

PORT VINCENT — South Australia



PORT VINCENT — “HOT TO TROT”

**Congratulations to Grantley Trotter (“Trotts”)
Yorke Peninsula Council’s Australia Day 2020
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!!**



See Pages 4-5 for the full story — a great celebration for Port Vincent!

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Editor's Comments

In the last edition of the *A Focal Point* I briefly mentioned the article written by Peter Goers. His article will be posted on our web-site at <https://www.portvincent.org.au/> in the next couple of weeks. Our thanks to Red Earth Designs who are currently tweaking the website for our Progress Association to ensure that this happens. In the meantime, the article is printed (with Peter's permission) on Page 22 of this month's edition. I am sure you will agree that this certainly sums up Port Vincent for the holiday makers who come here every year. A time to relax and enjoy the sun, to spend additional time with family and friends, a time for the mums and dads to take a breath from their work commitments and to appreciate the beautiful safe beach and the abundance of natural beauty that Port Vincent has to offer.

Page 21 has an update on Port Vincent's proposed water tower mural. Although this project is only in its infancy, many volunteer hours have been spent to ensure that the best possible outcome is achieved for Port Vincent's residents, businesses and visitors alike. I urge you to read the article—and perhaps to check out the website address below which highlights other water tower art in South Australia. All suggestions are taken on board by this project team - **they need to know your thoughts!** If you are unable to email, please contact any of the team members listed in the article.

<https://www.australiansiloarttrail.com/south-australian-water-tower-art-locations>

I was fortunate enough to attend the Yorke Peninsula Australia Day 2020 ceremony at the Minlaton Town Hall on Monday afternoon. Further information and photos of the event are on Pages 4 and 5. I was particularly impressed by the Young Citizen of the Year winner, Hugo Taheny—he certainly has a remarkable story to tell! Australia Day is a time to celebrate how lucky we are to live in a country free from war and poverty. Mayor Braund explained what it is to be a Citizen of Australia, he reiterated the Minister's message of the true Aussie resilience, how our citizens have been able to overcome tragedy and hardship and how the true Aussie mateship shines through in our everyday lives. Nine people came forward to become Australian Citizens—it was heart warming to hear these new citizens recite the oath of allegiance.

Mayor Braun asked those in the audience who wished to do so, to “reaffirm” their allegiance to Australia. These are the heartfelt and stirring words we recited:-

**As an Australian Citizen,
I affirm my loyalty to Australia and its people,
Whose democratic beliefs I share,
Whose rights and liberties I respect,
And whose laws I uphold and obey.**

Sue Hall– Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS— FEBRUARY 2020 AND BEYOND: -

2nd February — Curramulka Farmer's Market
2nd February — Port Vincent Sailing Club—Club Races
9th February — Port Vincent Sailing Club—Club Races
18th February— Bowls—Men's Medley—Port Vincent
14-18th Feb — King of the Gulf Regatta—Sailing
23rd February— Port Vincent Sailing Club—Club Races
29th Feb-1st — Sailing State Titles– 505,420,TASAR, NS14
1st March — Curramulka Farmer's Market
7th March — Stansbury Seaside Markets
15th March — Port Vincent Sailing Club—Club Races
Curramulka Speed Shear—Date to be advised in next edition
29th March — Port Vincent Sailing Club—Club Races

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**PORT VINCENT VISITOR
INFORMATION OFFICE**

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST 2020



26.1.2020 yielded a beautiful day, sun shining a gentle breeze and lots of lovely people to serve egg and bacon rolls too.

Over 240 rolls, lots of sausage sizzles, tea, coffee and orange juice was served to a waiting crowd. We have created a new Australia Day Treat, egg and bacon roll with onion and a sausage, our customers were calling it "with the lot please".

Great fun was had, quite a few giggles.

Thank you to everyone who came to support us, a very big thank you to our volunteers without whom we couldn't have enjoyed such a successful day.

All profit from the breakfast will be donated to Yorketown Fire Relief Fund.

