



Port Julia Progress Association

OCTOBER 2021 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Welcome to only the second Newsletter for 2021. It has been a very quiet year so far for Port Julia, but I hope everyone has had a very enjoyable time since my last Newsletter in April this year. We have had a very mixed year weather wise, and even with the rainfall at an average level so far for the year, some of the crops in our area are doing quite well, while others not so good.

I haven't been out in the boat lately, but it appears the whiting are around still and the crab numbers are building up. Let's hope their size improves on last season where the numbers were very good, but failed to reach their traditionally large size around March.

Annual General Meeting

We held our AGM on October 2nd to coincide with the long weekend and had a good turnout of members, and I thank you all for your attendance there. The election of office bearers took place and I am very pleased to report that all members who stood for re-election were returned unopposed, with a new member, Margaret Rowley, nominating and being elected to the Committee. We welcome Margaret and congratulate her on her willingness to be a part of the 2021/2022 Committee, and look forward to the contribution she will make.

The elected Committee for 2021/2022 is as follows:

President	Perry Woodward
Vice President	Ann Gill
Secretary	Colleen Bennett
Treasurer	Faye Matthews
Member	Graham Ward
Member	Kingsley Coulthard
Member	Margaret Rowley
YP Council Rep.	Tania Stock
Hon. Auditor	Susan King



The AGM saw the retirement of Bob Hudson who has been a long serving and highly valued Committee person, but this year brought many struggles for Bob as he battled to look after his partner in life, May Havelberg.

We admired the way that Bob did his very best to make life comfortable for May in her illness, and we share with him the sadness as she lost her battle in August. May is missed very much by all who knew her, and she was always a willing helper at our Easter fairs and raffle book sales, and her fishing exploits always made for good listening.

This year also saw the passing (December 2020) of our Honourable Auditor Mr. Peter Gilchrist, who held this position for many years. We passed on our deep commiserations to his wife Heather, and also our thanks for his service to our Association.

As a result of this and the need to secure a replacement Auditor, we were fortunate to gain the services of Ms. Susan King, who is a qualified Bookkeeper/Accountant. Susan was able to carry out this task very ably for us in a timely manner ready for this AGM, for which she has our grateful thanks.



We concluded the AGM with an address from Mr. Fraser Ellis, the Independent Member for Narungga, who gave a brief and interesting description of his early life and the leadup to the 2018 election when he stood as the successful Liberal Party candidate. He also summed up various local issues in response to several questions from the floor, and reaffirmed his desire to continue to represent the electorate at the next State election to be held in March 2022.

This then ended the AGM, and all who attended then enjoyed drinks and a light supper with plenty of opportunity to have a catchup chat with neighbours and friends.

Tractor Replacement

After 11 years of faithful service with the Progress Association, the Committee has agreed for the need to replace the old and trusty Massey Ferguson tractor with a modern tractor with a front-end loader capacity – this will better suit the work that we carry out around the town. This will allow our older members to continue to attend the working bees without endangering their physical capabilities as they continue to age gracefully. We should be seeing the new tractor in the near future, in its bright blue livery colour, as it goes through its paces.

We will be advertising the Massey Ferguson for sale shortly after this, as it will be an excellent road registered vehicle to pull a boat trailer etc.



Road Alterations

You may notice that the Council is carrying out a realignment of the Active Road/Jetty Road junction to allow vehicles joining Jetty Road from Active Road a squarer approach to the intersection, giving a clearer view of traffic coming from the boat ramp. Drainage issues at the intersection will also be addressed and this should result in a far better road surface than is currently the case.



2022 Calendars

The new 2022 calendars are almost complete and will be made available in late November, and can then be picked up from the Brian Cherry Community Hall. Please ask the Caretakers to open the hall so that you can obtain your copy - numbers are limited, so please take only one per family. The calendar has been produced by our Secretary Colleen Bennett, and is a credit to her, with all bin days and important dates shown along with important information and emergency contacts as well as photos of life in Port Julia - thank you Colleen.

Christmas Dinner

We will be able to hold our annual Christmas Dinner again this year as being in a hotel, we can comply with their Covid-Safe provisions. As we received very good feedback from those who attended in the past several years, we have decided to once again hold this event at the Dalrymple Hotel at Stansbury on Saturday, December 11th.

We have to restrict the numbers due to social distancing requirements, so an early acceptance to the invitation (flyer attached) is essential to ensure your seat.

A big thank you to Ann Gill who has once again risen to the challenge and organized it and coordinated with the hotel to ensure everything runs smoothly, and to Colleen and Faye for looking after all the other arrangements needed to make this a fun night for those attending.

Green Waste Area

The Committee has decided to close the Green Waste area on October 26th in line with the start of the fire ban season which runs from November 1st 2021 to April 30th 2022.



We will have a final burn-off either on or close to the closure date and then clean up the area before erecting the fencing and signage.

I am happy to report that everybody who left their green waste this year did so in the correct manner by placing their waste in a central position, with plenty of clear space around the heap, making it very easy to control the burn-off fires.

Thank you to everyone for this as it makes our task so much easier.

Closing

As I said at the AGM, I take pleasure in seeing the Committee members agreeing to stand again this coming year, as I am very grateful for their solid support in all our ventures, and I look forward to the challenges that the next 12 months bring.

We hope to be able to hold an Australia Day function if Covid restrictions are further relaxed, but the Committee will make a decision closer to that time and all members will be kept informed.

Finally, please 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

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