



PROGRESS ASSOCIATION REPORT— DECEMBER 2019

Well I think I can say ‘where on earth has this year gone?’. It seems that in the blink of an eye we see ourselves suddenly in December, and only a couple of weeks out from Christmas. I know that my year has been crazy busy, and I will personally be looking forward to a little bit of quiet family time after Christmas.

The PVPA will also enjoy a small break until February 2020 when we will continue to push forward with the projects underway – Which will see the Salt damp repairs begin on the institute and aim to see a new kitchen installed. The committee hope to continue to work towards completing projects that our community will benefit from. With many plans in the mix and many fabulous suggestions coming in, 2020 will be another busy year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all our community volunteers, many whom work quietly in the background unrecognized. Without all of you, Port Vincent wouldn't be the wonderful and vibrant community that it is. From putting bins out, pulling weeds, painting, vermin control, repairs and maintenance, catering, fundraising, grant applications, updating social media, websites, newsletters and so much more.

Small town volunteers really are the glue that hold it all together.

With a successful Jingle and Mingle Fundraising dinner complete, it's time to focus on the last minute preparation before Gala Day!! Just a reminder that if you are able to help out on the day, please let a member of the PVPA know asap, many hands make light work! And an event like Gala Day needs many helpers. Please email pvpaevents@gmail.com

A thankyou to all the businesses and individuals who have made a financial contribution towards the day in the way of donation and sponsorship. **Also to AGL who awarded the PVPA \$1,500 to assist with the expenses involved with Gala Day.** This was due to a successful Grant application that your Progress Committee lodged on your behalf. It's not too late to help out with Gala Day! If you would still like to become a sponsor of the day or make a donation, please contact us via pvpaevents@gmail.com or phone Pam 0409 537 252.

From myself and the committee of the Port Vincent Progress Association, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

Michelle Twelftree—PVPA President

Keep up to date with events and information at www.portvincent.org.au

For all Institute bookings contact portvincentprogress@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.

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Editor's Comments

It has been 6 weeks since we published the last A Focal Point. Unfortunately during this time we have witnessed a catastrophic fire situation on the Yorke Peninsula, and the consequent horrendous fires that swept towards Edithburgh and Price. It is at times like these that we are thankful we have our volunteer firefighters on the ground ready to assist us!

I have been advised that the Southern Yorke CFS Group has not only been busy fighting the recent fires on our peninsula, but they have also been sending crews on deployment to NSW/Qld for the last few weeks. Several members from Port Vincent Brigade have been interstate to date, and it is highly likely that more members will be deployed in the next few weeks, as things don't seem to be improving in these areas. Fraser Ellis highlights in his article on Page 18 the assistance available to those affected by these fires. Your own Progress Association has also donated funds to the Yorketown Fire Relief fund. Thanks to Krycia George Page 17 has a brief summary of the Port Vincent alarm, and what the different sounds mean. Thankfully we have been given a warning, and now all of us, even in townships, need to be vigilant **and to have a bushfire strategy in place**. Please visit the CFS web-site <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp> for further information. The Yorke Peninsula Fire Ban Season is from 1st November 2019 to 15th April 2020. **To Report a Fire Call 000**

Pages 5, 14 and 22 contain stories on readers' Most Memorable Gala Days. The different perspectives are really interesting—from Grant Trotter's writing on growing up in the town, and the town stalwarts who have worked tirelessly over the years, to Sue Caddy's article about the hectic and wonderful day our Trader's experience, and finally a visitor's perspective from Jenny Kubank. Our 50th Gala Day is fast approaching—let's make this one bigger and better than the last 49!!

Michelle's article on Page 1 mentions the projects that your committee are currently working on. One such project is to get a Turn Left Slip Lane into our township from St Vincent Highway—with a "tourist loop" sign to show tourists that it is only a short journey out of their way to visit our town—once they see our beautiful bay they probably won't leave!

The turn left lane is definitely a safety issue—most of us have experienced near misses as we indicate to turn off from a 100kmh zone and need to slow down to turn left, and cars behind nearly 'shunting' us. Fraser Ellis has kindly offered to assist us with our application to the Minister, Stefan Knoll. But, we need your help! **Please email your letters of support for this project to afocalpoint2@gmail.com**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas—Christmas services are listed on Pages 10 and 21

Thank you for your continued support of your town's newsletter—as always, any comments or letters are gratefully received!

Our next A Focal Point will not be released until after Gala Day, so may I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a Happy New Year—may all your dreams and aspirations for 2020 come true!

Sue Hall— Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS— DECEMBER 2019 AND BEYOND: -

15th December —Port Vincent Sailing Club - Club Races
22nd December—Port Vincent Sailing Club—Club Races
22nd December 7pm—Christmas Carols— Institute—**See Page 8**
29th December—Port Vincent Sailing Club—Club Races
31st December—Stansbury Seaside Markets
1st January—GALA DAY!!! - see details on Page 3
5th January— Stacks on Sunday—Barley Stacks Winery
6th-10th January - Scripture Union Family Mission—**see Page 17**
22nd January— St Neot's Garden Fashion Parade— **see Page 11**
26th January—Australia Day Breakfast —wharf area
2nd February—Curramulka Farmers' Market

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PORT VINCENT GALA DAY 2020

NEW
YEARS
DAY

Celebrating 50 Years

Fun for the Whole Family

Official Opening Celebrating 50 Years Of Gala Day 10am

Stalls & Sideshows From 10am

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Jingle and Mingle

The Port Vincent Institute was jumping on Saturday 30th November, as 76 people accepted the Progress Association invitation to attend its 'Jingle and Mingle' Dinner Dance.

