



PROGRESS ASSOCIATION REPORT— SEPTEMBER 2019

September is upon us already! This year seems to be sailing along at a rapid speed.

I'm personally happy to start seeing some sunshine and a few warmer days.

The New PVPA committee had their first meeting together on the 7th August, and at this meeting the committee elected their President, Vice President and Treasurer for the 2019/2020 term. The elected persons are as below:-

President – Michelle Twelftree

Vice President – Greg Shaw

Treasurer – Carolyn Jansons

I would like to make a special mention of Beth Fairly, the outgoing treasurer, on the wonderful job she has done in this position for many years – It has been much appreciated.

The Committee has chosen to move the Monthly Progress Association Meetings to the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

As most of you would be aware, the PVPA is a not for profit organization that works together and liaises with the YP Council to voice the needs and concerns of the community. We work towards developing infrastructure for the future, and maintaining existing town fixtures. To do this we rely entirely on Fundraising and Grants to finance any event, development or improvement that you see completed in Port Vincent.

The next few months will be busy with preparations for the 2020 Gala Day, and a few fundraising activities to help us with funding the expenses behind hosting such a large event.

So if you see members of the community and committee fundraising

for this event, please support us if you can – buy that raffle ticket or donate those few \$\$, **every bit counts**.

The facts are, for example, the 10-minute fire work display for this event costs \$10,000 (yes that is the correct number of zeros!!), and providing musical entertainment also has numerous zeros attached to the price tag!

We have previously had very generous donations to help cover some of these large expenses and have been extremely thankful for that – So, on that note, if you are able to assist us in any way whether it be financially, an item to auction or raffle, or to volunteer your time to assist prior to the event or on the day, please contact the PVPA Secretary Pam Hickman on 0409 537 242 or email the PVPA portvincentprogress@gmail.com

**** If you have any photos from previous Gala Day celebrations over the past 49 years and you would be happy to have them displayed on Gala Day , please also contact Pam – we are able copy them if you prefer to keep the original copy.**

The committee will be continuing to work towards getting their other projects off the ground in the next year, with a new kitchen for the Institute the first on the list to be implemented. Unfortunately at this stage we won't see this done until after Christmas, due to some salt damp repairs that are required. We will be working towards applying for grants to replace the Wharf Toilet Facilities, and completing the planning process for the Oval precinct.

Please note that the Town office will no longer be open to the public – for all visitor information and flyer/brochures please visit the Visitor Information office.

For all Institute bookings contact portvincentprgress@gmail.com or Pam on 0409 537 242. In the near future the bookings form will be available to download from the www.portvincent.org website.

Michelle Twelftree—Chairperson Port Vincent Progress Association

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Editor's Comments

This September edition of the *A Focal Point* is being released just before Father's Day. I thought it would be a good idea to research the history of Father's Day in Australia. Those of you who know me well will probably have a bit of a giggle, as I am known for using Google quite a bit! *I find the web to be an amazing source of information.*

According to my research on the web (although I have been told Wikipedia is only a **somewhat** reliable source) Father's Day is celebrated worldwide to recognise the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children.

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. *This day celebrates fatherhood and male parenting.* Although it is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide, many countries observe this day on the third Sunday in June (close to their summer solstice). Father's Day is a time for family get-togethers. In Australia we celebrate Father's Day on the 1st Sunday in September.

On a sad note, over the past months Port Vincent has said a final farewell to several long-standing members of our community. I am sure that all Port Vincent residents would join me in offering our sincere condolences to family and friends left behind—**our thoughts are with you.**

Thank you to Sue Caddy for her article on behalf of Port Vincent Traders on Page 8. These are our local businesses who contribute financially to our town, and rely on our support.

We also have a new advertiser in the *A Focal Point* this month. We welcome the contribution from our local IGA owner, Ron Turnbull (refer Page 13), and look forward to his continuing support of our town and of the *A Focal Point*. Also, a big thank you to our existing advertisers for your ongoing patronage!

