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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JUNE 2023

Well, we are finally into winter, although with the cold weather setting in it has felt like winter for the last few weeks anyway! However, the lovely still and calm days we have experienced have seen dolphins frollicking in the bay, pelicans on the back beach, and the seals returning to the marina rocks.

There are still lots of activities in the town. One that is particularly exciting is the building of the Breezeway/Disability Access to the Institute Hall. Tomas George has done an extraordinary job with the construction of this building. The exterior is now getting an early 20th century makeover. The end result will be an addition that will look like it has been there since the building was first built! All of this has been achieved within budget. Our thanks to all those who have been part of this project. Photos will be in next month's edition.

Pam Hickman has organised some "Come and Try" exercise classes at the Institute, conducted by Jo Minks, a qualified fitness instructor. The turnout has been particularly encouraging. As a result, Sue Hall has written a grant application to fund the equipment that is required, and to ensure that the classes can continue for the next 12 months. It is our hope that this application will be successful. We will keep you updated!

We have received notification that we were successful with our application for a Volunteer Grant, through Rowan Ramsey's office. This grant will pay for volunteer badges and vests, and will enable the purchase of a convection microwave oven and a pie warmer to assist with catering for our planned film nights, and other special events.

A date has been set for the Progress Association AGM - Thursday 31st August 7pm at the Institute. Please consider joining the Progress Association, either as a committee member or on a sub-committee. For more information on what's involved, please contact our Secretary, Greg Shaw on portvincent@gmail.com

Sue Hall for Michelle Twelftree - PVPA President

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



My wife and I have just spent a few days in Port Vincent, and we have enjoyed the company of friends. We have visited Port Vincent once or twice a year over many years. Due to an accident recently, my knee was badly damaged, and this has limited my ability to walk any distance. I was very fortunate that the local councillor, Trevor Clerke, and his wife Lyn, had a mobile scooter which they loaned to me. Each morning I would ride around the township and look at the beautiful scenery, and tidy homes, streets and park. The Tidy Town workers should be congratulated on the great job they do. The volunteers and organisers should also be commended on their efforts for events such as the previous Gala Days, and I am looking forward to next year's Saltwater Classic. Events like these increase tourism to the town. I urge the volunteers to keep up the great work for the town, and be very proud of what they have achieved.

Ian Kubank - Cobdogla South Australia

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

In this month's *A Focal Point* we pay our respects to two of Port Vincent's community members, Graham Cowell and Steve Cornwell, who sadly passed away recently (tributes are on Page 7 and 11, respectively). My sincere thanks to Elizabeth and Krysia for the outstanding tributes that they have compiled.

The stories of these two men are entirely different, due to the paths they took through their lives. This highlights the fact that life is certainly a journey that unfolds in stages, each with its own set of challenges, opportunities, and experiences. From infancy to old age, every stage of life brings with it a unique set of joys and difficulties that shape us as individuals.

As we enter our golden years, we often reflect on a lifetime of experiences and memories, and the friendships along the way. We may retire from our careers, but continue to pursue hobbies and interests that bring us joy and fulfillment. We may also face health challenges and loss, but with a sense of wisdom and perspective that comes with age. Port Vincent is a township that cares about their community members, reaching out to those in need, offering assistance if/when it is required. This community bond is special, and not normally seen in city areas.

The stages of life each offer unique challenges and opportunities that help shape us into the individuals we become. From infancy to old age, every stage brings with it a sense of wonder, discovery, and growth. It is up to us to embrace each stage of life, and make the most of the opportunities that come our way. I saw this quote the other day, and quickly realised the significance it had for me, "When you feel like quitting, remember why you started". My father, an ex Hawthorn football player, and a lieutenant in the army during World War II would often call this determination to succeed 'G and D'- Guts and Determination. Just one small story of a lifetime of family memories.

I'm sure that our readers would have similar stories to tell! I would love to hear from you on any subject that you would like to raise. Please email afocalpoint2@gmail.com

We have a jam packed A Focal Point for you this month. Thanks so much to Linda for her suggestion of articles relating to *Port Vincent Rocks the Environment*. Page 4 has the first of articles in what I hope will be a series of articles - this one is on Creating A Coastal Garden on the Yorke Peninsula.