Bubbles were offered on arrival, along with a numbered ticket (for the door prize, donated by D& J Thomson, River Murray Salt) and table allocation. Our Major sponsor for the evening was ELDREDGE WINES, who provided the bubbles and wine served throughout the meal. A very big thank you for their generosity.

A delicious meal was served, consisting of prawns, chicken, pork, beef, a variety of vegetables and sweets being Chocolate or Lemon delicacies offered by Rustic Tarts. All courses were very tasty and well presented.

A variety of drinks were available from the 'Bar' throughout the evening to quench the patrons' thirst. Cheese platters rounded off an excellent food presentation.

Following main course we were in for a treat – Squirrel Grip quickly turned the mood of the evening from a dinner party to a dance party. The songs were popular and soon many were up dancing and singing. One song Eagle Rock is renowned in Port Vincent for several Fred Astaires suddenly having their belts loosened and pants fall down - No names mentioned. The band played until midnight, and I am sure many could have danced for much longer. ***Thankyou Squirrel Grip - you were enjoyed by all attending.*** At many of our functions we hold an auction. Generous sponsors donate goods, and they are auctioned to raise funds for our town projects.

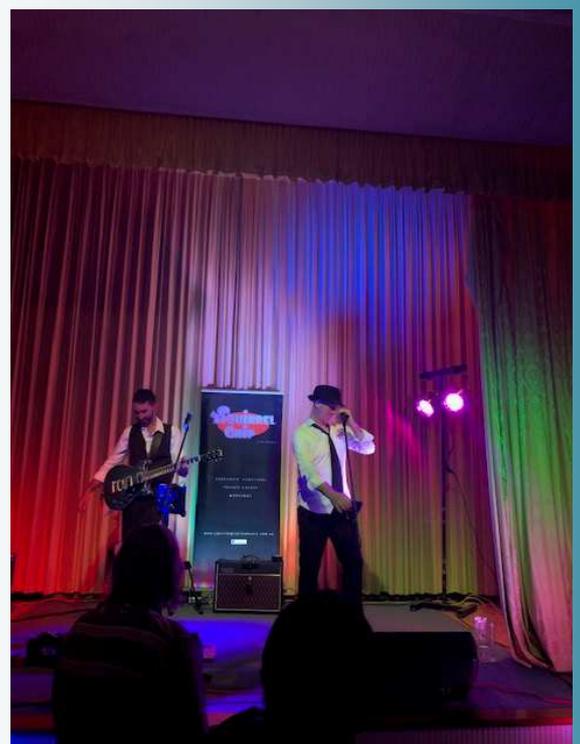
On Wednesday November 20th a fire swept through an area between Yorketown and Edithburgh, destroying buildings, equipment and livestock. Progress decided funds from the auction would be donated to the Yorketown Fire Relief Fund. Len Easter was our auctioneer and got the bidding moving for the many items on offer. Bidding was keen, and the **\$1,720.00** raised will be forwarded to this fund. Thank you to Gifts Port Vincent and the many others for their generosity.

Progress sincerely thank our local businesses IGA, Port Vincent Quality Meats, Chillout Cafe, Port Vincent Ventnor Hotel, Rustic Tarts and Minlaton Bakery for their continuing support and donations.

With every function there is a lot of planning and work behind the scenes. Without this, things wouldn't happen. Thank you Michelle, the committee members and others for the excellent 'Jingle and Mingle' event you organised and presented - it was much appreciated.

I am sure all attending wish to thank you for your effort and look forward to a repeat next year.

B. Fairlie & J. Adams



MY MOST MEMORABLE GALA DAYS by Jenny Kubank

I can recall two memorable Gala Day Celebrations at Port Vincent— they were both in the mid to late 1980's. My husband and I used to stay at Hardwicke Bay where my parents had a shack on the foreshore. We had friends who stayed at Port Vincent, so we would drive over and spend the day with them while our husbands went fishing. These visits would include the New Year Celebrations, which we and our kids all enjoyed.

The first one was when they had helicopter rides that left from the caravan park on the foreshore. My friend and I decided that it seemed like a good idea, as we hadn't been in a helicopter before. So, we got in, I was told to "belt up" and off we went. It was amazing as the pilot flew over the town and headed out to sea and then back along the beach front back to the landing pad. The flight took about 10mins but the view and experience was fabulous. It was truly magnificent and very memorable.

The second time was when there were Harley Davidson bike rides, and this time the same friend talked me into going with her. These bikes were truly amazing, loud and big. So, on we got! The bikes were parked outside the IGA store. We headed north along the esplanade, up the hill and out onto the main road, turned left and travelled south until we came to the entrance into Port Vincent, turned left again, and went downhill into the main street and back to the IGA store. Once again this trip took about 10 mins, but it was a fabulous experience and one I would never have dreamed of doing, but glad so glad I did!

My husband Ian and I have since moved from Adelaide to the Riverland and have been there now for 30 years. But, we still catch up with our friends a couple of times during the year. Unfortunately we don't travel during the summer months now, so we miss the Gala Days where you meet people from other places and wander the main street to check out the stalls.