Michelle has mentioned the support and funds required to hold Gala Day each year. I urge you to contact your Progress Association if you can assist in any way!

The Most Memorable Gala Day short story competition **is now open**—we would love to receive your stories (with accompanying photo/s) —please email afocalpoint2@gmail.com or deliver to Meredith at the Port Vincent Newsagency.

Sue Hall, Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS: -

- 1st September — Father's Day
- 9th September — Traders AGM
- 14th September— Yorke Peninsula Football & Netball G/Final Day
- 24th September—Yorke Peninsula Field Days—Paskeville
- 5th-7th October—Long Weekend
- 5th October — Stansbury Seaside Markets
- 6th October — Currumulka Farmer's Market
- 9th October — Minlaton Show

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MINLATON DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWS

(excerpts taken from MDS newsletter, with permission)

On Monday 19th August, staff were engaged in a program of professional learning at the school, while many of the students were recovering from the junior football and netball carnival on Sunday (in what would have to have been the most awful weather conditions experienced in Minlaton this year).

The staff completed the first session of training in Tactical Teaching of Writing in the morning, and then continued to work on developing tools for progressive assessment and materials for collaborative moderation which will take place in Term 4. It was a busy but rewarding day supporting all staff to develop their skills to make the educational experience for students at MDS the best it can be.

Book Week

The students all enjoyed the Book Week activities. The parade was fantastic and there was such a variety of reading super powers. Mr Cook coordinated a wide variety of activities throughout the week with reading always being the focus. So many of the children have learnt not only to read, but to love reading. Many of them choose to read in their leisure time and happily discuss plots and characters with their peers.

Playground

The first stage of the new playground is being developed. The children have adapted to their new play areas quite well with many of the younger children enjoying time on the netball courts. Everyone is very interested in the changing landscape and are eager to see how the playground emerges from the current piles of dirt.

Middle School Learning Conversations

Dates have been confirmed for our Term 3 learning conversations, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September. Again, bookings will open via the school website a few weeks before these dates. As per the last few years, these will be student-led conversations within which students discuss their degree of success with their goal-setting as well as any other specific learning issues.

Please be reminded that this is not the 'traditional' style of discussion with each specific subject teacher. Parents are invited to contact specific subject teachers if they have a particular concern to discuss. We look forward to seeing you all there.

If you would like to read the entire newsletter please use this link:

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- 22 TBA
- 29 Rodney Reid

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10 am - 12 noon for a cuppa, a chat and a browse. There are lots of bargains, a variety of goods and at a very good price.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be on
25th September. This will be a 'Games Day' as we celebrate our birthday with a Pooled Lunch at 12.30pm.

SALLY STAMP

Help raise money for World Mission by collecting stamps. Deliver to the Drop-in Centre on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am and 12 noon. Thank you.

THE SEWING GROUP

Meets every Friday from
10am -12 noon.
There is a display of their work which is for sale.
Funds raised will be sent to Uganda for the "Support-a-Teacher" Project.

(Cont)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Love one another
and help those in need,
regardless of colour,
race, church or creed.

*Hatred stirs up dissension, but
love covers over all wrongs.
Proverbs 10:12*



Today concentrate on helping others and grasp each opportunity to offer encouragement and assistance.

The Church on Main Street has changed its name from Port Vincent Uniting Church.

**We are now
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**The same warm welcome awaits you,
so come along on any Sunday morning at
10am
and with he help of the LORD we have a**

NEW NAME for NEW BEGINNINGS.

PORT VINCENT VISITOR INFORMATION OFFICE

On 4th August 2019, Volunteers from the VIO travelled to Minlaton to hold a stall at the Harry Butler Celebrations.

The stall was a great success, serving Pork Sliders (pork, roll and appleslaw). We sold out within a few hours and that left us able to enjoy the rest of the celebrations. Well done to the organisers of the Harry Butler Celebrations, they were really great. A great day enjoyed by all.