Sue Hall

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Sunday 1st October 2023

Creating a Coastal Garden on the Yorke Peninsula: Plants, Tips, and Pollinator-Friendly Choices

The stunning coastal areas of the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia offer a unique environment for gardening, with their coastal climate, sandy soils, and abundant wildlife. Designing a garden that thrives in these conditions requires careful selection of suitable plant species and consideration of pollinator-friendly choices. In this article, we will explore plants that are well-suited to the Yorke Peninsula's coastal areas, provide effective gardening tips, and highlight pollinator-attracting plants for a vibrant and thriving garden.

1. Native Coastal Plants:

Incorporating native plant species into your coastal garden not only ensures adaptability to the local conditions but also supports the surrounding ecosystem. Here are some excellent choices for the Yorke Peninsula:

a. Coast Sword Sedge (Lepidosperma gladiatum):

This tufted grass-like plant thrives in sandy soils and coastal conditions. It produces attractive flowers and provides habitat for butterflies and other pollinators. [Link: Native Plants of South Australia - Coast Sword Sedge](https://www.nativeplants.sa.gov.au/plant-of-the-month-lepidosperma-gladiatum)

b. Sea Box (Alyxia buxifolia):

A hardy, salt-tolerant shrub with glossy leaves and sweet-scented flowers, Sea Box attracts butterflies and other pollinators. It prefers well-drained sandy soils. Link: PlantNET -

Alyxia-Buxifolia](http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Alyxia~buxifolia)

c. Coast Daisy-bush (Olearia axillaris):

This bushy shrub boasts daisy-like flowers and silver-grey foliage. Coast Daisy-bush thrives in coastal environments, attracting butterflies and other pollinators while providing shelter for small birds.

[Link: Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) - Olearia axillaris](https://www.anpsa.org.au/o-axi.html)

2. **Drought-Tolerant Plants:**

Coastal areas on the Yorke Peninsula often experience dry spells and limited rainfall. Choosing drought-tolerant plants ensures their survival with minimal watering. Consider the following options:-

a. Coastal Pigface (Carpobrotus rossii):

Also known as "Native Pigface" or "Sea Fig," this succulent groundcover produces vibrant pink flowers and fleshy, edible fruits. It attracts butterflies and is highly drought-tolerant.[Link: PlantNET - Coastal

Pigface](http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Carpobrotus~rossii)

b. Blue chalk sticks (Senecio mandraliscae):

With its striking blue-gray foliage, Blue chalk sticks is a tough and drought-tolerant plant that adds visual interest to your coastal garden. It attracts butterflies and other pollinators. [Link: Water Use It Wisely - Senecio mandraliscae] (https://wateruseitwisely.com/blue-chalk-sticks/)

3. Pollinator-Friendly Plants:

To attract butterflies and other pollinators to your garden on the Yorke Peninsula, include nectar-rich and host plants for caterpillars. Here are some suitable choices:

a. Coastal Rosemary (Westringia fruticosa):

A compact shrub with aromatic leaves and delicate white or pale blue flowers, Coastal Rosemary attracts butterflies while providing a valuable nectar source.

[Link: Gardening Australia - Coast Rosemary

[(https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/coast-rosemary/9436636)

b. Common Everlasting Daisy (Rhodanthe chlorocephala):

This native wildflower produces masses of papery, daisy-like flowers in pink, white, or purple hues. It attracts butterflies and other pollinators and is well-suited to coastal conditions.

[Link: Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) - Rhodanthe chlorocephala](https://www.anpsa.org.au/r-chl.html)

c. Native Hibiscus (Alyogyne huegelii):

With its large showy flowers in shades of purple, pink, or white, Native Hibiscus is a magnet for butterflies and other pollinators. It prefers well-drained sandy soils. [Link: Gardening with Angus - Alyogyne huegelii](https://www.gardeningwithangus.com.au/alyogyne-huegelii-native-hibiscus/)

Tips for Growing a Successful Coastal Garden:-

- Improve soil structure and fertility by adding organic matter such as compost or well-rotted manure.
- Use mulch to retain moisture, suppress weeds, and protect the soil from erosion.
- Provide windbreaks or shelter to minimize the impact of strong coastal winds.
- Regularly monitor soil moisture levels and adjust watering accordingly, aiming for deep but infrequent watering sessions.
- Select plants suitable for your specific microclimate, as coastal conditions may vary slightly within the Yorke Peninsula.

DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know that the Port Vincent water tower lights up **every night**?

Each night the lights will remain on for 2 hours.

Water tower tours are currently unavailable due to the work being undertaken by SA Water.

Thanks to Grant Trotter and Greg Parsons for their amazing work on this project, and also to Andrew Visser for this great photo.



Stansbury Primary School News...

