

## PORT VINCENT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION — South Australia

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### PVPA PRESIDENT REPORT - NOVEMBER 2021

How can it be November already? I feel that this year has just disappeared before our eyes! Christmas is looming and it's almost time to dust off the Christmas decorations.

On that note, this Christmas season the PVPA is hosting a Christmas Lights Competition! We encourage everyone to get festive, and decorate your home/yard and businesses for a chance to win cash and prizes across three categories:-

- Novelty
- Religious
- Business

**Look out for the registration form and register your address, so that the judges don't miss you, and you don't miss out on the chance to win!!**

The PVPA are planning a handful of children's pop up activities over the Christmas School Holidays, including the popular Plaster Fun House, usually seen on Gala Day. Please keep an eye out for an itinerary in the December issue of the AFP, on the Port Vincent Facebook, Instagram & website [www.portvincent.org.au](http://www.portvincent.org.au)

Remember this Christmas, that by shopping local where possible, you are supporting local business and their families. Keeping shops and facilities open in our small communities is paramount for our future.

A big thank you to the retiring Visitor Information Office Co-Ordinator, Sue Pike, who has dedicated 10 years of voluntary time to the Port Vincent Visitor Information Office. Sue has been a part of the VIO from the very beginning, and has managed a team of volunteers to keep the office open and available for the town's visitors.

**Congratulations Sue on all your achievements with the VIO. All your hard work has been greatly appreciated.**

For further VIO Information, please refer to Page 5.

We hope that this month will see the beginning of the resurfacing of the Tennis Courts. This will see a synthetic tennis court and an acrylic surfaced multi court available for public use by the Christmas holidays, thanks to the ORSA Grant funding.

With Covid restrictions easing, and interstate borders re-opening, we expect we will see an increase in Covid-19 cases in SA. Please remember to follow the recommendations of SA Health, and not become complacent. *Even those fully vaccinated can still carry and pass on the virus.*

Keep washing those hands, and wearing masks for now (as annoying as they are), so that we can all enjoy our family time this Festive season.

**Michelle Twelftree - President**

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## **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Readers of the A Focal Point have probably realised that we always endeavour to reflect positivity in the articles published each month. Although confronting and emotive, I feel that the issue of the cormorants is something that needs to be addressed. Urgent action is needed! Over the past months, the devastation that has been caused by cormorants to the trees and infrastructure on the Port Vincent foreshore has been evident. This is an issue that affects each and every resident and business in Port Vincent. Gone are the relaxing strolls taken on the foreshore at dusk for visitors and residents alike. The BBQ areas are not the inviting places they once were. The stench is overwhelming, coupled with the fear of "wearing" cormorant excrement and returning home in a hurry! To see these beautiful trees dying is so upsetting, especially when this could be resolved by urgent action from the Dept of Environment. *These pine trees are an iconic feature of the foreshore areas of both Port Vincent and Stansbury, and we must ensure that they are protected - just as much as we protect our wildlife!*

Our councillors, council employees, and our local member of parliament, Fraser Ellis, have all been endeavouring to find a solution over the past months. This is not an easy task, and they need your help! I urge readers to write, email, or call National Parks and Wildlife Manager, Yorke and Mid North, Craig Nixon. **Craig's contact details, and further information on this issue can be found on Page 3.**

On a brighter note, this edition of A Focal Point contains *positive wildlife news*. This includes the return of Stretch, the injured pelican, to the Port Vincent back beach (Page 6), and the rescue of the endangered Hooded Plover at Port Victoria (Page 23).

The update of the Port Vincent history book, *Port Vincent - Shipping Port to Pleasure Resort*, is in its final stages of compilation. Alan Jones has done an incredible job sourcing information. However, he still requires your assistance. Please check out Page 11, and see if there is any way you can make a contribution to this updated version. Your Progress Association is hoping that the book will be available in early 2022!

