



Port Julia Progress Association

NEWS FROM THE RED SHED NOVEMBER 2025

On behalf of the newly elected PJPA Committee, I wish to thank the people of Port Julia for their support and confidence to enable us to carry out the Committee's responsibilities. Here are some current undertakings:

- The upgrade of Eva Crescent reserve continues under the care of Margie and Steve Rowley, who are progressively removing the weeds and thorns and planting shrubs that are habitat friendly to an endangered species of butterfly called a Sedge Skipper.
- The Committee continues to work with Council to ensure that traffic driving through Port Julia does so in a safe manner, and would like to see the speed limit reduced to 30 KPH. Council has recently placed speed counters at three points in the town to gather more data. The Committee has requested a face-to-face meeting with representatives of Council to discuss all the traffic issues.
- A small group of dedicated residents meet every Tuesday morning to carry out tasks to make the township attractive. A special mention to the regulars such as Steve, Karl, Theo, Greg, Margie, Perry and Malcolm. New attendees would always be welcome.
- New warning flags have been erected in the approach to the boat ramp and along the cliff opposite the telephone box in relation to the erosion and condition of our beaches. Council is aware that addressing the erosion behind the beach shelter is an urgent task.
- Every Tuesday afternoon commencing at 1pm a group of ladies get together to chat, share stories and help each other with individual and group art and craft activities. Leading up to Port Julia's 150th anniversary in 2026, this group is working towards a memorial quilt depicting the culture and significant events in the town's history. Everyone is welcome.

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

Annual General Meeting

This was held on 4 October 2025 at the Brian Cherry Community Hall. After the meeting Alan Bennett, St John SA, gave a demonstration on how to use an AED (defibrillator). One is located near the front door of the Brian Cherry Community Hall.

One Member did not seek re-election – Stephen Rowley. The Committee appreciates his commitment and enthusiasm, and is delighted Steve will continue as the Public Officer of the PJPA. We welcome a new member elected to the Committee, Bruce Dowell, and look forward to working with him and the other members in the coming year.

The elected Committee for 2025/2026 is as follows:

President	Kingsley Coulthard
Vice President	Malcolm Thomson
Secretary	Colleen Bennett
Treasurer	Margie Rowley
Member	Simon Cobbledick
Member	Faye Matthews
Member	Craig Ward
Member	Annette Smart
Member	Anne Lewis
Member	Greg Taylor
Member	Jane Baird
Member	Malcolm Thomson
Member	Bruce Dowell
Public Officer	Stephen Rowley
YP Council Rep.	Tania Stock (Kalkabury Ward Councillor)
YP Council Rep.	Trevor Clerke (Gum Flat Ward Councillor)
Auditor	Susan King

Life Membership

At the Annual General Meeting on 4 October Kingsley Coulthard presented Life Membership to **Faye Matthews**. He read out the following:

Faye spends many hours ensuring our finances are collated and meet auditing requirements. Faye started attending Port Julia Progress Association meetings in 2015 and was elected Treasurer at the 2015 AGM. She has held this position for the last ten years.

Faye has done an excellent job looking after the financials for the organisation, not an easy task. In her role as Treasurer, Faye has handled large amounts of cash and organised floats for numerous functions.



Over the years these have included the Easter Fair, Australia Day brunch, Christmas Dinner, Schnitzel Night, Pie & Pasty Night, Pizza Night, and Progressive Dinner etc.

Faye has always been ready to volunteer and assist with all activities organised by the Port Julia Progress Association. One year, for example, Faye spent a weekend cooking pies and pasties in the hall kitchen to freeze ready for the Easter Fair! She organises the chocolate bags and the complimentary drinks each year for the Christmas Dinner, plus many other tasks.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend and welcome Faye Matthews as a **Life Member** of the Port Julia Progress Association.

Port Julia – 150th Year in 2026



PORT JULIA will be celebrating its **150th Birthday** this time next year. A Sub-Committee has been organized to make plans to celebrate this great milestone. We need input from permanent residents and holiday home owners for suggestions on functions or activities that would be appropriate to celebrate this exciting time in our history. Please email **Di Galloway** with your thoughts or if you would like to join the Sub-Committee.

Email digals1616@gmail.com

2026 Calendars

The Port Julia 2026 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

It is disappointing that during one of the recent burn-offs there was a tyre and a very large tree stump left in the area. Any person seen illegally dumping will be reported to Yorke Peninsula Council. If inappropriate items are left at the site, there may be the possibility that the green waste area may close.