Gala Day at Port Vincent is certainly a very relaxing and wonderful day.

I would like to congratulate the town of Port Vincent and all their hard working volunteers on this milestone in your history.

May there be many more Gala Days!!!

Jenny Kubank
Riverland



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RSL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Hi all, this is a review of our great REMEMBRANCE Day Service.

After preparations and cleaning for the last couple of Thursday mornings, we thought we were set to go. However, on Monday 11th at 0830 when we arrived to do the last bits for the morning, the bull ants had come back with a vengeance, and we had to spray and sweep all of the gravel away before going any further.

We set up the new PA System that had been purchased with the assistance of the Yorke Peninsula Council via its Community Grant. We would like to thank the Council for their generosity.

The Service was led by our new Chaplain, Padre Andrew Lang, and his and our President's (Barry Tozer's) presentations finished on time for the Last Post and the solemn parts of the service. The bugler this year was once again Mr Ian Barton, who did an excellent job with the strong wind blowing him and his instrument around.

Wreaths were laid, the ODE and Stand To were conducted. Following the National Anthems of New Zealand and Australia, the service was concluded by extending thanks to all who helped prior to and on the day.

The members and committee of the RSL were indeed pleased with the rollout to the Service, and I extend their thanks to all. Also a special thanks to Lyn Clerke who modelled a WW1 Nurses uniform, which will go on display at the RSL Museum, alongside the Port Vincent Tennis Courts, together with other uniforms already on display there.



RSL Members following the Service

RSL Report (cont.)

At the end of the Service it was clean up time, dump gear where it belonged, and then head down to the Ventnor Hotel for lunch. The meal was great, and a good time was had by all. Our main raffle for the year, raising money for Operation K9, was drawn at the Hotel in front of all present.

First Prize - Barb Evan's framed painting was won by E. Franklin of Kapunda, 2nd prize - an ANZAC Quilt was won by S. Mundy of Port Vincent and 3rd prize - a giant Insulated Esky was won by L. Rollbusch. The winners will be advised, and arrangements for collection made.

The committee wishes to thank the donors of these wonderful prizes and all the people that participated in the draw. The money will go towards raising and training a dog for a veteran suffering with a war related mental illness. I have personally witnessed these dogs at meetings and conferences, and watched them work their wonder with their owners. They make such a big difference. One of the wives of a veteran commented, "The dog not only saved him, but saved us as a couple, and that is why we work for this cause".

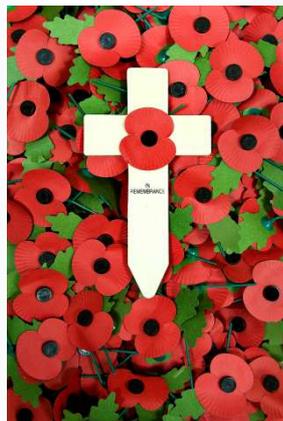


First and second prizes displayed on the day

Some of our members are 'crook' at the moment, and the rest of us send our best wishes to them, and hope that they are returned to the fold soon. To all in the community look after yourselves, and if your neighbour is not travelling well show a smile and offer assistance.

Anyone in our town and surrounding areas can join the Port Vincent RSL Sub Branch. Members are made up of currently serving and ex servicemen and women - as Service Members, family members, and those that have an interest in and believe in the RSL and its aims- as Affiliate Members.

For further information contact the
**President Barry Tozer on 0400 534 305 or the
Secretary Trevor Clerke (TGL1) on 0422 162 204**



Port Vincent Progress Association

invites everyone to join us at our

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2 assists this month. One to Stansbury for boat unable to restart (2 pob). Crew of 3 prepared to go, then advised that boat has restarted and heading in. Stood down.

2nd call out, a 9m Riviera Cruiser with 3 pob, had left Port Vincent marina and out of fuel 15 km east, on way back to North Haven. CG264 and crew of 3 despatched, located vessel as per coordinates given. Wind and seas rose as a SW squall passed over and took in tow at 5.4km/h. Arrived back into marina 3 hours later. Lady and her son 'shaken' but okay.

SAREX for Yorke Peninsula agencies was called off due to bushfires.

At recent CG SAF10 Annual Presentation Dinner, Gordon Stone was awarded the inaugural 'Gerry Poel Memorial Trophy', which was presented to him by Carol Poel (please refer photo below).

Commander's award was presented to Bill & Maxine Taylor.

SAF10 rescue vessels will be on display at Port Vincent Gala Day. Please feel free to chat with our trained members if you have any queries.



***Members of SAF10 extend
Seasons Greetings to all for a
Safe and Happy Xmas
and New Year***

Yours in Safe Boating,

***Bill Taylor,
SAFO Advisor***

25th November 2019



Congratulations to Chelsea BIDDELL

Chelsea has been chosen in this year's draft to play for the Adelaide Crows in 2019!

Chelsea's key achievements (so far!):

- Chelsea finished second in the 2019 SANFL Women's goal kicking, despite being limited to eight games through injury
- She also averaged nearly four marks per game for SANFLW club West Adelaide
- Chelsea came runner-up in West Adelaide's 2018 best and fairest, and was also named in the 2018 SANFLW Team of the Year

Crows GM of Football Administration Phil Harper said:-

"Chelsea is a smart and natural footballer.

She's been one of the best forwards in the SANFLW for the past couple of seasons and deserves her opportunity.

