



Thank you to Cara Mullen from the Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park for this amazing photo of the sunrise over the Port Vincent bay.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The success of Gala Day is a testament to the incredible teamwork and spirit of our volunteers. They generously contributed their time, skills, and energy. It's heartwarming to witness such a strong sense of unity and camaraderie among individuals who share a common goal – to bring joy and connection to our community. The magic of fireworks lit up the night sky, painting a breathtaking canvas of colours - a mesmerizing spectacle that added a touch of enchantment to the festivities.

Amidst the laughter and excitement, families revelled in a myriad of amusements and thrilling rides, creating cherished memories together.

Our commitment to providing family-friendly activities was evident in the children enjoying the Sandcastle Competition, Face Painting, Amazing Drumming Monkeys, Plaster Fun House and the many rides and amusements available.

I would like to acknowledge our local talent of JR Acoustic, Germein and Gumbo Yaya. They certainly entertained the crowds throughout the day with their talents.

We had the wonderful Lauren Clift Media there and will share pictures on the Port Vincent Website shortly - watch this space.

And finally, THANK YOU to our Port Vincent community for their endless efforts in ensuring the undeniably successful return of Gala Day.

Kristan Every
PVPA President

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unfortunately the infrastructure grant for the medical centre was not successful. However, I have been in touch with the council to renovate the Senior Citizen's building for this purpose. Our local builder, Mr Tomas George, will send a quote to me in the New Year for the renovation of the Senior Citizen's building and preparation of accommodation facilities for the doctors. As soon as the building is completed, we will need to set up the IT infrastructure requirement and begin the doctor recruiting process. If everything goes well, my hope is to have doctors in Port Vincent by the next financial year.

Ghafar (email address provided)

We had a whopping 601 participants to PV Easy Moves exercise classes for 2023, and that was only May to December! Such an amazing result. This is a free programme. Classes are currently in recess, but will be returning on 17th January. Just come along to the Institute on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am.

Jo Minks (email address provided)

Gala Day 2024 was a huge success. As a former organiser of the event I was very impressed by the organisational skills of the Gala Day Committee. The placement of the stage area was perfect, with plenty of room for dancing on the roadway, or sitting on chairs/blankets watching and listening to the amazing entertainment. Congratulations to the 2023 committee!

Former Gala Day Organiser (email address provided)

It is wonderful to see Port Vincent now having 24 hour fuel available. To have this up and running in the timeframe has been a huge accomplishment by previous owners Grant and Jenny Stanton who started the process, and new owners Kym and Janine Humphrys. On behalf of the Port Vincent community, thank you for your investment in our town.

Editor's comment: Julie has provided a photo which is on Page 26.

Julie Searle (email address provided)

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to Doug Le Feuvre for the amazing job he did installing the blinds in the breezeway at the Institute. This was done with a minimum of fuss, and with great expertise! Thank you also to Kate Crowe, who has committed to assisting with the proof reading of the A Focal Point in 2024.

Kudos to our hard working Progress committee members and sub-committee members who have represented and promoted our town over the last 12 months. As you can see by the numerous clubs and organisations represented in our newsletter, Port Vincent relies heavily on volunteers. Even if you are holiday makers or shack owners, your help, in any capacity, would be VERY MUCH appreciated!

PORT VINCENT HISTORY BOOK UPDATE - ALAN JONES

Finalising of the book is progressing well, and copies will likely be available in the second half of January.



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YORKE PENINSULA COUNCIL UPDATE



Yorke Peninsula Council extends Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all residents and visitors enjoying Port Vincent this summer.

After an extremely busy year, including at Port Vincent, we wish to provide updates about various important happenings within the town.

Self-service fuel outlet

It is fantastic to see the opening of the new self-service fuel outlet for Port Vincent (at the former BP site).

Council's support for this project has included planning advice which allowed for siteworks to commence immediately.

Additionally, Council is working on options to assist with repairs/replacement of public infrastructure that is expected to be impacted by the development.

Doctor's rooms

Council is aware of the intent to create doctors' consulting rooms in Port Vincent, and is supportive of this proposal.

Council has offered the developer a possible temporary site in a Council-owned building to support a service whilst the proposed development is being designed.

