

Port Julia Progress Association Newsletter

December 2014



From the President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Two projects of significance being managed by the DCYP are the steps leading to the Red Shed and the new foreshore toilet amenity. I am delighted to inform you that the steps have been completed and may be used. The foreshore toilet is nearing completion and should be operational by Christmas. We acknowledge with thanks the support of the DCYP in providing these community facilities.

The topic of community amenities raises the issue of the PJPA Concept Plan provision of a beach shelter on Mills Beach which runs parallel to Active Road and the Northern walking trail. One resident has requested the Committee to consider the following before deciding on a beach shelter in this vicinity:

1. High tides have impacted upon the dunes and bushes resulting in little level land remaining for a beach shelter. Should one be provided it would need to be sited in the dune system.
2. The dune system and remnant vegetation is fragile and could well be damaged over time by increased human activity and the possibility of illegal camping.
3. Red-capped Dotterals and Hooded Dotterals are birds which breed only on this stretch of beach and their nests are vulnerable to disturbance.
4. The beach is pristine and a beach shelter would be deleterious to the natural environment.
5. Few people use the beach for an extended time and the proposed shelter is probably unnecessary.

Residents and PJPA members are encouraged to comment by January 31, 2015 so that the Committee might make an informed decision, based on a wider community view, on the provision of a beach shelter on Mills Beach. Comments may be sent by either post or email to the Secretary, PJPA, RSD 20, Port Julia 5575 or secretary@portjuliapa.org.au

Port Julia COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Annual Christmas Lunch was attended by 16 members. This was held at the Ventnor Hotel and the meal was superb.

Our next priority is the Australia Day Celebration and Brunch scheduled for Sunday 25 January 2015. It will commence at 9.30 am with an Australia Day Ceremony followed by Brunch in the Community Hall. Kevin Ining, our immediate past President, is a Vietnam Veteran and he has

agreed to address the the topic of “Australia” from a soldier’s perspective. This Australia Day occasion is increasingly very well attended, and it will not only assist us with catering but will also ensure you a place, if you contact the Secretary, at your earliest convenience, indicating your intention to attend.

PJPA 2015 CALENDAR and MEMBERSHIP

The printer purchased from a recent DCYP Grant has enabled us to print our 2015 Calendar. This includes Port Julia photographs, school and public holidays, dates of local significance and rubbish disposal information. These will be distributed to financial members and to new members as they join.

We welcome back as members George and Kathleen Smith and Sharon and Andrew Walker. A warm welcome is extended, too, to Rodney Neale, our newest member.

The Committee is addressing the paradox of a declining membership in an expanding township. This has been particularly noticeable over the past few years. As at November 30, we have 27 financial members. Our financial year is from July 1 to June 30 each year.

If you have not paid your \$10 (single) or \$20 (family) subscription this financial year, it will be really appreciated if you will forward your renewal to the Secretary at your earliest convenience. The form at the base of the newsletter provides you with payment details.

EASTER RAFFLE

Despite a preference, (unlike the retail sector), to not mention Easter at Christmas time, it is necessary to inform you of our early planning for the 2015 Easter Fair.

The Easter raffle is a major fund raiser for us and we rely upon the efforts of members to sell the tickets on behalf of the Association. These are being printed and will be posted to Association members in mid January 2015. Your active support in selling these raffle tickets and returning unsold ones will be most appreciated. Further details will be provided in a letter which will accompany the raffle tickets when they are posted in January.

COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our regular and intrepid band of **Tuesday Working Bee volunteers** has replaced and painted vandalised posts and rails adjacent to the red shed and elsewhere, tidied up the area near the new stairs, disposed of donated bottles and cans, sprayed weeds, checked on newly planted shrub and tree health and trimmed shrubbery on both the Northern and Southern walking trails. The Camping ground is also managed by individual members within this group.

Additionally, socket spanners and a petrol brush cutter have been purchased together with a new pump for the water trailer. This new pump now provides an excellent pressure and an assurance in the event of fire over the summer period.