Thank you to readers of A Focal Point who have contacted me in the past month. I would love to hear *from you* with your stories/articles and any comments.

**Also, if you know of any future events please contact me so that these can be added to the Port Vincent Calendar of Events. Please email:- [afocalpoint2@gmail.com](mailto:afocalpoint2@gmail.com)**

**Sue Hall**

**Editor - 0413 057 992**

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# **CORMORANT CRISIS - URGENT ACTION NEEDED**

As a result of the increasing cormorant numbers, and the damage they have caused, and continue to cause, a recent article in the Country Times highlighted the debate that took place at a recent council meeting. A motion was moved by Councillor O'Brien to survey residents about the option to remove the pine trees at both Stansbury and Port Vincent. I have been advised that the intent of this motion was to highlight that *urgent action is required by the Dept of Environment* regarding this problem. *To remove the trees is not considered to be a viable option.*

Councillor O'Brien has stated "I felt by asking the residents of the towns their feelings and thoughts about the cormorants and Norfolk Island pine trees, Council will be able to make informed decisions going forward on this issue." The positive feedback from Cr O'Brien is that "the Council will Workshop this issue and discussion will be focussed around getting expert opinion as to the next step".

Our councillors and council employees have been working tirelessly **over many years** to control the cormorant numbers. *However, the birds are breeding at a rapid rate, and the current limit set by the Dept of Environment on the number of birds that can be culled is not sufficient to keep the birds under control.* Councillor Michael Murdock has stated that culling does not seem to be working, and that "to get to the source of the problem, it may be necessary to destroy the eggs". All those who are endeavouring to solve this problem realise that this is a long-term solution. But, our beautiful trees are currently under huge stress (not to mention the damage that is being done to the shade sails and other infrastructure).

Our local State Govt MP, Fraser Ellis, also recognises that this is a huge issue for both towns. Fraser has outlined the steps he has taken, and his ongoing attention to this matter on Page 8. Port Vincent Progress, and Tidy Towns, have written separate letters to the YP Council asking what their future plans are for addressing the issue. ***Your official representatives are working for you!***

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO? - PEOPLE POWER IS NEEDED**

**You can voice your individual concerns to those who have the ability to resolve this issue.**

Please contact Craig Nixon, National Parks and Wildlife Manager, Yorke and Mid North (contact details below) to voice any concerns you may have about this issue.

**Email: [craig.nixon@sa.gov.au](mailto:craig.nixon@sa.gov.au) or Phone: 8841 3408**

If emailing Craig, please copy your local councillors and Fraser Ellis into the email:-

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**Right: A photograph of shags in the Norfolk Island Pines along the Port Vincent foreshore. This photo was taken by a local resident on Wednesday 20th October at 6:10 am.**





# PORT VINCENT MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB



The Southern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association competition has begun in earnest, with three games having been played to date by the Saturday Open and the Thursday Ladies. The Mid Week Wednesday competition has played two games.

Our club, currently basking in the 2021 double premiership by the Open Division One and the Ladies Division One, has yet to establish dominance in the competition. The Open Division One has played 3 and won 1, and the Ladies Division One has played 3 and won 2.

In the Mid Week Wednesday Competition, our Gold team has played 2 and won 1, whilst the Black team has yet to win despite valiant efforts by all.

Our Open Division 2 Gold and Black teams have won two of the three games played. Both play each other on October 30, so that should be an interesting tussle.

The Ladies Division 2 two side has won 1 of the three played.

The competitive spirit is alive a well in our club, and when our sides are settled, with more players being available, the expectation is that PVMBC will become again a very respected opponent within the SYPBA competition! GO MARINERS!

The recent resignation of our President, Trish Baum, because of ill health, rocked the Club. In her relatively short term, Trish has given unstintingly of her time to benefit the club, has provided a sage and balanced view on Club issues, and has provided sound advice on bowling matters based upon her extensive experience. She will be missed in that position. Our members extend our thanks to Trish, wish her a full recovery, and look forward to seeing her playing bowls again.

