

BLACK POINT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

NEWSLETTER

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Happy Easter to all Black Pointers. Another year has finished for your Committee, which means it is Annual General Meeting (and Information Meeting) time again. Please read the AGM Notice and mark this down as a must do. Many of the projects the Committee have been working on behind the scenes will be explained in detail and we would encourage feedback from you for the benefit of Black Point. Above all, enjoy, relax and unwind as Black Point continues to be the place to be.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held in the Pine Point Hall, Pine Point, on
Sunday the 12th of April, 2009 at 10am.

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AGENDA

- Apologies
- Welcome all
- Previous Minutes
- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Audit Approval
- Motion to alter Membership Subscription *
"The Membership Subscription be; Ordinary Member \$30 and Associate Member \$10 with the addition of \$15 per shack site (or bin set) per year for bin returns."
- Appointment of Committee
- Subscriptions
- Other Business

Kym Woolford, Secretary

* Explanation: By removing the bin return component of the subscription, the Ordinary Membership is reduced from \$40 to \$30. The bin return amount can then be formulated to reflect its true costs and be applied to each individual shack site (or set of bins). Associate Membership stays the same. For 2009 it is only a \$5 increase for the one shack owner.

40 YEAR LEASES

The Committee is still waiting to receive the final package containing the Draft Lease Deed and other attachments from the Department for Environment and Heritage.

Once these are received, further comments may be required including a legal overview.

Delays have occurred because the Department is still considering the fee for rental of the vacated crown land block containing a seawall after the dwelling has been moved back.

Every effort is being made to encourage the Department to have the documentation delivered to Shack Owners by Easter.

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP FEE CHANGES

Due to the change in the rubbish bin system, the Committee has seen the need to restructure our annual membership fees for the coming year. We are suggesting a reduction in the Ordinary Membership from \$40 to \$30, but include a bin return service fee of \$15 per shack per year, which may have to be reviewed from time to time as the cost of returning bins changes. This means Black Pointers with multiple shacks need have only one membership per person, but need to pay the bin return service for each shack that they wish the bin returned to. Associate Membership, (for relative or partner etc of an Ordinary member), will remain the same, at \$10.

For most, this is only a \$5 increase but allows for the extra bin returns.

MEETING BETWEEN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF YORKE PENINSULA (DCYP) & BPPA ON 23 JANUARY 2009

On 23 January a sub-committee from our Association had what has become our regular annual meeting with the DCYP, and again it was an opportunity to further foster the good relationship that exists between our respective organisations. Some of the main subjects covered in active and vigorous discussion are covered below. If you would like to know more about any of them, talk to a Committee member and/or come to our AGM on Sunday 12 April.

BPPA Strategic Plan & Survey & Newsletter

The Council value these documents as a means of keeping up with developments and the thinking at Black Point.

Annual Allocation from DCYP

We acknowledged receipt of Council's annual allocation of \$1500, and have since advised that this money will usefully be spent on the boat ramp project.

PAR & Section 30 Review

We asked Council to update their DCYP Development Plan to reflect the fact that an earlier planned development has not eventuated. We also suggested the latest position on the package covering leases, crown land and coastal protection at Black Point could be reflected in the Development Plan.

Upgrade of Ablution Block in Caravan Park

The roof of the ablution block is to be replaced, the exterior rendered, and some other improvements made. The costs are being met mainly by Council, with Prodec, the BPPA and some individual shack owners also making contributions. The intention is that this upgrade be completed in coming months.

A barbecue and new shelter area has been proposed as a subsequent stage of the caravan park project.

Upgrade of Boat Ramp and Surrounding Area

It was agreed that higher priority should now be given to this upgrade - which at a minimum should involve extensively widening at least the apron area, and extending this apron area further into the sea. A safer pedestrian walkway down from the trailer parking area could also be built, thereby enabling the walkway adjacent to the ramp to be eliminated, and the ramp itself widened and straightened. Feedback from BP shack owners via completion of surveys has consistently confirmed support for at least such a minimum upgrade being undertaken.

The BPPA's primary focus will be on researching and obtaining expert advice on the design etc of just what sort of boat ramp upgrade would be appropriate for Black Point. The intention would be that this preliminary work would lead to a concept design or designs emerging, accompanied by expert advice on the way forward.

The BPPA recognised that Council would be the owner of the ramp, would likely fund a significant portion of the costs, and would be responsible for on-going maintenance.

