March 2024 PORT VINCENT - A FOCAL POINT

Issue 280



Thank you to Adam Meyer from AdBe Photography for this amazing aerial photo of the Port Vincent bay and marina

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The weather has certainly begun to warm up, finally giving ourselves a taste of summer for a few days. It's been wonderful to see our local schools in the area taking advantage of the Port Vincent Aquatics!

As we approach April, we are seeing the Saltwater Classic come together, with the committee working hard to create another signature event for the Yorke Peninsula. I am certainly looking forward to seeing the Navy Band perform, and the various boating activities and exhibitions take place to really showcase our town's love for boating and sailing. Please be on the lookout as the committee will be asking for people to volunteer on the day. Page 6 has details of the Port Vincent leg of the programme and how to enter the art competition.

The eagerly awaited updated edition of the Port Vincent History Book has been recently released, offering a comprehensive and enriched narrative of our coastal town's past. Authored by the dedicated historian, Alan Jones, this edition is a testament to his meticulous research and passion for preserving the community's heritage. Special gratitude is extended to Sue and Kirsty, whose unwavering dedication and tireless efforts played a pivotal role in bringing this edition to fruition.

It is with a heartfelt sense of gratitude and fond farewell that we extend our deepest thanks to Rob and Julie Searle. As they step into the next chapter of their lives, we want Rob and Julie to know that we are truly grateful for their contributions to our community. Their passion, enthusiasm and commitment to Port Vincent will be greatly missed.

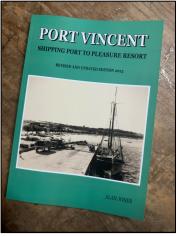
Kristan Every

Port Vincent Progress Association President

Right:

The 2023 Shipping Port to Pleasure Resort book is now available at the Visitor Information Office and the Port Vincent Newsagency. To order a copy (to be posted to you), please see details on Page 4.





Left: John and Nola Buttfield were thrilled to receive signed copies of both the original 1994 book <u>and</u> the 2023 book.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Early in February I was thinking about what my editor's comments would be about this month. Then, as usual, articles from our local groups and organisations came flooding in. And, therefore these comments are a result of the stories provided by an amazing group of volunteers. A huge thank you to all those who contact me!

Liz Lehman has written an article on preserving our local birdlife, and the devastating effect that some commercial mouse/rat baits can have on our beautiful birds. As an aside to this, please see the photo below/right of a barn owl who has made a home in a local tree. Owls have the ability to keep the mouse/rat population

under control. Let's follow Liz's example and do all we can to live in harmony with our birdlife.

On Page 15 there is an article on **Germein**, who were our headline band for Gala Day 2024. We like to call Germein (formerly Germein Sisters) locals, and having spoken to their mum Sue, I think that we might try and claim the whole family as ours, or at least Yorke Peninsula's!

It is wonderful to see the town flourishing, with loads of activities happening in March! It is a lovely time of the year, and with the warmer nights, it is a perfect time to get out and about and perhaps have a swim (I have heard that a few diehards are swimming *early each morning* rain, hail or snow (although snow is highly unlikely!).

The Parsons family and friends are running their art exhibition at the Institute over the Easter period. Please see Page 11 for the details. Our Saltwater Classic Art exhibition is happening a fortnight later - please check out Page 6.

The launch of the 2023 edition of *Shipping Port to Pleasure Resort* happened in mid-February and has been a *huge success*. The current committee wanted to acknowledge the contribution of the members of the 1994 committee who accepted the offer made by Alan Jones to take on this project. Books signed by Alan Jones were distributed to the 1994 committee members (and Rosemary Button and Shirley Mundy, on behalf of Rodney and Wayne). Kirsty Marshall, the current Progress Secretary and I travelled around Port Vincent on Saturday, 24th February delivering the books and listening to the stories told by these knowledgeable and tireless volunteers, many of whom also helped Alan Jones with the research for the new book!

If any of our readers know of the whereabouts of the relatives of *Ralph Munro, Ike Treloar or Brent Wellington*, who were also members of the 1994 committee, please contact Kirsty Marshall on <u>portvincentprogress@gmail.com</u>,or ring me on 0413 057 992. A huge thank you to Alan Jones for his contribution to the 2023 book, and also to Kirsty Marshall for her knowledge and expertise in collating the information, photos, and in particular, the indexes.

When reading the Visitor Information Office and Tidy Towns reports, you will realise that two of the town's tireless volunteers will be leaving Port Vincent this month. I know how much work Julie and Rob Searle have done around our town. Their "can do" attitude has been inspiring. I know I will miss Julie's ability with the camera. Many a time I have sent her a text asking for a photo I needed urgently (of course) for the next A Focal Point edition. Rob has been a wealth of knowledge and has always made himself available to assist with projects. I will miss his quiet nature and his amazing smile. Good luck with your next adventures, Julie and Rob - we are only 2 hours from Adelaide, so don't forget to visit!

Sue Hall - 0413 057 992 - afocalpoint2@gmail.com

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DO WHAT YOU CAN TO ENSURE PORT VINCENT IS SAFE FOR OUR NATIVE BIRDS

In the eighteen years we have lived in Pt Vincent, we have enjoyed the many and varied birds which have made our garden their "safe place". We have bird baths, nectar rich plants, low shrubs and tall trees to suit them all. In particular, a number of Australian Magpies have adopted our garden and have amused and delighted us with their antics and glorious songs.

