

NOVEMBER 2024 FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the newly elected PJPA Committee, and as the newly elected President, I wish to thank the people of Port Julia for their confidence in supporting us to carry out the Committee's responsibilities. Given the commitment and achievements of past Committees and Presidents, it is a daunting challenge.

Due largely to the efforts of the previous Committee, there have been some recent achievements:

- An interpretative sign relating to the history of the horse trough has been erected and we thank Ann Gill for her efforts.
- A new noticeboard has been erected to replace the old one near the phone box.
- The light on the end of the jetty has been replaced by Council with a completely new light.
- Issues with the other solar lights on the stairs have been highlighted to Council.
- Council has committed to erecting a STOP sign at the intersection of Old Coast Road and Julia Road as a result of safety issues raised by a number of residents.
- The survey of residents conducted earlier in the year highlighted a popular desire for a playground close to the horse trough, and discussions with Council continue as does the request for new seating with a canopy adjacent to the Red Shed.

The new Committee, like previous Committees, is open to suggestions to improve facilities within Port Julia. Put forward your suggestions to Committee Members, and they will be considered within the funding and abilities of the Committee.

We look forward to seeing those able to attend the traditional Christmas Dinner on 7 December at the Dalrymple Hotel.

Historic Water Tank



An interpretative sign has been made and installed near the old water tank on the Reserve at Port Julia. This will inform visitors of the role it played in Port Julia's past.

2025 Calendars

The Port Julia 2025 calendar will be printed shortly, and will be made available in late November. These 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 valuable information and emergency contacts, as well as photos of life in Port Julia. Thank you to Fraser Ellis, MP for the paper and printing of the calendar.

Green Waste Area

This area is now **closed off** from the start of the Fire Ban season (1 November), as we have been doing for the past few years. The area is fenced off until April next ear. Please ensure you do not place any green burnable waste until the area re-opens in 2025. Thank you for your co-operation.



Annual General Meeting

This was held on 5 October 2024 at the Brian Cherry Community Hall. Our Guest Speaker was Bindi Hawkey, Community Engagement Officer with the SA Country Fire Service. Bindi gave a talk about Bushfire Safety. She is happy to return to Port Julia to give a 90 minute Bushfire Safety Session in the future.

Three members did not seek re-election – Perry Woodward, Ann Gill and Helene Gray. The Committee appreciates their commitment and enthusiasm, and wish them well for the future. I welcome some new members to the Committee – Craig Ward, Annette Smart, Anne Lewis, Jane Baird, Greg Taylor and Malcolm Thomson - and look forward to working with them and the other members in the coming year.

The elected Committee for 2024/2025 is as follows:

President Kingsley Coulthard

Vice President Margie Rowley

Secretary Colleen Bennett

Treasurer Faye Matthews

Member Simon Cobbledick

Member Stephen Rowley

Member Craig Ward

Member Annette Smart

Member Anne Lewis

Member Greg Taylor

Member Jane Baird

Member Malcolm Thomson

YP Council Rep. Tania Stock (Kalkabury Ward Councillor)

YP Council Rep. Trevor Clerke (Gum Flat Ward Councillor)

Hon. Auditor Susan King

Snakes – A brown snake was seen recently resting on the wall at the Look-out. Please be aware when moving around Port Julia. What to do if bitten by a snake?

Pressure bandage & immobilize

- 1. Follow DRSABCD (Danger, Response, Send for help, Airway, Breathing, Circulation, Defibrillator).
- 2. Call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance.
- 3. Lie the patient down and ask them to keep still. Reassure the patient.
- 4. If on a limb, apply an elasticised roller bandage (10–15 cm wide) over the bite site as soon as possible.
- 5. Apply further elasticised roller bandage (10–15 cm wide), starting just above the fingers or toes and moving upwards on the bitten limb as far as can be reached.
 - Apply the bandage as firmly as possible to the limb. You should be unable to easily slide a finger between the bandage and the skin.
- 6. Immobilise the bandaged limb using splints.
- 7. Write down the time of the bite and when the bandage was applied. If possible, mark the location of the bite site (if known) on the skin with a pen, or photograph the site. Do not wash venom off the skin or clothes because it can assist identification.
- 8. Stay with the patient until medical aid arrives



Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner is at the Dalrymple Hotel on Saturday, 7 December, and this year we are having a 3 course meal for \$60. A flyer has been emailed to residents, and bookings can be made with our Secretary Colleen Bennett at secretary@portjuliapa.org.au - seats are limited. We have 35 attending so far. **RSVP is 24 November.**

Membership Renewal - Thank you to those who have paid their 2024/2025 memberships already. If you haven't done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible.



YP Pumps – The PJPA recently purchased a new water pump for the hall



kitchen. Merv Camp of YP Pumps gave us a generous discount on the full price, which we very much appreciated. We like to support local businesses as much as possible.

YP Pumps is located at **29 Main Street, Port Vincent.**Contact Merv on 8853 7442 or mobile 0449 118 121
Email – yppumps@internode.on.net

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

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

Kingsley Coulthard President - 0400 794 381 president@portjuliapa.org.au

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the Annual General Meeting on 5 October Perry Woodward presented Life Memberships to two Committee Members. He read out the following:

Colleen Bennett - Colleen joined the Committee in 2015 at the October AGM, and was elected to the position of Secretary in October 2016. She has carried out this role in a highly efficient manner ever since, and continues to do so.

Colleen is someone who takes great pride in all that she does, and without her abilities and talents, our Association would be very much the poorer. In my opinion, the position of Secretary is in many ways the hardest role to carry out in an organisation such as the PJPA, and Colleen has been doing that very successfully for eight years. Without her prodigious talents of being able to take shorthand and organise very accurate minutes of meetings, and prepare agendas and follow up on numerous administration tasks, our Committee and Association would very much struggle.



Colleen has been recognised for her work in her own community, and was awarded a Citizen of the Year Award in 2023 by Tea Tree Gully Council, so she has been recognized by others in her community endeavours.

Each year Colleen produces our local calendar, and over those years you would have noticed many new and thoughtful initiatives that she has added, such as photos for each month, bin collection days, local event days and helpful information and phone contact numbers. Colleen also prepares the AGM agenda and reports and organises guest speakers, and when not doing all these things, also edits our Newsletter that you receive at intervals through the year.

It gives me enormous pleasure to recommend and welcome Colleen Bennett as a Life Member of the Port Julia Progress Association.

Ann Gill - Ann joined the Committee in 2015 at the October AGM, and was elected to the position of Vice President in October 2018, and has been very proactive in her role since then. She has provided much support to myself and the Committee in many ways, and has been and is a very loyal and dependable person who can fill in for myself and also as Secretary when Colleen or myself were not able to attend a meeting.

Ann has also researched and designed an interpretive sign for the stone feature on the reserve near the phone box, which was once an underground water tank used to provide water to the many horse teams that brought the bags of grain to Port Julia for export in the early days of last century. This sign will be erected in the near future, and will be another addition to the history of Port Julia that we can all be proud of.

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PORT JULIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION 2024 CHRISTMAS DINNER



TO BE HELD AT THE DALRYMPLE HOTEL, STANSBURY



SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2024 7.15PM FOR 7.30PM START

Cost is \$60.00 - 3 course meal

PLEASE BOOK EARLY AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

RSVP by 24 November EMAIL secretary@portjuliapa.org.au or contact COLLEEN BENNETT - 0417 877 316