

## BLACK POINT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE (DECK) CHAIR

The Winter months are a good time to hibernate at Black Point. While I am sure that a good many of us on the Black Point Progress Association Committee would have liked to have done just that, it was not to be the case!

**Winter Happenings**

The past few months have been a very busy time for the BPPA with a range of activities, including:

- The official opening of the new Boat Ramp
- Completion and processing of the Black Point residents survey
- Liaison with various parties in relation to the Hillside Mining project
- Follow through on our submission to the Warburton RET Review on relation to the proposed Ceres Wind Farm project
- Completion of a submission to Council on the Development Plan Section 30 Review
- Liaison with the SA Government in relation to the 40 year leases.

Many of these activities are covered in separate reports in this Newsletter. However I would like to make special mention of the Boat Ramp opening.

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## FROM THE (DECK) CHAIR *(continued)*

### Boat Ramp Opening

The official opening of the boat ramp took place in cold and damp conditions on Sunday 20 July 2014.

A group of around 50 Black Pointers, contractors, builders, Council representatives and the local community attended and heard presentations by Mayor Ray Agnew (on behalf of the DCYP), Minister Hon. Stephen Mullighan (on behalf of the SA Government) and myself (on behalf of the BPPA). A plaque was unveiled which sits on a large rock in the boat ramp car park.

The Council did a magnificent job in erecting a marquee in the car park to keep out the cold and also met the costs of the food and drink. I would like to pay special thanks to Andrew Cameron and his team for their efforts on the day in making the opening such a success. It was a very fitting ceremony to cap off a very significant development for our community at Black Point.

All the catering and waiter service on the day was provided by the ladies from the Ardrossan Angels. It was another magnificent effort for which I would also like to say a special thank you, on behalf of us all.

A big thank you again, also, to the Boat Ramp Sub Committee of the BPPA and especially Barry Noble ( the Project Leader ) and Patrick Hill who put in many, many hours of work, (with a fair dose of stress thrown in at times !) to make it all happen. The Boat Ramp designer and engineer, Graeme Coppock, went above and beyond and deserves recognition and thanks from all of us at Black Point.

### Our Community Spirit

One of the great attributes of Black Point has been its wonderful community spirit. In days gone by, if a shack owner needed help, his/her neighbours would pitch in to help. If a shack owner wanted to take an action which might affect his/her neighbour, they would consult with the neighbours and discuss their plans. It was this tight knit community spirit which set Black Point apart from a lot of other shack areas in South Australia.

Regrettable, it seems that a lot of that iconic community spirit has been lost in recent years. The BPPA has received an increasing number of reports of beggar-thy-neighbour actions by property owners and of spurious and inappropriate complaints to Council on matters which are outside the ambit of the Councils responsibility.

It is not the responsibility of the BPPA to resolve disputes between neighbours. Nor is it the responsibility of the Council.

It would be nice to think that we could go back to the "good old days" at Black Point where everyone helps and supports each other. I am reminded of that well known biblical writing: "You reap what you sow".

### Summer Ahead.

I hope you are all able to take advantage of the warmer weather over coming months and enjoy many wonderful days at our unique and incomparable part of the world... Black Point.

Roger Sexton  
Chairman  
BPPA.

Boat Ramp ● Barry Noble

Leases, Licences, Coastal Protection  
● Adrian Sutter

Newsletter ● Kym Woolford

RecFish ● Kym Woolford

Rex Minerals, CCG ● Kate Van Schaik

Strategic Plan ● Kate Van Schaik

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Walk the Yorke ● Bill Gill

Website ● Greg Harmer

Wind Farm ● Roger Sexton, Barry Noble  
Community Helpers

Fire Trailer ● Brian Bishop

Bin Returns ● Malcolm & Sue Wheare

Recycling Bins Manager ● Bob Walkley

## UPGRADE OF THE BOAT RAMP and surrounding area

In our most recent Newsletter in June, we reported on the new Black Point Boat Ramp being opened for use on Good Friday 18 April 2014, and being fully operational since then.

The feedback from users continues to be very positive. In fact the only real negative issue that has emerged are some difficulties being experienced in launching and retrieving boats when there is only one person on the scene. Specifically, some users have told us that, when there are cross winds, it can be difficult to secure their boat while returning, or going to bring down, their vehicle and trailer.