Picture below left shows Sue Hall and Julie Adams in the front and Sue & Grahame Pike sharing a cuppa and a well earned rest. Picture on the right is showing, Sue Hall, Julie Adams and Elizabeth Cowell serving Kirsty Dinnison from Minlaton.



Thank you to all who participated, and a big thank you to our wonderful butcher who spent a great deal of time pulling the pork.

Port Vincent Visitor Information Office Volunteers are enjoying a well earned rest until September. If you require any information please call Sue Pike on 0448 853 742, or if you need to use the internet or photocopy you will be most welcome. We are only a phone call away.

Sue Pike
VIO Co Ordinator

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RSL PORT VINCENT SUB BRANCH

Port Vincent RSL is holding a raffle. All proceeds from this raffle will be donated to Operation K9.

It takes approximately \$30,000 to train an assistance dog for Veterans. These animals do a wonderful job and their owners benefit greatly.

Each year we run a golf day at Port Vincent Golf Club and all proceeds go to the Operation K9.

This raffle we hope to raise at least \$2,000. A small gesture, but it will help the bigger picture.

Shown below are the prizes for this raffle.

1st Prize ***Painting by Barbara Evans***

2nd prize ***Quilt made by Sue Pike***
 donated by Grahame & Sue Pike

3rd Prize ***Esky made and donated by Simon Amer***



Tickets are available from Port Vincent Post Office and Sue Pike 0448 853 742

For further information regarding this matter please contact the Assistant Secretary,
Sue Pike on 0448 853 742.

Everyone is welcome to join the Port Vincent Walking Group which meets on Fridays at 2.30pm at the Wharf.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 14, 1741 - Composer George Frederick Handel finished *Messiah* after working on it nonstop for 23 days.

September 2, 1752 - The British ended their use of the Julian calendar, switching instead to the Gregorian calendar, resulting in a major adjustment as Wednesday, September 2, was followed by Thursday, September 14. The correction resulted in rioting by people who felt cheated and demanded the missing eleven days back.

September 12, 1913—African American Olympic athlete Jesse Owens (1913-1980) was born in Oakville, Alabama (as James Cleveland Owens). He won four medals in track and field at the [1936 Olympic Games](#) in Berlin, defeating Nazi athletes and disappointing Nazi leader Adolf Hitler.

September 24, 1936— Puppeteer Jim Henson (1936-1990) was born in Greenville, Mississippi. He created the Muppets, including Kermit the Frog, and Bert and Ernie, entertaining and educating generations of children via the daily TV show *Sesame Street*.

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With Regards Len & Vickie Easter



PORT VINCENT TRADERS - NOTICE OF AGM

Date : Monday, 9th September 2019

Where : Ventnor Hotel

Dinner: 6pm **Meeting: 7pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. President's Report
4. Financial Report
5. Minutes of Previous AGM
6. Business arising from previous AGM
7. President to declare all positions vacant
8. Election of Returning Officer
9. Election of Officers :
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer (thanks to Beth Fairly thru the Progress Assoc)
 - Committee Members (8 last year)
10. General Business
 - (i) Suggestions for coming year— what we hope to achieve
11. Next General Committee Meeting

Meeting closed : _____



PORT VINCENT TRADERS REPORT

It has been just over 12 months since our group re-formed. In that time we have achieved the following : -

- 1) With the input of VIO, Progress and the Traders we have upgraded and printed new copies of "30 Things to See and Do".
- 2) Port Vincent "Get Hooked on it" brochures have been upgraded and printed.
- 3) "Walking Trails" brochures have been upgraded and printed by VIO.
- 4) Regular distribution of all 3 brochures to town businesses.
- 5) Christmas : Traders got into the spirit this year, with Christmas bows and lights in business windows.
- 6) Website : New website up and running with huge input from Michelle of Progress, and some monies from us.
- 7) Calendar of Events up and running and kept up to date by Meredith.
- 8) New town sign at entrance. Thanks to Michelle (previous secretary) for following through, and to Rob and Teresa for use of that corner of their paddock.
- 9) Town map/advertising sign near public toilets updated. Thanks to Vickie.
- 10) Easter Kids Competition run for first 3 days of Easter. Fun was had by all.



