

BLACK POINT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

NEWSLETTER

“ Welcome Black Pointers,

The rain has arrived and what a difference it has made to the country side, even though we need a lot more. A very mixed bag for this issue, but personally I wish to thank all the contributors who make this newsletter possible. I, along with everyone else enjoyed Keith George's article on yesteryear last issue, and I receive contributions from other members as well as the committee. Therefore I take this opportunity to thank all concerned. I also wish to personally thank Brenton Schahinger for his help & support in my role as editor. Brenton was the previous editor as well as the secretary. I do not know how he managed that! The fishermen also owe Brenton for his involvement in the recovering of recreational fishing in SA. Cheers Brenton.

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SECRETARY & MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR RETIRES

We regretfully inform members that Brenton Schahinger has retired from our Association's Committee. Brenton's work on behalf of us all, has been diligent & unrelenting. We are sure Brenton will not be able to completely escape from us, as we still hope to use his services in the future. We all thank you Brenton for your truly magnificent contribution to Black Point.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

MAXINE HAWKE PARK

We need your help in replanting seedlings in the MHP Woodlot on the June Long Weekend. Due to various reasons, including the drought and rabbits, we unfortunately lost high numbers of seedlings planted in the effluent watered woodlot. The seedlings have been bought, technical issues have hopefully been resolved, the rabbits are being controlled and hopefully the drought has broken. So, we are hoping that as many as possible can contribute some time to plant some seedlings, meet fellow shackies & relax with a refreshment.

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- WHEN:** 10am Saturday, 7th of June.
- WHERE:** Meet at rear of 56 or in Woodlot, southern side of MHP.
- TIME NEEDED:** As much as you can give. (5mins–2hrs).
- BRING:** Gloves, most important or grubber/spade.
- NO GLOVES?** There will be other tasks including weed removal.
- REFRESHMENTS:** Sponsored by Glenn Cooper & the BPPA.

40 YEAR TRANSFERABLE LEASES/COASTAL PROTECTION

We have received a Final Draft of the Lease Documentation from Stephen Horsell, Senior Property Officer, Coastal/Northern Region Kadina, Department for Environment & Heritage. A meeting has been held with Steve Horsell and representatives of the District Council of Yorke Peninsula to discuss and comment on the documents. Our committee is currently taking legal advice on some aspects of the documents before recommending our final comments.

We understand that when the final Lease documents are forwarded to each Shack

Owner by the Department for Environment and Heritage, they will be accompanied by an information package explaining the background to the documents and with answers to some common questions.

The Committee has made every endeavour to ensure the Draft Lease Document provides a clear understanding and acceptable outcome for all Shack Owners however it will be the responsibility of each Shack Owner to independently liaise with the Department and to obtain their own legal advice if they consider the documentation to be unsuitable.

VEHICLES & MOTOR BIKES ON BEACH – AND SPEEDING ON BEACH & LOCAL ROADS

At our AGM on 23 March a number of members were concerned about the practice of some people driving vehicles or motor bikes on the beach, and speeding either on the beach or on local roads.

In early April, Chairman Barry Noble had some useful discussions with Senior Constable Mike Pearson of the Ardrossan Police. Senior Constable Pearson was very helpful and the following is a summary of the outcomes:



- driving any vehicle or motor bike on the beach without approval from the Council is prohibited; and of course breaking the speed limit is obviously an offence;
- technically the beach is regarded as a public road; it is classified as a road related area under the Australian Road Rules. Therefore any vehicle being ridden or driven on the beach area must be registered and the driver licensed. All normal road rules apply eg; speed restrictions, seatbelts, safety helmets etc. Obviously the Police have discretion as to how they police these laws and it maybe more educational / beneficial to caution offenders in the first instance rather than arrest or report;
- the Police are understanding of vehicles being on the beach for a legitimate purpose, such as removing rubbish, providing they are driven with due care and with due regard for the safety of others;
- however, if the behaviour becomes a safety concern, the Ardrossan Police would be happy to receive a call (on 8837 3017) from our Association or from any member of the Black Point community. They would attend (subject to other demands) and caution or apprehend the offenders. Offenders may be prosecuted;
- it would be useful to have a number of signs erected saying that driving or riding any vehicle or motor bike on the beach without approval from the Council is prohibited. [Council has agreed to erect such signs for us, and we have asked for one at the top of the boat ramp, and one at the eastern end of the beach.];
- the Police would be comfortable with any member of the Black Point community cautioning offenders, provided due care was taken that the cautioner did not put themselves in danger.