This week, the two youngest birds, one hatched in August 2022, the other in August 2023, have both died from rodenticide poisoning after days of slow paralysis and internal bleeding all because it's easier to throw a few rat or mouse baits around the shed or under the house than to simply bait a few traps with a peanut or some peanut butter, or to make up a water bucket trap.

The parent birds are still in our garden, two years of their progeny wasted. Over the years, the number of local magpies has declined dramatically. We can all help by using safe practices around our homes and gardens, using mouse traps and bird safe snail baits.

We have just buried the youngest bird in our garden. How many more have to die a horrible death when the solution is easy? There is not much we can do about crop baiting, but at least we can keep our gardens safe for these wonderful birds.



Rats and mice are bad this summer, so for those who have to use rodenticide, Birdlife Australia recommends NOT using products with SGAR chemicals, which are slower to break down on ingestion, such as Talon, Fast Action RatSak and The Big Cheese Fast Action brands.

Instead, use products commonly available in supermarkets and hardware shops without SGARs, such as RatSak Naturals, Bayer Racumin Rat and Mouse Paste or Yates RATSAK Double Strength Bait Station.

Birdlife Australia has a comprehensive website <u>www.birdlife.org.au</u> for further reference.

Thank you to Liz Lehman for submitting this article.

COASTAL AND MARINE CONSERVATION - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO PARTICIPATE

My name is Erin Pichler and I'm doing my PhD at the University of Adelaide. I'm conducting research on the positive impact of participating in coastal/ marine conservation and restoration on individuals and communities. I am reaching out to Progress Associations along the South Australian coast to see if their members would like to participate in a short research survey.

My research requires the following types of people:-

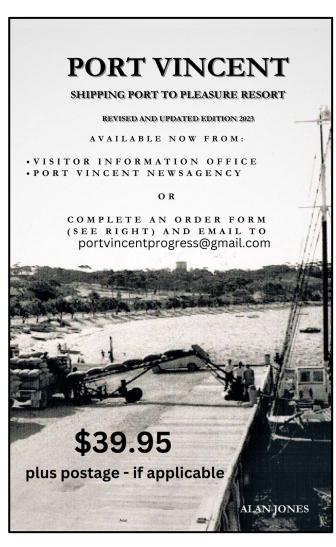
- coastal/ marine restoration and conservation volunteers
- recreational fishers
- people that don't fall into either above group

This research aims to understand the positive value that coastal restoration and conservation activities bring to individual participants and their community. The responses of *recreational fishers* and people that don't fall into either group will be used to compare to the volunteers *and are just as important*. The perspectives and experiences of your community would be very valuable to my research.

I have a brief 5-10 minute questionnaire that can be completed online. Here is a link to the survey if you wish to send it out to members: <u>Coastal and Marine Conservation</u>.

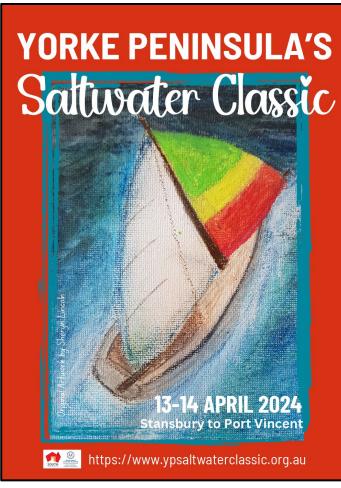
If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions, please feel free to call me on 0488555401, or email at erin.pichler@adelaide.edu.au. Note that I have human ethics approval for this research and am happy to share any additional information required.

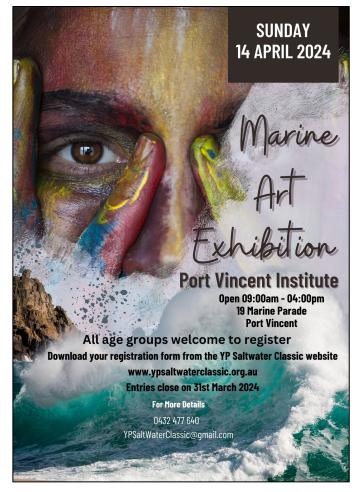
Warm regards, Erin Pichler



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payment.





PORT VINCENT MARINA DEVELOPMENT



Dockside - Port Vincent 24/2/2024

Response to Article by Charmaine Kimber in February 2024 Issue.

Dockside represents a unique and unprecedented opportunity for Port Vincent, addressing the carefully researched yet unmet needs of the Marina, Port Vincent, and the Yorke Peninsula. Our vision is to establish Dockside as a premier regional South Australian destination, providing top-tier accommodation, a diverse local culinary experience, a robust economic engine for the community, sustainable employment opportunities, and career pathways, especially for the youth of the Peninsula.

Beyond its economic impact, Dockside aims to integrate with local businesses, fostering collaboration with oyster farmers, artist galleries, wedding services, health and well-being providers, and cultural operations, thereby enriching the overall tapestry of Yorke Peninsula. We aspire to stimulate the establishment of a new ferry service between Adelaide and Yorke Peninsula, further enhancing regional connectivity. Our commitment extends to supporting both commercial and recreational boating activities.

