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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I commence my second month as President, I would like to thank the Committee for helping to make my job easier.

Our committee would like to convey our condolences to Merrilyn, Julie, Dianne, David and families on the passing of Mick Lovelock. Mick worked tirelessly in the Community for many years. His witty sense of humour and beaming smile will be missed in our community.

Christmas Lights and Father Christmas Lolly Run

There is still time to register your address to participate in the Christmas Light Competition. Please see the ad on page 11 of this issue.

The Father Christmas Lolly run will be held on Thursday, 19th of December 7pm – 8pm, and if you wish to have Father Christmas visit your street, please email: events@portvincent.org.au

Further information is available on page 25.

Gala Day

The Gala Day committee is still working on final preparations for this event, and continue to encourage community members to sponsor, donate or volunteer their time on the day. All information can be found on pages 3-8 inclusive..

Cormorant Problem

This is an ongoing problem that is affecting our public spaces and local residents. We encourage community members to contact the Yorke Peninsula Council directly.

Emails can be addressed to:-

Fraser McEvoy at
admin@yorke.sa.gov.au

or write to
PO Box 57 Maitland SA 5573

Exercise Classes

The exercise classes continue to be well supported. They will finish up for this year on Thursday, 19th December, and there will be a morning tea for all the participants after the class at the Institute. As always, all are welcome, and we look forward to the classes continuing early in the new year.

Starting next year, we are scheduling regular classes and workshops at the Institute. Thank you to Carol F. for her suggestions for these events. We will announce session dates as they are locked in.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Pam Hickman - President



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

A huge thank you to Meredith (Port Vincent Newsagency) for her ongoing support of the Port Vincent Progress Association, and on a personal note, for all the work she does behind the scenes to help me!!!

Because of Meredith's generosity of a \$20 voucher from the Port Vincent newsagency, we are able to run our "Find Father Christmas" Competition. This competition is open to all age groups. This is the image you need to be looking for:-



This is the only Father Christmas (with reindeer) image you should be counting. Count the TOTAL number found in this edition (including all that are on this page), and then head to Meredith and fill out an entry form. One entry per person, and the first correct entry drawn by Meredith on Monday, 23rd December will win the voucher!

Pages 3 to 8 have information on our upcoming Gala Day. The Gala Day committee have been working tirelessly over the past months and weeks to ensure that the day is a success. They have sought, and received, much needed sponsorship to hold this special event. Pages 7 and 8 have the list of sponsors as at 30th November.

If you would like to sponsor, donate or volunteer, *there is still time for you to do so*. Please see the information on Page 5 on how you can do this, or go to volunteersignup.org/JQPQW or email pvpaevents@gmail.com or sign up at the Presale Hub 28th-30th December between 9am and 12pm outside the old Chillout (many thanks to Roya for allowing the use of this area).

Our thanks go to the following locals for their generous donations (in order of receipt) - John and Verna Hall, J and M Harris, Colin and Jill Davey, Muriel Bartley, James and Janet Cameron, Julie Ferrand, Elaine and Allen Emerson, Lorraine Hoskin, Dave and Julie Batic, Barry Tozer, EA and LJ Warner, Jacky Hocking, Trevor Arney, M and P Hickman, Lyn Wilson and Tom Salmon, and Tricia Boundy and Rob Saunders - *and also our grateful thanks to the two anonymous donors*.

This is a HUGE issue this month. Lots of our usual contributors have produced their usual informative articles. Thanks also to Elinor Alexander for her article on Port Vincent's pink sand on Pages 14 and 15. Thank you also to Charmaine Kimber who has been working for many months on her article commemorating the 145th anniversary of a very tragic event that occurred at Port Vincent. You can find her article on Pages 33, 34 and 35.

As always we have those in our community who are volunteering to help others. Page 28 highlights the incredible work done by SYP Palliative Care. If you would like to donate to this worthy charity then contact Marg Litster on 0417 818 847.

Kathleen Baker is holding a Christmas Fair at the Institute on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of December. All proceeds to go to the Red Tree Foundation. A very worthy charity.

Lyn Gates owner of SYP Florist has an advertisement on Page 22. Lyn did an outstanding job of fundraising for Daffodil Day. Check out the money she raised over a 4 day period for this charity - it is incredible.

As this is the last edition for the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank *all our contributors* to the A Focal Point. Thank you to all those who have assisted me each month, in particular to my proofreader, Kate Crowe who always finds time to ensure that I release the A Focal Point on time. As I type this at 10:52 pm on a Saturday night I can see her working in the shared document correcting my mistakes, ha ha. Thanks to Fraser Ellis' office for their continued support with printing, it is very much appreciated.

To all readers, have a wonderful Christmas. I know I'm looking forward to a break with family. But, rest assured I will be working on the January 2025 edition in early January. At this stage we are planning a release date of 8th January 2025.

Sue Hall - 0413 057 992



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PORT VINCENT

GALA



2PM
TIL
10PM

DAY

SHINY MOON
ENTERTAINMENT

JR
ACOUSTIC

DRUMMING
MONKEYS

SILVER SHARKS
AEROBATIC SHOW

FIREWORKS
DISPLAY

AND MUCH
MORE

1ST JANUARY 2025

RIDES

MARKETS

FACE PAINTING

FOOD VANS

FREE CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

Port Vincent

GALA DAY SCHEDULE

➞ 1ST JANUARY '25

➞ 2PM TIL 10PM

2:00 PM

On Stage: JR Acoustic

2:00PM TIL
5:00PM

Plaster Fun House

2:30PM
4:30 PM

The Amazing Drumming Monkeys

3:00PM

Sandcastle Competition

5:00 PM

Home Brew Competition
Announcement

5:00PM-
9.15PM

On Stage: Shiny Moon
Entertainment

7:00PM

Silver Sharks Aerobatic Show

9:15PM
(APPROX)

Ignite the Night Fireworks



Port Vincent Gala Day Volunteers needed



We are looking for people to assist us with jobs on Gala Day

If you are willing to help with any of the following please go to the website below:

Supervising the beer garden gate

Help our Tidy Town Volunteers

Sandcastle Competition

Set up and Pack up

**volunteersignup.org/JQPQW
or email: pvpaevents@gmail.com**

Gala Day Pre-sale!

Avoid the lines on Gala Day and welcome to our HUB!

Come see us for the presale of tickets for the amusements, raffle tickets and history books.

- ➔ **The old 'Chill Out' Building**
- ➔ **Saturday 28th December
Sunday 29th December
Monday 30th of December**
- ➔ **Open from 9-12**



January 1st 2025

Road Closures

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Port Vincent 2025 Gala Day

Home Brewing Competition

Entries are invited for the 2025 Home Brewing Competition

Categories

- Ale Light/Dark
- Lager
- Draught
- Stout

Registered entries are to be clearly labelled and lodged at a cost of \$3.00 per bottle at the Port Vincent Institute Supper Room Kitchen between 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Sunday 29th and Monday 30th of December

Judging will occur during Gala Day and the winners announced after 4.00pm

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1st January, 2024 before the Fireworks

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Ticket No 0001

\$ CASH RAFFLE

3RD PRIZE:

\$250⁰⁰

4TH PRIZE:

\$250⁰⁰

3000 TICKETS @ \$2 EACH

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To be drawn on 1st January, 2024 before the Fireworks.

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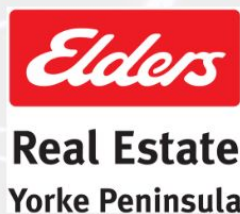


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THE RATE DEBATE CONTINUES.....

A summary written by the Editor

Over the past months, the *A Focal Point* has documented Letters to the Editor with completely different stories to tell regarding the increase in council rates for the 2024-2025 year.

I felt that it was important to find out the answers and let readers make their own judgements on the fairness, need and implementation of *the rate increases*.

So, my first task was to analyse my council rates notice. Yes, a task that most of us generally don't have time, or the inclination to attempt! The conclusions I made were:-

- Our property incurred an increase in Capital Valuation of \$90,000. This is a Valuer General's Valuation, which according to the Revenue SA website, "takes into consideration the current improvements, sales and related market evidence and all other matters that may have an impact on the value of a property". *This valuation is out of the control of councils.*
- Knowing that the increases in valuation would increase rates beyond affordability of most ratepayers, it appears that the Yorke Peninsula Council decided to **decrease** our Differential General Rate by .00020479. It should be noted that a residential property incurs a different rate to other land uses.
If you find this differential rating fascinating, 😊 more information can be found at [Rates FAQs – Yorke Peninsula Council](#)
- The 3 Bin Collection fee has had a modest \$1 per month increase - \$12 for the year.
- The Northern & Yorke Landscape Region fee (which is used to "help fund the work needed to protect and enhance the environment and contribute towards sustainable production", is based on the valuation, and has had a small increase.
- Overall, *our* rates have **increased by 9% this year** (due mainly to the fact that our property valuation wasn't extraordinarily high).
- However, considering that the CPI for 2023-2024 is recognised as being only 3%, this is an enormous increase, and **I felt I needed to ask why council saw fit to increase rates above CPI?**

To that end, I contacted a council spokesperson and asked a couple of basic questions **(in red)** - and the answers are summarised in **blue** below. The **purple** font represents the responses from a local resident:-

Your letter last month stated that some properties would have a reduction in rates, but I don't think that would be the case in Port Vincent, unless they have demolished a house?