RUBBISH BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

New proposed rubbish bin collection services are set to begin on the 1st of October, 2008 for the District Council area of Yorke Peninsula. The adoption of a three bin collection system consisting of 1) a weekly 140L bin household waste collection; 2) a fortnightly 240L bin recyclable household waste collection & 3) a monthly 240L bin green organics waste collection.

The DCYP has produced a Draft Waste and Recycling Document which contains the following points.

“If you notice a BPPA sticker on your bin, it means you are financial members and therefore your bin will be returned to your back door. If not, you need to address this situation by contacting the Treasurer.”

- The existing 240L bin will be used for the green organic waste.
- Council will provide one each of the 140L & 240L bins.
- Replacement bins and parts will be at the householders cost.
- Bins & parts are obtainable from the Council.
- Extra bins & collections will be by arrangement with the Council and will incur additional fees.
- Multiple tenancies & those requesting additional bins need to apply to the “Manager Customer Services” of the DCYP.
- All charges relating to the waste collection service will be listed separately on the Rates Notice.

All ratepayers will be notified by Council in due course.

COMPETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Thank you to all those who have recently supplied email addresses. This helps in the arduous task of sending out Newsletters and other important information to you. Those on email, also gain extra information, such as the recent Yorke Peninsula Community Hazardous waste collection which because of the timing was only available to those via email. All entries for a competition will go into a bucket with one drawn to receive a \$50 voucher to either of Bunnings hardware or the Pine Point General Store. I will include in the bucket those thoughtful members who kindly updated their details without enticement in recent times. Please contact Kym Woolford by phone as above or by email vhw@bigpond.com.



FISHING NEWS – LAW CHANGE TO BERLEYING

The law covering the use of berley has been part of fisheries legislation since 1985 and was introduced to restrict the use of berley specifically designed to attract sharks, especially where it has the potential to endanger the lives of swimmers and divers in the same area.

The legislation, controlling the use of blood, bone, meat, offal or skin of an animal as berley, was varied slightly in December 2007 with the addition of the words “or bird” to part (2) of Section 23 of the Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2007. This addition prevents the use of birds (in particular chicken carcasses or frames) as berley.

Fishers can only use fish-related products like fish frames, heads, pieces, including squid and cuttlefish as berley. Fishers can not use chicken necks, carcasses (or pieces), meat products such as ox heart, old chops, dog bones, roo tails etc. This includes use in crab nets (both single ring hoop and double ring drop nets). The use of small amounts of meat for berley or bait when targeting fish such as mullet remains unchanged. It is considered unlikely that the small amounts of meat used in this way will have significant attractant properties. Fisheries Officers will use their discretion in weighing up the circumstances of its use.



OUR HOPE TO SAVE LIVES AT BLACK POINT

The defibrillator has now been mounted on Bob Perry's shed at shack 42. Many thanks to Bob for driving this potentially life saving initiative and thank you to Kym Burke, of Prodec, for donating the cabinet which houses the defib. We are still chasing a second unit, to be mounted nearer the eastern end of the beach.

INTERNET ACCESS AT BLACK POINT

For those interested, Telstra Bigpond now offer Wireless Broadband internet access covering the majority of YP, including Black Point. Using a plug in modem which accesses the towers directly behind BP. The signal appears reliable. Plans range from \$39.95 for 200Mb/Speed 1 to \$109.95 for 3GB/Speed 2 for a month. Internet café is also available at the Pine Point General Store.

PEST PLANTS AT BLACK POINT

The following pictures were provided by an association member so as to inform other members, who may be unaware which plants are regarded as pests in our district. They all spread without much help and therefore can become a major issue if left unattended. Please, if so inclined, remove or control these plants in your area.