We are very excited to be welcoming Paddy, our Story Dog, and his owner Jane to our school. We have just become a part of the National *Story Dogs* Program that reaches over 390 schools nationally. *Story Dogs* is a fun and unique reading support program that improves children's reading and communication skills by children reading to an accredited companion dog and its handler. Students spend time with the Story Dog Team once a week, reading books and enjoying each other's company.

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Profile: JOHN GRAHAM COWELL

better known as Graham or Cowley

Born: 25th January 1936, at Lefevre Hospital, Semaphore

Died: Age 87, 4th March 2023, Ardrossan Community Hospital.

Married to Elizabeth, 30th May 1964. 58 years of marriage with 5 Boys, Andrew, David, Simon, Christopher & Matthew. Father-in-law to Sherene, Tanya & Jo, Grandpa to Kristen & Kieran, Mitchell & Jess, Jordan, Jayden, Taryn & Ryan, Jac, Sam, Layla, Leon & William. Great Grandpa to Harley & Sonny.

Step Grandpa to Michael & Jess, Christopher and Chantelle. Great Step Grandpa to Leah, Ellie, Maya and Morgan.

Primary school at Semaphore, Secondary school at Christian Brothers College, Pharmacist Apprenticeship and joined the Adelaide University Regiment with National Service.

One way ticket to Canada for 2 years on the "SS Himalaya" then started am Airline career in British Columbia. Promotion postings to Toronto, Peace River, Calgary, Vancouver and White Horse in Yukon Territory. Backpacked through UK and Europe returning home on the "SS Strathnaver" via the Suez canal in late 1960. Found a job in Adelaide at Elders Travel, then Qantas and later opening Japan Airlines (SA & NT).

In 1977, needing a change and fulfilling a dream of owning a country store, Graham, Elizabeth and family, purchased the 4-Square Store from Barry and Kelles Edwards and the "Cowells came to town" increasing the school attendance by 25% saving it from closing, and boosting the football, tennis & basketball teams and local wharf bombers.

Rebuilding of "Cowells" Four Square Store began, extensions included the areas of the current gift shop & hairdrasser and offered additional services including Banking, Lotteries and Bakery.

In 1978 Graham successfully opened and operated the "Yorke Peninsula Travel Service" providing a complete service for overseas and Yorke Peninsula residents. *The registration is on display in the current Visitor Information Office*.



A lover of fishing with good mate Des Short, there are plenty of stories of flights to Melbourne to the footy finals and numerous road trips in the red combi-van with locals.

In 1982 sold the shop to Jon and Pam Skuse and remained with the bank and travel service which included renting flats and homes. The Edwards, Skuse and Cowell families have remained close friends, over the past 46 years.

Moved from 7 Bennett Street in 1987 to gain education and jobs for the 5 boys, residing in Largs Bay then North Haven as a Security officer at Ampol, Penrice Soda and Channel 9 before returning home to Port Vincent in 2001.

A well-respected member of the parish, Justice of the Peace, and member of numerous clubs / institutions with RSL the longest and most passionate, holding positions as President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer. Others included the local CFS, Progress Association, Wooden Boat Regatta committee, Aquatics Fishing instructor & rescue boat operator.

Graham's father was the Grange Golf Club Champion in 1928 & 31. The boys have a passion for golf as well. The Town of COWELL on the Eyre Peninsula was named after a relative. Sir John Clayton Cowell, an English Hero of the Crimean War, friend of Queen Victoria, and Master of Windsor Castle.



"Rest In Peace"

"There's no free lesson in the school of experience". (Cowell 1936)

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

May 8 - Seven members attended today's meeting, and we began with our Greeting Song and minutes of the last meeting were read.

Members discussed at length the importance of keeping the group going, and many suggestions were made, together with some craft ideas thrown in the mix.

The group now has several ideas for places to go and things to see for the rest of this year, together with card making and games if members choose to stay at the hall for the day. Thanks go to everyone who provided the group with suggestions, and members then enjoyed a much needed cuppa.

Lunch of lots of yummy warming food was enjoyed, with fruit salad for dessert. A 'thinking of you' card was sent to Verna, who has been on the sick list, and also a Birthday card will be sent to Marg W., with greetings from all members,

Members were pleased with a positive outlook for the group, and look forward to lots of outings in the future.

May 22 - Nine members and two visitors attended today's get together. We sang our song, and the two pages of minutes were read, followed by a round of applause.

Verna read to us about faith, and prayers were said for Phyl, Jude and Kay for the passing of Kay's husband Patrick, from Canberra. A suggestion was made that each member bring something for show and tell at each meeting.