A 4.8% increase was applied to the total general rates levied on residential properties in the Yorke Peninsula Council area for 2024/2025. Homes in prime coastal locations such as Port Vincent generally had significant increases in property valuations, as determined by the Valuer General (not Council). In many cases, this resulted in increases to general rates for individual properties above 4.8%.



The quoted 4.8% increase "generally applied" is meaningless as is the comment re towns with less growth receiving less or minimal rates increases. Overall, the council's budget figures show a growth in rates revenue of over \$3m for this financial year.

What has been the actual percentage increase over all Port Vincent properties (% council have increased and % of Valuer-General's increase)?

Port Vincent properties, overall, increased in value by 23.93% (Valuer General). Port Vincent rates charge increased on average by 12.2% (Council rates). I agree that rates in Port Vincent increased by over 12% overall.

Has council made any cost-cutting savings in this year's budget?

Council budget managers review their budgets using zero-base budgeting each year. Put simply, this means budgets are fully reviewed from a starting point of \$0 rather than just taking last year's budget and adding a small percentage for CPI. This financial year, Council's adopted budget has 1,644 active budget lines. Every single line is scrutinised by senior management in consultation with Council's qualified accountants before being presented to the Elected Members for endorsement every year. Many of these budget lines were reduced to create cost savings. However, the price of utilities, fuel, materials and many other items are beyond Council's control, so revenue increases are needed to maintain the current service levels that the community expects.

No savings or cost cuts were achieved. To the contrary, Employee Costs increased approx. \$1m. Other costs have soared although the specifics are difficult to identify eg. dive steps, day care centre.

Is there a review underway after the Ratepayers Association queries, or has it been completed?

Council refutes any suggestion that incorrect process was followed during the setting of rates. Council remains in communication with the Ratepayers Association regarding its queries.

The Ratepayers Association is still considering their next actions as they do not feel that council's response has been adequate. If you would like any further information, please contact them directly at yorkeratepayers@gmail.com

In summary, it is my opinion that as a community we have been dealt an unexpected, and in some cases, unaffordable financial impost. *I urge any home owners who have found that this rates increase has put them in a tenuous position to please contact the council to ask for assistance.* If you are unhappy about the answers provided above, I suggest that you contact council directly, or contact the Ratepayers Association for more information to see what their next steps will be. I have heard this rates increase called a "catch up" to pay off existing debts and increases in overheads. If this is the case, I live in hope that council will manage their budgets and thus ensure no further unacceptable increases will ensue.



In Memoriam: Joey Butler and Mick Lovelock

The Port Vincent Sailing Club mourns the recent loss of two cherished life members, Joey Butler and Mick Lovelock. Their profound contributions to the club over the past three decades have left an indelible mark on all who had the pleasure of knowing them.

David Lindsey “Joey” Butler

Joey Butler, a passionate sailor, had been an integral member of the club since the 1980s. His love for yachting saw him racing numerous boats, the most recent being "Extremist". Joey's contributions extended beyond the water; he was Commodore of the club and undertook numerous other roles within the club, including cooking BBQs, handling handicapping duties and washing dishes, all of which were performed with enthusiasm. His warmth, constant jokes and willingness to lend a hand made him a beloved figure at the club.



Mick Lovelock

Mick Lovelock was a pillar of the Port Vincent Sailing Club, including some years leading the club as the Commodore. He raced yachts around our beautiful bay for many years, introducing lots of people to sailing. When the sailing got beyond him, he helped on the water in his motorboat during our regattas. In recent years, he was a constant presence on "top deck" Sunday afternoons, and continued to handle the club recycling bins until recently. Mick's final sailing trip was on "Brindabella," with local school children—a memorable experience for him and all those who joined him.



Both Joey and Mick were true gentlemen, both on and off the water. Their keen interest in sailing was matched by their eagerness to learn, share knowledge, and welcome new members to the club. Their quick wit and infectious smiles brought joy to everyone they encountered.

The absence of Joey and Mick will be deeply felt. Their legacy of generosity, humour, and camaraderie leaves a lasting void in our club and in our hearts. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Marilyn, Merrilyn, and their families during this difficult time.

Fair winds and tight sails, Joey and Mick, as you embark on your next regatta.



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CONTACT NUMBER:
CATEGORY:

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as it is in heaven. The peace he
brings will come not from military
might, but from justice and
mercy.



***Luke 2: 11.....For unto you is
born this day in the city of
David a Saviour which is
Christ the Lord.***

***12...And this shall be a sign
unto you. Ye shall find the
babe wrapped in swaddling
clothes, lying in a manger.***

SALTWATER CLASSIC RECRUITMENT CALL



Media Release,
Monday 25 November 2024

Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic, the biennial festival celebrating great traditions of boating and our maritime heritage, has been built on dedicated volunteer input since its inception in 2003.

Over the years, it has grown in stature to become a major tourism showpiece of the region beckoning people from across South Australia and beyond to enjoy the natural features, history and coastal culture of Yorke Peninsula.

The Saltwater Classic in Stansbury and Port Vincent in April this year attracted thousands of participants to enjoy on-water and foreshore festivities, with independent market research showing the two-day event injected almost \$1.3 million into the local tourism and hospitality economy.

Principal sponsorship support from the South Australian Tourism Commission has been secured to plan, present and promote the next edition of the Saltwater Classic in 2026, but new volunteers and ideas are being sought to help drive the event into the future.

Outgoing organising committee chairman, Doug Le Feuvre, said volunteering was the foundation of the event's success with passionate individuals devoting time and skills to present different dynamics to the boating and foreshore celebrations.

"However, some of our volunteers have committed their passion and energy to the event for more than two decades and, to be frank, they are running out of steam," he said.

"What volunteer members of the organising committee have achieved over the years is quite remarkable measured by regional and State tourism awards, growing participation in the event and greater public awareness of the seaside beauty and natural diversity of our region.

"Through excellent governance we have a solid financial base to plan and present the event into the future with assurance of ongoing funding from the South Australian Tourism Commission, our progress committees in Stansbury and Port Vincent along with support from local businesses.

"But we are calling for further volunteers in our towns and region to join the organising team for 2026 to build on past achievements with broader ideas and enthusiasm to create exciting new dynamics to the Saltwater Classic.

"It is an opportunity to contribute to an event that is not just about the wonders of wooden and classic boating, but one that also integrates our artistic and cultural diversity, regional craft and produce and elements of our great agricultural heritage.

"In doing so, people can take the Saltwater Classic and its associated attractions to new levels of visitor enjoyment in all aspects of what Yorke Peninsula has to offer."

Yorke Peninsula's Regional Tourism Manager, Jess Greatwich, said: "The Saltwater Classic is a hero event of our region. This curated biennial celebration plays a critical role in growing the visitor economy by driving dispersal throughout the southern Yorke Peninsula, showcasing and protecting our maritime heritage, and increasing guest expenditure.

"With strong support from Local and State Government, as well as ongoing engagement with Yorke Peninsula Tourism, now is the time for a new generation of custodians to get involved and carry the event into the future.

"Yorke Peninsula Tourism offers a range of support and programs for event organisers and managers to ensure they have the tools and expertise to deliver high quality, successful events.

"These resources will continue to be available to the organising committee of the Saltwater Classic. We look forward to working with a refreshed and rejuvenated volunteer group to continue the Saltwater Classic's long history of successful events."

For further information on Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic, go to the website ypsaltwaterclassic.org.au

People interested in joining the organising committee, or helping in any way, should contact Doug Le Feuvre on 0417 559 046 or email ypsaltwaterclassic@gmail.com



Editor's Comment:
Please reach out to Doug if you can help in any way!

Port Vincent beachcombers may have noticed patches of pinkish coloured sand on both the back and front beaches. The pink grains are actually small garnets which have been eroded from nearby Carboniferous to Permian age (~280 million years old) glacial deposits. These glacial rocks can be seen on the beach to the north of the marina where 3 large granite erratics are exposed. There's an explanatory sign on the walking trail with more information.



Left:

Rippled pink sand on the back beach

Over the last couple of years, University of Adelaide geologists have visited beaches in SA, including Port Vincent (Figure 1), to sample these pink sands and glacial deposits. The aim was to determine the age and then the origin of the garnets using some impressive new rock age dating technology (laser-ablation lutetium-hafnium (Lu-Hf) geochronology!). This method enables rapid age dating, and the researchers measured over 550 individual garnet grains.

Garnets occur in a range of metamorphic rocks which form under high temperature and pressure conditions deep in the earth. Metamorphism occurs during periods of mountain building (orogenies). The garnets 'record' the temperature and pressure conditions under which they formed as well as their age. Later, as mountains erode, the garnets are tough enough to survive being weathered, scraped into glaciers, buried for ~280 million years and eroded all over again! At Pt Vincent, the garnets have been eroded from the nearby glacial deposits and are now being washed around by waves, wind and tidal currents.