It was agreed that the next step would be for a BPPA sub-committee to seek appropriate expert advice.

This is going to be quite a major project, and the Committee is looking for members who would be prepared to join the sub-committee and help guide the outcomes. Please contact the Chairman or Secretary.

Development Issues

Lot 3003 Development

We discussed the alternative concept that had emerged in recent months that would involve 15 relatively large allotments rather than the previously proposed 34 allotments. The BPPA was supportive of this new lower density alternative principally because of the reduced demands on the

MEETING BETWEEN DCYP AND BPPA (cont.)

water and other infrastructure. We have since written to Council confirming the basis of our endorsement of the new concept.

The matter is currently with Council.

Any Other Prospective Developments?

The Council were not aware of any other prospective developments at Black Point other than the eastern end development and Lot 3003.

Water & Other Infrastructure

We noted that a few months ago a leakage problem had apparently occurred again with one of the tanks "on the hill"; this had been attended to expeditiously by Council staff and apparently all was well again.

Proposed Slip Lane on Main Road

We again emphasised the potential for a black spot at the junction of Black Point Drive and the Main Road, and discussed the frustrations of this issue being passed back and forward between the Council and the Department of Transport.

After discussion a prospective way forward emerged. Council would seek from the Department at least a generic description of the work that would be involved in building the slip lane, and Council would use that description to cost the project. That costing would then be used to seek grant or other funding for the work.

New Rubbish Bin Collection Arrangements

The new arrangements seem to be generally working quite well. However, we drew attention to an issue that had arisen shortly after Christmas. Many of the recycle bins were full and had been put out on the roadside. But the fortnightly collection was not due for over a week and so the recycle rubbish continued to build up. At the time we rang Council and the contractor, SITA, to try and arrange a one-off collection, but without success.

While we acknowledged that this is a peak season problem, we asked that consideration be given to

using another contractor Council has access to, to cover situations like we faced after Christmas.

Council Road Repairs & Maintenance

We acknowledged Council's responsiveness in organising the repairs to the edges of Black Point Drive.

Fire Risk

The importance of more of the grass in Maxine Hawke Park being regularly slashed to reduce fire risk was agreed by all. At the same time there are some other issues involved, such as the need to protect the many trees planted by the BPPA, and the furrows in parts of the park from previous direct seeding (which make using equipment more difficult).

We asked that this be addressed as an immediate issue. The recent Port Lincoln fires had demonstrated just how quickly fire in uncleared areas can spread. Council undertook to give early priority to it.

Rabbit Baiting

We explained that arrangements had been made with the Natural Resources Management Board to provide the bait and other materials for a baiting program for Black Point. Council agreed to provide the labour, and the intention was for the baiting to be done in the following two to three weeks.

Box Thorns

Box thorns are now rife again in the Maxine Hawke Park, and in the sand hills adjacent to the new eastern end development. We have asked if the Council maintenance people can poison and remove these box thorns.

In Closing

We repeated our appreciation for the cooperative way Council works with our Association. All present agreed these annual meetings should continue; working together we could continue to achieve good outcomes.

THE “BP” SEAFOOD NIGHT

by Bob Perry

Wow what a response .. we ran out of wrist bands and we had over 200 of them. This was our biggest event by far and what a beautiful night it was. Some arrived by boat... others walked up the beach with their Eskys...the tide was just right... the sunset spectacular... the friendships warm.

Apologies to the people who thought they were going to be served a complete seafood feast within 10 minutes of arriving... but we are not able to perform miracles. Your committee and other helpers began preparing the food at 11am and worked like beavers for most of the day and night. The idea is that the food is served from platters as soon as it is cooked and you



have a drink and talk to each other between platters. There was so much food that we couldn't give it away at the end of the night.

We learn from each event and we have made notes for the next event. Next year we will have more sausages for those who are famished... more seafood... more salads... and more bread. We don't do this event to make a profit, but it is also nice if we don't make a loss. This year we actually made a small profit. Thanks again to all the committee and their wives and families and friends who helped.

Next event: Saturday 2nd January 2010.

Be there or be talked about!

SPEEDING AT BLACK POINT

In early February, following one of our Committee meetings, our Chairman contacted the Ardrossan police regarding speeding along Black Point Drive, particularly during holiday periods. He said we were mainly concerned about the section from the boat ramp to the point, where it is a safety issue with so many children and other pedestrians around. But he noted as well that speeding is also prevalent along the section from the main road junction to the ramp.