Unfortunately, Chelsea injured her knee in the middle of the year and required surgery.

She's recovering well and we're looking forward to seeing what Chelsea can do after a big pre-season."

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Christmas Specials

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Port Vincent Inc.
Main Street

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ALL WELCOME

Speakers: December 2019

- 1 Congregation - **HC**
- 8 Rob Searle
- 15 Dan Johnson (Balaklava)
- 22 Max & Elaine Pannell
- 25 Max Pannell-**Christmas Day**
- 29 Desleigh & Peter Wright

BIBLE STUDY

The final study for 2019 will be on 26th November 2019 and **will resume on 4th February 2020.**

CALL TO PRAYER

The final 'Call to prayer' for 2019 will be on 29th November 2019, and will resume on 7th February 2020.

THE DROP-IN CENTRE

Welcome all to call in on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am - 12 noon for a cuppa, a chat and a browse.

The Drop-in will be closed on Christmas Day and open all other Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10am–12noon including New Year's Day. Open on Saturday 28th December 2019, 4th and 11th January 2020.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be on 11th December. This will be a Christmas Meeting when we will join with the Drop-in for a pooled lunch and a Christmas Party Celebration.

The first meeting for 2020 will be on 29th February 2020.

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.

The final day for the Sewing Group for 2019 will be on 13th December and will resume again on 3rd February 2020.

The Beachside Christian Church members wish everyone a blessed Christmas and New Year



QUIETNESS OF MIND

At this holy season
give us quietness of mind,
teach us to be patient
and help us to be kind.

*Let them give thanks to the
Lord for His unfailing love and
His wonderful deeds for men.
Psalm 107:31*

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WHEN? Starting Monday, **2nd December**, to 4pm on Monday, **23rd December**.

DRAWN? 6pm Monday, 23/12/19.

I have lots of problems in my life, but shopping local isn't one of them!!



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VOUCHERS

The winner (first "readable" entry drawn from all entries) will be given **10 x \$50 vouchers**, which can all be spent in one business, or 10 different businesses or however it suits the winner.
No change given for voucher.

PORT VINCENT TRADERS GROUP Report

List of things we hope to achieve this year :

- 1) Christmas Traders competition with \$500 of vouchers as prize.
- 2) Business owners get-together to launch the Xmas comp on 2nd Dec.
- 3) Continue encouraging businesses to get "Christmassy" in their businesses, and red bows to once again be put up around the town by the traders (thanks Meredith and Merridy).
- 4) A "Weekend Trading in Port Vincent" brochure to be distributed over the peninsula.
- 5) A "Weddings in Port Vincent" brochure.
- 6) First Aid Course (hopefully some time in Feb). We will also advise Port Vincentites closer to the date if anyone else would like to join us (Cost about \$110 pp).
- 7) Cyber Security Course : This is becoming a big problem for businesses and households and we would like to open it up to the whole town (young and old). How to Stay Safe on the Net. We have no date yet, but will advertise when we do.
- 8) Calendar of Events & Business section of the Website : Thanks to Meredith this is kept up to date.
- 9) Business Advertising Sign : We have lost 3 businesses on the sign, and gained 1. To be updated.
- 10) Either a Gala Day or Easter promotion to promote all of our members (see list above).



MERRY XMAS & SAFE NEW YEAR
from all of your Port Vincent business owners and their staff.

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GALA DAY HOME BREW COMPETITION

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ENTRY FEE \$3 PER BOTTLE



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on

Sunday 29th Dec between 3.30 - 4.30pm and Monday 30th Dec between 3.30- 4.30pm

For further information please contact Greg Shaw on 0438 853 872



Gala Day 2017—Saved by an Angel

Written by Sue Caddy

New Year's Eve, 2016 was normal for me since opening up the Gift Store. Before I left for the evening, everything was stocked to the rafters, more clothing than usual was jammed onto the stands. I made sure I had plenty of change and plenty of carry bags, and closed the door that night happy with the stock levels in the store.

Gala Day started as usual - I drove to the barricades that were already in place, moved one aside, drove through, closed the barricade, and parked behind the shop, as usual. I unloaded more stock that I had brought from home, JUST IN CASE I ran out of things.

My dear friend, Audrey had not worked with me on a Gala Day, but I knew she was a fabulous worker, having been in a couple of her own businesses before, and having worked on busy days with me for the previous 2 or so years. She was from the old school where if you got busy and didn't have time for lunch, then it was just head down, bum up, until you could stop for a pee or lunch. Aud was due at 11am, and was always early, because we spent a lot of our time having coffees and discussing the Bolt Report from the night before, or articles from the front page of The Australian, or what was happening with politics, and the wokeness of people these days, BUT this day she was running late. I was already getting very busy, and worrying about where she was. She finally burst through the door, very hot and bothered, and 15 minutes late. I sat her down, and in between customers got her a drink and wet towel, and told her to sit there until she felt OK. Unfortunately, I had forgotten to tell her about how to park behind the shop. She got to the barricades, presumed she couldn't go through it, and drove around to find a park. The closest she could get was the oval, quite a hike for me on what was becoming a very hot day, let alone Aud in her mid 80's then. Yes, I felt terrible!