Members and visitors headed to Stansbury for our annual get together for Mother's Day. A very enjoyable lunch was had by all at the Blue Lime Cafe. Dessert was a specially decorated birthday sponge, made by Jeanette, to help Muriel and Janice celebrate their special days. Jeanette also made Birthday cards and flower posies for the Birthday girls. It was a most enjoyable day out, and the sun was shining, but it was still a cool autumn day.

There will be no meeting for June 12th due to it being a public holiday.

Members would love to welcome newcomers to our group, and meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Look forward to seeing new faces at our group, which meet at the Uniting Church Hall at 10am.



Photo Left: Muriel and Janice celebrating their Birthdays at the Blue Lime Cafe.

*****FISHING REPORT*****WAYNE CROUCH

Well, with winter now upon, us the usual winter species are starting to appear.

Tommies are plentiful from the jetty, just on dark. Gents and burley will get you a good feed.

Squid are plentiful from the usual spots (the Gully and Sheoak Flat), and will get better with clear water and good tides. I have noticed a few ink spots on the wharf, which is also a good sign.

I have heard of a few salmon being caught from the breakwater, but please be careful when standing on the slippery rocks, as this can be quite dangerous!

While fishing with Chris Coleman the other day, we pulled in some blue crabs, which were quite a good size. We also managed a good feed of King George Whiting, but they were very touchy and certainly not thick.

It has been brought to my attention by some concerned boat owners and residents living at the marina that the 4 knots speed limit is not being obeyed. This is an offence, and carries a hefty fine. So, please show some consideration for other people, or risk being fined.



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It's that time of year again:

Budget Night, followed by the end of the financial year, and everybody's favourite task, submitting the tax return.

It's also yet another opportunity for scammers to try to convince you that the government is just waiting to shower you with riches if you just 'click on the link'.

myGov: Eligible individuals can receive a one-time payment of \$750 to help with their living expenses.

https://mygov.au-service..icu

These types of scams have been around for a while, but at budget and tax time, they will surge as they prey on people who may be expecting a government windfall.

The scammers are hoping to harvest login credentials to facilitate identity takeover for fraudulent purposes.

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Thank you to:-Senior Constable 1st Class Kayt Howe for this information.

For further information, or to report a scam please visit www.scamwatch.gov.au or Phone 131 444

So, if you receive a text from the ATO or the Government asking you to complete a form by clicking a link, say it all together now, "IT'S A SCAM!!!!"

If in doubt, ring them on 1800 008 540 – Honestly, the people on this help line are really very friendly, and they'll soon tell you what's real and what's not.

If you want to learn more about scams, check out – www.scamwatch.gov.au.

Happy Tax Time Everyone

For further information visit - http://www.police.sa.gov.au/scams

Editor's Comment:-

This article from Kayt was a very timely reminder for me!

Shortly after receiving this information from Kayt, I received an email into my personal Telstra bigpond email account. The email certainly looked authentic.

It even had the sender's name listed as "myGov", but as I took a closer look at the email address, it *was not* from a .gov.au domain.

These scammers are very clever individuals, and it always make me wonder why they use their skills for evil, and not for good!

I thought readers might be interested in this joke.
I think sums this situation up!



VALE STEVE CORNWELL

It is with great sadness that we said farewell to Steve Cornwell, who passed away on 17th April 2023 at the age of 72yrs. *He was an integral part of our Community, and will be sorely missed.*

A great example of the phrase "Never judge the book by its cover", many people would pass Steve off without knowing him at all, but if you were lucky enough to get to know him, you would have found him to be an intelligent man with a great deal of knowledge to share, and he would willingly do so with anyone who was interested. His knowledge of our community's history was incredible.

Over the last 40 years, he tirelessly volunteered a huge amount of his time to our local Community for the benefit of us all. He was on numerous committees, advisory groups and panels in the district, as well as devoting almost 35 years to the Country Fire Service.

He was a great teacher, a good listener and a patient mediator when it was required. He didn't make ill-informed assumptions, or judge anyone without knowing all the facts.

Right up to the end, as sick as he was, he was still volunteering his time to the CFS and this community, and still talking about things that could be improved in and around our local area for the benefit of us all.

Unfortunately, time ran out too quickly, and we didn't get to glean all the valuable knowledge and experience that Steve had to offer.

It was a privilege to know him, and I for one will truly miss those enjoyable conversations we shared, about life in general, and all the changes in our community over the last 40 years.