Prior to this, we had again approached the Council to see whether the speed limits could be reduced, but were again told this would not be possible.

We said to the police that we (the BPPA) have put up a series of signs urging motorists to exercise due care. While these seemed to have had some impact, speeding was a particular concern again during the recent holiday period.

We asked the police whether it would be possible for them to do a “drive by” from time to time between the main road junction and the point. Hopefully this would have some deterrent effect.

The police responded promptly and said they would certainly attend more often during the holiday periods and could possibly conduct laser and RBT duties along Black Point Drive. They would endeavour to target the area during the busier holiday periods.

This is another example of the good relationship our Association has with the local police. The Officer in Charge is Steve Moulds and the 2IC is Mike Pearson, so if you see them in the area, remember they are helping to make Black Point a safer community.

OPEN BONFIRES AT BP

We would suggest that no fires be lit on the beach at Black Point at all. If, despite this, you decide to have a bonfire, please respect the following advice. By law they must not be lit on Total Fire Ban days. Fires must be situated below the high water mark, which brings them into the pedestrian path on the beach at BP. Commonsense would suggest then that fires should not be left unattended or uncovered due to the risk of persons walking on hot coals. If a fire container is not used, the fire should be appropriately fenced off AND smothered with sand before being left unattended. Also, a clean up should follow to remove ash and coals from the beach. More importantly, is to remove unused wood from the beach which may become a boating hazard if left to float off into the bay.

Please consider the consequences. Would you like to:

- be responsible for or child or anyone having stepped on hot coals,
- be responsible for a fire which gets out of control,
- hit a piece of driftwood at speed in a boat or whilst skiing, or
- be responsible for a boat or skier hitting a piece of driftwood.

Please use commonsense. Keep BP beautiful and safe.

MEMORIAL WALL AT BLACK POINT

Ros Basey, a long time Association member and shack owner at Black Point, has suggested a Memorial Wall could be built at Black Point.

To use Ros' words:

"Whilst walking on the Busselton Jetty in W.A. I noticed plaques had been placed on the jetty by family members in remembrance of those who had died. The deceased had for many years fished and enjoyed the jetty and had chosen to have their ashes scattered onto the water off the jetty and then an appropriate plaque was installed to remember the life and death of that person. It occurred to me that this might be appropriate for Black Point. I understand quite a few people have chosen to have their ashes scattered at Black Point, either at the pole or elsewhere, and this could be recorded on a memorial wall."

The Committee has supported the proposal and has asked Ros to develop further details. It is envisaged that the wall would be unobtrusive and in keeping with the amenity of the area. The District Council of Yorke Peninsula is also supportive and has provided some guidelines. A formal application needs to be made.

One of the issues to be addressed is the appropriate location for such a wall. Some suggestions that Ros has come up with are:

- 1) At the western end of Harvey Crescent entrance around about the place where the "For Sale" sign is for the new villas;
- 2) At the boat trailer parking area adjacent to the ramp so that it would "look over" the bay;
- 3) In the Maxine Hawke Park near the parking area around about shack 104;
- 4) On the road reserve by the parking area behind shack 91;
- 5) On the road reserve by the parking area behind shack 118.

Both Ros and the Committee believe the Black Point community should have the opportunity to provide input to the location and other aspects of the wall. So we would ask that anyone wishing to put forward ideas contact the Secretary (preferably by email), or Ros direct, by Thursday 9 April. If you would like to discuss the proposal, Ros would be happy to receive phone calls (8388 6600) or emails (ibasey@smartchat.net.au).

In the meantime, Ros is continuing with her research on the design, structure, size and materials for the wall, and the size, design and sourcing of plaques, the Council's requirements, the application to Council, etc.