Especially given there are prospective safety issues here, we are continuing to work with Council on what might be done to address these issues. One solution could be to add a walkway on at least one side of the ramp (and preferably both); with such walkways also being used to make embarking or disembarking boats much easier. However, some preliminary work indicates the costs would be substantial, and the perennial question then becomes where does the money come from. We will keep you informed on progress.

We should also mention that over recent months Council have planted some vegetation on the embankments to minimise erosion; and the whole area now looks rather attractive.

We continue to encourage users to provide feedback (both good and not-so-good) on how they feel about the new ramp, and what further fine-tuning might be done to improve things even more. Please send such feedback, preferably by email, to our Secretary Kym Woolford in the first instance.

Finally, on Sunday 20th July the new ramp was officially opened by the Minister Stephen Mullighan. There was a good representation from the Black Point community and, despite some cold and blustery weather, a good time was had by all. We thank the Council for the shelter and refreshments provided.



## BLACK POINT HERITAGE AREA: MEMORIAL WALL

Work has now commenced in earnest to finalise the plans for the memorial wall. A draftsman has been engaged to draw up the plans, the application process is being finalised and we have arranged the process in conjunction with McQueen Funeral Services - who will manage most of the process for administration of applications, the supply and installation of plaques. While it will be some time yet until the wall has gone through the required building approval and construction, it is pleasing to note that this project can now move along. For those who may not be aware- the wall is designed to commemorate those people with a close affinity with "Blackie" who have passed away as well as a way to acknowledge some of our local history in regard to those people who have made a contribution to our community. Further updates about the project, the application process will be available by the next newsletter.

## Vale W.H. (Bill) Cane

The BPPA committee wishes to express deepest sympathy to the Cane and Agars families, with the sad news of the passing of Bill on 24th September 2014. The only son of the inaugural chairman of the Black Point Shackowners Association, Mr Denby Cane, Bill has been a well known and respected member of the Ardrossan and Black Point communities. Many people young and old have shared in the hospitality and company of Bill during times at Blackie and we also express our condolences to the many friends and visitors who will mourn the loss of one of our original Yorke Peninsula Shackowners.

Kate Van Schaik former chairman.

## MAXINE HAWKE PARK

The Park really is looking great thanks to the foresight of previous community volunteers.

Thank you to Patrick Hill for undertaking the burning of the rubbish piles within the MHP. Additionally, within the next few weeks a contractor will mow further into the park to reduce the fire load.

As we lead up to the busy season, (sometimes called the silly season), we often get an act of vandalism. Please report any unusual activity to Police or if unsure, a member of the Committee.



RecFish SA commends Minister Geoff Brock for taking the tough decision not to support the Marine Parks roll-back Bill. We believe that the Bill was flawed to the extent that it proposed reversing the protection of crucial nursery and spawning areas

It is often stated that we have "The world's best managed fisheries." And yet many of SA's popular fish species are in decline and are being unsustainably fished. This is particularly the case in Gulf St Vincent where the majority of iconic recreational species are in trouble with notably garfish languishing for well over a decade now. But Black Pointers would already be painfully aware of this.

It is time for a fresh approach and new ideas to revitalise our fish stocks. And the implementation of Marine Parks on 1 October this year will ensure that haul nets and long-lines are removed from the rare inverse estuary at the top of Gulf St Vincent, which is a vital nursery and spawning area for a range of fish species. But this measure is not so much about Fisheries Management or Marine Parks but simple common sense.

Furthermore, any commercial fishers displaced by Marine Parks Sanctuary Zones have already been compensated on a voluntary basis by SA taxpayers. And it is worth highlighting that 94% of our waters are still open to commercial and recreational fishing. So while there has been a lot of hysteria about Marine Parks in the media recently, overall there should be little impact on fishers and importantly, our precious fish stocks will begin to recover.

Brenton Schahinger  
Chair RecFish SA

## RECFISH SA: OTHER NEWS

RecFish SA is currently negotiating with the Government for the future use of boats on offline reservoirs, which have already been negotiated to be opened to recreational fishing in the near future. These include the Warren, Bundaleer, Baroota and Tod dams, which are all located in regional South Australian communities.