Corny was a humble, no fuss man; no airs and graces, but remarkable in his own way. A true quiet achiever, and just a real good bloke!

Rest in Peace now Steve. Your job is done, and it's up to us to keep up your legacy.

Krysia George



The attendance at Steve's memorial service was a testament to the impact he had on the CFS and beyond.







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Make up a table and come and join us.

Great quiz masters and prizes to be won.



Members \$10.00 Entry including drinks

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BYO plate to nibble on and share with your table.



Tables can be booked for 6 – 8 adults. We would appreciate bookings by 31st May. No entry on the day if you have not booked.

To book phone Anne-Marie on 0419 867011 OR Trish on 0414 337822.

Community Information Night



Dear Community Member,

Please be advised that Rex Minerals Ltd (Rex) will be holding a community information night for the Hillside Project.

WHEN: Thursday 8th June WHERE: Ardrossan Town Hall

7pm - 8pm

The areas of focus for the night are:

- Community Community Engagement Plan (CEP)
- Businesses Expression of Interest Registrations
- Project Stage 1 Road Diversion update and drawings
- **HMCCC** Hillside Mine Community Consultative Committee

Rex intends to hold regular community information nights going forward.

All are welcome to attend.

Tea, coffee and cake/biscuits will be provided.

Call 1300 822 161 - community@rexminerals.com.au - 5 Main Street, Ardrossan 5571 - rexminerals.com.au

Community updates

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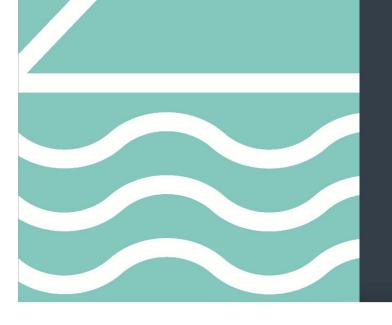


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Vacancies have become available to join the Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council (YPHAC) as a Resident Member.

This is your chance to join a group of motivated community members to advocate on behalf of the community and support the planning and provision of health services in the Yorke Peninsula.

The YPHAC aims to have an inclusive membership that is representative of our diverse and geographically dispersed communities.

Meetings are held monthly (with provision for video conferencing). Full training and ongoing support will be provided.

More information

For more information on the Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council, visit: bit.ly/YPHAC membership or scan the QR code



To enquire about becoming a Resident Member, contact Tracy Carroll on 08 8852 1200, or email tracy.carroll@sa.gov.au (Executive Officer / Director of Nursing, Yorketown Hospital & Melaleuca Court Nursing Home).

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THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC



Central Yorke Peninsula Branch





An early morning start on a cold and windy day did not deter the seven members and a guest embarking on the long awaited branch Mystery Trip on Monday 8 May.

A stop at Balaklava for morning tea, then views of farmland and grape vines led to the destination, Mintaro, in the Clare Valley. An excellent lunch at the Magpie and Stump Hotel was enjoyed before heading to the Mintaro Maze, which is closed on Mondays! So it was on to Martindale Hall, which some had visited on a previous Mystery Trip, while others were seeing it for the first time. Then it was homeward bound, with another stop at Balaklava on the way. An enjoyable day.

Spencer Group Table Day will be held at the Maitland Uniting Church on Monday 29 May, with CYP competing for the annual branch Table Competition of members' handicraft, cookery and floriculture. Individuals will enter their hand made cards, folk art and knee rugs, which will be donated to individuals on the Yorke Peninsula. Prizes will be awarded for the most outstanding piece of handicraft on a branch table, and for the most eye-catching item in the room. A pooled lunch will be shared and enjoyed, and prizes donated by branches won by lucky members.

The 5 June meeting will be the last before the July Annual Meeting, and have a winter theme. With the long break since the last business meeting, there will be a lot of correspondence from SACWA State Office to discuss.

Remember: the meeting day of the CYP Branch is now the first Monday of the month, followed by lunch and a handicraft afternoon.

Visitors are most welcome to attend all meetings.

For more information, call President Kathleen Smith on 0428 746 018, or Secretary Helen Joraslafsky on 0419 001 420.

Helen Joraslafsky - Branch Secretary





Photo Left:

L-R - Kirsty Dinnison, Barbara Buttfield, Marilyn Camp, Di Galloway, Margie Rowley, Kathleen Smith, Jenny Highett.

PORT VINCENT MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB NEWS



ANZAC Day Breakfast

The Anzac Day Gunfire breakfast was once again held at the Bowling Club after the RSL's memorial service, with over 150 patrons enjoying a delicious breakfast after an early start to the day.