We launched our Yearly Raffle yesterday with lots of beautiful prizes to be won, so come along and buy a ticket, only \$2 each. We will draw the raffle on 23.3.2020 so lots of time to buy your tickets. Volunteers will be selling near the pharmacy on alternate Saturdays starting with 1.2.2020 or tickets will be available from the VIO.

22.11.2020 will mark our 5th Anniversary in the building that we occupy. We will be celebrating, so watch this space. We will let you know in plenty of time where and when. A very exciting time for us having enjoyed 5 years of helping our visitors and town folk alike.

Sue Pike—VIO Co-Ordinator

Below left: Our lovely local families enjoying their yummy breakfast

Karen, Carolyn and Billy Spiers enjoying their breakfast.





AUSTRALIA DAY 2020 AWARDS



Above: Winners of the three categories with Mayor Braund.

Citizen of the Year—Grantley Trotter

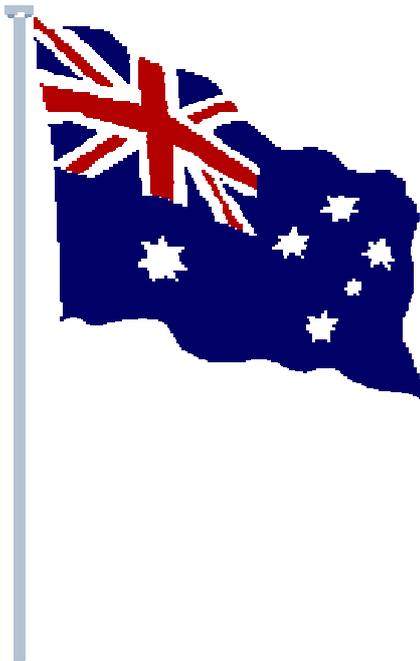
Event of the Year—Harry Butler Centenary Celebrations

Young Citizen of the Year— Hugo Taheny

“Hugo Rockstar” as he would rather be known, was born with Down Syndrome, heart defect, and also has problems with speech and sight (he is now legally blind). Despite the huge hurdles Hugo has had to overcome, he won a gold medal in discus, with a personal best of 22.4 metres at the 2019 *World Para Athletics Junior Championships*. He will also be competing in Turkey in 3 month’s time. Hugo receiving this award was also a very proud moment for his family! Hugo’s mum thanked the Yorke Peninsula residents and the council for their support of inclusivity within our community.



Above: **Julie Searle (right) with Grantley Trotter.** Julie Searle, from Port Vincent accepted the award for **Event of the Year** on behalf of the Harry Butler Centenary Committee. Mayor Braund praised the committee for their extraordinary efforts in planning the two day event (held at Minlaton) —which drew a crowd of well over 4,000 people. The event featured book launches, tours, aerial and static displays, historical aircraft, and culminated in the re-enactment of Harry’s mail run. Julie thanked all residents of the surrounding areas on Yorke Peninsula, and the local businesses for their support.



Above: Nominees for the Citizen of the Year—from left—June Benbow, Neil Faggotter, Keagan and Kelly Porter, Grantley Trotter (winner) and Kenn Rogers



AUSTRALIA DAY 2020 AWARDS



Above: Grant is congratulated by Rodney Button, a former councillor and a great mate!



Grant joins former Yorke Peninsula Citizen of the Year award winners from Port Vincent:-
Beth Fairlie and Rodney Button



Left: Grantley celebrates with Melanie, Donald and Edith.



Right: A very proud Sylvia Virgo congratulates Grantley on receiving his award.



Just a few of Grant's contributions to Pt Vincent

- Grant joined the EFS (now known as the CFS) on 31st December 1965 and **continues to serve to this day**. Grant was a captain for approximately 25 years and in July 2006 was awarded Life Membership. He has been a member of the Peninsula Bushfire Prevention Committee and Volunteer Fire Fighter's Association.
- Grant served on the Port Vincent Progress Association during the 1980's, 1990's and beyond. He served our community in his roles as a committee member and also as President. He was President for the celebrations of the state's bicentenary in 1986.
- Grant was a member of the Port Vincent Gala Day Committee for many years and has either attended or worked at **every Gala Day!** Grant is up early on New Year's Day (yes, even after the New Year's Eve celebrations!), cleaning the street, putting up bunting, moving equipment, and most importantly providing power to stalls. He also provides his services to the CFS in the evening when the fireworks display is held.
- Grant was on the Port Vincent School Parents Committee/ School Council. He has always supported school activities, working bees, fundraising etc whilst his children attended, and he continued to do so until only a few years' ago.
- Grant was a member of the original Port Vincent KESAB Committee, which was founded in 1980. This was a sub-committee of the Progress Association that preceded our current Port Vincent Tidy Towns Group.