SAF10 REPORT—AUGUST 2019

No assists since last report.

The windy conditions continue to make boating and fishing uncomfortable, even hazardous. When towing your boat to the marina (or anywhere else) make sure you don't have anyone riding in the boat or on a trailer. *It is illegal and dangerous to do so.*

We are advised that construction of the hull of our new rescue vessel has commenced and that build time could be 5 months. It would be great to have it delivered and on display for the Port Vincent 50th Gala Day on New Year's Day (even if sea trials are still taking place).

The good and improved weather of spring is now upon us and we look forward to more boating and water sports.

It is a timely reminder that as boats come out of winter storage from sheds, that certain important checks should be carried out. Namely motor servicing, battery checks, upgrade safety equipment, Epirbs... and check marine radios and life jackets are in good condition.

Yours in Safe Boating.

*Bill Taylor,
SAF10 Advisor*

23rd August 2019



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Port Vincent Branch

July and August have been the time for Annual Meetings.

At the Port Vincent Branch Annual Meeting on 11 July President Kathleen Smith outlined the activities and achievements of the branch in her Report; including successful fundraising at Gala Day and Easter with the pancake stall, Craft days which produced items for donation to SACWA to be sold at the Marquee at the Royal Adelaide Show, members' volunteering activities at the Show, donations of Christmas hampers, and donations to SACWA projects.

She thanked fellow branch officers and members for their support during the year and noted social activities; Christmas Lunch and the day trip to the Maritime Museum at Port Adelaide.

The highlight of the 2018-19 year, hosting the SACWA State Council in March 2019, was a huge undertaking that earned praise from SACWA State Officers and members.

The election of branch officers saw Kathleen Smith being re-elected as Branch President, Helen Joraslafsky as Branch Secretary and Jenny Highett as Branch Treasurer.

The SACWA 90th Birthday exhibition display at the Port Vincent Senior Citizens Hall from 16 to 18 July drew a disappointing number of visitors, but those who attended were impressed with the Association's history, activities and achievements over the past 90 years.

The new SACWA Spencer Group year got off to a flying start with the Annual Meeting following a most successful and enjoyable President's High Tea.

On 6 August forty six SACWA Spencer Group members from throughout Yorke Peninsula attended and enjoyed High Tea at the Ventnor Hotel, Port Vincent, where suitably delicate and scrumptious morsels were eagerly devoured (delicately) by those present. Di Landorf, Moonta branch, and Di Galloway, Port Vincent branch, were joint winners of the Best China Cup and Saucer competition, and all competitors enjoyed their preferred beverages from their own crockery. All present received individual gifts from the Group President, Kathleen Smith; including cupcakes on "china" plates, handmade pin cushions in "china" cups and 'tea for two'.

Mrs Margaret Hampel, SACWA Member of Honour and former State Treasurer, attended the Annual Meeting at Ardrossan on 12 August and spoke about SACWA's dedication to its motto, 'Sharing And Caring With Action' with pride, loyalty and commitment. She also updated members on current and future SACWA 90th Birthday Celebrations and other activities.

The eight branches reported on their past year's activities. Kathleen Smith was ratified as Group President, with Kirsty Dinnison (Minlaton) as International Officer, Rae Peterson (Minlaton) as Arts Officer, Linda Vaiana (Port Victoria) as Floriculture Officer and Sheila Wiltshire (Moonta) as Handicraft Officer. Jenny Highett (Port Vincent) was appointed Secretary/Treasurer.

The usual wonderfully catered pooled lunch was appreciated by all. After lunch speaker, Janet Thompson, Stansbury/Dalrymple Lions, outlined the history of Lions International and her 24 years of service through fundraising for Lions projects and answered questions from the interested audience.

The SACWA State President, Mrs Roslyn Schumann, will be hosted by all branches during her tour of the peninsular from 1 to 3 October.