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 year. Please ensure you do not place any green burnable waste until the area re-opens in 2026. Thank you for your co-operation.

Jane's Garden Corner

We held our second ever **Port Julia Spring Garden Walk** on the afternoon of Sunday 5th October. We met at the Community Hall and then Bruce Dowell showed us around all the work he has been doing on the campgrounds, including the Sturt Desert Peas he has planted, and they are thriving. He has created a map of Australia, complete with Uluru and native peas planted in their appropriate geographical location. There was even a patch of green grass on the oval which Bruce planted with Tough Grass seed. Everyone received Sturt Desert Pea seeds and detailed instructions from Bruce on how to germinate them.



We then walked to Karl and Helen's garden which was such a delightful surprise being hidden away by surrounding bush. We saw Helen and Karl's fruit trees, passionfruit vine, vegie patch and Helen's beautifully shaped curved hedges made of the local Sea Box and Myoporum.

We crossed over Julia Rd to walk through Anne and Steve's garden and Auntie Joy came out to join the group and show us her beautiful beaded decorations amongst the trees. Joy and her neighbour Margaret worked on creating garden art during the pandemic, so next we headed next door and Bronny and Michael showed us her mother's stunning legacy.

Margaret painted thousands of shells and attached them to rope and they are suspended from her large backyard peppercorn tree. It is an amazing piece of garden art, and no one would guess it was there! Her favourite colour was red and the vibrant colours are beautiful.

We walked up to look at the Butterfly Garden bounded by Eva Crescent and Priscilla Avenue. There has been incredible work done to clear the Gazanias and replant with native Grasses and Eremophila species. We saw some tiny lilac-coloured butterflies enjoying the flora.



We detoured for a quick walk to view the naturally growing cluster of Yorke Peninsula native daisies, *Olearia Pannosa*, along the Walk the Yorke Trail. It is so encouraging to see these endangered locals doing so well. By this time we were all ready for a drink and some snacks, so we headed back to the hall.

There was so much sharing of knowledge and it was great to see how much everyone enjoyed this community event. Hopefully we can build on this and host some more garden based community activities. Thanks to all those who generously shared their gardens with us.

**Happy gardening,
Jane**

Seating

The current seating around Port Julia was installed a very long time ago and has deteriorated considerably, resulting in creating a few hazards, e.g. corroding legs and splintering seats etc. The plan was to replace them with more modern seating with better life span expectation.



We have been successful in gaining approval for the replacement of the two seats in the Active Road coastal reserve. This will allow 8 persons to be seated, allow disability access and have a roof for shelter. We have also been given approval for shelters to be erected over the two concrete seating areas down by the Red Shed, four replacement bench seats along the Graham Ward Walking Trail, and another bench seat along the Walk the Yorke track adjacent to Active Road. Council has agreed to assist with the removal of the older street furniture and the installation of the new furniture. However, it will be removed in stages and installed over the next few months

Margie's effort and commitment to this project is gratefully acknowledged.

New Shed

In May 2025 a team of Port Julia Progress Association Committee Members worked hard to gather quotes and information for a Grants SA 2025-26 Community Sheds Funding Round. This grant will enable the expansion of community activities as well as providing an excellent storage facility for vehicles and plant and machinery.



Anne Lewis has worked tirelessly in developing this application, and Progress acknowledges her efforts and the input from Steve Lewis, Margie and Steve Rowley, Malcolm and Colleen.

We would also like to thank Tania Stock and Yorke Peninsula City Council for their project support and letters of recommendation that accompanied the application.

We are pleased to announce that the application has been successful, and Port Julia Progress Association will receive \$29,037 from the Department of Human Service. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Christmas Dinner



The Christmas Dinner has a change of venue this year. It will be held at the Brian Cherry Community Hall on **Saturday, 6 December**, and this year we are having Golden Roast cater our meal for \$40. Bookings can be made with our Secretary Colleen Bennett at secretary@portjuliapa.org.au. However, the number is limited to 50 and there are only 6 seats available. **RSVP and payment are needed by 23 November.**

Membership Renewal

Thank you to those who have paid their 2025/2026 memberships already. If you haven't done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible.



Car Boot Sale

The PJPA is participating in the Garage Sale Trail and has organized a Car Boot Sale at the Bush Campground on **Saturday, 15 November** from 8am to 1pm. Bring your pre-loved items to sell from your car boot – there is no fee for sellers. Of course we would like to see lots of buyers too! The PJPA will run a BBQ and drinks stall. Contact secretary@portjuliapa.org.au for further information.



Website - 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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