Grantley is definitely an asset to our community

RSL REPORT FOR DECEMBER and JANUARY 2020

Hi all, the New Year is well underway since I last wrote to you all. Since November we have had both our RSL Christmas Function and our Friendship Luncheon on Christmas Day. Father Christmas attended on both occasions and all present received a small gift. On the day a surprise cake and song was presented together with a cake for 65 Years of "Wedded Bliss".



Above: Bob and Sheila Hopkins cutting their cake

The important day of the calendar year was on Monday 27th January 2020, when our first luncheon for the year was conducted by the "Men", with *a little help* from some lovely ladies, who made sweets. Following the luncheon, the January General Meeting was held, followed by the AGM. The members were **so happy** with the Committee and Sub Committee's work in the previous year that they were re-elected amidst much clapping and laughing. The annual reports were given and *we now move forward again into our future*.

The Museum is going well, and is open to all to have a look and comment, and perhaps put a family memento of a family member who has served. At the moment we are giving the gardens a cleanup on Thursdays and Saturdays 1000-1200. Feel free to come and have a tea or coffee, or both, and join in with the friendly banter.



RSL Museum

Anyone in 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:-

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

PORT VINCENT FISHING REPORT



January fishing has been in the main quiet, due mainly to the weather conditions. Hopefully conditions will improve after the dodge tide on the 21st January.

Crabs are still available for netting and raking. But, remember to return females with eggs to the water!

Whiting are quiet, but will improve with better tides. Remember to measure and return undersized ones back to the water.

Yellowfin whiting are gaining in numbers. Clickers are by far the best bait, but please only pump what you need for a day's fishing as ***they are not an infinite resource!***

Gar are on the usual spots, eg oyster lease, but they are slow to bite, probably due to the fact that they are full of berley!

There have been sightings of kingfish in the bay. Good luck if you hook one of them as you will need good gear!

PS Remember that there are bag and size limits on all fish and shellfish.



Good Fishing

*****Wayne Crouch*****



Editor's Comment: Thanks so much Wayne for writing this fantastic report!

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES COME AND TRY

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A phone call from SAPOL Ardrossan to request assist for a boat (2 pob) unable to restart 3 kms. north of Port Clinton, 800 metres off shore.

Orontes Star and 3 crew despatched on road to Ardrossan. On arrival at ramp, a call from boat to say they restarted!

We requested them to come to Ardrossan ramp where we waited for their safe return (in case they again stopped). Boat arrived after a long wait with constant communication. Their car and trailer was brought around from Port Wakefield where they had launched.

Coast Guard SAF10 was saddened to hear of the passing of our supporter Barb Evans. Barb has donated beautiful framed paintings to us for our Easter Auction and raffles over the past 10 years, for which we are very grateful.

SAF10 will be catering for members of "King of the Gulf" February 14th, 15th & 16th.

Yours in Safe Boating,

**Bill Taylor,
SAF10 Advisor**

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U3AYP NEWS

A very warm welcome to the U3AYP News for 2020. Can I take this opportunity to wish all U3AYP members and the Port Vincent community a very happy & safe 2020. By now members will have received the U3AYP Newsletter and Course Information. Please get in your requests for courses to Helen as soon as possible. It makes her job easier getting everything in order and ensures a place for you in a course.



A U3AYP Information Table will be held in Port Vincent once school goes back. This will give the community an opportunity to stop and chat with our friendly representatives and find out more about U3AYP. Keep an eye out for further news on this.