For the next 2 hours, the rush did not stop. It was the most relentless that I have ever encountered in any of the previous 6 businesses I had managed or owned. When I glanced up, I saw that the shop was a mess. Heaps of clothes had been sold, wall art had come off the walls and there were holes everywhere. There was hardly any beach stuff left, but we just couldn't get to it to fix it up. We still had 3+ hours of trading to go.

THEN lo and behold, with exquisite timing, an angel arrived. It was in the shape of Karen, who had worked with us before, but had moved back to Quorn, and was visiting, and dropping in to say hello to us. She could see that the shop was a mess and, without being asked, or asking, immediately set about re-stocking it for us, while Aud and I kept serving customers. It took Karen (one of the best workers I have ever had the joy to work with) about an hour and a half of solid work to catch up for us, and even as she was bringing new stock from the store room, people were taking it out of her hands to buy or try on. She then gave us each a lunch break, made coffees for all of us, and left.

At the end of the day, Aud and I closed the door, shoes off, feet up, coffees in hand, and chatted while I counted the till. RECORD DAY.

We were quite proud of ourselves, but it was Karen who saved the day for us.

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PORT VINCENT SAILING CLUB—MONTHLY REPORT



27 October YP Ag Series 1 Race 1

Cloudy with light flukey winds. Not many sailors because of harvest. Like Horn sailed the course and was second over the line. Kim Campion, in his new boat, Vostock, sailed an extra leg and finished last!
Chanekeib, Alan Rushbrook, first, Xtremist, Joe Bulter second, Amante, A. Slater, third, Vostock, K. Campion fourth.

3 November. Mosquito State Championships

6 visiting Mosquito catamarans joined 3 local boats and sailed in moderate, gusting winds. The mossies sailed 3 races in all. Two of our trailer sailors joined the fleet for the last race.

10 November, YP Ag Cup Race

Boats and crews were well down with most of our farmers reaping. Again light wind from most points of the compass made life difficult for the skippers. Results were Cripple Creek Ferry, R. Cook, first; Chameleon, A. Rushbrook, second, Xtremist, J. Butler, Third.

17 November. Series 1, Race 4, YP Ag

Again light flukey winds frustrated everyone. A good fleet this time with our Mossies coming back. Trailer sailors, Cripple Creek Ferry, first, Xtremist, J. Butler second. The Mossie results were Wildfred, N. Lehmann first.

24 November Cup Race 2

Light flukey winds again but a good turn out of boats. Cripple Creek does well in unpredictable winds (as long as there is no weed!). CCF first, Xtremist second, Amante (A.Slater) third, and Chameleon fourth.

The Mossies, Red Beard, G. Hackett, first, Curlew, G. Illman, second, Wilfred, N, Lehmann, third.

Our Junior program was cancelled due to the weather, but they will be racing on Sunday 8 December and we will have a sausage sizzle.

Coming up, we have the Vincent Open Classic over the weekend of 25 January to 27 January with lots of boats of various designs racing.

The King Of The Gulf regatta is over the weekend of 14 February. This regatta will have plenty of big boats to watch.

Then in March, we have the State Titles for the 505s, 420s, TASARS and NS14s.



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Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic 2020

An exciting program of water-based and foreshore activities is being prepared for the tenth celebration of Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic in Stansbury and Port Vincent from 1st to 3rd May 2020.

Since the inaugural Saltwater Classic in 2003 and the successful follow-up in 2004, the biennial event has become a major tourism feature on the Yorke Peninsula and a favourite among enthusiasts of wooden and classic boats designed on traditional lines.

The 2020 event has been given a major boost, with the South Australian Government providing \$10,000 funding support for marketing through the 2019-20 Regional Events and Festivals Program.

This announcement by the Tourism Minister, David Ridgway, continues the principal sponsorship of Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic by the State Government, through the South Australian Tourism Commission.

Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic in 2018 attracted more than 5,000 visitors and a fleet of over 50 wooden and classic boats and crews from across South Australia and interstate, to enjoy the festival atmosphere in the sister towns of Stansbury and Port Vincent.

An official reception for registered entrants and crews on Friday, 1st May 2020 will be followed by a spectacular program of boating and foreshore activities in Stansbury on the following day, and in Port Vincent on the Sunday.

A highlight for participants and spectators alike is the run from Stansbury to Port Vincent, a pleasant close-to-shore voyage of about 12 nautical miles.

Saltwater Classic Chairman, Colin Germein, said the organisers were very grateful for the support of next year's event through the Regional Events and Festivals Program.

"This will help us to maximise our promotional efforts to attract families to the region to experience the beauty of wooden and classic craft that have been faithfully restored to keep afloat some of the great traditions of boat building," he said.

"The program in Stansbury and Port Vincent will include seaside markets, regional food and wine experiences, entertainment, arts and craft together showcasing the wonderful features of our region.

Next year's Saltwater Classic will be the tenth presentation of the event and we aim to make it the biggest and best yet for people to enjoy Stansbury and Port Vincent and to encourage them to explore wider areas of beautiful Yorke Peninsula.

Our last event in 2018 won South Australian and Yorke Peninsula tourism awards, and the on-going success of the Saltwater Classic would not be possible without an enormous volunteer effort, the support of our sponsors and the welcoming qualities of local communities.

It is an opportunity to celebrate our maritime heritage through the eager commitment of many people who spend countless hours to restore old vessels to their former glory to recreate the days when families and towns were dependent on local links between land and sea.

Just as importantly, the foreshore activities in Stansbury and Port Vincent provide enjoyment and memorable experiences for people of all ages."