The garnets in this study are recording already known mountain building events in South Australia's amazing rock record, including the Olarian Orogeny (~1620 million years ago) and the Delamerian Orogeny, which formed the Adelaide Fold Belt (~514-490 million years ago). You can see the remnants of this mountain range when you look over the gulf to the Adelaide Hills.

Now the University's research gets really interesting because most of the garnets are recording an orogeny that is not known in SA, hence they are not eroded from local sources! This orogeny has been dated using the garnets as ~590 million years ago – this is during the world famous Ediacaran Period when complex life was just starting to evolve. The Ediacaran fossils were discovered by legendary Stansbury-born geologist Regg Sprigg, and can be seen in the SA Museum and in the Flinders Ranges. The researchers have traced the source of these garnets back to the Transantarctic Mountains where an undiscovered 590 million year old mountain range is buried under the modern ice sheet.

Left: Close up of the garnets

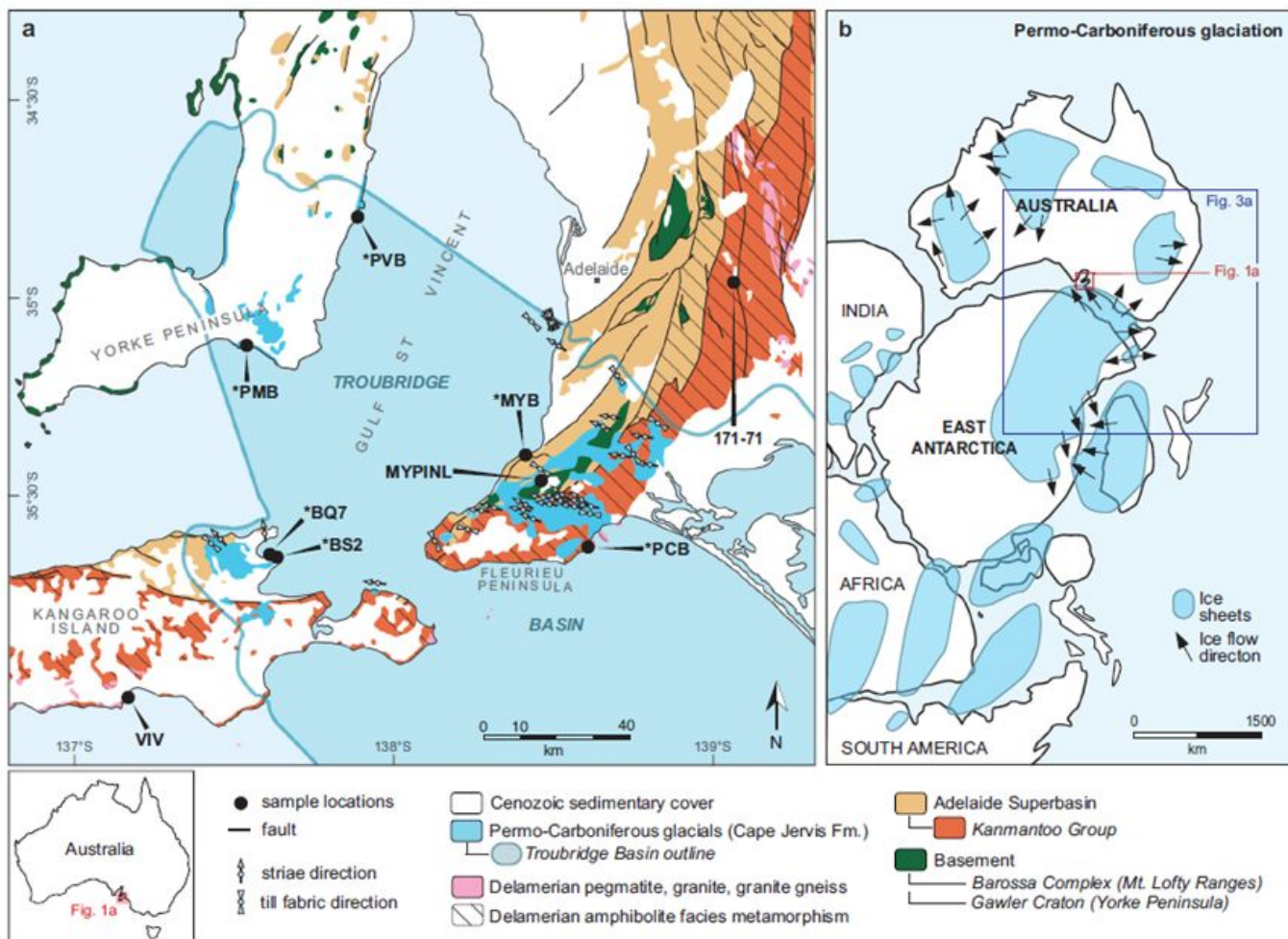


Fig. 1 | Regional geological map with sample locations and configuration of Gondwana during the Late Palaeozoic Ice Age. a Simplified geological map of Fleurieu Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula and Kangaroo Island in South Australia^{2,4,79,80}. The geological map illustrates the extent of the Permo-Carboniferous Troubridge Basin (outlined in blue) and known paleo ice-flow indicators²⁹. The asterisk (*) indicates the detrital garnet-rich placer sand and glacial strata samples, and samples without an asterisk are local basement rocks. The garnet-rich placer deposit samples come from four beaches in South Australia: Myponga Beach (sample MYB), Petrel Cove Beach (PCB), Port Moorowie Beach (PMB) and Port Vincent Beach (PVB). The two Permo-Carboniferous glacial strata (samples BS2 and BQ7) are from the

Cape Jervis Formation on Kangaroo Island, which locally also contains detrital garnet⁴¹. Additionally, three basement samples were analysed to define regional garnet populations: a Barossa Complex granulite from the Myponga Inlier in the Adelaide Hills (MYPINI), a Delamerian metapelite from Harrogate (171-71) and a Delamerian pegmatite from Vivonne Bay (VIV). b Plate tectonic reconstruction of Gondwana during the Permo-Carboniferous glaciation (glaciation maximum; Pennsylvanian–Early Permian). The base map shows the location of the continents in the supercontinent configuration at ~300 Ma⁸¹ and the areas of ice sheet extent (with ice-flow directions)^{29,39}.

Above: Figure 1 Sample sites, including Pt Vincent, and the Permo-Carboniferous plate tectonic reconstruction (from Verhaert et al., 2024)

280 million years ago, much of Australia was under massive ice sheets and was joined to Antarctica as part of Gondwanaland (Figure 1). Antarctica would have only been a few hundred kilometres south of Yorke Peninsula. Evidence is pointing to the garnets being eroded from this mysterious ancient Antarctic mountain range then transported by glaciers and icebergs to be deposited in what is now South Australia. The Ediacaran age mountain range was later eroded and now lies underneath a thick ice sheet.

The Permo-Carboniferous glacial deposits sourced from Antarctica were buried by younger marine limestones which now form the cliffs around Pt Vincent. Uplift and erosion have since exposed the glacial deposits which are the source of the pink sands on the beaches. So next time you see pink sands on Pt Vincent beaches, think about the enormous distances through space and time these little garnet grains have travelled!

Reference

Verhaert, S., Glorie, S., Hand, M., Mulder, J.A., Milnes, A.R. and Halpin, J.A. 2024. An Ediacaran orogeny in subglacial East Antarctica is uncovered by detrital garnet geochronology. *Communications Earth & Environment* 5, page 306. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-024-01467-8>



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Christmas Safety

Christmas is fast approaching, and we can't wait! It is a very busy time for all, bringing joy and lots of food, including some that are harmful to your pet. Here are some tips to help avoid any trouble around the Christmas period.

Keep your pet safe from decorations; create a barrier between pets and tree, try to place decorations out of reach to avoid any fallen trees and chewed electrical wires. By keeping your pet separated from the tree, it avoids broken ornaments, and him/her becoming tangled amongst the tinsel. Pets can be attracted to Christmas decorations as they are shiny and move. They can be dangerous if ingested and cause severe gastrointestinal damage/problems that can even result in major surgery to remove the blockage.

Batteries are found in decorations and toys, especially button batteries. To avoid ingestion, make sure they are out of reach and ensure they are not left on the floor.

If your pet has a history of eating out of the bin, ensure lids are on properly, out of reach or emptied outside. Meat trays, plastic wrap and skewers smell great, but can cause severe problems for your pet if ingested.

Foods to look out for:

- Christmas cake/pudding and mince pies (grapes, dried fruit sultanas and raisins cause renal failure)
- Avocado (high in fat and can cause pancreatitis and seed can cause blockage)
- BBQ meats (fatty meats), ham, pork, meat fat (pancreatitis)
- Bones (cooked can splinter easily, causing obstructions and/or tear intestine wall)
- Chocolate/fudge (toxicity causing gastrointestinal upset, liver damage)
- Nuts (high in fat, macadamias are toxic)
- Stone Fruit Seeds (gastrointestinal blockages)
- Alcohol (intoxication, gastrointestinal upset, coma)
- Onions, garlic, chives, leeks (gastrointestinal upset, anaemia)
- Xylitol (artificial sugar causes liver damage)



If your pet has accidentally eaten the above foods/items, please contact Vet 2 You on 8853 7273.