A large **Community Interpretative Sign**, a result of a previous NRM Grant, will soon be placed next to the public phone box on Active Road. A new Community Notice Board, made by Brian Cherry, will also be placed on that site.

The work of this group of volunteers often goes without notice, but their efforts contribute significantly to the smooth functioning of Port Julia.

Working bees are held each Tuesday at 9.00am and all are invited to attend if you can contribute your time on either a regular or irregular basis. You will be most welcome!

CASUAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES

I have received advice that Graham Ward has tendered his resignation from the Committee and this is received by the Committee with great regret. Graham has been a stalwart within the Port Julia Community over 14 years and has been unstinting in his support for it. He has given countless hours of his own time and has been a regular volunteer at all events held within the township. Not only has he been awarded Life Membership of the Association, but he has also received several volunteer awards. Such is the appreciation of his contribution that the latest walking trail on the township's northern boundary has been named in his honour. He will be missed.

This, of course, leaves a casual vacancy to be filled on the Committee. An invitation is extended to our members to nominate for this vacancy. You are exhorted to consider helping us fill this position because our Committee numbers are becoming parlous because of another impending vacancy.

Our Treasurer, Rob Moon, has advised that illness and an associated change in lifestyle means that he will need to vacate his position well before the AGM in October next year. If you have some book keeping and computer skills and would like to help us out, please contact me on 0428826404 for further information. Rob will ensure that his successor is fully inducted before he submits his resignation.

A committee of nine is essential to ensure a quorum in the event of member absence. Without a quorum, the meeting can neither be held nor decisions made. If this occurs, the work and support of the Association will be seriously curtailed, if not terminated. Your help, in this instance, is very much required!

SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS

George Smith, who owns **Port Julia Dingos** and is a member of the Association, provides the PJPA with steadfast service and support. His range of equipment is shown in this newsletter. He also has power implements and tools for hire. Residents and members are asked to consider George's services and offerings in return for his assistance to us. He can be contacted on 0428752057 or bully54@bigpond.com

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The PJPA Committee is focussed and is achieving its plans and objectives in a systematic, organised and manageable way. The teamwork within this group is noteworthy and the community is very fortunate to have this committed group, and other volunteers, working for the general good of all.

On behalf of the Port Julia Committee, I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Safe, Enjoyable and Restful Holiday period. We look forward to continuing our Port Julia custodianship during 2015.

With Best Wishes, Roger Underwood, President, Port Julia Progress Association, 0428826404



Community Calendar

Australia Day Celebration and Brunch
Sunday 25 January 2015 at 9.30 am followed
by brunch. Please book with PJ secretary.

Tuesday Working Bee - every Tuesday at
9.30 - welcome to come and volunteer for
maintenance work at Port Julia

Check PJPA Membership Fees due.

BOOKINGS: Secretary Dee Langoulant
 on 0409996249 or
secretary@portjuliapa.org.au



PORT JULIA DINGOS 0428752057
 37 Port Julia rd

763 Bobcat and K9-4 Dingo
 Block Clearing and Material spreading
 Post hole borer
 Chain trencher- Electrical and water
 Back hoe
 Rock breaker
 Tree stump grinder
 Rotary hoe -garden prep
 Avanti tree stump grinder



Top: The PJPA Christmas Party at the Ventnor Hotel, Port Vincent. Sandy Ising, Sue Wright & Dee Langoulant, Jobe.
 Bottom: Images from Mills Beach below Active Road.

PJ Progress Assoc. Membership Renewal for 2014/2015

Subscriptions are now due for the new Financial Year.

PJPA, The Treasurer, RSD 20, Port Julia, SA 5575 or

Bank Transfer: (**Noting your name on the transfer**)

BankSA: BSB 105-064 Account: 260248340

Name:Postal Address:.....

Port Julia Address:.....Phone Number.....

Email address:.....Sub:(\$10 single, \$20 family)