For more information on Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic 2020, contact Colin Germein on 0437 710 494, Richard Carter on 0438 524 243 or email lighthousepr@adelaide.on.net or go to www.ypsaltwaterclassic.org.au

The Yorke Peninsula website with its app functionality is available at www.yorkepeninsula.com.au.



PORT VINCENT FIRE SIREN—WHAT DOES IT MEAN??

Every Monday at 7pm we test the siren and our pagers to make sure everything is working fine. If there is a fire/accident/emergency in the area (not necessarily in Port Vincent, but our Crew gets a call out to respond), the siren will normally be sounded. This has a two-fold purpose, initially for the Brigade members to respond to the call out. If the siren stops wailing and then starts up again, within a minute or two, it means we need more crew for the Appliance. This is due to the fact that sometimes crew members may be located in a black spot in the town and therefore not receive a Pager message. In some instances they may not even hear the siren if the wind is blowing in the wrong direction, or quite simply it could be they are not available because they are out of town. Secondly, the siren also lets the town folk know that there is something happening, and to be aware that emergency vehicles are on the road in the area and to be mindful if they are driving around to not hinder the brigade.

The brigade tries not to use the siren in the middle of the night if possible. The last thing we want to do is wake the whole town up. Equally, we don't send the Appliance up the Main street at 3:00am with its sirens blazing.

If the town itself was under immediate threat, the siren would be one long continuous blast (not wailing up and down like it normally does), it would just keep going, that is of course as long as we have power. The thing is, one would hope that most people would already be aware that there was a fire in the local area and that they were tuning in to the ABC for CFS media reports & updates, or checking on their computers, so that they would know of any wind changes etc which could cause the fire to head our way. Residents should already have a bushfire plan happening, whether it is to leave their home early or stay. Obviously, if a resident has decided to stay in town, the continuous siren would warn of imminent danger, and they should make their way to the **Sailing Club**, not forgetting to allow time to walk there, as the smoke would be too thick to drive and there would more than likely be hot embers & ash to contend with, so it would also be good to have some protective clothing, etc on.

People tend to think they can leave it until the last minute before they leave home. That is a fatal mistake, as by that time the smoke will be so thick, you will not be able to see past your nose. Just a note on the Fire Danger Index, or 'FDI', this is calculated on forecasted weather conditions for the following day, and based on that calculation, a fire ban can be declared. The worst case is for a day of "Catastrophic Fire Danger". That does not mean there will be a fire, however, if there is one, it is probably going to be uncontrollable. If we have a fire under those conditions & you smell smoke, then it's probably too late to leave. *If you think it will never happen, have a look in the cemetery! In the oldest grave there, is a father & son, who tried to outrun a bushfire to save a mob of sheep. Sadly they were both burnt to death!!*

So, remember if the siren is on 'wail' - up & down, we are calling a crew up. If it is on 'solid' - screaming none stop, then we are under threat. Having said that, if we have no power, then that won't happen. So listen to ABC 891 band for Emergency messages. It only takes a couple of minutes for a message to leave the Fire Ground & go to air.

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FRASER ELLIS MP
MEMBER FOR **NARUNGA**



Narunga December Update

I have felt so privileged over the last three weeks since the Yorketown, Edithburgh and Price fires to witness and marvel at the power and energy of communities which pitch in and support each other in time of need.

Such was the ferocity of the fires, it is incredible that no lives were lost. No words can adequately convey the gratitude felt for the actions and skills of the dedicated volunteer CFS and farm unit firefighters, local-based and those who rushed to assist from all over the State, as well as SAPOL, emergency services and the multiple community groups who helped out on fire grounds and since, with clean-up, support services and organising and staging fundraisers.

The team work of all involved has been inspiring, and I was proud to address the House of Assembly on 26 November in support of the motion by Premier Marshall, "to acknowledge the efforts of South Australia's emergency services and community organisations during the recent catastrophic fires".

Minister for Human Services the Hon Michelle Lensink MLC advises the Recovery Centre at the Yorketown Town Hall remains open Monday to Friday (9 am – 5 pm) and Saturday mornings (8 am – noon), closing for a short Christmas break from 25-29 December.

Successful funding allocations for YP

In good news this week, Yorke Peninsula Council has been allocated \$211,500 from the 2019-20 Coast Protection Board Grants: \$194,000 for Port Clinton's Seawater Inundation Flood Protection project and \$17,500 for a Yorke Peninsula Strategic Coastal Risk Study, the latter to allow council to identify and prioritise projects such as seawalls and levees, storm damage repairs, beach replenishment and landscaping (drift net fencing, planting and dune restoration).

I was also pleased to be advised Yorketown Area School is scheduled this week to have its new fibre optic internet connection done (followed by Port Broughton Area School and Mallala Primary), providing students with what is described as the fastest internet in the country, in line with 329 schools around SA that have been already connected to high speed internet this year.

Other recent highlights include:-

- the Marshall Liberal Government's \$550 million Housing and Homelessness strategy announced on the weekend to include the development of local regional housing plans, recognising the need to respond to specific demand in regional communities like ours;
- after feedback to our office (and other country electorates), welcome improvements have been made to the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme; and
- the Crown Land Management (Section 78B Leases) Amendment Bill has passed both Houses, fulfilling another pre-election commitment to create new opportunities for families with shacks on Crown leases and in National Parks to retain their shacks in lieu of demolition.