"We also look forward to a further positive announcement from the Minister about boating access on the 9600 hectare, Lake Bonney South East, near Milllicent, in 2016." he said. RecFish SA will continue to strive to improve boating facilities and opportunities for recreational fishers in South Australia. For more information about the roll out of reservoir fishing in 4 new dams, and for permits to fish the Warren Reservoir, visit [www.recfishsa.com.au](http://www.recfishsa.com.au).

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## REX MINERALS

Rex accept 99 conditions of Hillside Mining Lease approval.

Media alert from Yorke Peninsula Land Owners' Group 16th September 2014.

YPLOG concerns re Rex Minerals' acceptance of Hillside Mining Lease Conditions.

Rex Minerals Ltd has today announced its acceptance of the 99 conditions imposed by Minister Koutsantonis as part of his approval of the Hillside Mining Lease proposal.

Given Rex's recent 'backflip' decision to put the full-scale mining plan on hold while it investigates options for a smaller start-up project, it is inconceivable that the Government is allowing the original MLP and its associated conditions to stand.

Rex's change in direction will inevitably involve major alterations to the project. These are likely to have significant negative implications for the environment and the local community.

In a recent ASX announcement (8/8/14) Rex stated that their extended feasibility study would include "Alternative design scenarios, covering mining method, haulage, processing and shipping". This reads like a complete redesigning of the entire operation. As just one example, Rex now seem to be considering trucking the heavy metal concentrate by road to Adelaide, instead of building a slurry pipeline to Ardrossan for shipping. This will have major consequences for road safety and road maintenance costs along the already dangerous St Vincent's Highway.

Given these and other possible changes, why is the State Government still allowing the original process to continue as if Rex's 'backflip' did not occur?

Why has the Government not called a halt to the process until it and the community know exactly what Rex is now planning for Hillside?

Why, in the light of recent events, has the Government made no demands that Rex prepare a new or, at the very least, an amended MLP, explaining all changes proposed and assessing likely environmental, economic and community repercussions. A new round of public consultation should also be mandatory.

It should not just be business as usual.

YPLOG strongly objects to what seems to be a lack of due process and accountable decision making on the part of the Government and calls on it to suspend the entire process until Rex has determined how (or even if) it intends to proceed at Hillside.



## BPPA AND HILLSIDE MINE

Media alert from Yorke Peninsula Land Owners Group 26th September 2014.

### RE Conditions attached to the Hillside Mining Lease.

As you are probably aware, Rex Minerals have accepted the conditions imposed as part of Minister Koutsanstonis' approval of the Hillside Mining Lease Proposal.

Links to all relevant documents are provided below.

The most important document to read at this stage is the one entitled "Mineral lease document for Rex Minerals" (see below).

We are currently working our way through the conditions attached to the Hillside Mining Lease. These cover a range of issues, including dust, noise, ground and surface water, rehabilitation etc.

We will email out our assessment of each issue and its associated conditions as we complete each one.

If you have any queries or comments or would like more information, please contact us.

YPLOG committee.

FROM DMITRE: [www.minerals.dmitre.sa.gov.au/mines\\_and\\_developing\\_projects/developing\\_projects/rex\\_minerals](http://www.minerals.dmitre.sa.gov.au/mines_and_developing_projects/developing_projects/rex_minerals)

### Rex Minerals Hillside Copper, Gold and Iron Ore Project

On 16 September 2014 Rex Minerals (Rex) accepted an offer of mineral tenements under the *Mining Act 1971* for the Hillside Copper, Gold and Iron Ore mine near Ardrossan on Yorke Peninsula.

The following documents detail the assessment of the Rex mining proposal, the terms and conditions of the mineral tenements that have been accepted by Rex, and answers to commonly asked questions about the Hillside project.