Staff have also partnered with the Port Vincent Pharmacist to apply for a grant to allow for the construction of a new purpose-built doctor's surgery. If successful, this grant will provide a significant financial contribution toward the project.

To date, Council's planning department has not received any application or request for advice in relation to this proposed development.

Port Vincent Wharf

The Port Vincent fisherman's wharf is a State-owned asset that Council has diverted significant funds to repairing in the past financial year.

Council endorsed a pause on jetties expenditure in March 2023, pending the State Government's completion of condition assessment reports for all 12 State-owned jetties under Council's Care and Control.

The State Government is reviewing these reports and it is appropriate for Council to then review the most recent structural inspection reports, and, in consultation with State Government, prioritise works under the SA Jetties Renewal Program.

Engineering for sea wall

To address beach erosion, staff are arranging quotes to have an engineered design for a wall.

This will be a requirement for a development application and ultimately approval from the Coastal Protection Board for any works undertaken. It is the same process that was required for Stansbury.

In the meantime, Council staff are inspecting and making safe any areas that could be problematic.

Caravan Storage

Council is committed to continuing the longstanding Caravan Storage Yard in Port Vincent.

With the park having experienced record visitation in the past couple of years, it is no longer efficient for the Park Managers to provide a towing service. As such, the Park is now permitting van owners (and/or their delegated representatives) to tow their own vehicles to and from the storage yard.

Demand for caravan storage has remained high since this change, with numerous new van/boat owners taking up positions in the storage yard – all with the understanding they'll be required to tow themselves.

Additionally, Council is working with Port Vincent Progress on an outcome by which Progress can operate the storage yard. Money earned from storage fees will then go to Progress for improvements in Port Vincent, as opposed to the traditional arrangement where most profits went to Council (for general coffers to be spent across the entire Yorke Peninsula region) and to the Park Managers.

Cormorants

Addressing the issues caused by cormorants is complex, and is a long term project for Council and a number of other stakeholders including the State Government, local businesses and the community.

In the immediate term, Council actively undertakes a cormorant control program under permit from the Department of Environment and Water. Further to this program, Council recently engaged Ecosure to develop a Pied Cormorant Management Strategy (adopted by Council in 2023) which will guide the long-term management of the cormorants.

Staff work diligently to ensure any cormorants are removed from the ground after each round of the control program. However, if any have been missed, please contact Council and staff will remove them as soon as possible.

Port Vincent's Big Day: Fun, Food, and Festivities!

Gala Day 2024 has been hailed a massive success!
Port Vincent sure knows how to throw a party that brings smiles to thousands of faces!

After a break due to Covid, Port Vincent's Gala Day 2024 made a triumphant return, attracting over a whopping 4000 people to join in the fun!

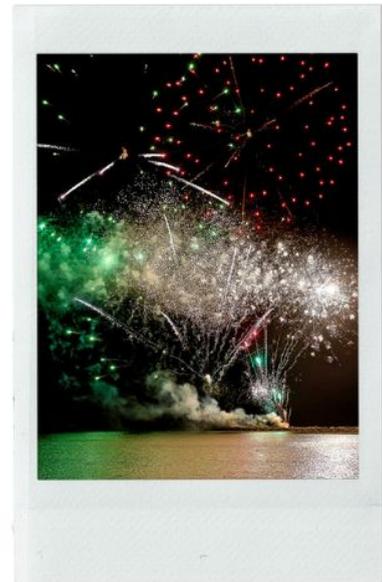
The town was buzzing with excitement as everyone gathered together again after missing out on the event for a few years, with over 200 pizzas disappearing into eager stomachs, alongside a staggering 180 dozen oysters.

The Germein band played fantastic music that made everyone dance and sing along. And when the sky turned dark, the fireworks were out of this world! They were the best ever seen in Port Vincent, painting the night sky with bright, colorful displays that amazed the crowd.

Kids had a blast too! They giggled and laughed with the drumming monkeys and had loads of fun at the carnival activities and the sandcastle competition.