If it was eaten recently, we may be able to make your pet vomit and hopefully avoid the toxic effects.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and with any luck, your pets stay safe over the holiday period.



FRASER ELLIS MP

MEMBER FOR NARUNGGGA



Health Petition Inquiry is open – lodge a submission



The SA Parliament’s Economic and Finance Committee has finally called for submissions to the formal Inquiry into our health services that was by law, triggered by the lodging of our petition last year with its near 11,000 signatures.

So, whilst it has been two years and one month since we launched our health petition, finally we have the outcome we aimed for – a formal Inquiry by the Parliament and a valuable opportunity to have our say and ultimately, instigate system change!

This wonderful outcome would not have been possible without the support of a lot of community-minded people across the Narungga electorate who signed and circulated sheets and did so purely because they care about country health care.

It was the largest petition ever undertaken in our electorate’s history, and to have it referred to the Parliament’s Economic and Finance Committee for investigation is also a ground-breaking first.

The next, vital step is to lodge as many submissions to the Inquiry as possible. Regional hospitals must be relied upon to provide appropriate care, and Wallaroo Hospital especially, being our growing region’s major facility, desperately needs an upgrade and more beds and staff to better support associated hospitals including Maitland and Yorketown.

Pleasingly, too, there are two reference points that allows for broad scope. I encourage all who have had a noteworthy interaction with our local health – good or bad – to make a submission. We need to make sure that the decision makers know what is working for us and what needs to change.

Closing date to have submissions in is 7 February 2025 (5 pm). I know we are in a busy Christmas and harvest season, but this timing will also capture the attention of our thousands of visitors who holiday with us who I’m aware are also passionate about local health service delivery.

Inundating the committee with submissions will appropriately reflect the unprecedented, high and wide level of community concern felt about local health services.

The action we take now is in support of our hard-working doctors, nurses and volunteer ambos who are under the pump in a stretched system in dire need of additional resourcing; and is also for all who reside in our region who need and deserve the reassurance of having an appropriate level of health services at hand when needed.

Submissions can be posted to The Parliamentary Officer, Economic and Finance Committee, GPO Box 572, Adelaide SA 5001, or emailed to EFC.Assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au

Please call my office for more information (including the Inquiry’s terms of reference), or visit

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And finally, Merry Christmas and best wishes to all for the coming festive season!





TIDY TOWNS REPORT



November has seen the group continue with the clean up within Bennett Park, with lots of pruning/trimming of the very overgrown walkways, which has required several trips to the dump to dispose of the waste.

Recycling continues to be busy, and we expect the workload to greatly increase with the arrival of the Christmas holidays.

We have been fortunate to have developed a relationship with Adelaide City Council who have kindly donated equipment surplus to their requirements. These have included concrete framed seats, and more recently, 3 large stainless steel BBQs for our use. The BBQs will need some work to get them up and running, but fortunately we have some community members to assist with this. The final location for the BBQs is yet to be decided, but the area adjacent to the RSL and tennis courts and also at the shelter on the Ponder Parade reserve are a possibility.

We are also going to be involved in a program to release the Calicivirus. Hopefully this will commence in January, and will reduce the rabbit population within the township.

We were about to install the pontoon for the upcoming summer season, but have been told it won't be happening due to insurance issues. *I hope these can be resolved prior to the holiday period.*

On behalf of all the members of Tidy Towns, I would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Des Chambers - Chairperson, Tidy Towns

The Port Vincent Memorial Bowling Club held a Ladies Foursomes on Tuesday, 19th November

18 teams from both SYP and NYP Bowling Associations took part in what was a very successful day.

Major Sponsor for the Day was Alisha and Danny Wiese of Port Vincent Motel and Apartments. Other sponsors to whom we are grateful for their donations were: Gifts at Pt Vincent; Pt Vincent Pharmacy; Pt Vincent Newsagency; Merridy of the Ventnor Hotel; Aqua Hair Lounge; Pt Vincent Post Office; Vincent the Providore; Pt Vincent Kiosk; Pt Vincent IGA. Leanne Thiele, Nutrimetics, attended with a great selection of products to pamper, and donated a % of her sales as well. So thanks to all...very generous!

**Well done to ALL the workers: preparing greens, kitchen helpers, bar staff, setting up the Clubhouse, etc!
It's truly a club effort to put these days on.**



Many compliments were received from attendees on our professional running of the day; the great food and our excellent hampers as donated by each team.

After a 'Welcome' address and opening of the day by Patroness Shirley Wakefield, a "Ditch Master" roll-up got the "ball rolling" where players stand at one end of the green and roll a bowl towards the ditch. Closest to the ditch without falling in was won by Margie Tonkin, Ardrossan.

The Winning Team was from Curramulka BC. They were 3-game winners and collected 78 points (see photo below left). Runners-up, also 3-game winners and only 1 point behind, was Arthurton with 77 points (see photo below right).



**Left: Winners were Curramulka
Left to Right:
Patroness Shirley Wakefield, Yvonne Dodd,
Sandra Wescombe; Cindy Thompson, Amanda
Thompson, Ladies Bowls Manager Lyn White**

**Right: Runners Up
Left to Right:
Val McLean, Virginia Rowntree,
Patroness Shirley Wakefield, Sharon Wilson,
Sandra Cursansky, Lyn White**



Port Vincent Ventnor Hotel Social Club

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 3rd November, 2024.

The objectives of the PVHSC are to promote active interest in social activities within the club and raise funds to donate to charity.

Newly elected Office Bearers:-

President: Wendy McDonald
Vice President: Diana Parsons
Secretary: Karen Waller
Treasurer: Trish Smith

New Committee members:-

Soraya Watts, Dave Watts, John Galloway, Susan Sladek, Barry Tozer, Donna Aldridge, Dick Glaken, Julie Batic

In 2024, our committee worked hard and organised many functions for all to enjoy, and with money raised, were able to donate to various organisations. We thank them.

Membership is \$40 per annum, commencing on 1st of January, 2025.

If you are interested in making new friends and joining us on our many outings, then please email:- secretaryventnorsocialclub@gmail.com, or speak to one of our lovely members in the hotel on Friday nights.

Thank you to all who attended the AGM. We are looking forward to a successful year ahead.

Karen Waller and Wendy McDonald



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Sunday	closed

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Monday	10:30am to 12:30pm
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	10:30am to 12:30pm
Thursday	closed
Friday	10:30am to 12:30pm
Saturday	10:30am to 12:30pm
Sunday	closed



A huge thank you to Charmaine Kimber for her energy and enthusiasm for this event. Charmaine has ensured that this special night happens again this year.

Although a pianist could not be sourced for Port Vincent's Carols Night, we are still continuing with the event.

Bring your voice and join us as Port Vincent celebrates Christmas 2024.

PORT VINCENT GETS INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Thanks to a group of volunteers, and with funding from the Progress Association, Christmas trees are now enhancing the entrance to our town as well as the foreshore. Special thanks to Peter and Susan Lands, Noel and Jan Polkinghorne, Peter and Liz Lehman, Julie Adams and Bro Mumford.





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



Advent starts the Church year. Advent is the time for new beginnings and setting new goals for ourselves. It's time for reflection of the past year as well as the Christmas seasons past. We live in hope, in the confidence gained from that hope, striving to bring the peace into our lives which Christ offers us now. Advent provides an opportunity for us to stop and take stock of ourselves and also to remember the birth of Christ and all of its meaning.

EACH CHRISTMAS GOD RENEWS HIS PROMISE

Long, long ago in a land far away, There came the dawn of the first Christmas Day,

And each year we see that promise reborn

That God gave the world on that first Christmas morn.....

For the silent stars in the timeless skies. And the wonderment in a small child's eyes,

The Christmas songs the carollers sing,

The tidings of joy that the Christmas bells ring

Remind us again of that still, silent night

When the heavens shone with a wondrous light.

(Helen Steiner Rice)

PEACE

Bless us Lord, this Christmas With quietness of mind —

Teach us to be patient and always to be kind,

We can feel Your presence near, Filling us with joy and peace

Throughout the coming year.

(Helen Steiner Rice)

St. Neots wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and wherever you may travel, may it be safe.



Trash/Treasure have their Christmas and Summer Stock out, so come and browse for that special little something.

Our last day for trade will be Saturday, 14th December, returning on Wednesday, 1st January, Gala Day 11am - 3pm.

CHURCH DATES FOR DECEMBER:-

8th.....9 am.....HOLY COMMUNION....with Fr David Amery

22nd.....9.30am.....HOLY COMMUNION....with Fr Ted Horne

NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE THIS YEAR AT ST. NEOT'S.

So all are welcome on the 22nd DECEMBER.

Mother Sorrel's time as our Locum will end Christmas Day. I will bring updates as they come to hand as we still seek a District Priest.

Just keep an eye on the church door for future services in 2025.

Pam Biggs - 8853 7340

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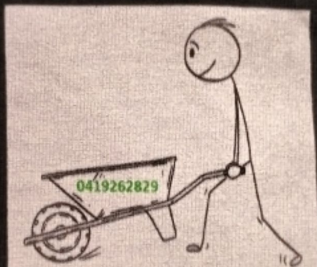
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*****LATEST NEWS*****

Christmas is fast approaching, with lots of new stock on display, ready for you to plan your Christmas shopping.