In alignment with the Yorke Peninsula Economic Development & Tourism Strategy of 2022-2026, Dockside actively engages with the Narungga People. We seek to form partnerships that explore tourism experiences rooted in the Narungga's historical and current cultural values. Additionally, we advocate for and support the inclusion of Narungga people in the workforce through equal employment policies, promoting entrepreneurship opportunities, and showcasing Aboriginal businesses.

The innovative "Float" project, featuring coastal floating houses on 40 % of E-Row, emerged from a local community suggestion to address the persistent issue of roosting cormorants on the Marina arms. This visionary concept has garnered global attention, attracting interest and investment from individuals around the world who are eager to experience living on the sea.

Initially, Dockside had the intention to invest in the development of community land, specifically focusing on parking infrastructure at Lot 72, with the goal of enhancing the overall park and community facilities in a collaborative effort with the Narungga people and the Port Vincent community. Regrettably, that opportunity has passed. Moving forward, as Dockside progresses, we are committed to actively promoting and fostering collaboration. Together, we can pave the way for a remarkable future for Port Vincent, transforming it into an authentically special place.

Peter Villis - Development Director, Dockside Port Vincent

Editor's Comment: Thank you to Peter for this response to Charmaine Kimber's article in the February edition. If any of our readers would like to comment on either article, please email afocalpoint2@gmail.com



<u>Program of events and activities</u> Sunday 14 April 2024 at Port Vincent

Brindabella and The One and All arriving Saturday afternoon. (anchored in the bay overnight)

0830 Hrs Marina open to the public for viewing of boats.

0900 Hrs Foreshore display of classic cars and motor bikes, Hot Rods,

vintage caravans, stationary engines and Blacksmiths. Institute opens 9 am to 4pm with display of Mission X story banners from the Australian Maritime Museum, display of the construction of wooden boats and other maritime connected

Art display, Marine themed artworks

0930 Hrs Navy Band playing live music at the wharf area throughout

Model boats, both sail and power on water display.

Food stalls and Watsacowie Brewing Co.

Human powered boats move to the beach area south of the wharf, 1000 Hrs

various on water activities including kayaks etc.

On water display of speed boats. Rowing demonstration by the St Ayles Skiffs.

1030 Hrs Entrants to receive the" **Blessing of the fleet**" as they depart the marina. Piper to accompany the Blessing. Boats will be

escorted around the 'One and All' and Brindabella before

assembling in the bay.

1200 Hrs On water demonstration at the wharf, kayak Eskimo rolls, capsize

and righting dinghies, retrieval demonstration.

1300 Hrs Grand Parade of boats to proceed in the main channel to pass in front of the wharf and then passing back out the channel while smaller boats head to the beach area for viewing.

1430 Hrs Presentation of trophies at the Wharf area.

YP SALTWATER CLASSIC

13th and 14th APRIL, 2024



We are now counting the days, not the months! Boats (and person powered vessels) will travel from Stansbury to Port Vincent on Saturday, 13th April (weather permitting). Brindabella and The One and All will arrive on Saturday afternoon. Bookings for this once in a lifetime experience are available on One and All or Brindabella.

Port Vincent will come alive on Sunday, 14th April

This event will offer community members and visitors alike an amazing experience.

Check the programme of events for the Port Vincent leg (left).

You don't have to be a boatie to have some fun!

Please consider entering the Marine Art competition - details are on Page 4, and registration forms are available on the YP Saltwater Classic website:-

https://www.ypsaltwaterclassic.org.au/

Tel: 0438 524 243 or 0417 559 046 E-mail: ypsaltwaterclassic@gmail.com

For more information:

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South Australian **Tourism Commission**

THE 1994 PROGRESS COMMITTEE RECEIVED COPIES OF THE PORT VINCENT HISTORY BOOK, SIGNED BY THE AUTHOR, ALAN JONES



Dear Port Vincent Community and Holiday Makers,

I would like to thank all those who took their time to complete the online survey, attend February's meeting and took time to pen a letter to me regarding future projects in Port Vincent and prioritising these projects. Please see below a summary of the feedback we have received.

The Foreshore Playground Shade Sail

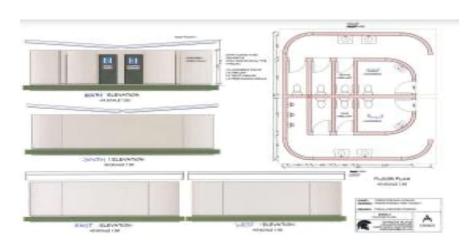
The addition of shade to the playground in Port Vincent reflects a mix of opinions. Some residents strongly support the idea, emphasizing the importance of sun protection for children and caregivers. They believe it would enhance the usability of the playground, especially during hot days when the equipment and sand become uncomfortably hot. Suggestions include a full fence and gate for safety and concerns about the playground's outdated equipment and lack of space. Some residents prioritize other projects, such as updating the playground equipment and improving fencing and gating for safety.