Don't forget we have a special offer for registration to become a member of U3AYP. If you are over 50 and are retired or work part time, you are eligible for this special offer of only \$15, which will take your membership up until the end of this financial year. A great way to find out what U3A can offer you.

Course News

Mah Jong in Port Vincent continues this term and will commence on Tuesday 4th Feb, **10.00 am to 12.30 in the Institute**, thereafter every Tuesday during term time. All financial U3AYP members are welcome.



Another new course being introduced in Minlaton is Coffee & Conversation, this will be held in the Minlaton Library between 1.30 and 3.30 on the FOURTH Friday of the month commencing on 28th February. Irene King will be the Course Leader and for the first session the topic will be "Places I have been/Places to which I would like to go".

Expressions of Interest

Circle Dancing – Late last year members attended the Hills Rendezvous run by the Adelaide Hills U3A. There were many courses of interest, some familiar and some new ones! One very popular course, Circle Dancing, was attended by several U3AYP members. We found it to be a lot of fun and very good for our coordination. The Hills dancers made us feel so welcome and the instructors were excellent. Fantastic music too! We would like to plan a workshop/demonstration of Circle Dancing in February, so we are asking for any interested members to let us know.

French – Discussion has been held about the possibility of the introduction of French again, it was previously held in 2008. Don Longo presented a course recently "From a Personal Point of View" and he talked about his life as a writer and especially the time he spent in France. He would love to introduce U3AYP members to the possibility of a monthly chat. If you are keen, please register your interest with Helen and when she has further information, she will contact you.

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

U3AYP WEBSITE: u3ayp@wordpress.com

Sue Mulraney, U3AYP Publicity Officer

ST NEOT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula)

January has started well with Gala Day and a Baptism. The month got even better when our long anticipated Fashion Show on the 22nd January took place. What a great success it was! It was a great fundraiser for our community garden and a showcase for fashions on a budget of \$10, highlighting what you will find in the quality clothes that come through an Op Shop. The Entry of \$10 + 3 free raffle tickets also included Devonshire Afternoon Tea plus extra raffle tickets to buy. Also for sale were scones, cup/saucer little plants, clothing and fashions were modelled, and it all contributed to a great fundraising total of \$1009.80.

Well done to the community garden committee, volunteers and a Hi Five to our 5 Models :- Jude Clayton, Julie Crocker, Jan Harris, Jenny Klose and Rosemary Eichner. Thank you to all locals and visitors for coming along to a great fun day with us. Hi Five to all (See Page 12 for a further summary).

Trash/Treasure is open every Saturday 9.30 - 12.30. Still plenty to browse at, and back to full price on items from February.

CHURCH DATES FOR FEBRUARY:-

9th.....11am.....HOLY COMMUNION.....with Fr. Andrew Lang

23rd.....11am.....MORNING PRAYER.....with Pam

23rd is the last Sunday in Epiphany (Transfiguration) 26th is ASH WEDNESDAY, the heralding of the Lenten Weeks leading up to Easter. Also, it is a Leap Year this year.

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ST NEOT'S COMMUNITY GARDEN FASHION PARADE

Wednesday 22.1.20 St Neot's Community Garden Committee hosted their inaugural Fashion Parade. We had a very enjoyable Wednesday afternoon with Michael Ford comparing the Parade, and of course our models were wearing International Fashion House Garments, Gucci, Giorgio Armani, Chanel and Curramulka to name just a few. 6 lovely ladies modelled the clothing, displaying the items with great finesse, and shall we say courage.

Thanks must go to all who were involved with the organisation of the day, a job well done. The scones were delicious and I am sure everyone enjoyed them.

Julie Crocker, shown below, in the "off to the races" outfit.



The beautiful Jude Clayton modelling her lovely "going to afternoon tea" outfit.

Julie, Jeanette and Jude in their final outfits for the day.



We will be having different fundraisers throughout the coming year, so please watch this space.

Our fashion Parade gave us much needed funds for our garden, so your help and support are very much appreciated.

We look forward to our next event.