- The comprehensive Government Assessment report for the Hillside Mining Lease Proposal and Management Plan ([.pdf 9.9Mb](#))
- The complete legal terms and conditions of the leases and license granted to Rex
  - Mineral lease document for Rex Minerals (SA) Pty Ltd ([.pdf 1.8Mb](#))
  - Extractive mineral lease document for Rex Minerals (SA) Pty Ltd ([.pdf 1.8Mb](#))
  - Miscellaneous purposes license document for Rex Minerals (SA) Pty Ltd ([.pdf 1.6Mb](#))
- Explanatory note on the final terms and conditions of the Hillside mineral tenement ([.pdf 445kb](#))

The next stage of the statutory process for mine development requires Rex to prepare a Program for Environment Protection and Rehabilitation (PEPR). The PEPR will detail how Rex will implement operational plans to ensure the company is compliant with all of the conditions of their leases and license, and will describe the detailed monitoring and reporting plans which will be used to demonstrate compliance. The Government will not approve the PEPR unless Rex provides evidence it will meet all of the stringent conditions imposed by the Government, meaning mining cannot commence until this is achieved. It is a requirement that Rex engage with the community during the development of the PEPR in order to ensure stakeholders are involved in the compliance framework.



## CERES WIND FARM

No current news as the State Government reviews its position following the handing down of the findings from the RET (Renewable Energy Target) Review. Headed by Mr. Dick Warburton the enquiry delved into the pros and cons of renewable energy. The Review found that there was already an oversupply of heavily subsidised renewable energy. This energy did very little to remove the base load power production due to its inability to be stored and had no capacity to be increased in peak demand times.

Stay tuned.

## CROWN LAND LEASES AND ANNUAL LICENCE

Since our Winter Newsletter, Steven Horsell, Crown Lands, Kadina Office has advised that allotment numbers in the schedule of the returned executed Fixed Term and Life Tenure Deed documents were incorrect and a revised Deed or some other instrument of correction would need to be returned to Shack Owners for execution. Nearly three months after receiving this advice we have still received no revised documentation.

The Committee has informed Steve Horsell of our disappointment and frustration at these delays and have requested that Steve Horsell provides our Shack Owners with some form of explanation. In the absence of any advice by the end of September our Association is considering a formal complaint to the Office of the Chief Executive, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and the Minister.

## STRATEGIC PLAN AND SURVEY

Thank you to those members who completed the BPPA Survey. This will help us shape our Strategic Plan which is presently being shaped for the 2015-19 period.

The Strategic Plan will then direct the Committee on what our Members thoughts, wishes and visions are for Black Point.

We received a lot of good solid feedback which we will share with you in the Summer edition of this Newsletter along with the Strategic plan 2015-19.

## VACSWIM 2015 - BLACK POINT BEACH

Enrolments open Monday 8 September for 2015 VACSWIM.

VACSWIM is only being offered to children aged 5 – 13 years.

Program Dates: 5th-13th January 2015 (Excluding Weekends)

Program Operator: SLSSA

Book Online - [Click to book online](#)    [Click to download](#)

Address: Black Point Beach Foreshore

Onsite Enrolment Date: TBC - December 2014

Onsite Enrolment Location: Under shelter shed

### [SLSSA Surf & Survive; Levels 1 - 10](#)

NB: Black Point Beach was previously a Royal Life Saving (RLSSA) "Swim and Survive Levels 1 -7" program location. In 2015 Surf Life Saving South Australia (SLSSA), as governing body for open water sites, will deliver the Surf & Survive stages program. The two programs have been mapped so that children can transition from the RLSSA program to the Surf and Survive program with ease ([click here for more information](#)). Some locations will be offering the RLSSA Bronze Medallion to participants who have prepared in previous years; this will depend on qualifications held by the instructors on site.

Program Fees: \$30.00

Enrolment Fee (plus \$5 surcharge for onsite enrolments) Stages 1-9 \$50.00

Enrolment Fee (plus \$5 surcharge for onsite enrolments) Stage 10 \$40.00

SLSSA Course Manual / Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue \$10.00

Equipment & Location Fee; This fee covers any costs associated with hiring and/or transporting aquatic rescue equipment to site, plus the provision of the Surf & Survive Logbook. This cost is applicable to each child enrolled in the program.

*Teach your child to swim - SA Water VACSWIM; it's the holiday fun thing to do!*

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

We wish to remind all Black Pointers that the membership year now coincides with the calendar year ie, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. If you do not have a 2014 BPPA Member sticker on your rubbish bins and your bins are not returned off the roadway you are not financial members. If you believe you are financial members and have not received your sticker please contact Kym Woolford.