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They will be available the week of Christmas, with different assortments to choose from.

If you are planning a Christmas party and would like some fresh holly for the table arrangements, just pop into the florist shop and tell me what you require and on what day.

Holly will be free, as I have a beautiful holly tree growing in my garden.

Thank you for all your wonderful support over the four days we had the anti-cancer display in front of Foodland and various towns for Daffodil Day.

Your donations to Daffodil Day raised:-

Wednesday:	\$ 742.50
Thursday:	\$1,092.00
Friday:	\$1,042.10
Saturday:	\$ 322.80



Lyn Gates - Proprietor

Mark (Shorty) Short is retiring

Recently, Mark & his partner Dee Findlay sold Alpaccas Chapparal at Minlaton. They are retiring to Hindmarsh Island.

Shorty was one of the original founding crew, and has been in charge of the Aquatics Centre in Port Vincent for 40 years. During the time there, he was involved in giving an insight to thousands of children (and many adults).

Some students travelled for two days by bus from the Northern Territory border to the centre. Many of them had not even seen the sea, let alone swum in it, or knew of the aquatic activities and marine environment.

Many activities were, and still are, taught, such as sailing, sailboarding, snorkelling, surfing & boogie boarding. These are all supervised by competent instructors.

Shorty and his staff were very proud of the marine aquariums that housed many forms of local marine species.

He is on leave until the end of the year and will then retire.

We thank him for his efforts in educating the students, and also educating people that Port Vincent is a great tourist destination.

The spin offs to the businesses have been, and still continue to be very beneficial to our town's economy.

Andy Van Arend is the Temporary Manager until a full time manager is appointed.

Well done, Shorty.



Editor's Comment: Thank you to Grant Trotter for this article, and to Mark for his many years of work for our community.



Right:-

Mark (bottom row left) with his fellow Vacation Swimming and Aquatic Instructors (as pictured in Port Vincent's history book, circa 1992)



Above: Ron Trinne blows out the candles on his birthday cake.

Ron Trinnie, a long time community member who has been involved in Tidy Towns, Senior Cits and many other groups, has finally made 90 years. Ron has a great sense of humour, and is well respected by our community members. Ron's Birthday has been celebrated at family events both in Adelaide and Port Vincent. On Tuesday, 19th November, the Senior Citizens Club had a celebration for Ron which included a cake arranged by his daughters. The family was represented by Joanne on the day as unfortunately her sisters had to return to work in the "Big Smoke."

Congratulations, Ron, from your friends at Seniors.

Trevor Clerke

The Twelve Days of Christmas (author unknown)

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me
I'm glad we bought a fresh turkey & a proper Christmas tree
On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard
As we tucked into our turkey – a most delicious bird
On the third day of Christmas we asked the people from next door
The turkey tasted just as good as it did the day before
On the fourth day of Christmas our relations came- Poor Gran is getting old
We finished of the Christmas pudding & had some turkey cold
On the fifth day of Christmas outside the animals flurried
But we were nice & cool inside & had the turkey curried
On the sixth day of Christmas I must admit the Christmas spirit died
The children fought & bickered. We had turkey rissoles fried
On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince
When he sat down at the table & was offered turkey mince
Day eight our nerves were getting frayed- the dog had run for shelter
As I served up turkey pancakes & a glass of AlkaSeltser
Day nine our cat had left home & dad was getting blotto
And he said he needed another drink to face the turkey risotto
The tenth day the drinks had gone except for dad's home brew
As if that was bad enough we suffered turkey stew
The eleventh day of Christmas the tree was moulting
The mince pies were hard as rocks & the turkey was revolting
The twelfth day of Christmas had a smile on his lips
The guests had gone, the turkey too & we dined on fish & chips



FISHING REPORT



Well, with Christmas fast approaching we can expect a big influx of visitors to our beautiful little town. These visitors inject money into our local businesses, so try to encourage them, and them help with local fishing knowledge. This does not mean you have to give them your favourite spots, but a little help does not go astray!

Garfish are arriving at the usual spots, and warm weather will only bring them thicker, but do not over burley as this will put them off the bite.

Yellowfin are starting to appear, but as with gar warm weather will help. Also the wind dropping off is a big help.

King George and squid have slowed, but a feed is gettable if you are prepared to put in the time and fish the tides.

Blue crabs have slowed down, but once again put in the time and a feed can be had both by raking and with drop nets from the boat. But remember to measure and return "berry" females to the water.

Have a great Christmas break. Tight lines and hopefully I'll catch you again in 2025!

Tight Lines
Wayne Crouch

Editor's Comment: Wayne, your reports each month are really appreciated.



Coming up at the SYP Community Hub:

- Salt Lake Gallery stocked with Christmas goodies!
- Memory Lane Cafe at Ballara 17th December 10am - 12 midday
- TafeSA Volunteer Skills training 3rd December, 9am - midday
- SYP Sounds Youth Music program commencing in February!

General services:

- Locally made products for sale, for gifts or spoiling yourself
- Tourist Information Centre
- Service SA & Centrelink agents (including boat licenses!)
- Assistance with phones, computers & other digital devices
- Computer classes, ancestry courses
- Outreach programs onsite & remote working spaces
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Above: Caleb Raymond, Liam Smith, Molly Flanagan-Sjoberg and Sarah Johnson.

Country SA PHN and the SYP Community Hub are thrilled to introduce a new music initiative, SYP Sounds!

Funded by the Rural Health Innovation Fund, the project will connect local musicians with the youth of the Southern Yorke Peninsula. Participants will work along-side trained local musicians to share their stories through song, fostering creativity and community connection.


Get in touch with YP Arts and Cultural Facilitator Molly to find out more
via: molly.flanagan@countryarts.org.au

This activity has been made possible by funding from Rural Health Innovation Fund!

2024

FATHER CHRISTMAS LOLLIES RUN

19TH DEC - 7:00- 8:00



Some of our Port Vincent Progress Association committee members recently visited Father Christmas's workshop to check on the preparation of the lollies for the Father Christmas lollies run at Port Vincent on the 19th of December 2024 .

They found Mrs Claus and three elves hard at work adding the final touches to the lollies.

Unfortunately Father Christmas wasn't available to speak too, but the committee members were looked after by Mrs Claus and the other elves.

Father Christmas, with the help of the Port Vincent CFS, will be driving around town giving away lollies to children on Thursday the 19th of December.

If you would like Father Christmas to call past your house on the 19th between 7.00-8.00pm please send an email before the 17th of December to events@portvincent.org.au letting us know your address etc .



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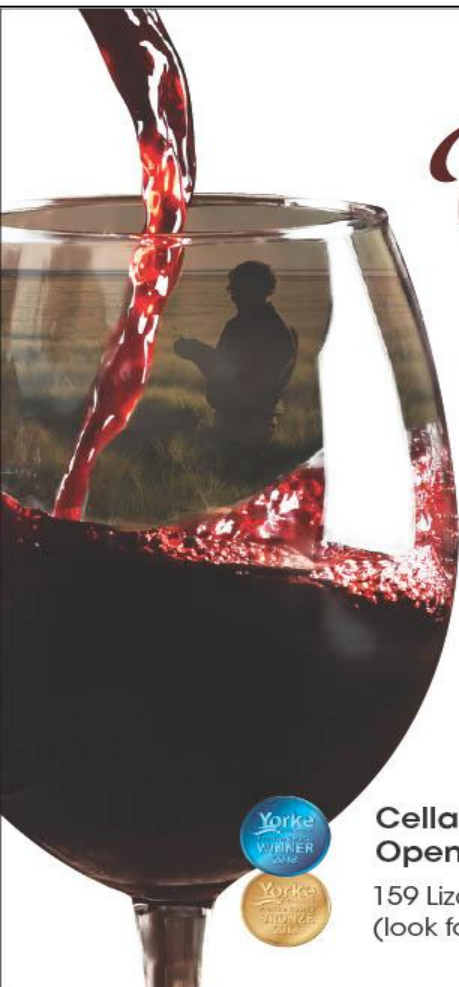
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PORT VINCENT MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB



Pennant Competition for 2024/2025

With the first round of the Saturday Pennant competition completed on the 23rd November 2024, the overall positions of all Port Vincent teams across all competitions are as follows: -

- Women's Division 1 – currently in 2nd position with 5 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw;
- Women's Division 2 – currently in 5th position with 3 wins and 4 losses;
- Open Saturday Division 1 – currently in 4th position with 2 wins, 4 losses and 1 cancelled;
- Open Saturday Division 2 – Port Vincent Black in 5th position with 3 wins, 2 losses, 1 cancelled, 1 bye;
- Open Saturday Division 2 – Port Vincent Gold in 9th position with 1 win, 4 losses, 1 cancelled, 1 bye;
- Men's Wednesday Pennants – Port Vincent Black in 3rd with 5 wins and 1 loss;
- Men's Wednesday Pennants – Port Vincent Gold in 10th position with 2 wins and 4 losses.