Sue
St Neots Community Garden Committee

ST NEOT'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Committee has been working towards creating a Community Garden that will be an asset to our town. The garden at the moment is non-existent, but will become a thing of beauty. We hope to attract lots of birds, bees and all sorts of healthy insects. The garden is still a dream, but we are working towards seeing the garden become a reality.

With the fund raising money we have bought our garden shed which soon will be delivered and erected. We have been donated some garden tools and a wheel barrow and wooden sleepers. If you have any workable tools that you no longer need please let us know. We are happy to collect them.

The garden will be open to the public, whether it be for visiting or working, you will be made most welcome. A planned rotunda is just around the corner, and that corner now is a little closer thanks to our Fashion Parade which was such a success. Our garden will be a native garden and as such, which will require minimal work. There will be seats to relax on to enjoy the garden. If you would like to donate a bench seat and dedicate it to a loved one, please call Sue on 0448 853 742 so that we can incorporate it into our plans.

Shown below is an artist's impression of our garden. If you would like to view the plans, please come to Trash and Treasure on Saturdays, The photo and plans are available for your perusal.

In the next edition of A Focal Point we will have more photos of the garden to show you. If you are walking past the church, just have a look around the corner and see what the garden looks like now, you will be surprised by the differences that will take place this year.



To our Community, thank you for your support.

Sue
St Neot's Community Garden Committee Secretary



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

Saturday 25 January saw yet another fundraising Pancake stall by Port Vincent Branch, with visitors and locals enjoying our, now famous pancakes and other baked goods. Funds raised will go towards SACWA Emergency Aid Fund, which supports those in need throughout the State as well as victims of natural disasters.

Although the SACWA Bushfire Appeal closed on 31 January, funds are always needed for those in need. Donations will be promptly dispersed, and all monies donated to the Bushfire Appeal are guaranteed to go to victims throughout South Australia.

After our summer break, it is down to business again at the meeting on Thursday 13 February, but the shared lunch will also be enjoyed by members.

Several members will be travelling to Naracoorte for the SACWA State Council on 26 and 27 February. Readers may remember that Port Vincent Branch hosted the State Council in March 2019, which brought quite a few visitors to town.

The March "meeting" will be a trip to Haigh's Chocolates in Adelaide and Krispy Kreme on the way home. So much for diets on that day!

Visitors are always welcome at meetings and functions. For more information, call President Kathleen Smith on 0428 746 018 or Secretary Helen Joraslafsky on 0419 001 420.

Helen Joraslafsky
Branch Secretary



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If the flow of urine stops, the waste products build up and negatively impact the way the body works including when a cat's urethra (the tube that carries urine from the bladder to outside of the body) gets blocked. This is known in veterinary terms as a 'blocked cat' – a cat that can't urinate. It is painful for cats to not be able to urinate, and there is significant risk of a cat dying.

Blocked cats can be caused by an actual plug (bladder stones or a protein matrix) that stops cats from being able to urinate, but there can be other factors which contribute such as stress, diet, infections, and a lack of access to water.

Cats that are blocked often show the following signs:-

- Straining repeatedly in the litter box (often mistaken for constipation)
- Crying or howling
- Licking at the genitals/below the base of the tail
- Hiding

A cat showing these signs should see a veterinarian as soon as possible – only a few hours can make a big difference in toxin build up and pain to the cat. If left untreated cats can start vomiting, become weak, lethargic and death can result.

Treatment – vets will initially work to re-establish urine flow and, if necessary, relieving the obstruction. This normally requires sedation or anaesthesia and a catheter to remove the obstruction. Cats must be closely monitored for the effects of the built up toxins as they can result in potassium disorders, elevated renal values, and severe dehydration. Often cats will require hospitalisation until they medically stabilise.

Once stable and discharged from hospital often lifestyle changes are necessary including medication and dietary changes.

If you are ever concerned that your cat is suffering from urination problems or you have a question regarding another animal health matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Vet 2 You clinic at 39 Main Street Port Vincent on 8853 7273.

(Acknowledgement: Dr. Tony Johnson, DVM, DACVECC, November 2019).



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Welcome all to call in on Wednesdays and Fridays from 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.