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***At the request of all Members present at the BPPA AGM at Easter 2013, we will be publishing in future Newsletters the property numbers of who are financial members of the BPPA.***

***Therefore to avoid embarrassment - make sure you are Financial now.***

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We also wish to encourage you to provide email addresses to replace postal addresses for distribution of the Newsletter. This will keep membership costs down and reduce the work load for distribution of the Newsletter. Other benefits include a colour Newsletter with clear photos which enhances the reading of the Newsletter. Please send email addresses to Kym at [vhw@bigpond.com](mailto:vhw@bigpond.com).

## FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF THE BPPA

At the last BPPA AGM, Easter 2013, the members present voted unanimously to publish a list of all financial members of the Black Point Progress Association in the BPPA Newsletter. The below list is as we interpret at the time of compiling this Newsletter and we apologise if there have been any payments after this time. Also, if you believe your property is not on this list & should be, please correspond with us to rectify the error.

For an up to date listing, please visit the [Membership Status online](#).

The Financial properties are;

S151	L5	L16	L28	L44	L54	L62	L72	L82	L100	L114	L125	L136	L148	L503	L703
L152A	L6	L17	L32	L45	L55	L63	L73	L83	L101	L115	L126	L137	L149	L504	L704
L153A	L7	L18	L34	L46	L56	L64	L74	L84	L102	L116	L127	L138	L401	L91	L706
L154	L8	L21	L35	L47	L56	L65	L75	L87	L103	L118	L128	L139	L402	L507	L728
L154	L9	L22	L36	L48	L57	L66	L76	L88	L104	S119	L129	L140	L404	L508	L731
L155	L10	L23	L37	L49	L58A	L67	L77	L89	L105	S120	L130	L141	L408	L601	L96A
L156	L11	L24	L39	L50	L58B	L68	L78	S90	L107	L120	L132	L142	L409	L602	L96B
L157	L12	L25	L41	L51	L59	L69	L79	S91	L108	L122	L133	L145	L410	L604	
L3	L13	L26	L42	L52	L61	L70	L80	L94	L109	L123	L134	L146	L414	L607	
L4	L15	L27	L43	L53	L62	L71	L81	L98	L111	L124	L135	L147	L501	L702	

*Note: Where there is ambiguity between a Lot and Site number, lots are denoted by "L" and sites denoted by "S".*

### PINE POINT GENERAL STORE Spring Opening Hours

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Monday to Thursday, 8am to 6pm  
Friday and Saturday, 8am to 7pm  
Sunday, 9am to 6pm

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62-64 St. Vincent Highway, Pine Point, SA, 5571

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## NEW BEDS FOR MAITLAND HOSPITAL'S CHAPPEL WING

A generous donation has enabled the delivery of specially designed new beds to Maitland Hospital's Chappell Wing.

The purchase, which was helped by a bequest from Maitland resident Denis Flinn, will improve the comfort of residents by making it easier for them to get in and out of bed.

Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council (HAC) Chair, Rod Thomas, said Mr Flinn was a well-known resident of the Chappel Wing long stay unit, living there for seven years before he sadly passed away on 15 January 2007.

"We are so grateful for the bequest that Denis has made to the ongoing refurbishment of the Chappel Wing, which we know held a special place in his heart," Mr Thomas said.

"We have allocated some of his generous donation to the purchase of six new electric controlled beds, which have been designed with older people in mind and can be raised and lowered as needed.

"The beds are more comfortable for people who may no longer be as mobile as they once were.

"The beds are also safer for staff to use as they have been designed specifically for people in aged care settings."

Rod said the purchase of the new beds was just one example of the work the HAC has been undertaking to improve health services in the region.

"One of the reasons for our local HAC becoming an incorporated body was so we could ensure money donated to our hospitals would be spent at these sites as intended," he said.

"From other generous donations we are also very pleased to have delivered new floor coverings at Yorketown and Melaleuca Court, totalling \$44,000, bathroom upgrades in Maitland totalling \$18,000, a \$6,600 bathroom renovation at Yorketown and the purchase of new wardrobes for the Chappel Wing at Maitland.

"It is also important to remember that any donations made to the HAC are now tax deductible.

"The HAC has an extremely important role in assisting local health services to improve the care and comfort they provide.

"We welcome anyone in the community who is interested in the HACs work to get in touch with us to find out more."

For more information about the Yorke Peninsula HAC, please call Rod on 8834 1282.