Men's Association Match against Northern Yorke Peninsula

The Southern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association representative side to play against Northern Yorke Peninsula on Sunday 15th December has been named. This game will be played at Wallaroo with a 9.30am assembly for a 10.00am start. Congratulations to the five members from Port Vincent who have been named in this 24-person team – Peter Green, Shane Farley, Ricki Bruhn, Rob Marner and Greg Parsons. Tom Salmon and Robert Storm have also been named as Reserves.

Proposed Bingo Dates

The proposed dates for the summer Bingo nights held at the Bowling Club are: -

Thursday 26th December 2024; Monday 30th December 2024; Thursday 2nd January 2025; Monday 6th January 2025 and Thursday 9th January 2025.

Friday Night Teas

These continue to be popular with an average attendance of around 100 people. This is also a great social night where locals can mingle with the many visitors who come to Port Vincent. When our cook is unavailable, club members step in and prepare a low-cost quality meal to ensure this facility is available every Friday night between 5.30pm – 8.00pm.

Christmas Roast Dinner

Our annual Christmas Roast Dinner will be held on Friday, 6th December 2024 from 5.30pm – 8.00pm. Bookings can be made at the Bowls Club, but get in quick as this is a very popular event and is likely to sell out given the large number of visitors who will be in town.

Open Triples Tournament held on Sunday 24th November 2024.

A large field of 26 teams from 15 different clubs participated in the 2-bowl Open Triples Tournament held at the Port Vincent Memorial Bowling Club on Sunday, 24th November 2024. In perfect bowling conditions, the availability of fresh oysters, oyster shooters, afternoon tea plus a main course of chicken steaks and salads gave the players plenty of food for thought during the day. A special thank you to the bowlers who participated, our large list of sponsors and all the volunteers who turned up on the day to make it a very successful day for the club.

Winners included: -

- Game 1 Winners Cathy Dalli and her rink from Yorketown / Edithburgh
- Game 2 Winners Jack Gallagher and his rink from Arthurton
- Game 3 Winners Des Riley and his rink from Stansbury
- Game 4 Winners Gilbert Liebelt and his rink from Curramulka
- Overall Winners Bev Carson and her rink from Hamley Bridge
- Runners-up Gary & Bernie Downs and Judy Davies from Maitland
- Third Place Lindsay Palmer, Jim McKenzie and Alan Gregory from Warooka



GAME 1 - WINNERS



GAME 2 - WINNERS



GAME 3 - WINNERS



GAME 4 - WINNERS



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Central Yorke Peninsula Branch

(Amalgamating Curramulka, Minlaton & Pt Vincent Branches)

Two branch members attended the SACWA Annual General Meeting and State Council, held on 6 and 7 November, where video conferencing was available for members who were unable to attend in person, receiving good reports from those using the link. A variety of business was discussed, including: extensions to the building at 30 Dequetteville to provide more storage space, a think tank on possible fundraising projects, planning for SACWA's 100th Birthday in 2029, and the updated Constitution.

Planning for 2025:

- 2025 Country of Study is Slovenia
- 2025 Handicraft days: Card making days on 31 March and 27 October; an embroidery retreat on 28 and 29 June where crewel embroidery will be taught
- **Christmas Market to be held at 30 Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town on Saturday 7 December – all welcome (see below advert)**
- 2025 State Conference at Port Pirie, 5 and 6 March

Further planning took place at the SACWA Spencer Group Branch Delegates Meeting, held at Maitland on Monday, 18 November, with most of the discussion being about the 2025 Spencer Group Table which will be held at Port Julia on Monday, 26 May.

The meeting was combined with International Day, with members being most interested in hearing information about Tuvalu, the 2024 SACWA Country of Study. *Did you know that the group of 9 islands in the Pacific Ocean known as Tuvalu are being inundated by water, due to the rising sea level?* They then enjoyed a pooled lunch, which featured two dishes adapted from recipes from Tuvalu.

CYP's next function will be our Christmas Lunch at Ardrossan Hotel on Monday, 2 December, featuring Kris Kringle.

After the Christmas recess, the first meeting for 2025 will be held on Monday, 3 February at the Port Vincent Kiosk, where long time SACWA member, Kirsty Dinnison will be farewelled before her departure to Port Lincoln to be closer to her family.

Any readers who are interested in joining in any of our activities are most welcome.

Please call President Marilyn Camp on 0427 542 149.

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Remembering 145 years ago, and the oldest graves at Port Vincent Cemetery

By Charmaine A Kimber 24/11/2024

This is the heroic and tragic story of a dedicated employee who paid the ultimate price of not only his own life, but also that of his young son due to his determination to protect the property of his employer. Friday, 20th December 2024 will mark 145 years since an horrific bushfire claimed their lives just north of Port Vincent.

Monday, 20th December 1869 was a shocking day weather wise in the state's history. Described as "a brick-waller, with a gale force, searing, scorching north wind which whipped up a fire from Yorke Valley, where a couple of men engaged on fencing had been careless with their camp fire." The scorching strong winds caused havoc over most of South Australia, and in Adelaide, it was reported that birds fell out of the sky due to the intense heat. At Port Vincent, trees were uprooted, crops were blown flat to the ground, an oyster boat *Young Galatea* dragged anchor right inshore, and the wind unroofed the kitchen and veranda of William (Bill) Chace's home on his farm, section 3, facing the bay (A small portion of that land, now facing Cameron Street, is owned by descendants of William Chace). John Wheatcroft, who was employed by Mr Chace, raced in to report to Mr Chace that a large fire was close, so they got the horses out to plough around the paddocks. The gale made it almost impossible to stand or walk. The storm eased for a while, and they were able to make two or three furrows along one side of the land, but then they turned their attention to beat out the fire. They managed to save the house. Mr Chace told 'The Adelaide Observer' that around 1 o'clock the shed was blown down, nearly killing his wife and eldest boy.

Stephen Goldsworthy had land which extended from Black Point to the bay at Port Vincent. He and his son John were returning home via Port Victoria by horse and cart when they noticed the fire, so they hurried towards their home through trackless scrub, but were forced southwards where they became trapped on the cliffs at Port Julia. They jumped about 6 metres down the cliff to safety. Fortunately, the tide was in. They waded out deeper, while frequently ducking under the water to avoid burning leaves falling on them. The horse, which had previously refused to move any further, was forced to go over the cliff by the blazing cart. The horse survived, although badly bruised and with an injured hip, and for some years, was still able to be used for light jobs around the homestead. After burying all their valuables in the sand, Mrs Elizabeth Goldsworthy and their younger children remained at their home, and due to a slight change of wind direction, both they and the house survived.

Augustus Craigie of Port Vincent was employed by Stephen Goldsworthy as a shepherd. That day, Mr Craigie took his eight-and-a-half-year-old son also named Augustus, and their dog, to drove Mr Goldsworthy's 1,750 breeding ewes out to graze. When Mr Craigie noticed billowing smoke in the north which he calculated to be about 40 miles (about 65 kms) away, he figured he had enough time to drive the sheep to the safety of the beach. With the fire raging ever closer, for several hours they tried to get the stubborn and panicked sheep through the thick scrubby areas, and worked feverishly to untangle them from dense undergrowth; but with the increased heat and searing wind, the sheep refused to move. Suffocating from the thick smoke and heat, Mr Craigie collapsed to the ground, so close to safety, only 150 yards from the hut and sheep-yard, and not too much further to the beach.

The inquest held the following day at Surveyor's Point by JP Mr R S Lander of Lake Sunday (about 5km west of Yorketown) details more of the events. Mr Albert Buttfield, 2 x great-grandfather of current Port Vincent resident Mr John Buttfield, was the foreman of a jury of nine.

At the inquest, Mrs Mary Jane Craigie deposed that when she noticed the fire she left the hut with her children. Her two daughters aged 14 and 12 had raced ahead and found their father amongst the dead and dying sheep. Mrs Craigie said "He was lying face up, frightfully burnt, but quite sensible. All his clothes were burnt off with the exception of his boots. He called for water and flour to throw over him, and both were brought. At times he appeared in great agony. He said he was coming to save me. At his request, I sent his oldest daughter to get a horse and cart, with mattress and pillow. Mr Wheatcroft came at once with the horse and cart together with a number of men. Some kerosine oil was applied, and then he was brought down to Mr Wheatcroft. He continued sensible for about an hour. He said nothing about the fire and died at about 10pm. I saw the remains of my poor boy lying on the ground about 20 metres from his father. Would say that when I first saw my husband, I was with him for some time, when he seemed to fear that the fire was returning and desired me to take the children and leave. He was so urgent in his entreaties that I had to leave him for a short time. Went and met the cart, and endeavoured to show where he was, but owing to the number of dead sheep about and the fires it was difficult to find him. He told me that he had been lying there for three hours. We found his silver watch within three or four yards of him. It was stopped at four minutes to five (4:56pm).

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(cont) Twelve-year-old Sarah Craigie said she was first to find her father and she asked him why he did not come further as the hut was only a little way off. He told her the smoke blinded and stifled him, and he asked if all were safe. He said, "I am roasted to death," and asked if the dog was home. When told yes, he said "The dog is saved, and I am lost."