Variety Bash Day

The Variety Bash Bowls Day was again a resounding success, with significant funds raised in support of Variety SA and the Car #83 Peninsula Pirates team. Many thanks to the Bowls Day co-ordinator, Peter Green, the bash team and the club volunteers, who worked tirelessly to ensure the day was enjoyable for all concerned.

Winter Bowls

Winter Bowls has resumed on Wednesday and Sunday, under the auspices of our new Bowls Co-ordinator Tom Salmon. All are welcome to come and try bowls in an enjoyable social atmosphere, or keep up practice until the next pennant season starts. Wednesdays start at 12 pm with a BBQ lunch, and Sundays at 1pm.

Friday Night Meals

With the absence of our regular Gypsy Meals team while Kathleen is overseas, the Bowling Club volunteers, led by Vanessa Germein, are providing Schnitzel teas on Friday evenings until Kathleen returns on 30th June. Chicken, Beef, Pork and Vegetarian options are available with sweets provided as well for \$20. Everybody is welcome, and if possible (but not essential), bookings can be made on sheets provided around the town (IGA and Foreshore Caravan Park) and at the club.

Service Cupboard

The service cupboard to house the urn, tea, coffee facilities and crockery has been installed on the northern wall of the Clubrooms by Salter Quality Kitchens. Thanks to a grant of \$2,050 from the AGL Wattle Point Wind Farm Community Fund, and a generous donation from the Port Vincent RSL, the impact on Club funds has been minimized.

AGM

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the PVMBC was held on 8th May, and a new Committee of seven consistent with the recommended structure from Bowls SA has been elected. Congratulations to incoming President, Greg Parsons, Secretary, Vanessa Germein and committee members, Tom Salmon, and Ricki Bruhn, to join continuing members Wayne Proctor (Treasurer), Wendy McDonald and John Gilgen.

Our thanks to our outgoing President, Roger Underwood, and Secretary, Eric Smith, along with committee members, Rosemary Button, Chris Coleman, Geoff Darling, Robert Storm, Sandra Storm and Bryan Tuttle.

Visits

The Bowling Club has hosted the Port Augusta Probus Clubs who were visiting Yorke Peninsula. We provided a two-course meal over three nights from 23rd to 25th May. Thanks again to Vanessa and our club volunteers who manned the kitchen and bar to ensure the Probus Clubs had an enjoyable time in Port Vincent.

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It is terrible news that our energy bills are set to rise in the vicinity of 25% from 1 July, placing already financially pressured households and businesses under more pressure.

To offset the impact, there will be \$500 rebates available for eligible concession holders, and \$650 rebates for eligible small businesses which will be on top of the existing state government energy concession worth up to \$263.15 in 2023-24.

The rebate will be applied directly by retailers and spread evenly across quarterly bills received in 2023-24 to make energy bills more manageable for households faced with a cost-of-living pressures.

This assistance is being jointly paid for by the State and Federal Governments - \$127.2 million each.

Households that currently receive the energy concession will automatically qualify for the additional rebate – you don't need to do anything – and others on Family Tax Benefits may also qualify meaning households that receive both the State Government concession and the one-off rebate will save up to \$763.15 in 2023-24.

Some people will be eligible for the rebate, but not concessions; they will be contacted in September 2023 about what they need to do.

It is the intention that eligible existing small business customers under the National Energy Retail Law will have the relief directly credited to electricity bills by retailers.

I have placed all the details of where to go for further information on my website - www.fraserellis.com.au

\$8,000 for SYP Community Hub

Congratulations to the Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Hub on their recent successful application under the Grants for Seniors program to secure \$8,000 for your "Community Connections" project to stage a series of events and activities.

What a worthy recipient and one deserving of any and all support, such is the difference this hub makes to so many people across the SYP district, especially the elderly, who would feel very isolated without the support the hub provides.

PORT VINCENT INFORMATION OFFICE NEWS

Winter has come, with its fantastic high tides and still, flat waters - a perfect time of the year to visit our little corner of the world. Winter also provides an opportunity to catch up and prepare for the seasons ahead, so at the VIO we've been working towards the Vincent Vitality event, to be held on October 21 here in our town hall.

This is an opportunity to gain information and connections with groups and activities, which will help us to remain vital, engaged and healthy as we age. And who doesn't want that?

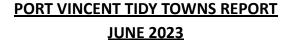
So far we've had 20 plus different groups and individuals confirm they will attend, so we're looking forward to a great event - put the date - **October 21** - in your diary.

