



Port Julia Progress Association

APRIL 2021 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2021. I hope everyone has had a very enjoyable time since my last one in December 2020. We had some wonderful weather over the holiday period and even though the crab sizes never reached their usual exceptionally large size, they have been present in large numbers, and are quite meaty if you can score some keepers.

We are still very quiet socially wise at Port Julia, and even with the recent easing of restrictions of numbers, it has not been practical to attempt to have any community events. Australia Day and Easter have come and gone for another year without any gatherings unfortunately. This will only be a brief newsletter as a result of not much activity, but hopefully as the year rolls on, we may have an opportunity to organize a dinner if possible.

New Caretakers

In late January we said goodbye to Jen Williams who looked after the campground from October onwards, and who then resumed her travels to Western Australia, with our thanks and best wishes for a job well done.

Our new Caretakers, Joe and Robyn Garland, arrived from NSW after surviving numerous travel restrictions and Covid-19 tests, and have settled in well, picking up where Jen finished. They have enjoyed discovering the delights of catching squid from their tinny as well as carrying out their campground duties.

We had a lot of campers over the March period and Joe and Robyn were kept busy making sure everyone was enjoying their stay with us.

When near the campground, please go in and make yourselves known to Joe and Robyn who will be delighted to meet you and hear your fishing stories - no doubt!



Fire Fighting Installation

We have finally completed the installation of a fixed pressurized firefighting installation at the campground, which now finalizes our Compliance requirements with the Yorke Peninsula Council. This work provides an adequate method of confining a fire should one break out at the campground, until the CFS can arrive and take over.

After the tragedy of last summer's bushfires in South Australia, this project became even more important to achieve, and it was only with the help of our dedicated band of workers in the community that we were able to install a system that complies with the Australian Standards and can be relied on to provide a first line of defence if ever needed.



I would like to especially thank Brian Purcell and his son Luke for their invaluable help and machinery, in trenching and connecting supply lines and the water tank and pump, and ensuring that the equipment performance reached the required flow and pressure rates.

Also helping out was the ever-reliable Graham Ward, who was always there to help out with shovel and crowbar assistance where needed, along with Brian Cherry, Peter Forward and Dave Germein, thank you to you all and the ladies who kept us fed and watered – well done!

The Yorke Peninsula Council gave valuable advice and direction that was much appreciated and we were also fortunate to attract a Community Grant (\$4000) to help offset some of the cost involved in this project. We are now in the process of acquitting that Grant.



Road Alterations

You may notice in the near future that the Council is carrying out a realignment of the Active Road/Jetty Road junction to allow vehicles joining Jetty Road from Active Road a squarer approach to the intersection. This will give a clearer view of traffic coming from the boat ramp. Drainage issues at the intersection will also be addressed and this should result in a far better road surface than is currently the case.

Green Waste Area

Now that the fire ban season has ended, the Committee has re-opened the green waste area up on the Old Coast Road. The Committee thanks everyone who observed the need to retain their green waste until we could re-open the area.



Residents are welcome to place their tree prunings, cuttings and other garden burnable material on the site. Be careful where you put your garden waste - do not place any material at the rear of the site as we cannot burn it there in case the fire jumps up the hillside and starts burning in the paddock above the site. We have to physically drag all this material forward onto the properly sited heap before burning,

and this is enormously exhausting work as you would appreciate. When you dump your material, leave it in the open in the centre of the site, with at least five metres clearance to the back of the area for safety.

If everyone does the right thing, we should be able to continue to offer this convenient way of getting rid of garden refuse at no cost to residents.

Fishing Survey

SARDI (South Australian Research and Development Institute) has sent a letter to me regarding asking recreational fishers to help the sustainability of fishing by carrying out a phone diary survey that will help collect recreational fishing catch estimates. The survey can be done by all fishers right through the State and there is also a smart phone application that can be used as a tool in this research.

I will leave brochures in the Community Noticeboard near the telephone box and also at the campground notice board for those interested in this. SARDI will also be carrying out field surveys at various fishing locations around South Australia.

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 order that everyone can enjoy.

I know everyone joins me in hoping that the Governments and Health Authorities around Australia and the World are successful in controlling and eliminating this horrible scourge of Covid-19, and that we will be free of its terrible toll on people everywhere. In the meantime, take all precautions to keep you and your loved ones safe.

You can contact me if you have any issues or email Colleen Bennett (Secretary), secretary@portjuliapa.org.au or check our website, www.portjuliapa.org.au.

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