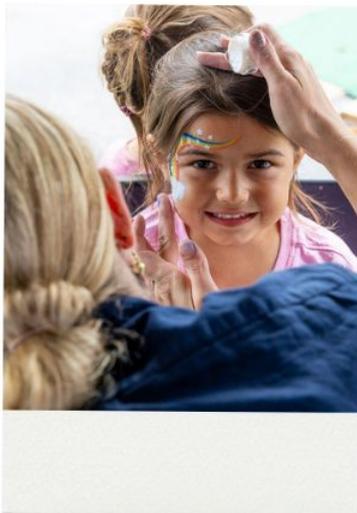
A special thanks goes out to the Port Vincent Tidy Towns team and the volunteers that helped out on the day! They did an incredible job of keeping our town clean and beautiful during the event. Their hard work made our day even more enjoyable, and we are grateful for their dedication to making our town shine.

All in all, Gala Day 2024 was a big hit! Everyone had a great time, and it showed how awesome our community is when we all come together.





Gala Day 24





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PORT VINCENT SAILING CLUB - NOVEMBER 2023



As everyone in Port Vincent knows, the weather in December has not been that good, and it has affected sailing. The Cropsmart Minlaton Series 2 Race 3 racing was cancelled for December 10 due to serious wind. December 17 was a Cup Race and our Christmas windup. There was a good turn out for this race including 5 trailer sailers and 3 mossies.

Cripple Creek Ferry (R. Cook) was first, Vostok (K.Campion) was second, Xtremist (J. Butler) was third. Grinch (A.Van Arend) was the first of the Mossies, Cerlew (G. Illman) was second and Both Barrels (M. Young) was third. The day finished with a shared dinner and lots of socialising which was really enjoyable.

Now we head into January and summer which will be full on and very busy. We have "Lady Skipper Day" on January 14 which should be fun. The inaugural race last year was a great success, and with our female crews increasing, the race should be quite competitive. The first of the big events in the Vincent Open Classic happens over the 26th January long weekend. There will be bigger boats from Adelaide, as well as our Club boats, and it should be quite spectacular. That will then be closely followed by the King of the Gulf Regatta in February, which is mainly Adelaide big boats. That event should be easily seen from vantage points on shore.

Our next race will be on January 7, which is the Commodore's Trophy race. Speaking of Commodores, our Commodore is currently in Sainte-Anne, Martinique, having sailed from the south of France en route to Tahiti. He is having a wonderful adventure, and I am sure he will have lots of tales to tell when he returns. Safe travels, Alan.



Above: Chameleon, A Rushbrook

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Well the verdict is in, but the old saying 'you have to be in it to win it' meant the judges looked at some fantastic Christmas lights around Port Vincent, but could only vote on those that were registered.

Jayden Watson in Koorunga Street took out first prize in the novelty category - great job.

There were no entries in the religious category, however, the judges were blown away with half the street dressed in various Christmas costumes all performing as part of Greg Shaw's Christmas light display, and simply had to be award them first prize in the community category!

A trip down along the foreshore back beach found Donnie and Eddie Eccles' Christmas light display at Granny and Pop Trotters home which very much impressed the kids on the judging team.

Thanks to everyone who participated and took the time to put up Christmas decorations - it certainly gives the town a lift.



Left:
Photo of Jayden Watson - best novelty lights.



Right:
Photo of Donnie and Eddie Eccles with their children's award



Left and Below:

Congratulations to these prize winning entries



FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITS PORT VINCENT

Father Christmas was able to do a quick visit to the Port Vincent children on the 23rd December. With the assistance of the Port Vincent CFS and the Port Vincent Progress Association, Father Christmas was able to do a tour around town, giving out lollies to the local children.

By the reaction received, Father Christmas will hopefully be back next year!

A special thanks to Kryisia, Steve, Will, Barry, Gary, Theo from the Port Vincent CFS who decorated the CFS appliance and helped Father Christmas on the night.



Life membership to the Port Vincent Ventnor Hotel Social Club was awarded to Trish Smith at their recent 2023 Christmas Dinner.

Trish has been a tireless member, working for the social club over a number of years. The awarding of life membership acknowledges the service of Social Club members.

Well done Trish!

Right:

2023 Social Club President Anne-Marie Shaw presenting Trish Smith with her life membership award and flowers.





FRASER ELLIS MP
MEMBER FOR NARUNGGGA



Happy New Year 2024!