New Yorke Peninsula tea towels have arrived, and at \$12, they are a great gift idea - a cut above the average tea towel. We're open Saturday mornings through the winter, so pop in and check them out.

Stay warm, and remember to stay connected.

Julie Searle - VIO Secretary



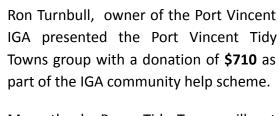


Subject to collection, the equipment being sold has all gone. What a blessing that is, as we took delivery of our new bottle/ cans collection trailer this month. It was built for us as a purpose built trailer, to save the volunteers some double handling of the collection, which will make life easier for them. At this point of time, we haven't put it to use. It was built for us by Greg Parsons who did an excellent job of it; thank you, Greg.

We are catching up on some of the backlog of jobs done around the town as things are now a bit quieter. The cemetery continues to look better as our volunteers work at it. The native well has been getting a 2nd coat of linseed oil to preserve the hand rails. Still no word on the new signage; the Narungga people are supplying that, but there has been a change of administration there, so we have to wait for them to sort it out.

The bench on the walking trail up to Smith Street has been painted, and we have replaced some broken walkway boards on the back beach walkways. A tripping hazard has been removed from the steps onto the beach on the northern walking trail, and the sign on the roadway on the northern walking trail has been painted and replaced.

Rob Searle Chairman Port Vincent Tidy Towns.



Many thanks Ron. Tidy Towns will put this to good use on one of the major community projects we are looking at for Port Vincent.

Photo: Ron presents the cheque to Tidy Towns Reps John and Trevor.



PORT VINCENT NATURAL HEALTH CENTRE

Great to be back at the Port Vincent Natural Health Centre after a brief break where I travelled overseas to visit family.

It was a wonderful chance to see family and friends again. The experience of different cultures, customs and dietary choices were highlights and learning opportunities.

Three things I would like to share from my travels;

- 1. You are what you eat. Dietary choices are important. The more good choices of the appropriate amounts of nutritious food you can make, the better for you.
- 2. Great relationships are important to your mental wellbeing. Relationships are to be cherished and carefully nourished. The benefits flow both ways. Continually work, and give to those in your social circle/network. You will reap the rewards, and you never can tell how much it will help those who receive from you.
- 3. Be active. I really enjoy the saying 'take every opportunity to be active'. The benefits to your mind and body from movement are numerous, and should be embraced everyday.

It is great to have a break, but as many of you know, it is nice to come home. I am looking forward to getting back to consulting and seeing many of you again soon.



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<u>Editor's Comment:</u> Please refer Page 3 for details of a poster design competition open to young artists.

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Editor's comment:
The above joke shows the necessity for a proofreader!



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Yorketown - Fri, 9 June Foul Bay - Tues, 20 June



With limited spaces at each workshop, go to Eventbrite to register. https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/coastal-garden-workshops-1759479

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Landscape Officers:-

Fabienne Dee on 0428 429 321, or Nick Nicholls on 0427 776 974

Kaurna Northern Sites Cultural Bus Tour

A free event for nature and sustainability volunteers and educators, June 16th 2023

Join fellow volunteers to walk on Country together with **Kaurna** man and **Cultural Educator**, **Jack Buckskin**, on this bus tour to visit sites significant in **Kaurna Culture** in the **northern-Adelaide** area.

Build on your sense of connection to culture, people, and the land, and unpack a shared understanding of cultural values.

The tour will discuss the impacting factors on Kaurna's significant sites, and encourage open and honest dialogue about developing pathways in working together for the benefit of our environment and future generations.

The tour will begin at Salisbury Watershed Conference Centre, then travel to various locations, including Port Adelaide the land of the dead – start of the Tjilbruke story, on to St Kilda Mangroves and Gawler Apex Park where a modern shield scar stands in tree site, followed by Lunch in Gawler, before heading back to the Salisbury Wetlands.

Lunch is provided. For more information and to register, visit **Eventbrite**.

Brought to you by the Green Adelaide and Northern & Yorke Landscape Boards.

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PORT VINCENT SAILING CLUB NEWS



Our 2022/23 season has come to an end. It has been a successful year with some renovations successfully completed, but more are still to come. We are hoping to complete a few more renovations, like the roof, the toilets and the kitchen, in the coming year or so.