The Drop-in will be open on the last Saturday of each month during the summer months from 10am-12 noon; the next opening will be on 29th February.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be on 26th February and will be our AGM. We hope to plan our program for 2020.

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.

GOD FORGIVES

We are all God's children, and He loves us - every one, and completely forgives all that we have done.

*"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22:6*



Beachside Christian Church 'Serenity Garden'

The Beachside Christian Church have created a 'Serenity Garden' area at the rear of the church and would like to invite people to visit it. We would welcome groups or people on their own who would like some quiet time to contemplate life or to pray. The area is accessible by the gate on the Hardware Shop side of the church next to the 'Serenity Garden' sign. There is a beautiful gazebo with tables and seats. We would ask that people who use the area respect it and to dispose of any rubbish in the bins provided.



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Below: State Library of South Australia - [B 17941](#) - Port Vincent 1900





28 January 2020

Narungga update

It has certainly been a very challenging start to 2020 with the multiple emergency bushfire events across the State and nation and ongoing recovery efforts set to continue for many months yet.

I visited KI a couple of weeks ago and also had a day with Blaze Aid on the Yorketown fire ground and it is absolutely incredible to see the volunteers and support people working so hard to help where they can.

The recent news the Yorke Peninsula Council area has been included as an eligible LGA area to receive additional Commonwealth/State Recovery funding (up to \$75,000 for farmers and \$10,000 for small businesses) was very welcome, with this money able to help replace sheds, fences, stock and assist with the huge clean up.

The new tax relief measures and the waiving of fees and charges for people affected by bushfires in SA announced by Treasurer Lucas on 20 January has also been well received (stamp duty, land tax, ESL debt, Service SA charges etc); for more info visit www.disasterassist.gov.au and www.dhs.sa.gov.au/recovery

Other News

I announced last week that \$330,000 from the State Government's SA Boating Facilities Fund has been allocated to Black Point Boat Ramp facility for essential modifications to prevent further beach erosion at this site.

These funds will be used to lower the ramp and remove portions of the groyne, and I commend all Black Point Progress Association members for their ongoing co-operation in working towards a solution which will result in no more expensive sand replenishment works being required.

In further good news last Friday, it was announced \$5.7 million has been committed to the SA Ambulance Service Major Capital Plan for major and minor upgrades of ambulance stations in regional areas, and that two local stations have been selected for investment -- Marion Bay (an \$80,000 upgrade) and Port Broughton (\$150,000 project).

Nine local sports clubs have also been successful in the latest round of the Department of Sport and Recreation's Active Club program, each to receive in the vicinity of \$5,000 for new equipment/program support. The successful clubs are Bute Netball Club, CYP Little Athletics, Kadina Croquet Club, Kadina Tennis Club, Mallala Netball Club, Minlaton Golf Club, NYP Pony Club, Southern Yorke Archers, and Western United Sports and Community Club Inc.

Finally, there was more media on 22 January about a potential Glenelg to KI to Yorke Peninsula passenger ferry service after Sea Link and stakeholders met again to discuss possibilities. I confirm I have met with Sea Link and they are passionate about including Yorke Peninsula in any plans for a new service from Glenelg to KI. I certainly remain committed to attracting ferries from Adelaide to our shores and will update you as soon as more news is available.

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 WATER TOWER MURAL PROJECT—UPDATE

The Project Team is working towards researching options and gaining community consultation relating to the proposed Mural for the Port Vincent Water Tower. A site visit to the (SA Water owned) PV water tower from Adelaide based SA Water Management and Yorke Peninsula technical staff took place mid January. This visit complemented the progress from the last A Focal Point update and confirmed additional matters to ensure safe access and the availability of a 'full canvas' for the SA Artists to work on. It is an impressive structure, and the SA Water team are keen to support the community vision to have the mural across the full 360 degrees span of the water tower.

SA Water is also researching the history of the Tower. So, if anyone knows anything about the build / history of this site which we understand commenced in 1959, please let us know.

Our Volunteer Project Team, investigating the process of a mural, consists of Julie Adams, Greg Hall, Sue Hall, Jan Le Feuvre, Linda McCabe, Jan Thompson, and we would also like to welcome our latest member, Grant Trotter. Many thanks to the Volunteer Project team members who have undertaken more community consultation, with Saturday morning main street and Monday morning post office 'table talk'.