## DATES FOR RECYCLED RUBBISH COLLECTION

**Red: General Waste: Every Monday.**

**Yellow Recycling Bin, Mondays**

Oct	13th and 27th
Nov	10th and 24th
Dec	8th and 22nd

**Green Garden Bin, Wednesdays**

Oct	8th
Nov	5th
Dec	3rd

Download the full 2014-15 Calendar from BP Online, or click in the image on the right to open/download.

[Click to download a copy](#)



## NEW DRINK CONTAINER RECYCLE BIN

At Easter, a new drink container recycle bin was installed adjacent to the Black Point Harvey Caravan Park entrance. This is a trial which we hope to expand with additional bins spread along Black Point Drive in the near future.

Please respect by only placing drink containers with refund deposits on them in the bin.

**NO WINE BOTTLES & NO RUBBISH. NOTHING LEFT OUTSIDE THE BIN.**

This service has been previously abandoned due to the amount of unwarranted rubbish collected.

All money will go to the BPPA and is managed by Black Pointer, Bob Walkley. Thanks Bob.



## BOAT REGISTRATION NEWS RELEASE

Sunday, 21 September, 2014

### **Cheaper registration option for South Australian boaties'.**

The State Government will introduce a six-month boat registration option effectively halving the cost of registration for people who only use their boats in the summer months.

Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan said the six-month boat registration option will start on 3 October and be available for vessels up to seven metres in length, as well as personal watercraft such as jet skis.

"This delivers on our election commitment and will allow owners of eligible vessels to register for either six or twelve months," Mr Mullighan said.

"About 236,000 people participate each year in recreational fishing in South Australia as well as water skiing, jet skiing and other activities. "Many of SA's 59,000 registered boat owners only use their vessels during summer and put them away in the winter."

"This initiative is great news for South Australian boat and jet ski owners as people's minds turn to summer and getting out on the water."

Ian Fitzgerald, Deputy Chair of RecFish SA, South Australia's recreational fishers' representative body, welcomed the change.

"RecFish SA welcomes the six month registration option for boats, as the great majority of boats in South Australia are used for recreational fishing and the change will provide recreational fishers with a money saving option in their off season," he said.

### **The six-month boat registration amendment will see:**

- Owners of vessels up to six metres save up to \$68 for new registrations (\$69 for 6 months as opposed to \$137 for 12 months), and \$57 as opposed to \$113 for renewals
- Owners of vessels greater than six metres and up to seven metres save \$119 for new registrations (\$119 for 6 months as opposed to \$238 for 12 months), and \$107 as opposed to \$213 for renewals
- Jet ski owners save \$173 for new registrations (\$173 for 6 months as opposed to \$346 for 12 months) and \$160 as opposed to \$320 for renewals.

Boaters will be able to find more information on the six month option at the Club Marine SA

Boat and Fishing Show to be held at Wayville Showground between 24 – 26 October.

[www.premier.sa.gov.au](http://www.premier.sa.gov.au) Twitter: @sa\_press\_sec

Helping SA boat owners enjoy their activities by providing safe and convenient facilities along our rivers, lakes and coastline has also been a priority for the State Government.

In 2013/14 funding of around \$1.8 million was approved for projects including the Black Point boat ramp, Port Augusta (Carpenter's Landing) boat ramp, Moorook Riverfront, Blackfellows

Caves, and the Port MacDonnell boat ramp and wharf.

In 2014/15, projects set for completion include the Beachport boat ramp, the Berri (Riverview Drive Marina) boat ramp and the Weeroona Island boat ramp.

With the warmer weather and holiday season just around the corner it is also a timely to reminded boaties about the importance of vigilance and safety while out on the water.

The Government promotes boat safety and use through On Deck articles at [www.dpti.sa.gov.au/ondeck](http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/ondeck) and e-newsletters to around 6000 recreational vessel owners and free safety guides and handouts at events and Service SA centres.

DPTI Transport Safety Compliance Officers also provide on-water education and compliance, and run boat licence nights and other presentations to community groups throughout the State.

Six-month boat registration renewal will be available online through EzyReg.

For more information visit [www.sa.gov.au/boatingmarine](http://www.sa.gov.au/boatingmarine) or call 13 10 84.

