there was no road down in the early days only a footpath down the cliff face, so everything was carried down including a kerosene fridge. Over the years they had some very high tides and very strong winds.

John was a steady, reliable sort of character, good for a chat, but never getting in the way of anyone. He was a loud, forceful character when he chose to be, but gentle and sympathetic whenever it was appropriate. John was good at almost anything in the building trade; cementing, plastering, woodwork, bricklaying, and welding etc. and he was held in high regard as a teacher too.

John and Norma were known by many at Port Julia. John was a 'lumper' at our jetty and helped a great deal with his historical memories for the book on Port Julia Stories written by Anne Chappel. His input was very much valued.

John will be sorely missed.

CLOSING

Check out the Port Julia Progress Association website where there is a lot of information included.... www.portjuliapa.org.au.

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