Welcome to the new year, and a special welcome to the many visitors who enjoy our wonderful patch of the world here on Yorke Peninsula during the summer holidays.

There were many highlights in 2023 for our office, a major one being lodging the health petition in the chamber on 15 November and surpassing the required 10,000 signatures to trigger a formal review by the Legislative Review Committee into the five specific requests petitioned.

I await the response from the Legislative Review Committee, and details of the type and terms of reference of the review that is to now occur.

Concerns about our health system were further compounded mid-November with the announced temporary closure of Ardrossan Hospital's Accident and Emergency Unit. Discussions with SA Health and the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network are continuing about the future of this service, and before the Christmas break I additionally raised the topic in the chamber and with the Minister. I expect to know more soon on this topic.

Whilst health is a predominant concern, so are roads needing maintenance and upgrades, rising costs of living, coast infrastructure and environmental damage, jetty funding and mobile phone black spots, just to name a few topics.

Of the latter, it is pleasing a new Telstra tower is imminent for Edithburgh. However, more must be done proactively by governments to fix black spots as mobile phone coverage is not a luxury, it is an essential tool for business, community safety and regional service delivery.

I encourage all to continue to contact my office nominating unsafe roads and poor phone reception areas, and to discuss any State issue. Re SYP roads, my wish list for next year includes slip lanes for Hardwicke Bay and Port Vincent and an upgrade of the Yorketown to Edithburgh road.

Grants

Currently open grant programs include the Youth Mental Health Fund, two Veterans SA funds, Grants for Seniors and the new SA Football Facilities Fund. Please visit www.fraserellis.com.au (refer Grants tab) for further information and application forms.

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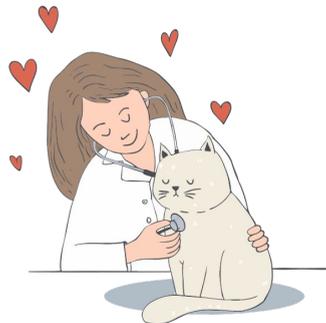
Summer is a great time to have a BBQ and do some entertaining, with longer daylight hours and warmer weather. Naturally, our four-legged family members love to be involved, so here are a few tips to keep them safe.

A common illness, and potentially fatal condition we see as a result of pets at BBQ's is pancreatitis. Pancreatitis is the term for inflammation of the pancreas which can be caused by eating foods high in fat such as sausages, cooked meat, table scraps etc. Pancreatitis is very painful and needs to be treated early. The symptoms of pancreatitis include vomiting, lethargy, abdominal pain, high temperature, diarrhoea and dehydration. The symptoms of pancreatitis can become critical, and even fatal, very quickly. So, if you suspect your pet may have pancreatitis you should seek veterinary attention immediately. Additionally, meat and fat can cause gastrointestinal upset resulting in vomiting and diarrhoea.

Bones can be a big problem for our pets, potentially causing fractured teeth, choking and obstructions in the digestive systems, which can lead to constipation. Pets should not be fed cooked bones as they can splinter easily and cause obstructions in the gastrointestinal tract, possibly tearing the intestinal wall which is life threatening. Smaller bones can become stuck in an animal's throat and oesophagus. For these reasons, we do not recommend feeding your dogs bones.

There are several foods that are toxic to our pets. Some of these foods include:-

- Chocolate
- Onions and garlic
- Grapes/sultanas/raisins
- Avocados
- Nuts
- Xylitol (artificial sugars)



Make sure your bin are firmly closed, and dispose of rubbish securely to prevent your pet from eating rubbish. Some dogs can accidentally eat skewers which can result in the oesophagus, stomach or their intestines being pierced. Corn cobs can get stuck in the intestines, leading to the need for emergency surgery. Also be aware of grease drippings. Sometimes if grease is on loose gravel, pets will actually eat the stones covered in the grease. If these are swallowed, they can get stuck in your pet's digestive tract.

Also of danger is fishing equipment. Some pets will try to eat fish hooks/baits, causing obstructions and hooks getting caught in their mouths. Please store and dispose of fishing equipment safely.