Have you seen our new sign on the Port Vincent Directory board near the toilets on Marine Parade? (see photo over the page)

Helen Joraslafsky—Branch Secretary

Meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Hall on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 1.30 pm. Guests are most welcome. Please contact President, Kathleen Smith on 0428 746 018 or Secretary, Helen Joraslafsky on 0419 001 420 for more information.



Left: Best cup & Saucer



Right: Spencer Banner handover



Spencer Group Officers

SACWA's new sign



GOPHERS

A message to all gopher drivers.

Scooters unable to exceed 10km/h are considered pedestrians (eg most Scooters).

A pedestrian can walk on the pathways and on roads using care to look to the left and to the right to make sure the passageway is clear.

As our population is an ageing one, the wonderful machine called "The Gopher" is an aid to all who use it. Please take care when driving so that all gopher drivers can feel safe on the roads.

This information was sought from Constable David Hills of Minlaton Police.



Sue Pike
Co Ordinator
Port Vincent VIO
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ST NEOT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsula)

As this goes to print the Anglicans launched the Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula on the 24th August at the Muloowurtie Memorial Institute, Pine Point. District now covers Ardrossan, Maitland, Point Pearce, Port Victoria, Mt. Rat, Curramulka, Port Vincent, Stansbury, Minlaton, Edithburgh, Yorketown, Warooka, and Corny Point.

Mostly each centre is suffering from the shared problems of ageing and declining Congregations. As we go forward in a shared district and the Peninsula 's communities let's all work together as we go forward for the common good.

The Community Garden will assure us of this is the part of the big picture for all the town. In September we launch our Spring Raffle to run 7/9/2019 — 2/11/2019

This will spearhead our fundraising, as a Pleasant Afternoon of Hymns and a Fashion Show of our fashions from Op shop are in the pipeline.

Trash/Treasure has had a very slow winter trading this year and we are looking forward to the warmer weather to pick up trading every Saturday from 7th September.

CHURCH DATES FOR SEPTEMBER-:

8th.....11a.m.....HOLY COMMUNION.....with Fr. Andrew Lang

22nd.....11a.m.....HOLY COMMUNION.....with Rev. Anne Ford

29th...Combine Service with Ministry District to be held at St. Christopher at Curramulka. Meeting at 10am. Holy Communion Service at 11am followed by lunch to be advised. 5th Sundays will be something to sort out in the future gatherings together.

God is my refuge and strength
Lord Jesus, draw me close to You.
Be my soul's light out of darkness,
My anchor in life's turmoil, my serenity under stress, my joy in celebration,
And my hope at all times.

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ALL WELCOME





Welcome to our first edition of “What’s happening at your local IGA”

We thought we would put something together, to keep you abreast of things that are going on at your local IGA, as well as wider afield.

We are currently doing a lot of work behind the scenes, analysing data from our store and also data from a large group of stores. We are identifying products we currently sell which we would class as non – performers. These will be sold out to ‘clear’ and be replaced with products which the wider market tells us we should have. ***This is all about making better use of our available floor space.***

Frozen Food is the first area to be done, clearing out the slow sellers and replacing it with some targeted products in each category. It’s a good area to start as we have limited space for 320 – 350 products. As such we need to carry the products that will best satisfy our customers’ needs. We will particularly have an expanded range in seafood, chicken and ice cream. This data analysis and action will be a long and virtually ongoing process now that we have access to better information on suggested products to range. ***If any of our customers have any specific requests, please ask.***

Another period of “New Low Prices” will start on 28th August and run until 26th November. These are ‘locked down’ low prices for 3 months. They are identifiable by a blue ticket and represent great value on hundreds of products store wide. We will also have a three day sale from 18th to 20th September. ***This will be the first of a series of such sales over seven weeks and will feature some really hot prices.***

Stressful weather conditions, particularly in Queensland, have impacted on some fruit and vegetable prices. Keep an eye out for late week specials as we are contacted by a buyer in the market every Thursday. They have special buys of stock they need to move before the weekend. *We are always conscious of the quality of the product and pass the savings on to you.*

Unfortunately, we have been advised by a number of companies that we will see milk and related dairy products, such as cheese, creams and yoghurts rise in price. A reduced supply caused by drought and reduced herd sizes is impacting heavily in this area. Dairy farmers have had a very tough time for some years and this is now having a negative affect in the market. We have occasionally been short supplied with some milk and related products recently.

