



# Port Julia Progress Association

## MARCH 2020

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members

Thank you to all who attended our Australia Day brunch held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Reichenbach Bush Camp-ground. Seventy people attended and took part in the short ceremony, where after welcoming everybody, I spoke about the recent tragic bush-fires that have been decimating so much of Australia and especially in our own Yorke Peninsula region. I highlighted the courage of the firefighters and the resilience of those who have been so badly affected by the loss of their homes and farms.



Roger Underwood then read several well-chosen and relevant poems in his inimitable style, and this was then followed by the singing of the National Anthem and raising of the Australian flag.

Everybody then enjoyed a scrumptious brunch of sausages, bacon, eggs, tomatoes, baked beans and toast with orange juice, tea and coffee in the Brian Cherry Community hall which had been decorated in a very Australian manner.



I wish to acknowledge and thank all the Committee Members and others who worked very hard on bringing this function to such a successful and enjoyable outcome:

- Ann Gill and David Stumm for decorating the hall so wonderfully well
- Graham Ward and Kingsley Coulthard cooking sausages and bacon on the barbeques
- Bob Hudson for cooking the eggs and tomatoes and his almost world famous baked beans in ham sauce
- Faye Matthews, Colleen Bennett and Alan Bennett for serving the hungry hordes; plus
- Roger Underwood for setting up the PA system and looking after the music, and
- Graham Ward for raising the flag

Special thanks to the many others who helped to clean up afterwards. On that note we gave the new/old industrial dishwasher its first workout cleaning all the dishes, glasses and cutlery. It is with a great sigh of relief that I can report it performed admirably and allowed us to complete the cleanup in rapid time compared to hand washing everything.

If I have missed anyone out, please accept this as a thank you, and as I said last year, it was very satisfying to hear so many positive comments from the attendees. This gives us encouragement to continue this iconic community event here in Port Julia. We may consider introducing the Black Beetle racing at next year's event for an after brunch activity, if there is sufficient interest. What do you think and could you let any of the Committee members know your thoughts of this idea please?



### **Automated External Defibrillator**

In December our Secretary, Colleen Bennett, applied for a grant through the Regional Community Safety branch of the RAA. We were successful in obtaining the sum of \$2,295.00 to purchase an AED, which is now located alongside the entrance door to the Brian Cherry Community hall.

Colleen's husband Alan, who is a qualified Trainer with St John SA, has provided two information sessions to interested groups on how to use the defibrillator - this helped to alleviate any fears they may have had in using this potentially lifesaving device. It is easy and simple to use, with step by step voice instructions that allow the novice to follow to get the best possible outcome. When we consider that an ambulance is up to 25 minutes away from Port Julia, it is apparent that this could be the difference between life and death in the event of a heart attack or stroke.



Colleen and I have both been interviewed by the media in relation to this and were very happy to thank the RAA for their generosity.

If enough people are interested in another demonstration of the AED, this could be arranged. Please contact Colleen or myself and we will endeavor to organize a suitable time.

Well done Colleen!

### **Endeavour Drive Alteration**

After discussion with the YP Council regarding the problems and dangers of the overuse of Endeavour Drive, by mainly campground patrons and their boats travelling to the boat ramp, it was agreed that the cutting between Active Road and Jetty Road be closed to traffic. This has now been in operation since before Christmas. This has resulted in most of the traffic from the campground now using the bitumen road all the way to the ramp, resulting in a greatly reduced number of vehicles using Endeavour Drive. This is a great outcome for the problem. YP Council will continue to monitor the situation, and if all parties are happy with this solution, then remediation works will take place to plant shrubbery and improve storm water drainage and tidy up the turn off from Active Road onto Jetty Road.

### **Swimming Pontoon**



We removed the swimming pontoon prior to Christmas to perform much needed maintenance to the moorings, both in the ocean and on the pontoon, as well as giving it a clean up to remove about 15 years of barnacles and growth.

The pontoon is now back in place on the water with all new mooring ropes and ready for use by the community, as well as the odd bird or two no doubt.



### **Easter Community Dinner**

## **POSTPONED**

This event will be postponed until a date to be advised.

## **Bush Campground**

The bush campground is really bustling at the moment, with many nights where it is operating at full capacity, with plenty of campers eager to go out and get a feed of blue swimmer crabs or squid with both being plentiful currently. A warning to all who are crabbing to be aware of the possible appearance of the Asian Paddle crab which has been sighted near Port Vincent recently. This crab must not be returned to the water or eaten as it carries a toxic disease. Please refer to the article attached at the end of the newsletter and report any sightings to PIRSA.



We have now had the new septic disposal system in place since November and are extremely pleased with its effectiveness and we are very grateful to the Yorke Peninsula Council (and in particular Tania Stock, Grant Smith and Stephen Goldsworthy) for granting us the connection to the Mills Road treatment plant.

On a sad note, our campground caretakers, Terry and Lyn Fowler, and their lovely dog Rosie will be leaving us at the end of March after being with us for twelve months. In that time they have handled all the operational running required for the campground to function successfully, along with any issues or disputes and made many improvements that have benefited the campground patrons.

They have also overseen many convivial get togethers with campers at the well-attended "Happy Hours" put on by them each afternoon, and have got many wonderful reviews on the WikiCamp site which is used by many travellers.

On behalf of the PJPA Committee I would like to thank Lyn and Terry for their service to our campground, and wish them many happy times as they resume their travels around Australia.

We have been fortunate to secure new Caretakers who will be joining us in late March as Terry and Lyn are finishing, and we will be welcoming Lee-Anne and Joshua Guttridge and their two boys at that time.

## **Road Safety**

You may have noticed a few picket posts at certain points near the Old Coast and Port Julia Road and Active and Old Coast Road intersections. These were part of an engineering survey carried out last year, using funds from a grant that PJPA had won to upgrade the intersections to a safer approach angle, as identified by the community as potential trouble spots. The Committee has placed a request with the YP Council to include the roadworks in the May

budget planning for the 2020-21 financial year and if granted, should see these intersections altered to a squarer approach at each one.

### **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. We hope to see as many of you as possible and hopefully some new faces at our April Community Dinner so please endeavour to attend and don't forget to book!

Finally, please check out the Port Julia Progress Association website where there is a lot of information included at [www.portjuliapa.org.au](http://www.portjuliapa.org.au)

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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