Season's greetings to all, and best wishes for a prosperous, happy 2020.

The Maitland Electorate office will only be closed for a short break -- from 5 pm, 24 December to 9 am, 2 January.

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BLUE BUSH NOTES

October 28 - 10 members attended today with some enjoying the stretching and breathing exercises and especially Riny's two-minute music cardiac workout. Our morning teas were most welcomed after all that movement. Club members welcomed Wendy (a member) who is holidaying in Port Vincent, but now lives in Bendigo. Wendy also showed some of her card making skills. Others played Rumakins before enjoying a Fish and Chip lunch from the Kiosk. Salads were provided by Geraldine and Marilyn. A delicious birthday sponge for Jane went down a treat for dessert. Jane also received a posy of flowers and a signed hand-made card both made by Jeanette.

Because of Remembrance Day falling on next month's meeting, it was decided to change to Thursday, November 14. It will be a Movie Day at Port Julia with a pooled lunch. Dessert - a pavlova made by Jeanette.

Thanks goes to Shirley who spoke on the club's behalf to Alan Jones who is writing a second book on Port Vincent. He was interested in the beginnings of Bluebush and our involvement with RSL.

November 14 - 10 members had an enjoyable day at Port Julia. Coffees and a biscuit or two and a few conversations later, we started to watch our first film "Peter Rabbit", after a little trouble with the TV/DVD. We enjoyed a pooled lunch of pies, sausage rolls, quiches, together with a salad platter and sandwiches. Pavlova, fruit salad and ice-cream finished off our lunch. A brief meeting was held to discuss the final meeting for the year before our Christmas get-together. For November 25, we will lunch on cold meats and salads, with Jeanette's yummy fruit champagne crust for dessert. Jane, Janice and Marilyn will prepare salads.

Our craft for November 25 will be Christmas cards provided by Jeanette. Others will enjoy a game or two of cards.

After a slight adjustment to sound, members enjoyed the second movie "A Dog's Way Home", with a few laughs and some tears. Members enjoyed a treat away from the Institute, and some had a tour around Port Julia before heading home.

November 25 - 17 members attended today's meeting. Some enjoyed exercises. With coffees in hand, members sang the Greeting Song and minutes were read.

Thanks goes to Muriel for the purchase of new 'blue' crockery for our club. A donation by Muriel was given to St Neot's garden.

A letter received from Progress Association was read requesting support from us for the new kitchen upgrade. The reply was read and Margaret proposed a special thanks to Marilyn for her attention to this.

Members spoke also about Bluebush Club's 25th birthday next year. The club started on April 24, 1995. The club may delay celebrations because of the kitchen upgrade, and will keep in contact with Progress on this and report back to club.

Club members then discussed our final meeting day on December 9th - A Christmas get-together to be held at the Institute. Shirley suggested next year in lieu of presents to each other, a donation should be given to a needy cause.

We all enjoyed our chicken, ham and beef, together with salads. Thanks goes to Jane, Janice, Joan and Marilyn.

Our first meeting for 2020 will be held on Monday, February 10th, and it will be a pooled lunch with a birthday cake for dessert.

Thanks goes to everyone who prepared food, washed dishes and helped tidy the supper room and kitchen each and every meeting in 2019.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all



**Left: Joan Cotton
celebrating her birthday in
October**



**Right: Jane Cherry
celebrating her birthday in
October**



THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC Port Vincent Branch

Winding down for 2019, Port Vincent Branch's November meeting concentrated on planning for the Christmas Fair and December Christmas Lunch, and was followed by a very interesting and educational presentation by Simon from Yorkreation Garden Centre (please refer photo below). We even made our own Cheer Ups, under his instruction.

The Christmas Fair on 7th December was again a great success, with buyers having a vast range of handcraft, biscuits, preserves, cakes, etc to choose from, and food items selling out quickly.

Christmas Lunch will be enjoyed at Ventnor Hotel on Thursday 12th December.

We will have our now traditional pancake stall at Gala Day on 1 January.

The first meeting for 2020 will be held on Thursday 13 February.

Helen Joraslafsky
Branch Secretary

Below—SACWA members with their Cheer Ups, Simon from Yorkreation Garden Centre and some examples of what was sold at the Fair.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
FROM
MEMBERS OF SACWA PORT VINCENT BRANCH**

ST NEOT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula)

Christmas is fast approaching, so take a moment to remember the birth of Christ and what it means to you.

'Bless us, Lord this Christmas with quietness of mind,
Teach us to be patient and always to be kind;
Give us reassurance when everything goes wrong;
So our faith remains unfaltering -our hope and courage strong;
And show us that quietness; we can feel your presence near;
Filling us with joy and peace all seasons of the year.'

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In one quiet moment, our Saviour came to earth, With one quiet prayer, our hearts received him.

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Trash/Treasure is doing well and will be closing for Christmas from 21/12/19 and will be open again on 1st January, Gala Day 2020. As advertised on Page 11, we are looking forward to bringing a Fashion Show of our Op Shop Fashions on the 22nd January 2020. This will be our first fundraiser for the community garden 2020.

Update on the community garden:- our Spring Raffle was drawn on the 7/12/19 and results will be in the January edition. We are awaiting delivery of our garden shed. You will now be aware that the fence has been taken down between the church and the VIO, so this garden will definitely be open plan to the community.

