



Port Julia Progress Association

JUNE 2020 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Well it has certainly been a year so far of unpredictable happenings, both Statewide, Nationwide and Worldwide - with bushfires dominating the headlines at the start of the year, and then the tragedy of the COVID-19 or Corona virus which has affected so many, and sadly seen many lives lost as a result.

In South Australia we have been exposed to this virus, but not to the extent that some other States have suffered, and we should be thankful that strong leadership, together with common sense precautions, has continued to keep us safe, relatively speaking.

The PJPA Committee has been understandably very quiet during this period of isolation and safe distancing, but each Tuesday morning the working bees have been well attended and small projects have continued to be carried out in a safe and thoughtful manner. I thank those hardy souls who continue to do this work and the ladies who supply such tasty morning teas that we all enjoy so much.

Briefly below I will give an update of what has been happening since the last newsletter.

Green Waste Area

Now that the fire ban season has ended the Committee has reopened 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 reopen the area.

However, only several weeks before we were due to start again, it was very disappointing to see that someone from Port Julia had been observed ignoring the posted sign and they then backed their trailer over the erected fence line to dump a number of large wooden tubs of Foxtail Agave plants. This is not acceptable, and I wish to point out to those involved that our green waste area is one of the last remaining on the Peninsula where residents can dump their green waste in the non-fire ban season at no cost.

The PJPA administers this area and can conduct a burn off under strict conditions, one of which is no fires during the fire ban season. This is why we must not allow green waste to accumulate during this time, as it becomes very dangerous to try to burn the mountain of green waste that results. If anything goes wrong and the fire escapes, we will obviously no longer be allowed by Council to do a burn off, which means a costly trip to the dump to get rid of future green waste.

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.



Endeavour Drive Alteration



The new crossover restriction at the end of Endeavour Drive has now been in place for almost six months, and the PJPA Secretary recently sent out an email to all members inviting comments on the success or otherwise of this initiative to reduce traffic along Endeavour Drive and improve pedestrian safety.

The results showed that there were several concerns about traffic flow at the intersection of Jetty and Active Roads, and the road appeared to be suffering vehicle damage there from increased activity, but overall it appears to have been approved of by most of the community. We have now collated all the responses and forwarded them on to the YP Council for their consideration. They have indicated previously that remedial works at the intersection and also in the closed off crossover will be considered in the future with earthworks, drainage and shrubbery all to be looked at.

Bush Campground

In early March we took delivery of a new 22,500L rainwater tank and installed it at the recycle shed alongside the existing tank. This has doubled our water storage and we were able to take advantage of the very good rainfalls since then that have half-filled both tanks.

The Progress Association closed the Reichenbach Bush Campground to any new campers on Monday, 23 March in line with Government directives. However, a small core of six caravans were allowed to stay on site right through the period following, due to them all being classed by the YP Council as “Essential Travellers” - which simply meant they had no homes to go to and so were allowed to stay.

Our new campground Caretakers arrived on Saturday, 21 March, just ahead of the State borders being closed, and have settled into their new roles very well. It is with pleasure that I welcome Josh and Lee-Anne Guttridge and their two sons, Marshall and Ryder, to our campground.

Please feel free to drop in and say hello to them, and since arriving they have also adopted a fur baby called Rusty and upgraded from a camper trailer to a caravan to make these wet and windy nights so much warmer for themselves.

The new guidelines now allow intrastate travel, and we reopened the campground on 11 May. We have already had an influx of travellers who have resumed life on the road with gusto.

We have been fortunate to receive a trailer very generously donated by Des and Merrilyn Campbell that we have modified to carry a 1000 litre water tank and pump, so we can now offer to sell water to campers to augment their own supplies - thank you Des and Merrilyn!

This will allow the campers to extend their holiday stay at the campground, and has been much appreciated by those using this service. The water will come from our larger rainwater supply, and in times of low rainfall the tanks can be topped up by road tanker if need be. The cost of this is carried by the campers, who have shown to be happy to pay for the convenience of having a fresh water supply.



Annual General Meeting

**LET'S TALK
ABOUT IT!**

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The AGM is to be held on Saturday, 3 October at 7pm, and if social distancing laws allow, then we encourage as many people to attend this meeting as possible. This is a chance to express your views on the things that concern you, and to vote for those people you wish to see represent you on the Port Julia Progress Association Committee.

October Community Dinner

The Committee decided that in lieu of holding the Easter Fair this year we should organise a Community Dinner instead. If present social distancing directives are relaxed by then, we have chosen to hold it on **Sunday, 4 October**, which is the Labour Day long weekend, from 6.30pm in the Brian Cherry Community Hall.

The meal will consist of either a pie floater with mushy pea soup and chips, or a pie with boiled peas, chips and gravy. We will also offer a pasty with chips and gravy or a mini quiche with chips for those who prefer. Dessert will be chocolate mud cake and cream.

The cost has been kept down to a very affordable price of **\$5/per person** and can be paid on the night, there will also be raffles being drawn too. We have deliberately made it low cost to hopefully encourage many people to come and have an enjoyable social evening, as interest in these functions has been noticeably waning in recent times.



However, at this price, we have to limit numbers strictly to **60** people to be able to cater effectively, and so it is essential that if you wish to attend, then you must book with our Secretary Colleen Bennett by sending the form attached, stating your meal preference and return it by **25 September** to her at secretary@portjuliapa.org.au If we do not have sufficient numbers wishing to attend, then the evening will be cancelled and an advice sent out accordingly.

I reiterate that the dinner can only proceed if the current restrictions on crowd gathering are relaxed, as we can only have 20 people in the hall under the existing guidelines.

Road Safety

The Draft Annual Business Plan has been released by the Yorke Peninsula Council, and it appears that we have been unsuccessful in getting funding to carry out the realignment of the road junctions at either end of the Old Coast Road as we had hoped for. The Committee will now place a request with the YP Council to include the roadworks in the May 2021 budget planning for the 2021/2022 financial year, and perhaps we will be more successful then.

Triangle Garden Bed



The garden bed at the junction of Active, Julia and Jetty Roads is in line to have a much needed spruce up. This area also serves as a road divider and has been a part of Port Julia for many years, but has lately fallen on hard times and become an eyesore.

The Committee has decided to replace the rotting sleepers that form its borders with far more durable cement sleepers with a timber look finish, and to remove the weeds and the dead and dying shrubbery, which will be replaced with new soil and woodchip mulch before new low profile shrubbery is planted.

The Committee is aware that some of the older plants in the garden bed were intended as a memorial for past residents, and every endeavor will be made to retain and rehabilitate these where possible, but obviously will need to be removed if they are beyond saving.

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 of order that everyone can enjoy.

Between now and 3 October, I urge you all to give some thought as to whether you may wish to stand for election at the AGM to the PJPA Committee in any of the positions that will be vacated then. Alternatively, you may wish to raise suggestions and/or concerns that you wish addressed at that time.

We also hope to see as many of you as possible (and hopefully some new faces) at our October Community dinner, so please endeavor to attend and don't forget to book!

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

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Included is some information about power retrieval at the boat ramp, Asian paddle crab, snapper fishing closure, etc.

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