Anyhow, that’s enough for this month and we look forward to showing off something new next month.

Don’t forget you can buy your “Adelaide Show” tickets in store to avoid a hassle on the day.

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The SYP Community Hub, located at 33 Stansbury Road Yorketown, holds free computer classes each week. Delivered in a relaxed and friendly environment these classes are also a chance to engage socially with other people.

If you are interested in attending a class, to see if it is for you, please call Gillian or Kate at the SYP Community Hub on **08 8852 1820.**



U3AYP NEWS

“Australia's first U3A (University of the Third Age) began in Melbourne in 1984 and has grown to 250 U3As with approximately 85,000 members. They are based in metropolitan, regional and rural areas, and follow the model of teaching and learning over a wide range of subject areas, dependent upon the membership's own expertise, knowledge and skills.”

University of the Third Age Yorke Peninsula

Who are we?

We are a group of retirees and semi-retirees over 50 sharing our life skills in a learning environment. We think of ourselves as being universities in the original sense of the term.....

communities of people who come together to learn from one another.

- There are no exams, no certificates and no pre entry requirements.
- Our activities are called courses, sometimes completed in one session and sometimes ongoing.
- Courses run only during School Term, on weekdays and only during the day.
- Courses are held in various venues and towns across the Yorke Peninsula.
- Current annual Registration is \$30 per person per financial year. Most courses are totally free. Although for some courses you may be asked to pay for Photocopying or materials used. This entitles you to any number of courses available with vacancies.
- U3AYP classes are stimulating, thought provoking and enable members to interact socially and make new friends.
- Courses include: Craft, Computing, Photography, Visiting Venues on YP, Viewing Gardens, Literature, Music .

Course News

Balance & Bones Exercise class to be held in Port Vincent for U3AYP members

The minimum number required to commence the class this term was not reached so it has been deferred. Please if you are interested call Helen on 8832 2381 as there are three members who are keen to get started. Day and time will be discussed to suit the majority. It is a great program set up by a Physiotherapist and has an excellent relaxation segment at the end – time frame ¾ hour. In the meantime, if anyone wishes to attend an exercise class “Exercises with Tai Chi movements” is available at Ardrossan on a Thursday.

Visiting Artists in Residence

Invitations were sent out to some members for Visiting Artists in Residence on YP and coming up for August the 28th “From a Personal Point of View” with presenter Doctor Don Longo.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of U3AYP was held on Monday August 12th and was attended by 49 people. Members and friends enjoyed socialising during Morning tea and were able to peruse the various display of some of the courses held throughout the year.

Our President Heather Simpson presented a comprehensive report of the year for U3AYP. Highlighting that the purpose of U3A is to provide its members with mental stimulation, physical activity and the opportunity to be involved socially in our community. Reminding us that we are “member owned and member driven” and that “you are never too old to learn”.

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U3AYP (cont)

AGM (continued)

Program Coordinator Helen Tucker spoke on the various courses including new ones. A highlight being Mah Jong, now very popular across the Peninsula, as well as others such as Visiting Gardens, Artists in Residence and Exercises with Tai Chi Movements. Data collected and kept by Lyndon Burman informed us that 70 courses had been completed with 248 sessions and 751 attendees.

The guest speaker was Fraser Ellis, Member for Narungga. He spoke of growing up in Kadina and his school years. He shared information about his Cornish Ancestry, of the family going from miners to eventually taking on the local newspaper, and how his interest in politics was fostered by his family and this led to him becoming the local member 18 months ago. He also spoke of the challenges in Parliament including mining, fishing, roads and health. Fraser was warmly applauded for a most interesting and informative talk.