We have 476 responses / individual feedback so far, and all suggestions being received are being documented. **Over 47% are from "5581" and surrounds, of which 99% have been positive and keen to see a mural on the SA Water Tower.**

Additional responses are made up from family members who are based in Adelaide, but have strong family ties to Port Vincent (again over 99% in favour), or visitors (mostly return) to Port Vincent - including fishers - both groups are very interested in the community development of Port Vincent and keen to participate.

If you haven't yet had a chance to respond we urge you to reply via email to afocalpoint2@gmail.com with your ideas and thoughts. We are now gaining letters of support from community groups to assist with *Arts related* grant funding applications to fund the mural. Our team members above can also be contacted if you would like more information on any aspect of the project.

The common themes suggested for the mural are again the combination of farming and coastal images with recognition of where we have come from to where we are today.

Just a quick clarification to clear up any confusion, and to confirm that proposed funding for this project is to be drawn from Arts related grants / community development sources and does not impact funding allocations for community infrastructure upgrade or natural disaster relief projects - it's an important point to clarify.

The Mural Project is not seeking funds from the public, however many members of the community have asked how to donate - the Project Team Members **have not accepted any direct public donations.**

The next few weeks will be very busy as the Project Team reaches out to SA based Artists who can meet the project specific needs and to source funding to pay for the initial **concept designs** and to prepare for community site visits for the artists to get these concept designs up and running. This is a critical step before further grant funding can be accessed to commence the site preparation and ultimate painting of the Port Vincent SA Water Tower Mural - so let's cross our collective fingers we can gain this initial funding in this time critical period to truly start this magnificent mural project- again funds are not being drawn from current Port Vincent projects or fire related funding.



We are also seeking community members to help **host the SA artists in February** (depending on gaining the above initial funds). Volunteers are required to take the artist team out to view the water tower from local farms, chat to farmers, head out on fishing and sailing boats to see the tower from the water and to chat to the local community members - young, old and in between to get to know what Port Vincent is all about. **If you would like to be part of this process - please let the project team know.** Thankyou again to all who are starting to talk about this project - your suggestions, feedback and enthusiasm is so important as is your understanding of the funding for this project.

There may be a fun opportunity down the track.... we will need a fleet of 'Spotters' to volunteer during the actual painting of the water tower. A once in a lifetime opportunity to be on site to 'watch out' for the artists when they are on the cherry pickers painting the mural. So, as you can imagine we need quite a crew of 'spotters' - so if you would like to join in with this project as a 'spotter' please let us know.

Additional elements to the mural project will be creating story boards - the history of Port Vincent as it relates to the mural images as well as story boards highlighting the processes and history of the water tower and water supply to the area—**yes, the water tower is still the major source of the town's water, and the process of how that water is managed and delivered to us is very interesting.**

If you have any queries, questions, or would like to be involved in the process we would love to hear from you—either email Sue Hall on afocalpoint2@gmail.com, or ring her on 0413 057 992.



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Thong in my heart for long summer holidays

MEMORIES: We were so lucky to spend our childhood holidays in Port Vincent.

Picture: SA Tourism Commission/Adam Bruzzone

SUN, salt, surf, sea and sand in your sleeping bag. So go the summer hols.

Our long summer holiday is sacred and many of us cherish memories of family holidays at Christmas in shack, caravan or tent.

For kids it was laughter, love and letting loose, getting "as brown as berries" and having zinc cream drip into a Blue Heaven milkshake or a strawberry snip while wrapped in a worn Dickies' beach towel and squinting seaward. We were in and on water.

There were landmarks for our family in our annual odyssey to Port Vincent; Lindsay Head's Cross Keys Hotel at Cavan, the Bolivar sewerage works (pew!) and the Arizona Cactus Farm on the Port Wakefield Rd.

The champagne-coloured Kingswood towed a hired aluminium caravan and in later years we added an annexe, a tent and a small fishing boat – a caravanserai. By then we'd sprung for the heady luxury of a double site at Port Vincent Caravan Park.