The Toilet Refurbishment

The refurbishment of foreshore toilets in Port Vincent reflects diverse opinions. Some residents emphasize the urgent need for demolition and rebuilding, describing the current facilities as "ugly" and a "disgrace." Others express the view that toilets are not a major priority, suggesting that funds should be directed towards more pressing town improvements. However, there is also strong support for the refurbishment, citing the outdated and tired appearance of the current amenities. Concerns about cleanliness, lighting, and accessibility have been raised, with suggestions for additional features such as baby changing areas, disabled access and outdoor showers. Some residents see the toilet project as a top priority for the town, while others feel that other initiatives, like the playground shade, should take precedence. The proposed relocation of the toilets across the road is met with mixed opinions, with some expressing safety concerns and others seeing it as an opportunity to create better public space.





The Oval Project

The feedback on the project regarding the rejuvenation of the oval in Port Vincent range broadly. Some express excitement about the prospect of transforming the underutilised space, suggesting additions like a pump track, shade, picnic tables and playground equipment. Others emphasize the need for quality turf and leveling of the oval for increased usability. Some residents feel the project is a positive addition to the town, providing alternative activities for those not interested in fishing or during low tide periods. However, concerns are raised about the necessity of supportive infrastructure, like toilets, and questions about the oval's visibility and usage. Suggestions range from making it a family-friendly space with a new cricket pitch to emphasizing the foreshore amenities instead.

From here I have been very fortunate to have met with Nick at the council to share our community feedback and concerns. Whilst we embark on the next step, please be patient with us – remember Rome wasn't built in a day.

We are looking to have these concepts printed and displayed during the Saltwater Classic Event. Please remember these are at concepts and are always available for feedback and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Kristan Every
PVPA President





PORT VINCENT MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB



Pennant Bowls

The club has had mixed success in the various competitions this year with our current standings as follows: -

Division 1 Ladies - 5 wins and 10 losses, currently in 7th position;

Division 1 Open
 9 wins and 3 losses, currently in 2nd position;

Division 2 Open
 5 wins and 5 losses, currently in 6th position;

Wednesday Pennants - Port Vincent Black will play in next weeks' Preliminary Final

Wednesday Pennants - 2 wins and 10 losses, currently in 13th position (PV Gold).

The Division 1 Open team have finished in the top two, ensuring a double chance in the finals. In the Wednesday Pennant Competition, Port Vincent Black have advanced to the Preliminary Final and will play Warooka at Edithburgh on 28th February. The Division 1 Ladies team also had a great win against Stansbury (second on the ladder) on 15th February.

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 still available every Friday night.

Club Facilities

All chairs have recently been replaced in the clubrooms and a new deep fryer has been purchased and installed. New bar stools have also been purchased which can be used on the viewing deck outside.

Events

The club recently catered for the "King of the Gulf" sailing group, providing two meals for approximately 170 people, including the Presentation Dinner at the Bowls Club on 12th February. This was very successful due to the efforts of our club members. Lots of positive feedback was also received from those who attended. The Men's Medley tournament was held on 13th February with 72 players competing – another very successful day. Upcoming events include a club dinner on 24th February, following the last minor round game, and an end of season wind up on 16th March.

Ricky Bruhn PVMBC



Left:
Marion Bowling
Club team
members, the
winners of the
Men's Medley
tournament.

Right: Runners Up, a combined team from Port Vincent.









3 GENERATIONS AND FRIENDS EASTER ART EXHIBITION

PORT VINCENT "INSTITUTE OF ART" Friday, 29th March until Monday, 1st April Open daily from 10am to 4pm

Featuring paintings, sculpture, fibre art, jewellery and high quality alpaca products.

A great display of blacksmith and lost art skills work will be a highlight.

The exhibition is your opportunity to see first hand the outstanding skills and talents of Yorke Peninsula artisans.

Allyson, Henry and Bruce Davey have all been winners at the Victor Harbor Rotary Art Show. Henry will have a number of small pieces of Plein Air paintings on show.

The very talented Alan Borg continues to amaze us with his unique and outstanding driftwood sculptures, a must for you to see.

Other talented SYP artists, Mark Short, Vanessa Murdoch, Marie Parsons and Terry Braund add their artistic skills to the exhibition.

We welcome a new exhibitor, Greg Hall, to our exhibition. Greg will have his lovely acrylic paintings on show.

This will be an exhibition well worth coming to see, and an opportunity to speak with the artists.

Marie Parsons

February 2024

PORT VINCENT UNITING CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES MARCH 2024

Every Sunday at 10am ALL WELCOME Please refer to noticeboard at the front of church

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



MONDAY'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

March 11th (public holiday) and 25th at 9.45am.





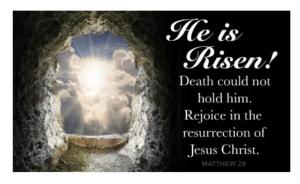
LENT

40 days plus Sundays before Easter. A time to prepare to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Try to focus on prayer, fasting and giving.

......Worship, Reflection, Reading the Scriptures, Time Outside to view God's Creation, Feasting and Conversation.



"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. John 11:25-26



Whatever lifts your spirits, brings you hope and fills you with the miracle of Easter are wishes to everyone this Easter.



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



Month of March brings Easter...