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

If the item was eaten recently, we can potentially induce vomiting to remove the object quickly, and hopefully avoid more dire/toxic effects. 13

PORT VINCENT INFORMATION OFFICE NEWS

December is always a busy time for all the volunteers in the town. It's great to have the town in tip top condition ready for the tourist silly season!

The playground has had some maintenance ready for the season - thanks to the Tidy Towns team.

A major part of the role of the Visitor Information Office is to keep people informed about events they can participate in. The Foreshore Caravan Park often have entertainment and activities which are open to everyone, so keep an eye on their Facebook page.

Grounded Festival is back this January, with lots of workshops and activities, and there are many more groups offering activities over the Christmas period. What's On in Yorke Peninsula has a lot of information, as does Yorke Events, on the Council website. If you know of something coming up, let me know and I can make sure volunteers are aware, and we can put the information up on the Facebook page.

The VIO volunteers met for an afternoon Christmas catch up - thank you to Julie Adams for hosting. While we are all on the same team, very often we don't cross paths regularly, so a catch up like that is invaluable.

Our time this month time was mostly spent just getting ready for the anticipated busy season ahead. We were very pleased to be able to offer the use of our carpark to the Gala Day committee for the Gala Day event. We have no doubt this much awaited return will bring everything it promises and more. Thanks to the team for the huge effort to get things going again.

Stay safe and be patient over this January as everyone is stretched to the limit to provide the services and information visitors require.

Cheers

Julie Searle - Secretary

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*****FISHING REPORT*****

Well, with the new year upon us, let's hope that the fishing and the weather warms up! That will be a great improvement!!! Crabbing is on the improve for both boat and rakers, but there are still a lot of undersize ones.

Garfish are improving in quantity and size. There are plenty for dabbing, when calm nights and days allow for boat fishers around the oyster leases.

Yellowfin are still very hard to find, but they will improve when the weather heats up, and hopefully that will happen soon!

King George are still being caught by those who have the time to put in to search for them. Squid are also still around.

There are still tommies at the wharf, and crabs are also available for drop netters.

Just a couple of reminders:-

1. Please obey the rules when fishing by the oyster leases. The owners have spent a lot of money to bring this product to our town, so pay them respect.
2. It is also an offence to leave fish offal and crustacean shells on the foreshore and beaches. This includes razor fish shells as they can inflict a very nasty cut.

Have a great New Year!

Tight Lines
Wayne Crouch



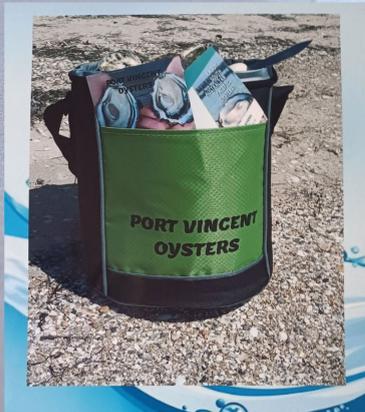
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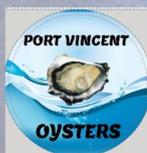
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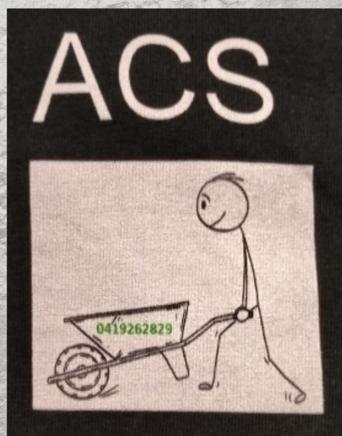
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Have you noticed more feral rabbits lately? Rabbits wreak havoc on the environment, stripping vegetation in gardens and parks, causing soil erosion and competing with native animals for food and habitat. They can also cause significant damage to infrastructure by burrowing under buildings.

Summer is the best time to control feral rabbits as a lack of green feed and hot conditions help to reduce rabbit numbers and the next season's breeding stock.

The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board is hosting three 2-hour workshops to help property owners learn control methods, ideal timing and tactics, and how to work with your neighbours for the best outcome.

Greenleaf Australia presenter Jim Donnelly will share information about:

- The environmental and financial impacts.
- Control options, such as pindone, RHDV K5, warren destruction and fencing.