Capeweed



Bridal Creeper



Agave



Boxthorn & Succulent



PINE POINT GENERAL STORE

Opening Hours

Sunday to Thursday, 8am to 6pm

Friday & Saturday, 8am to 7pm

EARLY DAYS AT BLACKPOINT

by Keith George

My first recollections of a trip to BP. was when my dad, Reg George, borrowed my Grandfather's Essex Tourer and having saved enough petrol ration tickets, dad and mum, "Gweny" George, brother Robert and myself undertook the five hour "expedition" to Blackpoint. It was summer, 1949.

The road, from the turn off just out of Port Wakefield was known as the Coastal summer "track", rough and corrugated. On this occasion, recent heavy rains had covered the road and the old Essex, with water to the running boards, fully loaded with our canvas army tent and gear, ploughed through the water with only the fence posts to guide us.

Going past the "cliffs", (where we now have a passing lane on the bitumen road), we stopped and dad shot a few rabbits to cook in a stew. We also used some of them for crab bait.

The track between Ardrossan and Pine Point followed the contours of the land and we felt like we were on the big dipper at Loona Park as we raced down the hills and struggled up the other side.



Blackpoint in those days consisted of low scrub, with a rough track that led to the "point". The only buildings on the beach were Napman's, the fisherman had two little sheds, where he kept nets. There were no other buildings at Blackpoint except the farm house and a small stone cottage that stood in the paddock opposite where the caravan park is now situated.

Living in the army tent, with a primus stove for cooking and a Hessian safe for perishables, and a camp stretcher for sleeping on, was a challenge to say the least.

Big moths, about three inches long, would invade the tent at night and fly around the hurricane lamp. Often they would end up in my dinner. Yuk!

“They’re good for you!” Dad said. Well! Blowed if I was going to eat them. The hard times, and hot weather, were compensated by the time we spent on the beach and in the water. Sand castles to hold back the tide, for a while. Throwing, a long piece of twine with a piece of rabbit at the end, out into the water at high tide and watching the big blue crabs follow the bait into the shallow water, were we would flick them up onto the beach with a stick and then shovel them into a kero can of boiling salt water.

Crabs would be seen every two meters in the water at high tide, in those days, and you learnt to swim above them very quickly.



Next time, I'll share how Reggy George, got the doctor and his secretary into trouble, when in 1957, he went to inspect, our newly acquired shack, (No.1).



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POINTS OF INTEREST

Did you know sharks cannot swim backwards?

The boss wondered why one of his most valued employees was absent but had not phoned in sick one day. Needing to have an urgent problem with one of the main computers resolved, he dialled the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper. 'Hello?' 'Is your daddy home?' he asked. 'Yes,' whispered the small voice.

'May I talk with him?' The child whispered, 'No.' Surprised and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, 'Is your Mummy there?' 'Yes' 'May I talk with her?' Again the small voice whispered, 'No' Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, 'Is anybody else there?' 'Yes,' whispered the child, 'a policeman.' Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, 'May I speak with the policeman?' 'No, he's busy,' whispered the child. 'Busy doing what?' 'Talking to Daddy and Mommy and the Fireman,' came the whispered answer. Growing more worried as he heard a loud noise in the background through the earpiece on the phone, the boss asked, 'What is that noise?' 'A helicopter' answered the whispering voice. 'What is going on there?' demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive. Again, whispering, the child answered, 'The search team just landed a helicopter'

Alarmed, concerned and a little frustrated the boss asked, 'What are they searching for?' Still whispering, the young voice replied with a muffled giggle... 'ME.'

SHACK RENTAL LISTINGS

As a service to all members, we are interested in compiling a list of shacks that are available for rent. At times the Association receives requests for a shack to rent. This not only comes from visitors but also Black Pointers who wish to suggest a shack to family or friends near them. We will list shack numbers and a contact avenue as people wish in the newsletter. This will be a free service to members. Please contact the secretary, Kym Woolford via phone or at vhw@bigpond.com