O God, like no other day, this is the day which you have made, which gives significance to all our days. May we receive it in all of its glory and all of its power — this day that affirms that life is going somewhere and that even nails and a cross cannot stop it.

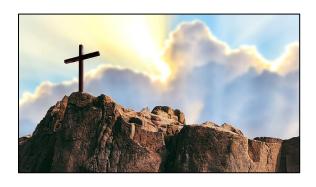
Amen

Too many people have the mistaken idea that Christianity takes all the joy out of life, but the Bible teaches that living for the glory of God puts joy into life.

Gracious Father, accept the thanks of our hearts
For your many blessings freely given to us:
For the grandeur of nature,
For the glory of light,
For the fragrance of flowers,
For the song of the birds,
For the majesty of the sea,
For the Lear night skies,
For the colour of the landscape,
and for all your great goodness,
Lord, we praise you. Amen.

Verses taken from a Sunday Journal.

As you enjoy the Easter Weekend, Easter eggs and hot cross buns, take a minute or two to reflect on what past and present Easters mean to you. Have happy and safe travels this Easter season.



CHURCH DATES FOR MARCH:-

Lent began February 18th through to March 24th which is Palm Sunday beginning of

Holy Week. March 28th Maundy Thursday. March 29th Good Friday, Easter Day March 31st.....

10th......11am......Watch door for service

24th......11am...... " " " "

31st EASTER DAY SERVICE......

As this goes to print, the roster for church services for March was unavailable.

Mother Sorel is acting Locum to the Ministry District until the process of a Ministry District Priest has been completed.

Saturdays (9.30am—12.30pm), and Tuesdays (10am—12noon) Trash/Treasure has had some record days in takings and has been great for the church and garden alike. There are bargains galore, and thank you to those people leaving things at the door or calling in with goods. Just remember, no electrical goods can be accepted, just clean clothing, etc.

So do come in and browse for that elusive treasure.

Update on Community Garden - tomatoes and Silverbeet, herbs available. Please take a little break to come and water the plants. This would be a great help to Bob and me. Thank you.

We would love to hear from anyone interested in helping where they can.

Pam Biggs - 8853 7340

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC



Central Yorke Peninsula Branch

(Amalgamating Curramulka, Minlaton & Pt Vincent Branches)



The February meeting, the first of the new year, reviewed the progress of several now long-term branch projects, and recent functions, with planning for the next few months. The roll call topic, 'recollections of your marriage proposal', revealed that the traditional one-knee formal proposal was not so common.

Branch nominations for 2024/25 SACWA State and Spencer Group positions were decided, and Helen Joraslafsky elected as branch delegate to the SACWA March State Council, to be held at Auburn on March 4 and 5.

Because the scheduled meeting date for March clashes with State Council, and no other date in March is suitable, the next branch meeting will be held on Monday, 8 April.

Pooled lunch was enjoyed, with members catching up after the holidays.

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

Helen Joraslafsky Branch Secretary

Editor's Comment: What a fascinating roll call topic!



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GERMEIN

Port Vincent was extremely fortunate to have this amazing group perform at our recent New Year's Day Gala Day. These talented sisters, Georgia, Ella, & Clara Germein have a very special bond both on and off stage. They were the headline act at the New Year's Eve fireworks at Elder Park, and thankfully they adjusted their busy schedule to ensure that they could be at Port Vincent.

The girls grew up jamming together on their family farm in the Adelaide Hills, raised on the records of B.B. King, Van Morrison, and Cat Stevens.

Georgia, a gifted songwriter, won her first of seven Young Composer's Awards at the age of eleven. In high school, as her calibre of songs increased, she sought to create a band to showcase her songs. She taught herself the guitar, while Ella taught herself the bass, and as nobody played the drums yet, Clara, who was working as a surfing instructor at the time, taught herself the drums.

The girls' parents grew up on Yorke Peninsula. Sue (mum) came from Maitland, and her maiden name was Clasohm. Their dad, Tim Germein, grew up in Minlaton, and played football for the Minlaton Football Club. Sue worked as a midwife at the SYP hospitals.

Georgia, Ella, & Clara have had holidays at Port Vincent since they were born, and remember enjoying swimming lessons in the school holidays and teaching swimming in later years. Sue and Tim still have the family shack at Port Vincent (Tim's dad built the shack). Their Auntie, Clarry Baker, also owned the Ventnor Hotel.

The trio's single 'Good For A Girl' was recently announced as 3rd place winner in the International Songwriting Competition for Best Unsigned Artist, and Honourable Mention for Best Lyrics, out of 21,000 entries worldwide.





'Good For A Girl' touches on the personal challenges they've faced being an all-female band in today's music industry.

Germein were shortlisted in the Top 6 Unsigned UK Acts in a competition run by HOAX to open for Ed Sheeran on the closing night of his record-breaking Divide World Tour. They also won Most Popular Pop Artists in the South Australian Music Awards 2019 & 2020. As part of the 2020 bushfires in Australia, the band hosted a Bushfire Benefit Concert, raising funds for the South Australian Country Fire Service and Fauna Rescue SA.

There have been many highlights for the sisters, but touring Australia and Asia with Irish supergroup The Corrs was definitely one of the biggest thrills for the band. Having their mum Sue along to share the experience made it even more exciting. Sue told me that she had an amazing time!