- Reducing off-target damage

Tuesday, 9 January 2024

Edithburgh Sports and Community Club
Park Terrace Edithburgh SA 5583

1pm-3pm

Info: Call Fabienne Dee on 0428 429 321

Wednesday, 10 January 2024

Port Broughton Sporting Club
East Terrace Port Broughton, SA 5522

10am-12pm

Moonta Senior Citizens Club Wednesday
3 Verran Terrace Moonta Mines, SA 5558

3pm-5pm

Info: Nick Nicholls on 0427 776 974

Register now:

www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ny/RabbitWorkshops

PORT VINCENT TIDY TOWNS REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

Well another year has finished, and what a finish it was with huge thunderstorms and rain. It was enough to stop us from completing the painting of the playground. We had managed to paint part of the small slippery dip as we had started before the rain, but were unfortunately unable to finish it, apologies parents, but the playground is all up and running again now. We will finish the painting in the New Year after the school holidays.

The cemetery has had a spruce up for Christmas with flowers being placed on the graves, as well as a good clean up. Well done, volunteers.

We are looking for a volunteer to take up the cleaning of the picnic tables on a regular basis since Jan Laslett has moved away and is therefore unable to continue to job. Thanks to Jan for her work on Tidy Towns and we hope she enjoys her new home.

If you have some time to spare, we would love to see you at Tidy Towns. Come down for a cuppa and a bit of fellowship on any Tuesday morning at around 10:30am. We would love to have you there.

The litter bins have been changed and cleaned when required on a regular basis, just remember if you find a smelly one to let us know so that we can rectify the problem.

The population will swell during the School holidays and with Gala Day on again this holiday period so be patient we will get things done as quickly as possible.

I hope you all have a good holiday break.

Cheers

Rob Searle, Chairman Port Vincent Tidy Towns.



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FOOD BY

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A unique night of music with beautiful tones of Sarah Johnson (JJ ARV) on guitar and keyboard, accompanied by Darren Braund on the electric bass and keyboard, and for the first time joined by Caleb Raymond on the guitar.

Three of the Yorke Peninsula's well known and accomplished musicians coming together for the first time on the lawn at Barley Stacks Wines as the sun sets and the stars come out.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

January 1, 1901 - The Commonwealth of Australia was founded as six former British colonies became six states with Edmund Barton as the first Prime Minister.

January 3, 1959 - Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states together.

January 7, 1714 - A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing."

January 10, 1863 - The world's first underground railway service opened in London, the Metropolitan line between Paddington and Farringdon.

January 24, 1972 - Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi was discovered on Guam after he had spent 28 years hiding out in the jungle not knowing World War II had long since ended.

January 28, 1986 - The U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger exploded 74 seconds into its flight, killing seven persons, including Christa McAuliffe, a teacher who was to be the first ordinary citizen in space.

January 30, 1948 - Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated in New Delhi, India, by a religious fanatic.



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Let there be peace in the new beginning of 2024....Happy New Year to all.

New Beginnings

Every morning is a new beginning,
Every day another chance to prove yourself as you go on your way.
Another opportunity to show what you are worth,
Each time God paints a dawn above the dark and sleeping earth,
Calamities will come. You will be sure of that, my friend. It's life, you never know what's waiting just around the bend,
But these are only challenges to put you to the test
So face them with a trusting heart, and He will do the rest
And if you fail or falter, or you weaken by the way
Look up and don't despair. God always sends another day.

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Our Christmas Day service at 8 am with Bishop Jeremy James and organist Meg Bilney reminded us of the meaning of Joy and peace to the world of the birth of Christ. Thank you to the people who attended.

Trash/Treasure Op Shop will be open on Gala Day, 1st January 2024 from 11 am- 3 pm. Our normal hours then resume in January - Tuesdays 10am-12pm and Saturdays 9:30am to 12:30pm. There are plenty of goods waiting for you to browse for that elusive treasure.

