



Port Julia Progress Association

NEWS FROM THE RED SHED JUNE 2025

Sand replacement at Port Julia

Progress has been approached by a resident requesting that Progress investigate the potential to undertake a sand replacement program, beginning with the dumping of truckloads of sand on the beach between the boat ramp and the jetty. The intent was that such sand would eventually shift north and cover rocks and beaches such as that behind the beach shelter.

As part of this process Progress:

- Had discussions with YP Council, Coastal Protection Board and met with a representative of the Black Point Progress to ascertain the processes at Black Point.
- Contacted Foul Bay to clarify what is happening at that location given that these locations (Black Point and Foul Bay) had been highlighted as sites at which sand replenishment had/was being undertaken with some funding.

Ian Yarrow from Council stated that any sand replenishment requires Coastal Protection Board approval, and whilst not impossible, is an expensive and bureaucratic process. Calculations provided to Progress were that "Port Julia needed about 300 tonnes of sand", and that Clinton Sands had quoted a cost of "between \$10560 and \$18310."

The situations at Black Point and Foul Bay are not a simple process of sand replenishment. A representative of the Black Point Progress visited Port Julia and checked the sites between our jetty and boat ramp. The issues and challenges at Black Point are numerous and complex and relate to their boat ramp designs and other issues- it was not merely replacing sand. Their situation is still ongoing, and there are erosion threats to some of the shacks. Even with sand replenishment the movement of sand continues, and it is still an ongoing problem in that (as it is at many beaches, including metropolitan areas).

The Foul Bay situation is also not merely sand replenishment- there are major threats to erosion and damage to shacks and roads. Some of these other factors explain why those two locations have received Council funding. Even with Council funding, the estimate given to us from Black Point Progress was that the community had contributed at least \$80k in funds, and of the order of another \$60k in the provision of heavy sand moving equipment, materials, time, etc donated by the community.

Progress was put in contact with Letitia Dahl-helm who is the Environmental Officer at YP Council and the relevant contact with Coastal Protection Board. Letitia and Andrew Cameron (CEO, YP Council) have both highlighted that the high priority for Port Julia is to undertake physical works for the cliff face and around the drain and hopefully address the erosion of the cliff wall behind the beach shelter. Having stated that, this work still sits at number 8 on Council's High Priority Minor Project list.



Letitia also stated that while sand replenishment does reduce the threat of erosion, it is not the Coastal Protection Board management option. Sand replenishment "is not going to stop the scouring of sand (proven at other locations with sea walls), and therefore sand replenishment is not a good use of public funds."

Progress has looked carefully at the response from Letitia and Council, and also taken note of the feedback from Black Point. Given the significant costs, and the likely need for major contributions from the Port Julia community, Progress has decided not to proceed with a sand replacement program.

Stitch & Bitch Group

Our friendly group at Stitch and Bitch is going strong. They are now meeting every Tuesday, starting at 1.00pm, as they are having so much fun and enjoying the social aspect of catching up. Everyone is welcome to come along. You don't need to be crafty or bring a project.

Some weeks we have two or three people arrive, and other weeks ten or more attendees. Some quilt, some knit, some crochet. Others just come and enjoy the fellowship. Champagne sometimes flows, sometimes it's tea and coffee and snacks. Recently Di introduced the group to scrap booking. Several cute photo boxes were constructed with much laughter and chatter. Thanks Di for providing all the materials and your patience with the less crafty of us!

In 2026 it will be the 150 years of settlement for Port Julia. The group is working towards a celebration quilt for display at the Community Hall. Memories and history are being added to the design. Come along and join us.

If you have any queries contact Margie on 0477 082 219. All welcome.



Working Bees

Have you ever wondered what happens every Tuesday morning at our working bees? We have some wonderful volunteers who arrive at the Community Hall somewhere between 8.30am and 9.00am keen to contribute to the amenity of Port Julia, to keep our lovely town looking fresh and looked after.

A social chat is first order of business as we wait for the ever-reliable Perry Woodward to arrive with his tractor and trailer after picking up cans and bottles from around the Town.



Everyone then pitches in to sort them into their appropriate crates and bags, ready for cashing in at the Stansbury recycling centre.

What happens to the money we get from the cans and bottles? It goes into the PJPA funds. Recently it has helped to fund the Australia Day breakfast, with all proceeds going to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. It helped buy the new

85cm television, plants for Port Julia, and print our annual calendar.

The volunteers spend time maintaining the Port Julia area, ensuring it remains clean and orderly. This can include:

- using the tractor and ride on mower to cut the Reserves, Graham Ward Walking Trail and edges of our roads;
- hedging the “Walk the Yorke” path to keep it accessible for all;
- weeding the reserves and garden areas;
- painting information signs;
- removing noxious weeds encroaching into our native conservation areas e.g. box thorn, succulents, gazania and Aleppo pines;
- cleaning the Community Hall and looking after Reichenbach Park;
- burning and tidying the green waste area;

as well as many other activities as required, e.g.

- building a shelter in the bush campground,
- painting the lookout shelter adjacent to the memorial wall and preparing a garden bed,
- mounting the new television,
- patching and repairing walls in the community hall,
- removing the pontoon.

After a morning's work, everyone gathers in the Community Hall for a cuppa, conversation and food, provided by volunteers and the PJPA as appreciation for their assistance. We would like to give a big thank you to the ladies who organise the morning tea and our volunteers for the many things they do around town! Everyone is welcome to join us, even if it is just for morning tea and chat around 10.30am.



Jane's Garden Corner

On the afternoon of Saturday 10 May, Fabienne Dee and Nick Nicholls from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board presented a workshop about Coastal Gardens at the Port Julia Community Hall. The interest was terrific and we had 35 participants attend.