## BOAT INSURANCE – MOORINGS from Club Marine

Club Marine's files are full of sad tales of boats that have been damaged, some wrecked beyond repair, when they have broken away from their mooring. They have been smashed against other boats or driven against jetties and rock retaining walls.

Did you know that, as a Policy Exclusion, a claim can be rejected if:

- the mooring is not of a suitable design and weighting for the boat,
- is not appropriately sited,
- is not regularly maintained on at least an annual basis, and in good order?

Things that can cause a boat to break away from a mooring include:

- chaffed rope,
- corroded chain links and shackles, or
- poor swivels

If your boat is moored in a berth or a marina, don't become complacent and assume nothing can go wrong there either. In strong winds, the boat's continual motion can cause mooring lines to chafe and break. One way to avoid this is to engage a local mooring contractor to check your mooring.

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## FIRE & SNAKE SEASON

The fire season starts in November, but now is the time to clear gutters, remove tall grass, leaf litter and unwanted growth to reduce the fire load for the forthcoming season.

We thank Council who continue to mow verges and fire breaks around their entire District, but it is also imperative that we all do our part to reduce the risk of a catastrophic fire episode.

The BPPA have once again engaged a contractor, Rapid Detail, to mow further into the Maxine Hawke Park as an added precaution. This is funded by your Membership contributions.

Please use commonsense and be vigilant. Contact the CFS with any concerns or questions on 1300 362 361 or in an emergency 000.

If you feel you would like new or renewed instructions on the "Water Trailer", please contact a Committee member.

A big thank you to Brian Bishop, who has serviced the water trailer for the season ahead.

With the warmer weather comes not only an increased incidence of fires, but also snakes. Another important reason to clear your property. Snakes are now emerging from their hibernation and will become very active as they look for food. Educate the young and all visitors of their existence and be wary.



## LOCAL REFUSE/TRANSFER DUMP OPENING TIMES

Closed Public Holidays. Enquiries ring Yorke Peninsula Council on 8832 0000.

More information available at <http://www.yorke.sa.gov.au/content/view/987/672/>.

CYP (near Arthurton) - <a href="#">map</a>	Open	Close
Tuesday	1:00pm	4:00pm
Thursday	7:30am	11:00am
Saturday	8:30am	10:00am
Sunday	2:00pm	4:00pm



Ramsay (Minlaton) - <a href="#">map</a>	Open	Close
Tuesday	7:30am	12:00noon
Thursday	12:00noon	4:00pm
Saturday	11:00am	1:00pm
Sunday	11:00am	1:00pm



## WALK THE YORKE

You will start to see some activity along the coastline around Yorke Peninsula of earthworks and boardwalks of which will become the "Walk the Yorke" project.

Co-ordinated on behalf of Council by Stephen Goldsworthy, his merry team will circum-navigate Yorke Peninsula via a walking/ bicycle and part horse trail.

Noteworthy to Black Pointers is that the trail will be separated from the roadway and give us direct access to Pine Point to the north and Pt. Julia to the south with points of interest sign posted along the way.

It will be a great acquisition for all of Yorke Peninsula. Updates to follow.

## HAZARD ALERT – EXPOSURE TO AGAVE SAP



An incident was reported recently when an individual was exposed to the sap of *Agave americana* when using a brushcutter.

The individual sustained a rash and burning sensation on their skin from contact with the plant's sap.

To avoid this incident in the future ensure you:

- wear appropriate PPE at all times to protect your skin and eyes, and
- have clean water and soap on hand to treat any exposure incidents.

## BLUE SWIMMER CRABS

During the 2012/13 season the commercial Gulf St Vincent (GSV) Blue Swimmer Crab (BSC) pot fishers deliberately caught less than their allowable TACC due to an observed decline in biomass early in the season.

Read the full story here:

<http://recfishsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/DRFC-Final-Blue-Swimmer-Crab-Management-Proposal-2014-.pdf>

## NEWS RELEASE

20/08/14

## Beach walkers and Hooded Plover lovers wanted

Natural Resources Northern and Yorke is seeking volunteers to help with a biennial count of the threatened Hooded Plover bird along the beach lines of Yorke Peninsula.

Training courses for volunteers will be held on Yorke Peninsula in October, with surveys to be conducted between November 7-21, 2014.