The newly formed Ukulele group gave a wonderful presentation, led by Leise Gordon. They played a bracket of 3 songs with the audience enthusiastically singing along.

New Management Committee for 2019/2020 is Heather Simpson President, Jean Wheare Secretary, Nancy Rawlings Treasurer, Sue Mulraney, Wendy Loveridge, Rod Jarvis, Peter Thomas, Joyce Yeomans, Pauline Foy and Helen Tucker (also Program Coordinator).

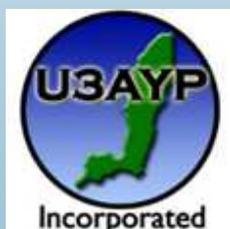
Special thanks to outgoing members Hans Ruis and Shirley Trevena. Thankyou also to our Program Committee members for their continued work - Sue Thomas, Chris Crouch, Shirley Grimsey, Jean Franke. Colleen Sherman, Pamela Doroch and Sue Williams (also Newsletter editor).

Afterwards lunch was enjoyed at the Yorke Valley Hotel.

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Narunga August update

Parliament is now in winter recess which affords me a welcome opportunity to get out and about in the electorate, attending many events and meetings with constituents. It has also provided time for me to visit NSW Parliament for valuable meetings with Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall MP and Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation Kevin Anderson MP, to discuss their experiences, research and legislative reform strategies around two topics - increased protection for prime agricultural land, and payment security for building industry sub-contractors.



In the last couple of weeks a new Department of Child Protection office in Kadina was opened; I was guest speaker at the University of Third Age AGM at Maitland and at a special Ag Education Day at Crystal Brook; I met with the new TAFE SA Chief Executive David Coltman at Kadina; and also had the honour of unveiling a commemorative plaque at Captain Harry Butler's very special weekend centenary celebrations of his gulf flight at Minlaton.

The exploits and achievements of Koolywurtie-born Captain Butler as SA's leading aviation pioneer is deserving of increased state recognition and so I've called for Adelaide Airport to be named in his honour. As locals we know what a household name he was for his daring raids in World War I and when he became the first person to fly over Gulf St Vincent (and any significant body of water in the southern hemisphere) when he delivered the first air mail run on 6 August 1919. Lesser known are the facts he created our state's first airport and started the first air passenger carrying business in Australia. I will be pushing Harry's case as part of the underway consultation for Adelaide Airport's new 20-year Master Plan.

(Pic: Fraser with special guests at Harry's centenary celebrations, including His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC).

I have also been busy meeting with commercial, recreational and charter boat fishermen in response to the latest science indicating snapper stocks in our gulfs are seriously depleted. The proposed scenario of closing the entire state to snapper fishing will have serious consequences for fishing and tourism businesses – please have your say in the current public consultation period (closes 30 August) by visiting www.YourSAy.sa.gov.au/snapper or phone my office.

Recipients of round 47 of the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing Active Club program were announced last week and successful local clubs were Edithburgh Progress Association (\$25,000 for its courts resurfacing project), Southern Yorke Peninsula Basketball Association Incorporated (\$25,000 to insulate the Minlaton stadium), Moonta Sporting Shooters Association (\$25,000 for solar and battery power supply), Maitland Pistol and Shooting Club (\$19,171 to help upgrade its Air Pistol Shed, Kadina Golf Club (\$5,000 new equipment) and Moonta Golf Club (\$5,000 equipment). Round 48 is open already, and Minister Wingard is especially encouraging applications from clubs looking to purchase defibrillators.

I also encourage any applicants who missed out on support for their projects in the latest round to try again and re-lodge.