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The month of January marks the Epiphany

The word Epiphany means 'the appearance' and refers to the appearance of the new-born Saviour to the Magi. It is a story full of symbolism. For example, the magi symbolise the non-Jewish world. They represent us. They respond to God's gift of his Son by offering their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



Each of these gifts is symbolic of the sort of response we too should make, especially at this season of the year. Gold, of course, has always been regarded as one of the most precious of all metals. So to give someone a gift of gold is seen as a sign of love. The gold of the magi symbolises the love we should offer to Christ who has first loved us. Incense is used in all Eastern religions as a symbol of prayer. The bible speaks of prayer rising to the throne of God like sweet smelling incense. Through prayer we adore God, and give thanks for his many blessings. Myrrh was a bitter but valuable liquid known to the ancients as a preservative. Because it was bitter and at the same time valuable, it makes a rich symbol for the sacrifices involved in a commitment to Christ (from Sunday Journal).

CHURCH DATES FOR JANUARY :-

14th.....10:30 am.....HOLY COMMUNION.....with Rev. Christine
28th.....11am.....MORNING PRAYER.....with Pam

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The background of the entire page is a vibrant, tropical-themed pattern. It features various types of leaves in shades of green, blue, and yellow. Large, prominent leaves include the iconic split-lobed Monstera leaves, while smaller, more delicate fern-like leaves are interspersed throughout. The leaves are arranged in a dense, overlapping manner, creating a lush and energetic feel. A large, dark green circle is centered on the page, serving as a backdrop for the text.

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*As the sun rises, Lord, let your light
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about me. Scatter the darkness before
me. Disperse the darkness behind me.
Dispel the darkness within me.
Let your light shine on me.*



*For I am convinced that neither death
or life, neither angels or demons,
neither the present nor the future, nor
any powers, neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will
be able to separate us from the love of
God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord –
Romans 8:38-39.*



*May we be generous and considerate, not thinking
only of ourselves, but helping others enjoy the
blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all
things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts,
during these months of summer and vacation days.
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.*

Happy New Year and Confirmation Bias

Welcome to 2024. A new year, perhaps with some 'New Year' resolutions, and a common time to: get fit, get healthier, exercise more, be happier, lose weight.....have you heard those before? I certainly have; more and more as the years pass by! Unfortunately, it can make the 'New Year' a bit blasé.

What is confirmation bias? It is the tendency to search for, interpret, favour and recall information that confirms or supports prior beliefs or values. So for example, let's say I think it is just too hard to get healthier, confirmation bias would suggest that I would be attracted to people and stories of how it is so much harder as we age - that genetics determines my life. I would value stories of age related decline and dismiss stories of success and achievement in people of advancing years. I would value less those who have made changes in their life to become healthier while focusing more on stories of sickness and disease to confirm my beliefs.

This confirmation bias has a dramatic effect on goal setting. Creating a good mindset to support your goal, or New Year resolution, is imperative. The support of any goal through what we watch, read, who we associate with and even talk too will help keep our mind and actions in congruence with the goal.

The new year is a great time to review what you value and would like to achieve, and to renew your commitment.

Best wishes for that, as well as a healthy, successful and wonderful 2024!

Dr Barry Steele
Chiropractor
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Community Announcement

An opportunity exists to join a YP Council
working party to assist in promoting
accessibility within our community.

You will be required to attend quarterly meetings
(the next meeting is in February 2024)

**Contact Kirsty if you are interested and
she will pass on your details.**

portvincentprogress@gmail.com

Visit the council website for more details:
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Central Yorke Peninsula Branch

(Amalgamating Curramulka, Minlaton & Pt Vincent Branches)

Although numbers were diminished by illness and holidaying members, SACWA Central Yorke Peninsula Branch held a very successful trading table at the 2024 Port Vincent Gala Day.

At the beginning of the day, the table was drooping under the weight of baked goods prepared by Barbara Buttfield (before her holiday departure), Marilyn Camp, Di Galloway, Jenny Highett and Helen Joraslafsky. Situated on the seafront opposite the hotel, the stall also featured handicraft supplied by branch members and SACWA Maker's Market (from 2023 Royal Adelaide Show), along with SACWA merchandise (cook books, tea towels, etc). There were scarce pickings at the end of the afternoon.