Easily distinguished by its black 'hood', broad white collar across the back of the neck and black-tipped red beak, the Hooded Plover traditionally nests in spring and summer along the beaches of Yorke Peninsula.

Yorke Peninsula Community Team Leader Deborah Furbank says the region provides the perfect nesting place.

"Nesting on a busy beach may seem like a strange thing to do, but when the tiny chicks hatch they need to be close to their food – seaweed at the water's edge – as they are unable to move far on their tiny legs," she says.

Hooded Plover numbers have been declining across southern Australia and the species is already extinct in Queensland and northern New South Wales.

The bird is considered 'vulnerable to extinction' in South Australia, and Ms Furbank says Natural Resources Northern and Yorke are working closely with BirdLife Australia and the local community to reverse this trend.

"Since 1980, nationwide Hooded Plover surveys have taken place every two years," she says.

"The survey is coordinated by Birds Australia and includes the entire coast from Jervis Bay in NSW, to the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia."

"The survey involves walking along a stretch of beach and recording Hooded Plover sightings and any visible threats that may impact breeding success, such as foxes and ravens.

Ms Furbank says the surveys are an important way to gauge bird numbers, and November is an ideal time for counting them.

"Most Hooded Plovers breed in November, they are less mobile when they are breeding and stay around the same area of beach, which lessens the chance of counting the same bird twice," she says.

"We're looking for volunteers to register their interest to attend an information workshop on Yorke Peninsula in October as a first step in taking part in this year's November 7-21 biennial count.

"BirdLife Australia will visit the Yorke Peninsula in October to run these training sessions, allowing volunteers to brush up on their shorebird identification skills and learn about the quirky breeding behaviour of this bird and the threats it faces."

If you are interested in attending the workshops, taking part in the surveys or would like further information, please contact Deborah Furbank of Natural Resources Northern and Yorke on 0421 617 155 or [Deborah.Furbank@sa.gov.au](mailto:Deborah.Furbank@sa.gov.au)

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## Updated management arrangements for Blue Swimmer Crabs

Commercial and recreational blue swimmer crab fishing arrangements have been reviewed and updated for the upcoming 2014–15 season to ensure the sustainability of the fishery.

The 2012-13 Blue Crab Fishery stock assessment report recently published by the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) Aquatic Sciences, shows that while the Spencer Gulf fishery remains in a strong position the Gulf St Vincent fishery remains at a low level.

Based on the latest available evidence, and using the national framework for stock status reporting, the Spencer Gulf fishing zone of the BCF would be classified as 'sustainable' and the Gulf St Vincent fishing zone as 'transitional-recovering'.

Director Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy at PIRSA, Sean Sloan, said that as a result the total allowable commercial catch (TACC) for Gulf St Vincent would remain at a reduced level for the 2014–15 season.

"The abundance of juvenile and legal size crabs remains below the acceptable limit set out in the fishery's management plan and as a result triggered a review of the TACC for the upcoming season," he said.

"TACC for Gulf St Vincent will remain at 196 tonnes for the 2014-15 season, which represents a 20 per cent reduction in the baseline TACC. The TACC for the Spencer Gulf Blue Crab Fishery will also remain unchanged at 381 tonnes."

Mr Sloan said it had also been necessary to maintain the same reduced level for the 2014–15 season.

"The recreational limits for blue swimmer crab will remain at a daily individual bag limit of 20 and a daily boat limit of 60 in Gulf St Vincent only," he said. "For all other South Australian waters the recreational blue swimmer crab limit will remain at a daily bag limit of 40 and a daily boat limit of 120.

"Management measures such as these are implemented to ensure the ecologically sustainable development of South Australian fish stocks.

"PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture will review these arrangements after the 2014–15 recreational fishing season when it receives updated stock assessments for the fishery."

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Our teacher asked what my favourite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favourite animal.

I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA.

He said they love animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office.

I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favourite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and

told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now...

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*Thank you to all Committee, Members and the staff of the  
Yorke Peninsula Council that have had input in this Newsletter.*

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## 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. 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](mailto:vhw@bigpond.com). Also, on BP Online, the listings can be placed on [www.blackpoint.org.au](http://www.blackpoint.org.au). Members just need to fill out an online form, provide some details about the shack, and a listing will be automatically generated.

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