They have performed in the Garden of Unearthly Delights at the Fringe in previous years. Also, they were chosen to represent Australia at the Vietnam Festival, and due to this, they were lucky enough to meet our then Governor, and even learnt words in Vietnamese from him. When the group were at Auburn last year, Frances Adamson came up to see them perform at one of their gigs. The sisters are also thrilled to have been recently announced as the opening act for Sting and Blondie on their UK and Ireland tour mid-June 2024.

Don't miss out on seeing Germein perform with

Tom Jones - opening in Adelaide on

26th March, and then touring Australia with him.

FISHING REPORT

Well, summer fishing is at last with us, with all of the usual species prevalent.

Blue crabs are thick and in prime condition, full of meat. Boaters and rakers are getting an easy feed, and also off the wharf with a drop net.

King George are not reliable at the moment. They appear to be in small pods and not large schools, so a lot of shifts seems to be the best way to catch a feed.

Garfish are thick, both for rod and dabbers. Most are of good size - use gents for bait.

Tommies and gar are available from the wharf at night as well as the odd snook. They are also taking trolled jigs around the oyster lease area.

At right is a photo of a large flathead caught by Janine H. A great fisher, or maybe a bit lucky????

Tight Lines, Wayne Crouch









PORT VINCENT SAILING CLUB

February started with a Cup Race, followed by King of the Gulf, Commodores Trophy, Police Credit Union race and a Cup Race. KOG was exciting as 2 local boats competed successfully. Elementary, G. Hackett won the Trailerables State Titles and FifiV was first in the Trailerables Yacht KOG. Well done to the skippers and crews.

Then FifiV backed up that win by joining in the club race in the afternoon. In the Trailers, FifiV, B Lawrie was first, and Amante, A. Slater was second. In the Mossies, Grinch, A Van Arend was first and Splashes of Brilliance, D. Le Feuvre second.

18 February race was race 2 sponsored by the Police Credit Union. In the Trailers, Stormbird, B. Travis, first and Amante, A Slater second.

25 February race was a Cup Race. 1st, Cripple Creek Ferry, R Cook, 2nd Vostok, K Campion. Mossies: 1st Curlew, G. Illman, 2nd Grinch, A. Van Arend.

Our Iwannasail program is going well with around 8 participants taking part each Sunday, coached by Dan Player, with help from Michael Cook.

PVSC boat, Elementary, was also involved in the Port Lincoln Week. While not featuring in the top results, Greg and his crew experienced lots of varying weather conditions and racing as well as lots of socialising.

Coming up, we have State Titles on the March long weekend. These races include classes like 505s, NS14s, Tazars and other fast, competitive dinghies.

Our season will culminate with the YP Saltwater Classic on 13 and 14 April. This event is looking good with lots of entries already.

Check out our Facebook pages for details.



Above: Trailable State title winners, Greg Hackett, Elementary and Kim Campion



Above: Trailable Yacht, King of the Gulf



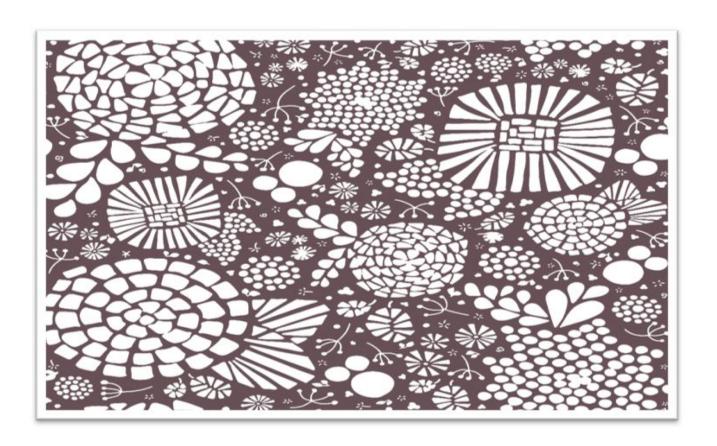
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COASTGUARD SAF10 - PORT VINCENT



Late January call out to assist large vessel 2 pob, stuck on middle spit. Vincent Star and 3 crew attended and towed in.

Call from CG Adelaide of boat with flat battery on middle spit. Seahound and 2 crew assisted and towed in, 4 pob.

In February, local boat called for assistance out from Gulf Club, 2 pob. Vincent Star and 3 crew attended and towed into Port Vincent marina.

Call to assist boat North of Stansbury, 1 pob. Seahound and 2 crew attended and towed into Stansbury. An overdue yacht into Port Vincent was located for CG Adelaide. Forgot to log off.

MYASA Sailing Club visited Port Vincent for 4 days of racing events.

Coast Guard provided Friday dinner and 2 breakfasts for the large group of sailors.

Safety By All Means,

M. Taylor FAO SAF10 Editor's Comment: Our SAF10 has had 6 assists January 1st to mid-February. This group of volunteers do an amazing job for our community.

Editor's Comment: Thank you to Ron and Peta from the IGA for advertising, and therefore supporting our newsletter. Our local IGA will be advertising for the next 12 months.

