



# Port Julia Progress Association

## MAY 2019 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

I hope this finds everybody enjoying our still very mild autumn weather and looking forward to some more much needed rain. We have had a busy few months since my last newsletter in February and I would like to bring everybody up to date with our activities.

### **2019 EASTER FAIR**

We held our annual Easter Fair held on Saturday, 20 April, and this was a culmination of a lot of very hard work by not only the Committee, but also by some very dedicated members of the community. A very enjoyable morning was had by everybody who attended and bought the locally baked cakes, pastries pies and jams, on sale in the Brian Cherry Community Hall.



Outside the hall, the chefs were cooking up a storm with tasty bacon and egg rolls and chips along with copious amounts of tea, coffee and soft drinks. The stalls were doing very good business with fresh produce, memorabilia, books and clothing sales, and of course the trash and treasure being popular. A relatively new stall called “Choc Top”, run by Ann Gill, enticed punters to try to win a chocolate bar by landing a coin on the top of it, which attracted a lot of the younger ones.

A sack race for the children was also held which was enjoyed by all and gave some great laughs at their antics.

A friendly rivalry between Big Phil on the “Chocolate Wheel” and “Uncle Trevor” on the world famous “Black Beetle” racing ring saw these operators exhorting the benefits of the public spending money in their area at the expense of their “rivals”. This resulted in a very good revenue source and much merriment at their efforts to outdo each other.



Roger Underwood managed the Memorabilia stall and was able to combine that with running a suggestion box and membership forms for anyone wishing to join the Association. In fact several good suggestions were put forward, and we gained 6 new members (3 families). In addition Roger was also the MC for the day, and performed superbly as always in this role.



Unfortunately numbers of people attending has continued to fall, due no doubt to there being many other activities on in other towns at the same time. We also saw the arrival of the forecast high winds, bringing a dust storm that forced us to close the Fair earlier than expected.

The Easter Fair raffle was consequently drawn earlier than advertised by Sue Wright, and we saw most of the prizes going to local people. Overall the Fair produced a profit of \$4,000, which was a very good outcome.

Thank you to all the people who:

- donated items for sale,
- participated in producing the wonderful home cooked goods,
- helped set up and then dismantle the stalls and shelters,
- managed the stalls and games,
- spent their hard earned money supporting us by buying goods, raffle tickets or food,
- simply placed a bet on the spin of a wheel or the flick of a coin, or
- placed a wager on a black beetle (totally confused by where it was and why it had a number on its back)!



Lastly, as always, to the tireless people on the Committee who turned this event into another success - you are truly inspirational and I thank each and every one of you for your marvelous efforts, and count myself very fortunate to be able to work with you all.

### **Results of Easter Raffle**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$1000 Cash	Chris Kennedy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$500 Cash	Kirsty Porteous
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$100 Cash	Danny Steele
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$100 voucher, Pt Vincent Auto & Tyre	Kathryn Johnson
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$100 voucher, Ventnor Hotel	Thoday Family
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$50 voucher, Ardrossan Indep. Hardware	Liz Sawyer

## **NEW CAMPGROUND MANAGERS**

In March we said goodbye to Claude and Trish Delafontaine, who had been with us since October 2018, but had to return to Melbourne for family reasons. It was sad to see them go, as they had settled into their duties well and both had been very popular at the Happy Hours held in the barbecue area. Thank you Trish and Claude and come back and see us sometime.

We now have new caretakers in place at the bush campground, Terry and Lyn Fowler, who have been regular visitors to the campground over a long period of time, and have already made their mark with lots of tree pruning and keeping the campground area clean and tidy. Please welcome Terry and Lyn and say “hello” if you are visiting the campground for any reason - we hope they enjoy their time with us.

## **COMMUNITY DINNER**

After much thought it was decided by the Committee to cancel the Winter Dinner that was planned for 8 June, due to several factors. A large number of the Committee will be away travelling, leaving a lot of work for only a couple of people to do. It is increasingly hard to plan these activities when we don't know how many people are interested in coming along. Past experience has shown us that only a small number indicate they will attend, with the majority leaving it till the RSVP date (or after). This makes it difficult to get the logistics right and detracts from what should be a well-run and enjoyable night.

We are prepared to look at a function later in the year and we will advise you accordingly to gauge whether there is enough interest to proceed with it.

## **SPECIAL BIRTHDAY**



Graham Ward celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday 15 May, and a large number of his friends gathered at the Brian Cherry Community Hall to surprise Graham with morning tea and cakes.

Graham is a very modest man who is well respected in Port Julia for the many tasks he has undertaken to help improve our community. He is often seen putting bins away and other household tasks to help out someone in need.



Graham has been a Committee Member for many years and has always been the first to undertake any tasks that are needed on our working bee days. It was a great pleasure to share his birthday with him. Congratulations Graham.

## **GREEN WASTE**

Now that the fire ban season has ended the Committee has reopened the green waste area up on the Old Coast Road. 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.

## **CAMPGROUND FIRE CONTROL**



I am pleased to announce that we have now installed Stage One of the Fire Control measures mentioned in the December newsletter. This involved Brian Cherry designing a kiosk or cabinet to hold fire extinguishers and fire blankets to be used in dealing with a small fire in the campground. Kevin Ising built the steel cabinet and it was installed near the toilets three weeks ago.

My thanks on completing a superb job to Kevin and Brian, who also lined the cabinet and hung the three extinguishers and two blankets - these are ready to be implemented if needed.

As part of Stage One we have also connected a new electrical supply line between the recycle shed and the toilets. This is needed to provide enough power for a standby water pressure pump that is part of Stage Two of this project, should we decide to proceed with it. We can now acquit the \$5,000 Council Community Grant which will cover the costs we have outlaid to date on this project.

## **CLOSING**

It is with sadness that I report that in the near future we will be losing some of our well-loved and long term members and residents who will be selling up and moving elsewhere.

- Sue and Trevor Wright will be moving back to Adelaide. Sue has been one of the longest serving cake makers on the Easter Fair stall, and her tasty jelly cakes and novelty bakes will be as big a loss to the community as they will be. Trevor has been a valuable Secretary/Committee Member in the past and is always helping at functions.
- Anne and Mervyn Chappel - In 2012, as a lead up to celebrating our Jetty centenary, Anne wrote the definitive "Port Julia Stories" book about our town heritage. Anne conducted interviews with many locals who contributed their stories. Mervyn was a Past Treasurer a few years ago, and his time on the Committee was much appreciated.
- Janet and Sinclair Gould – They both prepared the Port Julia Concept Plan in 2010, much of which has been implemented to improve our lovely town. Sinclair also introduced Black Beetle racing which has become synonymous with Port Julia.
- Butch and Kerry Moses – Kerry is a Past President of the Association, and Butch was a willing worker in all of our social functions, which were wonderful events to attend.

These are all people who have played a large part in the shaping of the Port Julia we know and enjoy today. On behalf of the Association I join with them in bidding you a sad farewell and to wish all of you well for the future. Please come back when you can to see us again.

To those who are travelling away to warmer climes, travel safely and enjoy your holiday, and come back fresh and recharged and full of good stories to tell.

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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