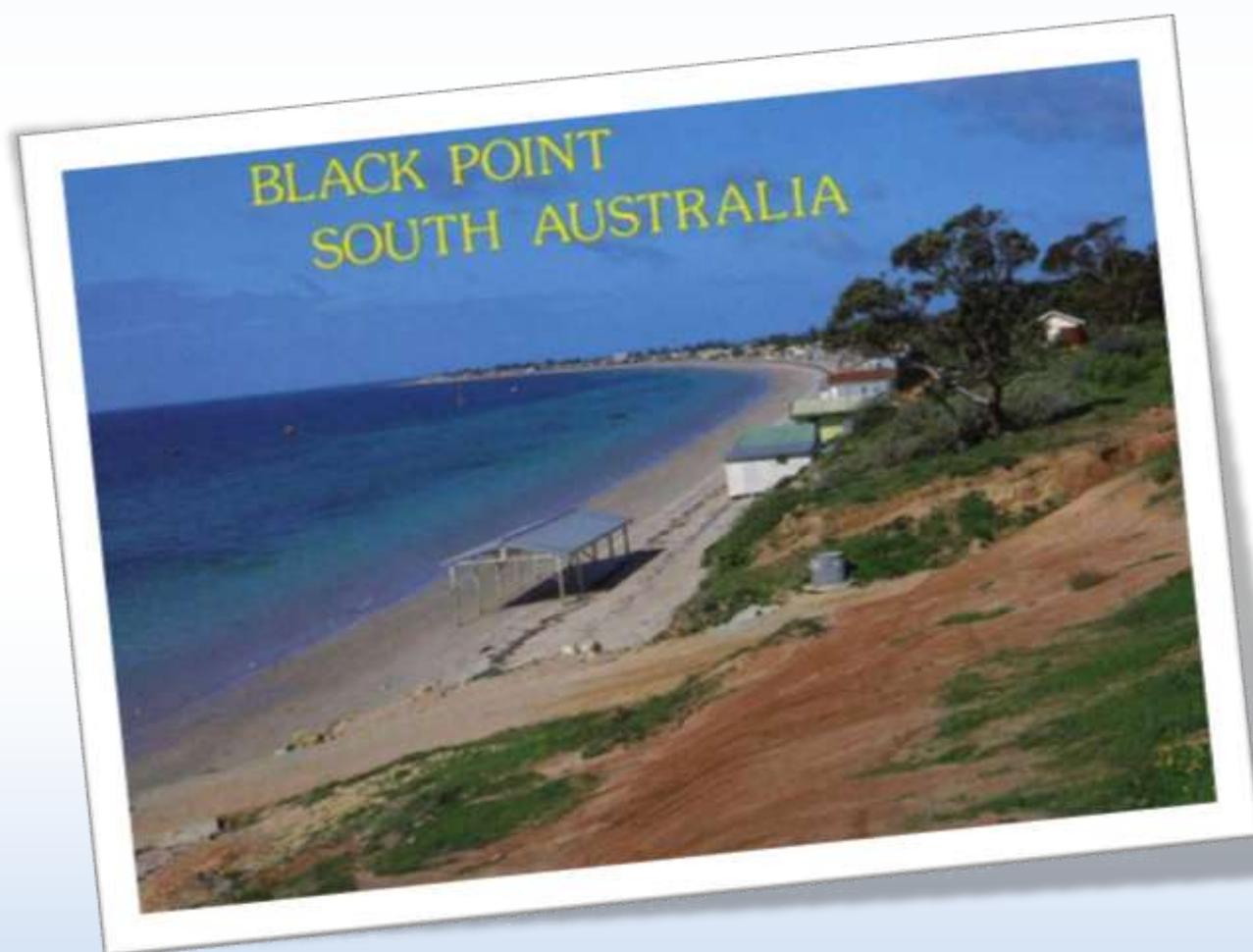
One objective is to keep the costs to a minimum, so if there are any tradesmen (especially brick layers) or suppliers who would like to help, please contact Ros direct.

Ros and the Committee are also looking at the scope for applying for a community grant to cover any costs that will be involved.

EARLY DAYS AT BLACKPOINT

This postcard supplied by Keith George shows the boat ramp in the foreground and in the top right corner, the Kiosk. Note the lack of boats and mooring buoys. The Kiosk was the hub of BP in the 70's and 80's. It was run by the owners of the Pine Point General Store and stocked essentials, (Golden North Giant Twins and mixed lollies including snakes), or the bread and paper could be ordered. Remember in these times, we had a corrugated dirt road and very few phones. It became a great way to meet everybody as people mostly walked to the kiosk and socialised along the way. A few drove, others came by boat, especially children. The sand hill to the top built many a calf muscle.

The BPPA takes this opportunity to thank Keith for his interesting articles on his family's recollections and contribution to Black Point. They have been great reading. I therefore encourage any others to share their thoughts with our members and contribute as Keith did. Just contact Kym.



LETTER TO EDITOR, PHONE ACCOUNT WARNING

by R. Smith

"My family have a shack at Black Point and the telephone landline is in my name as well as a mobile phone – both through Telstra – and have both accounts posted to my Adelaide residential address. I recently had my mobile phone disconnected for non-payment of account, dopey me didn't notice the accounts had stopped coming! For some strange reason my "billing" address was changed to Black Point. I then had the hassle of changing my billing address and organising paying the account.