The last race of the season was a Women's Skippers race, and it turned out to be a great race, even though the wind was light and fluky. The skippers, Brooke, Cathy, Vicki, Indi and Dennie, were ably assisted by Indigo, Paitlen and Simone as crew, and there were a few blokes who tried to help. Well done, ladies.

Presentation evening was well attended, and the catering by Fingers and Forks was just great. Thanks, Ebony. Our Learn to Sail people were recognised.

Best Junior Sailor – Indie Parsons Most Improved Junior Sailor – Liam Jacobs

Championship Trophy – Multihulls: Grinch (A. Van Arend)
T/s: Stormbird (B. Travis)

Club Person of the Year: Archie Campion; for his participation in sailing, and his work on Brindabella.

Congratulations to all our Club members, and we look forward to the next season, which will include King of the Gulf, State Titles and the amazing YP Saltwater Classic. Opening of the sailing season will be the weekend after the long weekend in October.



Photos:

Above: Lady Skippers

Below: Learn to Sail participants

Right: Ladies Day







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



In June, we continue our journey of Pentecost following our pathway to God....

The path of life leads straight ahead: I can retrace it never; the daily record which I make will stand unchanged for ever. (Anon)

God's love for us is not a love that always exempts us from trials, but rather, a love that sees us through trials. (from Sunday Journal)

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After the 10th June Long weekend, Trash/Treasure will go into winter mode, opening only for the July School Holidays:-Saturdays in July 8th, 15th, 22nd. Times 9.30am- 12.30pm

Tuesdays in July 11th, 18th. Times 10am- 12 noon.

Returning to full time Saturday and Tuesday from Saturday, 26th August.

Trash/Treasure thank those people continuing to bring in goods. There's plenty to browse for that elusive treasure.

CHURCH DATES FOR JUNE:-

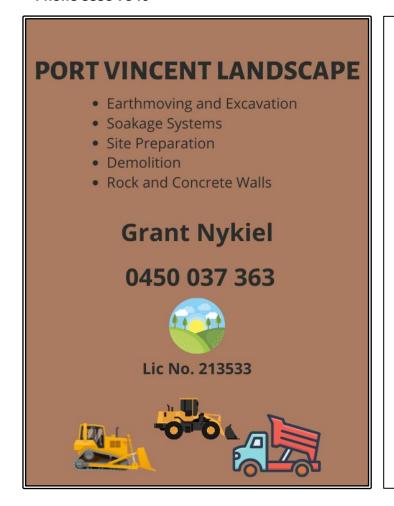
11th......11am......HOLY COMMUNION.....with Venerable Andrew Lang

25th......11am......4th Sunday will alternate between Mother Sorel and Pam.

Keep an eye on the church door for the form of service given for this day.

Pam Biggs

Phone 8853 7340





WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE YORKE PENINSULA??

To check out event information, visit the Yorke Peninsula website at:-

https://www.visityorkepeninsula.com.au/experie nces/yorke-events

or

visit the Port Vincent Visitor Information Office



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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DROP-IN CENTRE/CRAFT GROUP and OP SHOP

Everyone is welcome to call in on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12 noon for a chat, hot drink and a browse. Check out our craft section.

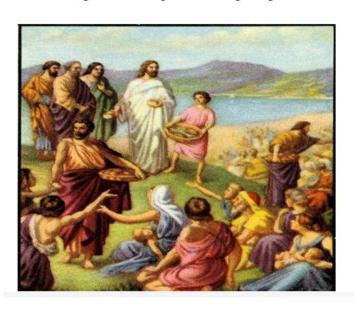


MONDAY'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

12th (public holiday) and 26th

Story of the loaves and fishes

Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is a gentle reminder to our daily Christian lives that nothing we face here on earth is too big for God, Jesus is big enough for any of our expectations, and He uses other people to bless others, and ultimately, it shows Jesus' compassion for His people.



Loaves and fishes story teaches the importance of sharing, making the most of what you have, and that Christians must place their trust in God.

VISION

CHRISTIAN MEDIA

Vision Christian Radio can be heard on the FM Band on 88.0MHz 24hrs throughout each day in Port Vincent featuring great Christian music and radio presenters.

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 June

TUESDAY:

Tidy Towns - working bees 8:30am - 12noon **Ladies' Golf** (Winter) **Trash 'N Treasure -** St Neot's 10am to 12pm

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

Winter Bowls - BBQ lunch at 12, bowls to follow

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)

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 **St Neot's Trash'n Treasure** 9:30am - 12:30pm

Water Tower Mural Tours - currently in recess

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

Water Tower Mural Tours - currently in recess

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