PORT VINCENT ENTRY ROADS

Patrick Goldsworthy's report in the 20th February edition of the Country Times outlines the roadworks/upgrades to both Lime Kiln Road and Port Vincent Road.

This is great news for our town, which was acknowledged by local councillor Trevor Clerke. Trevor mentioned that "members of the community are very happy this is happening..."

YP Council CEO, Andrew Cameron spoke of the roadworks "significantly improving road safety..."

It is wonderful to see such a huge investment of funds spent on our town by the YP Council.

This is a good news story, and will be very much appreciated by both residents and visitors.

Our local state member of parliament, Fraser Ellis continues to speak to the state government to push for a turn left/slip lane at the northern entrance to the town (on St Vincent Highway) - (see next page for further details).

We would really appreciate any letters of support for this much needed slip lane - please email afocalpoint2@gmail.com





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New year in full swing

We've already had two busy Parliament sitting weeks in February and we are back in the chamber next week again for a session that is looking just as productive.

I've had opportunity to speak about the need for more turning lanes off our highways in order to enter coastal communities such as Port Vincent and Hardwicke Bay more safely, especially during busy harvest periods that coincide with summer holidays. The Motion called for recognition of the danger of vehicles needing to slow down to a safe turning speed on a highway to turn into townships, and the need for investment in a dedicated Turning Lane Fund; (I have since had subsequent positive talks with Minister for Regional Roads Geoff Brock MP so we will now watch this space).

Other speeches have included my seeking an update on the future for Ardrossan Hospital Accident and Emergency Unit; the need for action to address impacts of increasing numbers of vehicles and campers on Yorke Peninsula beaches; and the need for increased support for local ambulance volunteers, highlighting the current very low number of officers (11) to cover Yorke Peninsula south of Minlaton. Whilst it is hoped recruitment can occur, it is crucial that our hard-working volunteers receive additional support from paramedics.

New laws banning election corflutes on public infrastructure passed in the first sitting for the year, in a Bill that I supported on behalf of the community. Judging by feedback, the majority view is that such signage is wasteful, bad for the environment, unsightly and unnecessary; whilst this outcome means we will no longer see signs with candidate pictures on street poles, corflutes will still be allowed to be hung outside polling booths and on private property (with consent) so I believe there's appropriate balance.

I also report debate on both my bills that I have previously presented – the Motor Vehicle (Number Plates) Amendment Bill and the Mining (Land Access Inquiry Recommendations) Amendment Bill – were adjourned.

Please visit my website www.fraserellis.com.au for videos of all my Parliament speeches (refer Parliament tab), and also for open grant opportunities (refer Grants tab).

I also remind the \$100 Sports Vouchers program is back for 2024, open to all school aged children up to Year 9 to assist parents/carers pay for sport subs, swim and dance lessons and, for the first time, Scouts and Girl Guide fees. More info: www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

PORT VINCENT INFORMATION OFFICE NEWS

January went by very quickly and February has been a blur! There continues to be a good number of grey nomads around the town looking for bits and pieces of information. We've been very fortunate with volunteers to cover this period, and I must thank them for their diligence and support of the VIO.

Thanks to grant funding received from the Yorke Peninsula Council, we were able to seek assistance from Artlab Australia to restore a map kindly donated by Colin Germein. Our thanks to Yuhong Zhang, Paper Conservator at Artlab, and to the Yorke Peninsula Council.

A huge thank you to Doug Le Feuvre for travelling to Adelaide to drop off and pick up the map, and for his amazing work framing the map.

Pop into the Visitor Information Office to check out the map and see how much our town has changed in the past 60 years!

Right:

Doug Le Feuvre with the Port Vincent town map - circa 1960s.

PORT VINCENT INFORMATION OFFICE MARINE PARADE (opp the wharf) Opening Hours - School Terms Monday 10:30am t0 12:30pm Tuesday closed Wednesday closed Thursday closed Friday 10:30am t0 12:30pm Saturday 10:30am t0 12:30pm Sunday closed Opening Hours - School Holidays Monday 10:30am t0 12:30pm Tuesday closed Wednesday 10:30am t0 12:30pm Thursday closed 10:30am t0 12:30pm Friday Saturday 10:30am t0 12:30pm Sunday closed

This will possibly be my last report as we head to the city for the next phase of life. One cannot help but miss the beach and the people of Port Vincent, and we certainly will. No doubt we will see you all at the Saltwater Classic - gather round and support the return of this event.

Cheers Julie Searle - Secretary





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A HEALTHY TRANSITION INTO AUTUMN

As we officially enter Autumn, the days shorten, the leaves start to change colour and the air turns crisper. Autumn offers us the opportunity to embrace its unique charm while also prioritising our health and well-being.

With the transition from summer, it's essential to adapt our habits and routines to support our bodies and minds during this seasonal shift, to help maintain a healthy lifestyle and thrive through the autumn months.

1. Nutritious diet:

Autumn brings an abundance of seasonal fruits and vegetables rich in nutrients and antioxidants. Incorporate favourites such as pumpkins, squash, apples, pears, sweet potatoes, and kale into your meals to nourish your body and support immune health. Try experimenting with hearty soups, roasted veggies, and warm salads to enjoy the flavors of the season while providing your body with essential vitamins and minerals.