My father who lives at the same Adelaide address as myself checked up on his Telstra account which was late, to find that his billing address (which has not changed for 50 years) has also been changed to Black Point. Telstra now want to charge him late fees! Dad is not happy!

So my point is to advise people to check on their Telstra accounts because "due to a new computer system" they too may have their billing address changed to Black Point.

HAVE YOU UPDATED TO A 406 MHZ DISTRESS BEACON?

February 1, 2009, analogue 121.5 MHz was switched off. All boats operating more than 5 nautical miles in Gulf waters or 3 nautical miles for the rest of S.A. must have an EPIRB.

How the 406MHz Monitoring System works 



COMPETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS – WINNER



Those on email gain extra information and help to reduce the paper trail. All new email addresses were added to the bucket, with one drawn to receive a \$50 voucher for either Bunnings Hardware or the Pine Point General Store. I included in the bucket those thoughtful members who kindly updated their details without enticement in recent times.

The winner is... Shane and Kerry Yeates. New Black Pointers! Welcome.



Steven Griffiths MP JP

State Member for Goyder

Shadow Minister for Finance

**Shadow Minister for Employment, Training &
Further Education**

Shadow Minister for Public Sector Management

Shadow Minister for Federal/State Relations

*Contact the Goyder electorate office for
assistance with:*

State issues

Information on grant funding

Letters of support

Petitions

Justice of the Peace services



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POINTS OF WORRYING INTEREST

- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
 - Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
 - Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?
 - Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
 - Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
 - Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?
 - What is the speed of darkness?
 - Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?
 - Are there specially reserved parking spaces for 'normal' people at the Special Olympics?
 - If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?
 - Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?
 - How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
 - Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Did you ever stop and wonder.....
- Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these pink dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?'
 - Who was the first person to say, 'See that chicken there... I'm going to eat the next thing that comes out of its bottom.'
 - Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
 - Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
 - Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their behind when they ask where the bathroom is?
 - Why does your Obstetrician, Gynaecologist leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?
 - Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
 - If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
 - If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
 - If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
 - Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

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

SHACK NO	CONTACT	NUMBER	
7	Kerry Yeates	8569 2264	0439 877 849
21	Michael Gee	8295 2435	0419 228 894
59A	Elaine Condon	8354 3774	0408 827 890
77	Andrew Underwood	8295 8155	0407 723 563
136	Joanne Castas-Maroulis	8336 9998	0403 325 113
153A	Diane Noble		0407 394 780

TREASURER ESCAPES OVERSEAS AFTER WEDDING



Dad, Warren, gives Sandra help up the boardwalk before marrying Tom.



A picturesque setting.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2009

Yes, it is that time again.....

Annual subscriptions are now due for Ordinary and Associate members of the Black Point Progress Association.

As a reminder your membership entitles you to:

- Quarterly newsletters
- Weekly bin collection*
- Representation of your interests via the Committee of the Black Point Progress Association
- Invite to Annual General Meeting
- Maintenance of Maxine Hawke Park

and the fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$30.00 per person
Associate Member: \$10.00 per person
Bin Collection: \$15.00 per dwelling

i.e. 1 shack=\$15.00, 2=\$30.00, 3=\$45.00

Payment can be made by either:

Direct Deposit: BSB: 105-103 Acct: 382030140

Cheque: made payable to, 'Black Point Progress Association'

Please complete your details attached for your membership renewal and return by:

Post: Sandra Jackson
Black Point Progress Association
c/o 112A Glynburn Road
TRANMERE SA 5073

Email: sandra.jackson@freightlink.com.au

**There has been an increase of \$5.00 for bin collection in 2009 due to the introduction of the three bin collection.*

Shack
Number:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2009

Surname: First Name:

Home Address: Post Code:

Home Telephone: Black Point Telephone:

Mobile: Mobile other:

Email:

Email other:

Email other:

Ordinary Member Name:

Ordinary Member Name:

Ordinary Member Name:

Ordinary Member Name:

Associate Member Name:

Associate Member Name:

Associate Member Name:

Associate Member Name:

Multiple shack/block owner (details of shack/block numbers):

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Payment Summary

Number of Ordinary Members: Number of Associate Members:

Bin Collection: Dwellings:

Donation to BPPA:

Total amount paid:

Payment has been made by:

- Direct deposit
- Cheque enclosed

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