



# Port Julia Progress Association

## AUGUST 2019 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All Members

I hope everybody is keeping warm in this very cold winter and that the annual migration to northern climes brought happy days for those who chose to travel away to the sun. Plus the fishers among us, who are hopefully catching some beautiful King George whiting, which is always a winter attraction at Port Julia.

In the lead up to our AGM on 5 October, I thought it would be timely to send out a newsletter to let members know how we are travelling and what future events are envisaged here at Port Julia.

### **CWMS - Community Wastewater Management Scheme**

In the 2019/2020 Budget released by Yorke Peninsula Council, Port Julia was successful in being the recipient of funding to allow for a CWMS connection from the septic tanks at the Reichenbach Bush Campground to the treatment plant on Mills Road.



This will allow the removal of effluent from the toilets to be safely and hygienically managed automatically, resulting in a cleaner less costly way than constantly pumping the effluent by road tanker. This is excellent news as the scheme is costed at \$60,000, a cost which was not viable for the PJPA to provide. The new system will save approx. \$5,000 per year in pumping out costs currently associated with the existing method. Yorke Peninsula Council is currently undertaking preparatory work on this project, with the hope it could be up and running by this coming December.

We were only able to gain this scheme through the efforts of some very dedicated Port Julia people over a very long period, and I wish to acknowledge them for their persistence in seeing this scheme come to fruition. Past Presidents Brian Cherry, Kevin Ising, Roger Underwood and the various PJPA Committees supporting them were the genesis of this project. We also received outstanding support and encouragement from our local Councillor and now Deputy Lord Mayor, Tania Stock – thank you one and all sincerely.

## AFL GRAND FINAL DAY



We had great success last year when we issued an open invitation to watch the AFL Grand Final on the large screen television in the Brian Cherry Community Hall. The Committee has decided to repeat this function and will also provide a barbecue lunch before it begins, at no cost to those attending.

So keep **28 September** free for some good food and fun, bring a drink and join us at the Hall at midday!

## DRAKES FOODLAND COMMUNITY DOLLARS

I am pleased to report that in July 2019 we received a voucher to the value of \$86.00 that we can use to purchase supplies from Drakes Foodland at Ardrossan – this helps keep our costs down when planning social events etc. Thank you to everyone who has used their tag when shopping - the PJPA receives 1 cent for every \$2 spent at any Drakes Foodland, and as you can see, this adds up after a while.



## GREEN WASTE



We have conducted a burn off this month in the Green Waste area, and it was pleasing to see that all the dumped material was kept clear of the rear of the area, making for a safer burn off. Another one is planned as there was a large amount of waste placed at the north and south ends of the area making it very hard to burn. It would be appreciated if all material was placed in the **centre** of the area where the fire is hottest and will consume far more material, thank you.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE**

– from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

A **MEMBERSHIP FORM** is attached.



## **CAMPGROUND FIRE CONTROL**

Following my previous newsletter I can confirm that we have successfully acquitted the \$5,000.00 Grant that allowed us to install a new fire extinguisher cabinet and a new underground electric supply for the toilet area which will stand us in good stead for the new CWMS requirements and also Stage 2 of the Fire Control plan - should a suitable grant be found to pay for it.

## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

As I reported in my previous newsletter, we are losing some of our well-loved and long term members and residents who will be selling up and moving elsewhere. At our recent monthly meeting the committee resolved to show our appreciation of these members by inviting them to attend our AGM on 5 October. After the meeting some platters of food and refreshments will be served. This will give all a chance to mingle and say goodbye to these hard working contributors to the PJPA.



With the departure of these people we are now having to face the reality that our already undersized group of volunteers will be badly decimated to the point of putting the Easter Fair into doubt as to if we can hold it.

We struggled this year to sell raffle tickets and find volunteers willing to bake cakes, pies, pasties, pastries and jams, as it takes an enormous amount of work to hold a successful Fair. This year we also faced dwindling crowds and revenue, as well as bad weather, reduced tourism and increased competition from other towns and venues.

This now raises the question of whether we can get enough people willing to shoulder the load and do all these above necessities that make up a Fair or whether in fact we look at putting the Easter Fair into retirement for the immediate future.

The Fair used to be our only means of raising funds to carry out improvements around Port Julia, and did that well due to a large number of people contributing time and skills to making the Fair a success. The Fair is no longer the only source of funding for us, as the Bush Campground provides a good income stream, due mainly to having full time caretakers on site. We also regularly apply for any suitable grants as they become available, thus reducing the role of the Fair as a fundraiser.

Between now and the AGM I would like all members to think about whether they wish the Fair to continue, and if so, what they are prepared personally to do to help achieve that.

I propose to list this as a discussion item on the AGM agenda, as well as other functions such as community dinners, as to whether there is enough interest to continue them as well. The Australia Day Brunch and Christmas Dinners are well supported and attended, and is an enjoyable and very sociable occasion for many people. These events do not require the level of preparation that other functions do, and I see no reason that these cannot continue.

However, we need to discuss alternatives such as whether we are prepared to pay more to have a fully catered winter dinner, for instance, or not have one at all. We were forced to cancel the dinner this year due to low interest and lack of people able to do the work required, due to most being away up north to understandably escape the cold weather.

At the AGM I also wish to suggest the idea that the Port Julia Progress Association has a new role in these different times as the demographics change and less people wish to be involved in social activities.

I feel that as a Progress Association our new role should be to continue to:

- have a very good working relationship with Yorke Peninsula Council,
- manage the Bush Campground as a source of revenue,
- use that revenue and any grants we can attract to continue to improve and beautify Port Julia for the enjoyment of its community,
- hold community dinners/functions only if they have the benefit of being cost effective and well supported.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held in the Brian Cherry Community Hall at 7pm on Saturday, 5 October. The above issues will be listed on the Agenda for discussion and decisions as well as the election of office bearers and Committee members.

Please give thought to all of these items and if you feel that we are not going in the direction you wish, then I urge you to put your hand up for election so that you can have input in the next twelve months to achieve the results you desire.



Finally, I would like to mention the people who have made up your PJPA Committee since the last AGM - Vice President Ann Gill, Secretary Colleen Bennett, Treasurer Faye Matthews and the Committee Members of Graham Ward, Leonore Latz, Bob Hudson and Roger Underwood. I express my sincerest thanks for their unwavering support during this time which has brought many challenges to this unsuspecting first time President, and I believe they have all carried out their roles with cheerful, loyal and inspiring efficiency. We can all be proud of the successes they have achieved on behalf of the Port Julia Progress Association.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM to plan our future direction and also to say goodbye to those who have been such a large part of our past!

## **FOR SALE**

Anne and Mervyn Chappel have some furniture items for sale as follows:

1. A red IKEA 3-person sofa with cushions. The cover can be removed for washing. \$200
2. A blue-striped lounge suite. The sofa seats three. Also 2 accompanying chairs with blue cushions. \$125
3. 4 cane bar stools. \$40



Let Anne know **as soon as possible** if you are interested in any of these items – they can be collected from 1-4 September. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Port Julia Progress Association. **Thank you** Anne and Mervyn for your kind gesture.

Email Anne Chappel on [chappels@bigpond.net.au](mailto:chappels@bigpond.net.au) or phone 0413 466 181



## **CLOSING**

You can contact me if you have any issues or email our Secretary, Colleen Bennett – [secretary@portjuliapa.org.au](mailto:secretary@portjuliapa.org.au)

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