My sister and I and the odd friend slept in the canvas tent on camp stretchers in or on sandy sleeping bags which were always Lincoln green and if you drooled at night the dye came off on your face.

I took to my camp stretcher very often to read and imagine I was someone else, somewhere else and with other people. All teenagers want this.

I didn't appreciate how lucky I was but I loved the play of wind and light on the canvas, the gentle twang of a guy-rope and the squawk of a seagull. Teenage rebellion was not wearing thongs in the communal show-



What's hot / what's not

HOT

Happy Christmas - be nice



Fred's Van



Scotland may devolve from the dis-United Kingdom. Och aye.

NOT

Men on planes in shorts and thongs.

Stop.



Drilling for oil in the Great Australian Bight.



The endless Brexit extensions – now it's December 2020.

Park where along the beachfront but you had to wait for people to die to score one. Even then there was a long list and in eight years no one died and we never moved up the list.

I remember the agony of severe sunburn and being slathered in vinegar and sliced tomatoes (a human salad) or calamine lotion and then peeling like a snake.

Port Vincent was and is a lovely town. In the '60s and '70s it had a kiosk, a general store, a post office and the Ventnor Hotel which we never went into because we were Methodists on holidays.

Mercifully, the picture-show man of blessed memory Bill Benbow showed movies in the Institute Hall – kids down the front for 20c. When the posters for the coming attractions went up there were anxious moments as one's parents debated the "suitability" of the movies.

They were very apprehensive about *Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid* but I won the day.

The only phone was public and we didn't use it. We wrote postcards to nannas. We swam, fished, crabbed, shot rabbits and gleefully jumped off the wharf especially to bomb the posh yachts moored there.

On Fridays our treat was a brick of AMSCOL Neapolitan ice cream and a bottle of Woodrooffe's "Big Sars".

These long holidays provided the embrace of family and hopefully they still do for many.

We were lucky and loved and our souls sang under the southern sun. Together.

■ Peter Goers can be heard weeknights and Sundays on ABC Radio Adelaide

er block. My father was big on canvas tarps and the floor of the tent was a tarp which had to swept.

The best possies at Port Vincent Caravan

Port Vincent Sailing Club Report

The last month of sailing has been a mixed bag. The junior and senior racing was abandoned December 1 because of weather. 8 December and the Mark Short Art series was sailed in light airs. 13 junior sailors attended and we had a sausage sizzle to finish the first half of their season. *Juniors will resume after the holidays.* Only 2 trailer sailors and 1 Mossie sailed in very light winds.

The Mark Short Art Series finished on 29 December.
Results for the Series in trailer sailors were:

Amante, A. Slater first,
Xtremist, J. Butler second,
Vostock, K. Campion third.

In the mono hulls,

Proteus, G. Butler was first,
Hokey Pokey, R. Hackett was second, and
Bros, L Horn was third.

In the Mosquitos,

9 Lives, S. Slater was first,
Curlew, G. Ilmann was second and
To Be Sure Too, H. Slater was third.



The next series is the Port Vincent Tyre and Auto Service series which is just getting underway.

Our next event is the G-Wizz Yachting Vincent Open Classic, which will be run on the long weekend. We are expecting boats from Adelaide as well as a strong attendance from our club members. Then from 14 to 18 February, the King of the Gulf Regatta fleet will be in Vincent. A lot of larger boats come over from Adelaide and there should be some spectacular sailing.

The only other thing to report is the safe return of our intrepid ocean sailor, Alan Rushbrook. Alan returned last week from his adventure on Ha Long Bay, a boat taking part in the Round the World Clipper Race. Alan was part of the crew from Fremantle to Airlie Beach. He now has a couple of weeks off before joining the boat for the leg from Zhuhai to Qingdao, then across the Pacific to the west coast of America.

So, welcome back Alan, hope you have a good rest and prepare for your next long leg.



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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)
Beachside Christian Church—Port Vincent Inc
Drop-in Centre10am-12noon
Beachside Christian Church— Port Vincent Inc
Adult 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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