



Port Julia Progress Association

December/January 2020-21 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to all our Members,

Firstly my apologies for not issuing this newsletter in time for Christmas as I would normally be able to do. Unfortunately gremlins crept in and prevented me from sending it to our hardworking Secretary for final editing, and by then I had travelled over to Port Lincoln to spend a very enjoyable Christmas with my son and his family. However I am back now, and trust everybody also enjoyed a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to a very happy new year.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



The PJPA held our Christmas dinner at the Dalrymple Hotel at Stansbury on Saturday December 12th. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner there last year, and thus decided to repeat our experience which was very enjoyable again. This dinner was attended by 31 people who took the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal and social evening that has been denied to us almost all year and was greatly celebrated by everyone.

Santa and his little helper arrived and gave out small gifts and helped make the evening a memorable success. Thank you to all who attended and to the hardworking Committee Members who made it happen, and especially Ann Gill who organised this event.



CALENDARS

The new 2021 calendars can now be collected from the Brian Cherry Community Hall via any of the Committee Members or our Caretaker (Jen).



CARETAKERS

In early November we said goodbye to Lyn and Terry Fowler who have been with us for two years, but have now retired to a new home in Peterborough. We gave them our best wishes for their new life, and hope they enjoy their caravan travels which they intend to continue from time to time.

We were lucky enough to secure the services of one of our campers, Jen Williams, who volunteered to look after the campground until our next couple arrive at the end of January next year. Jen has settled in well with her little fur baby “Merlin” and is looking after the campers and keeping our facilities very clean. Thank you for filling in Jen, we hope you have an enjoyable stay with us.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Well, the year of 2020 is almost over now – a year that will not be forgotten in a hurry. It would not be an exaggeration to say that everyone was impacted by the events that shaped this year in some way or another.

We started out the year with a wonderful celebration of Australia Day at the Brian Cherry Community Hall following the disastrous Yorketown and Price bushfires at the end of 2019.



Little did we know that this would prove to be the only community event we would hold for almost the remainder of the year, after the effects of Covid-19 made its presence felt worldwide. Thankfully we had no outbreaks in our little corner of the world, but we think of many others in our State and around Australia that were not so fortunate and had to deal with this terrible virus.

We closed the campground during April and May to keep our community isolated, and during this time the small number of volunteers that make up our working bees each week were able to carry out improvements and maintenance. The Easter Fair had been cancelled anyway for logistical reasons, and this proved to be a sage move as it could not have been held legally due to Covid restrictions.

The garden triangle at the junction of Jetty, Julia and Active roads was upgraded and replanted, and all plants are growing well and will provide an attractive welcome to travellers and locals alike.

The Community Waste Water system at the campground is working very well and disposing of black water very hygienically, and saving much labour and money at the same time.

We are now in the process of purchasing the items needed to install a pressurized firefighting system at the campground which will be done in March next year to complete our responsibility to the Council in this matter.

FUTURE PLANS

The Committee decided at the November meeting that we will not hold an Australia Day celebration next year for several reasons. We are restricted in the number of people that can be seated in the Brian Cherry Community Hall by the Covid regulations, and it would not be as socially enjoyable if we had to separate attendees into smaller groups.

Also, Australia Day Jan 26th falls on a Tuesday next year and it is doubtful that many holiday home owners would make the journey over to celebrate the day compared to if it was a long weekend, thus making catering very difficult.

As was the case this year, the Easter Fair 2021 will not be held due to logistical problems and financial restraints. The Committee is looking at a small function as an alternative to the Easter Fair, such as a community barbecue brunch on the Saturday mid-morning with the famous black beetle racing attraction and would welcome any suggestions on this function.

We also hope to hold the much delayed Pie Floater night, when we are legally able to have sufficient numbers in the Community Hall when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

DRAKES ARDROSSAN COMMUNITY DOLLARS

I am pleased to report that in November 2020 we received a voucher to the value of \$86.00 that we can use to purchase supplies from Drakes at Ardrossan, which 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 store, and as you can see, this adds up after a while.



GREEN WASTE AREA



As reported in the previous newsletter in October, this area is now closed off for the start of the Fire Ban season until April next year. Please respect this and save your green waste until we reopen the area and can receive your waste.

SPEED LIMITS SURVEY

In response to the email survey on road speed limits in Port Julia conducted in July, we received 20 respondents.

**55% wanted the speed limit lowered to 30 km/hr.
35% wanted it lowered to 40 km/hr.
10% were happy to see it remain as it is.**

**REDUCE
SPEED
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As a result of this survey, I have had an informal discussion with Council who advised that speed limits are set by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), and was therefore not in their jurisdiction. However, their advice was that history showed that altering speed limits was not something that is easily achieved, and especially when there is no recurring history of road accidents or deaths to warrant such a move.

The Committee, after taking this advice into consideration, has therefore requested me to ask all residents and visitors who are concerned with this matter, to suggest that we all show responsibility in our driving behaviour and set an example by driving at the lower speeds that have been requested. It was also suggested that the registration numbers of cars perceived to be speeding be forwarded on to the Police to follow up, and that this will be a far easier outcome to achieve than trying to install an official lower speed limit.

IN CLOSING...

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



I wish to thank each and every one for your patience and understanding during this testing year and I also, like so many others, hope that 2021 brings a happier, safer year with joy and happiness to you and your loved ones.

Finally as always, thank you to the members of the Committee for your support and “can do” attitudes that you bring to each meeting.

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

You can contact me if you have any issues or email our Secretary, Colleen Bennett – secretary@portjuliapa.org.au

Best Wishes,

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