TIDY TOWNS REPORT—SEPTEMBER 2019

August has seen the Group continue with general maintenance work at Bennett Park, Correll Park and other areas around the town. We have also sprayed the weeds at the Visitor Information Office and will remove the dead weeds over the next few weeks. We have decided to go ahead with concreting the area by the glass crushing machine to make it easier to load the full skips of glass for transporting to Stansbury. We invited Max Barr, Fabienne and Carly from the NRM to join us at our morning tea break to discuss how best to solve our rabbit problem. Whilst this is not the best time of year to release the RHDV calcivirus it was decided that we would lay baited oats now, and then follow up with another lot next summer, when conditions will be such that the rabbits will not have lush grasses to feed on. We have laid the baits in a broad area of town including the Esplanade, Bennett Park, Main St, McFarlane St, Luxmore St, areas of Vincent Rise, Talbot St, Kemp St, end of Ramsay St, the Oval and War Memorial and the western tree line of Vincent Rise. The choice we made was the fact that this virus is safe and it will only kill the European rabbit. I have included some information taken from pestsmart.org.au

How do rabbits with RHD die? Infected rabbits first develop symptoms anywhere from 24-72 hours after infection and usually succumb within 6-36 hours after first symptoms appear. Animals die from the rapid onset of multiple organ failure. Given the short disease time and the sudden death from rapid organ failure, RHDV continues to be one of the most humane control methods for rabbits.

How does RHDV spread naturally? RHDV is spread by insect vectors, such as bushflies and blowflies. Direct contact between a rabbit and a rabbit carcass with RHDV is also an avenue of spread. Animals that predate on rabbit carcasses such as foxes, dogs and cats may also excrete the virus in their faeces.

Does it affect people or other animals (pet, native wildlife and livestock)? In Australia, no variant of RHDV1 has ever been found to cause infection in any other animal except the European rabbit. Even predatory animals that eat rabbits that have died from RHDV1 do not develop an infection.

The release of the virus will not solve all of our rabbit problems in one application, but it will slow down the spread, and it will be an ongoing procedure to reduce the rabbit impact on Pt Vincent. We have another option which is the use of Pindone poison which is sold and can be used in townships, but we are hesitant to use this product because it may cause damage to other wildlife species.

If anyone wishes to talk to us about the rabbit problem or has any ideas that may help solve it please contact me on 0400 381 551.

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MONDAY : **Blue Bush Club**-Institute Supper Room
2nd & 4th Monday of each month 9.45am,
Lunch provided.
RSL Meeting - in RSL room at the
Memorial Bowling Club
2pm on 4th Monday of each month.

TUESDAY : **Tidy Towns** working bees 8:30am-12noon
Ladies' Golf (Winter)
Senior Citizens each week 1:30pm
BBQ lunch 1st Tuesday of the month
12:30pm February-December.
Doctor in Senior Citizens Hall 10am— 4.30pm
each week
U3AYP Members—Mahjong classes—Institute
Hall 10am-12:30pm

WEDNESDAY:
Men's Golf (Winter)
Men's Bowls (Summer)
Uniting Church Drop-in Centre 10am-12noon
Uniting Church Ladies Fellowship 4th
Wed. in month in Church Hall 2:00 pm.
(Except January)

THURSDAY : **Progress Assn meeting** at 7.30pm on 1st
Thursday of each month—Institute.
Ladies' Bowls (Summer)
Meals on Wheels delivery
Coast Guard Flotilla Meetings 3rd Thursday
CWA 2nd in month 1:30pm in Snr Citizens Hall

FRIDAY : **Beachside Christian Church – Port Vincent Inc**
Drop-in Centre 10am-12noon
Library 9.30-11.30am In Institute
Podiatrist in Dr's rooms, Senior Cits hall
1st Friday of each month
Walking Group meets 2:30 pm at the Wharf

SATURDAY : **Men's Golf** (Winter)
Open Gender Bowls (Summer)
Coast Guard Training 1st Sat in month 9am
St Neot's Trash'n'Treasure 9:30am-12:30am

SUNDAY : **Beachside Christian Church - Port Vincent Inc**
10:00am
St Neot's Church —see church door for times
Sailing (Summer) 2pm-5.30pm

If the time, day or venue for your meetings has changed, or if your club etc has ceased to meet, this page will need to be updated.

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