Volunteers who help on Saturday morning all met at the Blue Lime Cafe, Stansbury on 3/12/19 for Christmas and fellowship, having a great get together.

CHURCH DATES FOR DECEMBER:-

22nd.....11am.....MORNING PRAYER.....with Pam

25th.....8am.....HOLY COMMUNION.....with Fr. Andrew Lang

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WELCOME TO U3AYP NEWS

Welcome to U3AYP News. With Christmas approaching rapidly I would like to take this opportunity to extend season's greetings from U3AYP to the Port Vincent community. Wishing everybody a happy and safe Christmas and 2020!

Port Vincent News

In early February 2020 U3AYP will have an Information Table in Port Vincent. This will give residents aged 50 and over who are retired or semi-retired the opportunity to learn more about U3AYP. There is a special registration fee of \$15 which goes from January to 30th June 2020, and this will give people the chance to attend any courses where vacancies exist.

During this year, several members in Port Vincent were keen to do a U3AYP course called Balance & Bones (this course is for strengthening balance and coordination). However, there were not enough financial members for the course to commence. *Perhaps there will be some community members who would like to take up this special registration to try this course in 2020.*

The game of Mah Jong commenced in Port Vincent in early 2019, and the players are enjoying it so much they play weekly. The game is not only stimulating their brain, improving concentration and memory, but the players also have a lot of fun, socialising and always looking forward to a shared morning tea. The end of the year saw them hosting a day long Mah Jong Fest – a great achievement for a group who only started learning this Chinese Game not twelve months ago. Players came from other parts of the YP to join the Port Vincent players. Prizes were awarded and we had a wonderful shared lunch.



Julie Adams from Port Vincent, and Sue Thomas and Joan Morris from Maitland enjoying a game at the Mah Jong Fest.

Virginia Falco and Sue Caddy from Port Vincent, and Chris Crouch from Maitland setting up for a game.



This term ends on December 13th and we return on Tuesday January 28th 2020.

*Further information about U3AYP is always available by phoning any of the following members.
Irene 0429805901; Joyce 0427792271; Sue 0429670738 or Helen 88322381*

U3AYP WEBSITE: u3ayp@wordpress.com

Ramblings & Memories of Gala Day

Continued from previous edition.....Written by Grant Trotter

Paul Stubberfield had an Austin Gypsy (Like a Land Rover) that was towing his carpet trailer done up as a "Jeepney", with red & white shade on both. This towed the mobile band, with Leo Travis & Snow Grundy playing the Squeeze boxes, Brian Irwin – Trumpet & Gwen Cook Largerphone. In the evening, the trailer was disconnected and was used to sell sparklers to fund the fireworks. It was a great income to support the day. Boater hats were popular & sold well each year.

Helicopter rides & glider flights conducted by the Whitwater Gliding club from Balaklava were also very popular.

Advertising was put on the back rail of Taheny's & Lovelock's trucks, and thousands of people saw it as they travelled weekly to and from Adelaide.

New Year's morning, one the tasks was putting the waterslide in the water. Thinking back, we did some crazy things. It was tradition that once the slide was in, I had to test it. One year Rosemary Button was brave enough to follow me and Mick Lovelock was a metre behind her, fully clothed, boots and all, yelling at Rosemary.

The "Birdman Event" was a Feature Event that was supported by the original promoters, Channel 10, who not only donated a team trophy, but recorded the event & days activities for 3 years. DVD copies of their coverage are available at the Visitor Information Office, a collector's treasure. Channel10 promoted the day with freebie advertising in prime time viewing for us. Each year I entered the Birdman event. People crowded the wharf area to watch the event. First year I flew one shaped like an aeroplane wing. The next couple I dressed in blue overalls & a Smurf mask, flying the "SAGASCO Super-gasser". This was shaped like a large gas cylinder. We were in the BP servo and were also SAGASCO agents. My last effort was the RAA tow truck made from cardboard fridge cartons, painted lime green. None flew, but one year I did win a prize for the longest adult flight (I was the only competitor). My prize was a helicopter flight over the town. It was disappointing to run the event and not get many entries. Unfortunately, many would rather watch than compete, and public risk insurance killed the event.

One year they had a clown for the crowd to watch - his name was Fritz Sandwich. He amused the audience – One thing he did was making items out of balloons. Not many people have shaken hands with a Fritz Sandwich, but I did. Another entertainer was Dan Burt, the "One Man Band", who marched up & down the street dressed as a clown playing musical instruments & beating a drum as he marched.

There were many sponsors for the fireworks. I remember West End, State Bank, Gerard Industries (Clipsal) & Anthony & Margret Gerard who generously sponsored the fireworks and the day for many years.

I am still involved with Gala Day. We borrow power cables from Adelaide, and about a week before the day I test all the safety switches on the power outlets. Early New Year's morning, Dick Ellis & I lay out the power cables for the stall holders. Both of us are involved with the C.F.S BBQ catering and then pick up the cables & power boards. Then the following day, I lock up the switchboards until the following year.

The Committee is struggling for helpers. If you can spare any time before, on the day or after the event, please volunteer to make the day a memorable success. Looking back over the years Gala Day has been a good fundraiser for the town but most importantly it has promoted the town as a great place to visit.



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MONDAY : **Blue Bush Club**-Institute Supper Room
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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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