We would like to thank the Port Vincent Progress Association for revitalising Gala Day after several years in abeyance, following the Covid epidemic. As had been the case in previous years, visitors' cars were parked in side streets as far back as Wauraltee Road.

This latest activity follows the branch Christmas Lunch on 1 December, the launch of Tricia Stringer's book, 'Back on Track' on 4 December, which the branch hosted, and the attendance of SACWA Port Victoria's Christmas Lunch by five CYP members (where Helen Joraslafsky won the Christmas hamper!).

Our first meeting for 2024 will be held on Monday 5 February, in the Minlaton rooms, at 9.30 am, followed by a pooled lunch.

For more information, call Helen Joraslafsky on 0419 001 420.

**Helen Joraslafsky
Branch Secretary**





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PORT VINCENT MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB



Bowls Pennants

Saturday Open Division 1 and Division 2 pennant sides have had excellent starts to the season with Division 1 on top and Division 2 second on the ladder at the Christmas break. In Men's mid-week, Port Vincent Black are 4th and while the Gold team are currently sitting second last, they are not yet out of the race. The Women's Thursday Division 1 remain in sixth place and are looking to improve on the ladder when games resume on January 11th. Open pennants resume on Sat Jan 13th, and the Men's on Wed 17th January.

Twilight Bowls

Twilight Bowls have been well supported, with large numbers attending over the Christmas period, and will continue throughout the Summer. Dates are Wednesday 3rd January and 10th January, then resuming on our usual night on Thursday 18th when Bingo is finished. Everybody is welcome for a fun night of social bowls and bowls can be supplied. Just turn up for a pre-game BBQ at 6.15 pm with names in by 6.30 to commence bowls at 7.00pm. Teams will be formed on the night.

Friday Night Meals

Friday Night Meals are provided at the Bowling Club on Talbot Rd each week from 6pm by Kathleen of Gypsy Cooks, and the Club bar is also open. These nights are usually well attended, and while bookings are not necessary, it is best to be there early.

Bingo

Bingo will resume on Tues Jan 2nd, after the power outage caused cancellation of our first Bingo night on Dec 27th. Bingo will then continue on Thursday 4th and Monday 8th January, and again on Thurs 11th, if demand continues. A great night for families, and children are welcome if accompanied by adults. Just look for signs around the town for Bingo dates. Eyes down 7.30pm.

Wayne Proctor Treasurer 2024 PVMBC



Above: Local businesses showing support for our new fuel outlet (thank you to Julie Searle for this photo)

Editor's Comment: I have been advised by the owners that if anyone has any need of training on the use of the machine, please just call the number provided, and they will be there asap.

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For More Details

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COAST GUARD SAF10 send “GREETINGS for the NEW YEAR”

A flare sighting was reported to Coast Guard who contacted SAPOL Water Operations. On checking, it was considered a “false alarm” and we were stood down.

Coast Guard rescue vessel and members attended the Port Vincent Gala Day event. This was a good chance to speak with visitors, and answer questions on Safety on Water, marine radio and safety equipment.

Vincent Star and crew were on water as a Safety Patrol in Port Vincent Bay for the fireworks display (to cover public safety).

Safety By All Means



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY :

Monday's Fellowship Group - Uniting Church Hall
2nd & 4th Monday of each month 9.45am-1:15pm
Lunch provided - all welcome.

RSL Meeting -in RSL room at the Memorial Bowling Club
2pm on 4th Monday of each month.

SACWA Monday 5th February 9:30am- 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)

Port Vincent Uniting Church

(affiliated with Generate Presbytery)

Drop-in Centre 10am - 12noon - Uniting Church

Exercise Classes - InSTITUTE Hall - resume 17th January

THURSDAY: Progress Assn meeting at 7.30pm on 1st

Thursday of the month - Institute Supper Room

Ladies' Bowls (Summer)

Library 9.30 - 11.30am in Institute

Meals on Wheels delivery

Coast Guard Flotilla Meetings 3rd Thursday

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

SUNDAY :

Port Vincent Uniting Church

(affiliated with Generate Presbytery) - 10:00am

St Neot's Church - see church door for times

Sailing (Summer) 2pm - 5.30pm

Social Bowls - Winter - 1pm for a 1:30pm start

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