John Wheatcroft, Farmer, Surveyor's Point, told the inquest he had been beating the fire out then returned home for a drink and found his people putting the horse in the cart, as Mr Goldsworthy's shepherd was frightfully burnt.

William Chase, Farmer, Surveyor's Point, deposed that about 7pm he heard the cart and cries for me to come quick to help. He "went with the dray and found the boy dead. Left him in charge of some oyster men who kindly assisted. Went back and helped to put the father in the cart, and applied kerosine all over him; returned for the boy; all clothing was completely burnt off except his boots..... Had the wind not changed the whole of my property would have been destroyed..."

Stephen Goldsworthy, Farmer, Stockholder, Black Point, deposed, "Was at Garramurka on December 20, at 1.10 pm. Saw smoke somewhere between York Valley and Urania. Immediately put my horse in the cart and made for home. On the road there, both my son and myself were nearly destroyed; the cart was burnt, but the horse escaped. On finding that there was no danger to be apprehended from the fire at my own home, left for Surveyor's Point to look after my sheep, and arrived at a quarter to 8pm. Heard a cooey and the sound of a dray. I rode up and found poor Craigie on the ground dreadfully burnt. They dressed him with kerosine oil and removed him immediately towards where the poor boy lay and took both down to Mr Wheatcroft's. The whole of my sheep in Craigie's charge, numbering 1,750, were burnt, also all the run. The hut near the scene of the accident is about two and a half miles from Surveyor's Point."

The Jury returned a verdict of "accidentally burnt to death."

From 'The Mail', Adelaide 28 December 1935, page 4

"One of the most tragic incidents of the disaster was the fact that when the body of the boy was lifted from the ground, a small, white-handled pen-knife dropped from the charred remains of his clothing. This knife had been brought from Port Adelaide by steamer and given to the boy only that morning by his parents as a Christmas present. Young Craigie had left home delighted, with the knife clasped in his hand."

"The charred bodies of father and son, both named Augustus Craigie, were buried at the base of the cliff just north of section 3 and a stone slab was placed over the graves in tribute of their bravery and loyalty. The original flat slab of slate became so corroded as to be virtually unreadable so a call for public donations was made and the stone was remodelled. The inscription reads:

'Sacred to the memory of Augustus Craigie, aged 42 years, and his eldest son, Augustus Craigie, aged 10 years, who were burnt to death in the scrub at Surveyor's Point, Yorke Peninsula on Monday December 20th 1869 while endeavouring to save a flock of sheep in their charge, the property of Mr Stephen Goldsworthy.'"

"Next to this stone is an uninscribed cross marking the resting place of an old gin known in the district as Black Polly. These are the two original stones round which the cemetery was built."

Please Note: The above is a direct quote, valued for its historical record re location of graves, and we sincerely apologise for the terms used which, though deemed OK at the time, in today's society are now considered derogatory.

"The day of the fire is still spoken of by residents of the districts as 'Black Monday,' and the conflagration constitutes one of the most disastrous bushfires experienced by the early settlers of this State. For days the residents walked through the ashes, slaughtering the sheep that Craigie had been tending as they lay, scorched and mutilated, where the fire had overtaken them. Charred and blackened mallee leaves were reported to have fallen at the Semaphore; — carried across the gulf by the driving force of the wind, while Adelaide was shrouded in a mist of smoke from the scene of the disaster.

And while the timber still crackled and glowed red, and the ash rose in spurts as the wind tossed it, the life of a gallant man passed on. His charred body was laid to rest beneath the stone slab erected as a tribute to his heroism and loyalty which he valued above life itself. The name Craigie is still respected by the inhabitants of the district, whose memories are refreshed by the sight of a stone bearing a tribute to the bravery of this quiet, unassuming man."



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(Cont) Footnotes:

I have used the correct spelling of names that had been mis-spelt in so many records, and also made corrections to other anomalies I found during my research, such as the conflicting reports regarding the ages of the father and son who died, how many children survived him, to whose home they were taken, and whether or not they had lost everything in the fire, etc etc. I have proved the following:

1. Mr Augustus Robert Craigie was born 1826 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to a Scottish father and German born mother - so he was 43 when he died. His widow, born Mary Jane Carey was born 29/03/1835 in England. They married 01/03/1854 at Marblehead Massachusetts USA. Together they had 7 children, 2 daughters born in Massachusetts USA, then five more children born at Strathalbyn, South Australia where two of them died prior to the family moving to Port Vincent. His children were: Louisa b 30/04/1855; Sarah Elizabeth b 22/09/1857; Robert Henry b 24/02/1860, d 26/11/1865; Augustus Craigie jnr, b 13/07/1861 d 20/01/1869; Mary Jane b 24/08/1863, d 02/05/1866; George William b 12/06/1865; Harriet Susan b 29/10/1867.

Mr Augustus Craigie therefore had 4 children who survived him.

2. The various newspaper reports and the book Port Vincent Shipping Port to Pleasure Resort state that the father and son were taken to the home of Mr William Chace, but the inquest gives several reports that Mr Craigie and his son Augustus were taken in Mr John Wheatcroft's cart to the home of Mr John Wheatcroft, farmer of Surveyor's Point. John Wheatcroft was employed by Mr Chace.

3. Mr Craigie's time of death is not definite. The inquest records Mrs Craigie's statement he died at about 10pm that night; another report was he died during the early hours of the following morning.

4. In 1870, with money generously donated to them, Augustus' wife Mary and their surviving children Louisa aged 14, Sarah 12, George 5, and Harriet 3, returned to Massachusetts USA. Mary died at Marblehead Massachusetts USA at the age of 100 years on 27/08/1935.

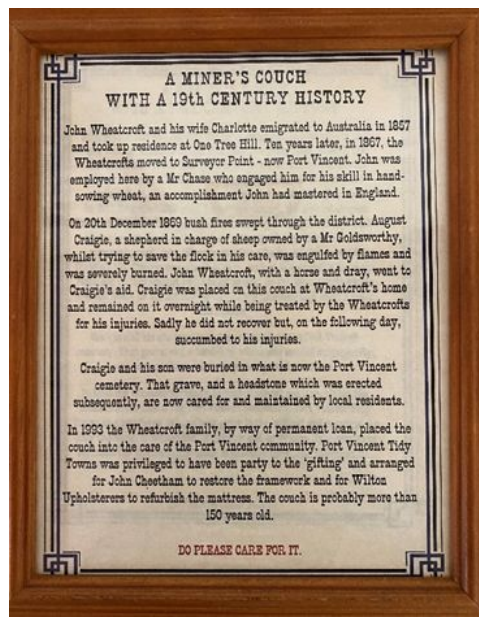
5. Pastoral land for sheep runs on Yorke Peninsula was previously leased until Strangways introduced a bill in 1868, passed in January 1869 for land to be surveyed into Hundreds. Leased surveyed during the 1870's. A survey of Port Vincent was conducted in 1872, and, due to the existing graves of both Augustus Craigie snr and jnr, and the adjacent stone cross marking the grave of an aboriginal woman, the land in that location was designated a cemetery.

6. One report states that the Craigie family lost everything in the fire. The inquest indicates that their hut was unscathed; another report is that the wind changed direction and the hut was saved.

7. Pictured below are the tombstone as it is at the time of writing and the Certificate of detailing the couch's history. The miner's couch on which Mr Craigie spent his last few hours is on the previous page.

8. In 1993, the miner's couch was placed by way of permanent loan into the care of the Port Vincent Community by Mr David Wheatcroft on behalf of the Wheatcroft family. The couch, the certificate, and a photo of Mr John Wheatcroft and his wife Charlotte, are on display in the Senior Citizen's Hall, Main Street, Port Vincent.

Researched and written by Charmaine Kimber - finalised 24 November 2024 - *with reference to:*
'Adelaide Observer' 25 Dec 1869; Evening Journal, 07/01/1870 page 3; 'The Mail' 28 Dec 1935 page 4 Inquest report;
The Ill-Shaped Leg - *Ern Carmichael*; Port Vincent - Shipping Port to Pleasure Resort - *Alan Jones*;
Ancestry.com.au; Trove for pastoral occupation information; Shipping records;
Framed document regarding permanent loan of miner's couch from the Wheatcroft family;
numerous other documents and newspapers for weather conditions and sundry supporting information



COASTGUARD SAF10 PORT VINCENT



Call to assist vessel near Ardrossan jetty, 2 pob. SAPOL alerted as Vincent Star and crew on way to SAREX at Edithburgh. Arranged for pilot boat nearby to tow in to Ardrossan ramp.

SAREX (Search & Rescue Exercise) was conducted by SAPOL Water Ops. at Edithburgh for 4 hours. A “mock” search for a missing fisherman was practised by rescue boats from Sea Rescue Edithburgh & Wallaroo, Coast Guard Port Vincent & Kangaroo Island and Royal Coastal Patrol from Port Victoria & Point Turton SYP. A successful exercise and reported in Country Times.

Coast Guard attended a discussion day by INVICTUS group at CG headquarters North Haven, to benefit ADF Veterans. Vincent Star and crew travelled across gulf to attend, as did SAF6 'Zero Six' & crew. 15 Veterans were joined by their families on the day. Some went out to sea for a run and others enjoyed 'face painting' & were showed various boat skills at the base before lunch was served for all.