2. Stay Active Outdoors:

While the days may be getting shorter, the weather is cooler, encouraging us to stay active outdoors. Take advantage of the beautiful autumn scenery by going for walks, hikes, or bike rides on your local parks, paths or nature reserves. Engaging in outdoor activities not only helps maintain physical fitness, but also boosts mood, reduces stress levels and allows you to fully appreciate the splendor of the season.

3. Mindful Self-Care:

As we transition into autumn, it's an opportunity to prioritize self-care practices that promote relaxation and well-being. Dedicate time each day for activities that bring you joy and relaxation, whether it's reading a good book, sitting in the sun, practising yoga or meditation, or indulging in a warm bath with essential oils. By taking care of your mental and emotional health, you'll better equip yourself to navigate the seasonal changes with grace and resilience.

4. Boost Immunity:

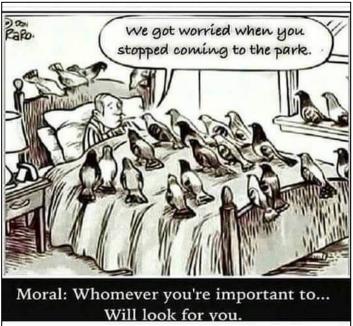
With colder temperatures and the onset of flu season, it's crucial to take proactive steps to support your immune system. In addition to eating a nutrient-rich diet and staying active, prioritise adequate sleep, stay hydrated, and consider a chiropractic consultation to ensure good neurological functioning. Practising good hygiene, such as washing your hands regularly and avoiding close contact with sick individuals, can also help reduce the risk of illness.

As we bid farewell to summer and embrace the arrival of autumn, we encourage you to prioritise your health and well-being. By nourishing our bodies with seasonal foods, staying active outdoors, practising mindful self-care, and boosting immunity. We can thrive during this beautiful and transformative season.

Here's to a healthy and vibrant autumn ahead!

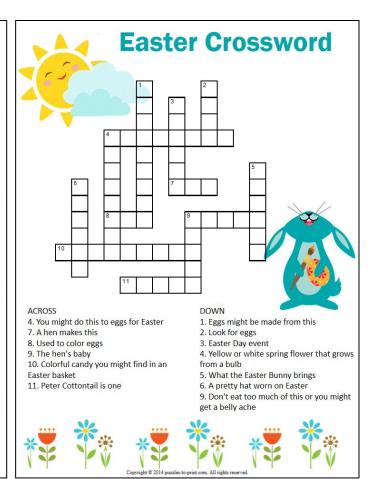
Dr Barry Steele, Chiropractor Port Vincent Natural Health Centre













STANSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

With our combined Sports Day around the corner, what better way to learn the correct technique for discus and shot put but to invite an expert in. And what an expert he is!!! Hugo Taheny, or as the children like to call him, *Rockstar*, worked with us over two sessions.

Before his visit, we watched the story that the Channel 10's Project produced, giving us a better understanding of the hard work, practice and dedication that Hugo has put in, resulting in him beating his own personal bests and world records. We loved seeing all his medals on the show and we had many questions for when Hugo arrived.

The children were bursting with excitement to meet him. They were so focused as they listened to Hugo share some of his experiences, awards and achievements. Then he demonstrated how to throw both the discus and the shotput, giving us the technique and tips along the way. Who knew there was so much to think about when throwing!! With all his helpful tips under our belt, the children practised both throws, receiving individual feedback along the way. Thank you to Hugo's parents, Louise and John, for assisting Hugo. We really appreciated your time, and the knowledge you have shared with us. We can't wait for Sports Day to show off our new skills!!







Above:

2024 SA Young Australian of the Year nominee, Hugo Taheny.

Above Left:

Hugo and Stansbury Primary School students Left:

Hugo shows the students the technique needed for shot put and discus.





TIDY TOWNS - FEBRUARY REPORT

Well folks, this is my last report as this time next month Julie and I will be living in Adelaide. A bit of a culture shock for us as we have never lived in a city before.

Things have become quieter with the school holidays finished. We have caught up on the backlog of cans and bottles to be sorted. This week we catered for the Port Vincent Auto and Tyre clearing sale, which went very well. We sold out of all we had which was good. We wish Geoff and Robyn all the best for their retirement as it is well deserved.

We hope to start work on the playground painting this week. The cemetery is pretty much done, other than keeping it tidy, which will be done as required.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of Tidy Towns as a volunteer. I have enjoyed the commitment immensely. I believe everyone should contribute to the community in some way or another, and this has been my contribution, trying to maintain the legacy set down by those who have gone before.

Keep up the good work all you fellow volunteers. I will miss your smiling faces and the efforts that you put into keeping the town tidy.

Cheers for now,

Rob Searle Chairman Port Vincent Tidy Towns.

Editor's Comment: Rob we will miss you, and in particular your "can do" attitude! You have been an amazing volunteer, and more importantly you are a very special and treasured person.



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY:

Monday's Fellowship Group - Uniting Church Hall 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 6th April 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

8th February - 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

If the time, day or venue for your meetings has changed, or if your club etc has ceased to meet, this page will need to be updated.

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