Fabienne and Nick, who are both Yorke Peninsula residents, spoke about exotic plants that can escape from gardens, and then grow vigorously outcompeting the plants indigenous to the area. This included a number of South African, South American and succulent plants and there was much discussion about Gazanias!

They went on to talk about local alternative plants you could choose to plant in your garden which would grow better, support the birds and wildlife of the area, and make a stunning garden. They showed photos of local examples of formal gardens, cottage gardens, Japanese gardens and bush gardens which used Native and Indigenous South Australian plants.



All participants received a great booklet which listed suitable garden plants you can use when you visit the nursery or garden centre to assist in your selection. Participants received a bucket which they were able to fill with free tube stock plants to take home and plant in their garden. These were grown by Kellie Saint from Gum Flat Native Nursery from seeds she collects in the local area.

Shelley from Carrabie Nursery, based in Corny Point, also attended and showed



some of the local YP plants they are propagating. If that wasn't enough, the Landscape Board provided a delicious afternoon tea, complete with my favourite scones with jam and cream! We all returned home enthused and looking forward to getting our new plants into the ground. Let's hope the recent rains will help them get established.

Happy gardening, Jane

Large Television



The Port Julia Progress Association Committee Members are excited that we have been able to purchase and install (thanks to Karl) an 85 inch TV in the Community Hall. We are also hoping to add the internet to it shortly.


The TV has already been used for community get togethers - for a Crows and Port Showdown, Horse Racing event, and the recent State of Origin Rugby game.

It's great to get together, with the community, have a few drinks and nibbles and cheer on your Team, whilst looking at a big screen. We will open the Community Hall for any Crows/Port Showdown and State of Origin Rugby match from now on, so plan on getting your drinks, nibbles and Team colours together and join us.

In the future we would like to look at some music nights or similar events. If anyone has any suggestions of how they would like to utilise the TV and the Hall for a community get together, don't hesitate to contact Kingsley or Colleen with your ideas and willingness to help out. This is your Community Hall and everyone is welcome.

Community Noticeboard

Apology from the Secretary: in the last Newsletter the incorrect phone number was given for the **Men's Barber at Rogues Point**. This is the correct number to call Hong, phone **0406 521 336** (15 Chapman Road, Rogues Point).



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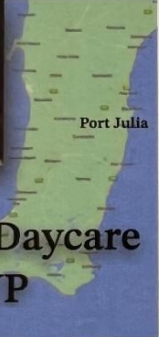

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Port Julia Pontoon - update

A survey was conducted, asking the residents to give their opinion regarding the future of the pontoon. Only 32 responses were received – 28 “yes” (87%) and 4 “no” (13%) that the pontoon be permanently removed. The Working Bee group removed the pontoon from the water recently, and it has now been sold.

New Caretakers

Jenny and Bruce Dowell joined us in February this year. They have done an excellent job looking after the campground, keeping it clean and tidy and welcoming the campers. Bruce has a “green thumb”, and has been busily planting some new plants and successfully propagating Sturt desert pea plants from seed pods. Bruce has built a greenhouse to grow more desert peas and other drought tolerant natives in.



Green Waste Area



This very popular and convenient resource was reopened on 29 April. We do not wish to burn plastics or other polluting materials, and advise they should be taken to the **Ramsay Waste Disposal Facility at 921 Dump Road, Port Vincent.**

Membership Fees

THESE ARE NOW DUE and are currently payable each financial year from **1 July 2025** to **30 June 2026**. A Membership Form is included.



For your information...

Memorial Wall



Iain McQueen has left the funeral business at Minlaton. However, he has kindly agreed to administer the purchase of plaques for the Memorial Wall at Port Julia.

Plaque size is 150mm wide x 100mm high, and photo plaques are available at no extra cost. Plaques and positions on the memorial cannot be pre purchased.

Plaques can only be ordered and placed by Iain McQueen and cost \$250.00. Contact: Iain McQueen - 0438 532 236 – or email iainmcqueen52@gmail.com

Drakes Ardrossan Community Dollars



Thank you to everyone who has used their barcode tag when shopping. If you wish to get a tag to use at any Drakes Foodland in South Australia, contact the Secretary. The PJPA receives 1 cent for every \$2 spent at a Drakes Foodland store. Monies donated (gift cards) are issued by Drakes once a year in July, providing the amount raised is \$100.

There is a myDrakesApp you can use on your phone instead of a tag when shopping - <https://drakes.com.au/mydrakes-app/>

Boys and Toys

An idea has been put forward that with the success of Stitch and Bitch that a more mechanically based group might be formed. The initial idea might be to meet up at the hall and possibly proceed to someone's property to purvey and discuss the relative merits of that person's toy whether it be a boat, a car, a bike, a plane, a tractor or anything else along those lines.

Those requiring refreshments or snacks could bring their own and we could go somewhere different every meeting. The meetings may comprise of discussion, valued opinions or actual mechanical activities according to whatever appears to be needed. This would require an initial get together to discuss how to proceed with this and where individuals would eventually like to take it. This could start initially as a fortnightly get together and see how it goes.

BOYS and
their **TOYS**

If anyone is interested, please contact Steve on 0477 082 219 or email margandsteverowley@gmail.com and we can organise an initial get together and set out some goals and ideas.

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

If you have any issues please email our Secretary, Colleen Bennett – secretary@portjuliapa.org.au

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2025/2026

Subscriptions (**\$20 family, \$10 single**) are payable from 1 July 2025-30 June 2026. The annual amount offsets the costs of printing newsletters and flyers, postage, internet and web access and maintenance.

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