Sad to note the passing of long time volunteer, Mick Lovelock.

SAF10 held its Annual Presentation Dinner recently at the Ventnor Hotel.

Two awards presented were:-

“Gerry Poel Memorial Trophy” to Andrew Emery (photo top right)

“Commanders Award” to Greg Shaw (photo at right)

2 new members have joined CG SAF10. They are going through training processes for SSSS (Safety Survival Swim at Sea), fire drills and smoke flares.



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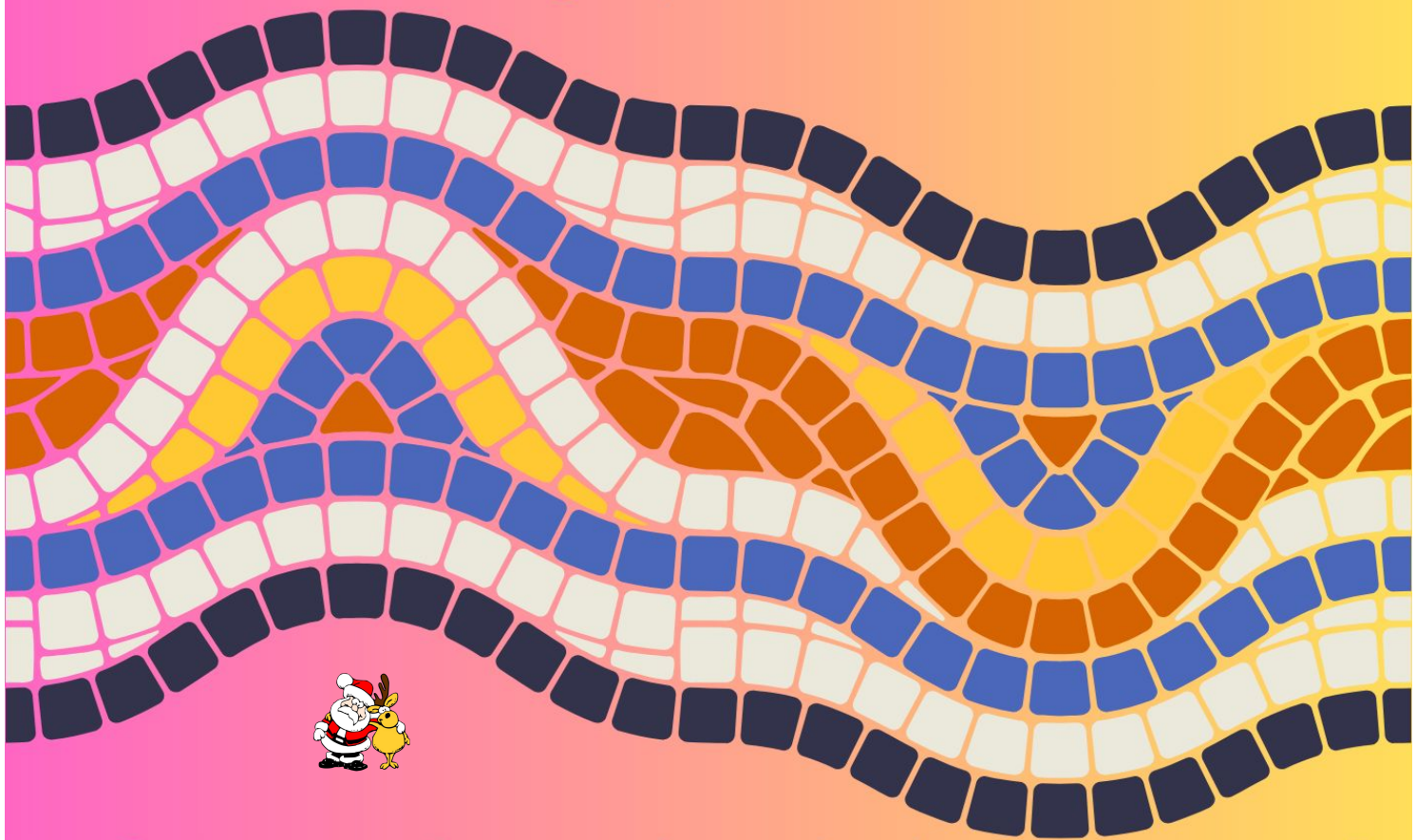
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REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11TH 2024

RSL REPORT



It was a beautiful morning to commemorate Remembrance Day 2024 in Port Vincent SA.

The workers (volunteer members) efficiently and quickly loaded the cars and drove to the War Memorial on the corner of Kemp and Parsons Streets. Up went the flags, chairs were laid out, and the public address system was put together and tested, especially the CD player as we are still learning its differences from our old unit.

Problems were sorted and music played in the background as people gathered for the service.



Our Chaplain Padre Ben Braund arrived with his family and we were ready to begin on time.

President Barry welcomed those attending the service, and he was followed by the Chaplain who spoke and conducted a prayer in Remembrance of all those that had served and continue to do so.

Following the end of the service, pack up and off to the Ventnor Hotel for fellowship and lunch. We had members from afar and visitors from throughout the state. We thank them for joining us in Remembrance.

All told, we counted approximately 90 persons in attendance on the morning.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM – LEST WE FORGET





Port Vincent Sailing Club



October and November have been difficult for our Club with the loss of two valued members. Race 2 sponsored by Port Vincent Kiosk was a bit gusty but there was some good racing. At the end of the racing, the club members paused to remember Joey, talk about his sailing exploits and toast him with his signature brandy and coke.

Results Race 2

Mosquitoes: 1. Splashes of brilliance, Danny Le Feuvre, 2. Curlew, Greg Illman, 3. Grinch, Andy van Arend

Monohulls: 1. Hokey Pokey, J. Kelahar

Trailerables: 1, Stormbird, B. Travis, 2 Misty 2, A. Ralph, 3, Cripple creek Ferry, R. Cook

Results Race 3

Port Vincent Kiosk, good sailing conditions

Mosquitoes: 1. Both Barrells, M. Young 2. Grinch, A. Van Arend, 3. Nautical Nut, G. Illman

Trailerables: 1. Stormbird, B. Travis, 2. Misty 2, A. Ralph, 3. Cripple Creek Ferry, R. Cook. Ken, Vicky and Indy are sailing Xtremist and are rapidly learning to sail with Joe looking over their shoulder.

Racing on 17 November was Women's Helm race, but was cancelled due to strong wind warnings (or were the guys too chicken to face our strong women skippers?!).

24 November was a Cup Race and a big fleet. Gusty winds, and stronger than predicted, led to a few ripped pants and dips into the water.

Mosquitoes: 1 9. Lives, S. Slater, Curlew, G. Illman, Grinch, A. Van Arend, 4 Both Barrels, M. Young, 5, Epimagic, T. Polkinghorne

Trailerables: 1, Stormbird, B. Travis 2, Cripple Creek Ferry, R. Cook, 3 Vostock, K. Champion, 4, Elementary, G. Hackett.

The race day was finished with a tribute to Mick Lovelock, and we toasted him with his traditional coke.



Mick and Joey were valued members of our Club and will be very much missed.

Jan Le Feuvre

Editor's Comment: Page 10 has a special tribute to both these remarkable men.



Left:
Joe's boat Xtremist.

Ken, Vicky and Indy are sailing Xtremist, and are rapidly learning to sail with Joe looking over their shoulder.



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SACWA Meeting - Monday 2nd December lunch-Minlaton

TUESDAY :

Tidy Towns - working bees 8:30am - 12noon
Ladies' Golf (Winter)
Trash 'N Treasure - St Neot's
Senior Citizens - each week 1:30pm BBQ lunch 1st Tuesday of the month 12:30pm February-December

WEDNESDAY:

Men's Golf (Winter)
Bowls (Winter) - 12:30pm for 1pm start
Port Vincent Uniting Church
(affiliated with Generate Presbytery)
Drop-in Centre - 10am - 12noon - Uniting Church
Exercise Classes - Institute Hall - 10:30am

THURSDAY:

Progress Assn meeting (normally 1st Thursday) at 7.00pm 5th December in the Institute Supper Room
Ladies' Bowls (Summer)
Library - 9.30am - 11.30am in Institute
Meals on Wheels - delivery day
Coast Guard Flotilla - Meetings 3rd Thursday of month
Twilight Bowls (Summer) - refer bowls articles

FRIDAY :

Port Vincent Uniting Church (affiliated with Generate Presbytery)
Drop-in Centre - 10am - 12noon
Podiatrist in Dr's rooms, Senior Cits Hall – by appointment.
Contact Paul Cremers 0439 407 976 for appointment days/times

SATURDAY:

Men's Golf (Winter)
Open Gender Bowls (Summer)
Coast Guard Training - 1st Sat of the month 9am
Trash 'N Treasure - St Neots (refer **Page 20** for dates)

SUNDAY :

Port Vincent Uniting Church
(affiliated with Generate Presbytery) - 10:00am
St Neot's Church - see church door for times
Sailing (Summer) - 2:00pm - 5.30pm
Social Bowls (Winter) - 1:00pm for a 1:30pm start

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