Besides bowls, the Club has a very busy schedule in the coming months, and it is a credit to the members who have shown resilience, purpose and *Club commitment* to successfully manage future events. These include a Patroness Day on Oct 27: a Schnitzel Night on Nov 4: a Ladies' Invitation Day on Nov 23: a catered Christmas Dinner for 80 members of the Australian Caravan Club on Nov 27: a Club Tournament on Nov 28 and a Members' Christmas Lunch on Dec 12.

ALSO, Twilight Bowls starts on Thursday 28 October with a sausage sizzle beforehand to provide both participants and non-participants with a delicious start to the night. We look forward to the mayhem as Chris Coleman dexterously, in his inimitable style, arranges teams from those looking for a most enjoyable and fun-filled experience.

***Our Twilight Bowls program will continue until March 2022. All are welcome!***

Roger Underwood  
Secretary  
PVMBC

## **PORT VINCENT VISITOR INFORMATION OFFICE**

After almost 10 years in the Chair, I have decided to retire from my beloved VIO. The decision was not taken lightly, but it's now time for me to pursue other opportunities.

Grahame and I had travelled in our caravan for 4.5 years before finding Port Vincent. We came to visit friends we had made on our trip. The following week we returned to Port Vincent and bought our block of land, sold our home in Sydney, and the rest is history.

As travellers, we understood the need for a VIO, so the idea was born. PVPA gave permission for us to use the Institute for our brochures etc. We manned the institute each weekend. When the hall was hired, we would need to pack everything up and put it away, and then the next weekend we would unpack and look after our visitors.

When Tidy Towns moved out of their shed on Marine Parade and moved to Bennett Park, we seized the opportunity. Tidy Towns filled in the holes in the walls, sealed the building, put a glass door and window in, and we were up and running. Volunteers at Tidy Towns did a wonderful job for us, and we are truly grateful for their input, building skills, and the generosity of their time and labour.

The rest is history. We have been in our home for a long time now, and we are still looking after visitors. I congratulate our Volunteers for a job well done, and wish everyone the very best for the future of the VIO.

*Sue Pike*



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

**PORT VINCENT  
VISITOR INFORMATION OFFICE**

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# PORT VINCENT PELICAN RESCUE OPERATION COMPLETED

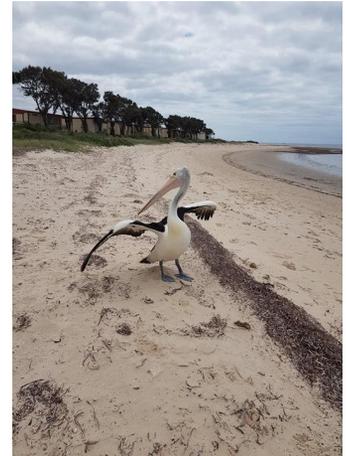
Thanks to the amazing skills and dedication of AMWRRO volunteers, Stretch was returned to the back beach at Port Vincent on Saturday, 16th October. A huge thank you to Pamela for making another trip to Port Vincent.

Thanks also to Faye Coleman for taking a photo of Stretch after his release from the cage.

**As you can see, he wasn't in any hurry to fly away!**

AMWRRO is volunteer organisation that relies on donations from organisations and the public. If you can't afford to donate, you could perhaps think of other ways to raise funds for this amazing organisation. Check out their donation website for details:

<http://www.amwrro.org.au/get-involved/donate-to-amwrro>



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## Central Yorke Peninsula Branch

(Amalgamating Curramulka, Minlaton & Pt Vincent branches)



Guests enjoying the SACWA Spencer Group Garden Party.



Thirty ladies, representing all six SACWA branches in Spencer Group, enjoyed the sunshine, food and fellowship at Central Yorke Peninsula Branch's October Garden Party.

A Quiz about The Garden kept everyone entertained, with more plants and other goodies available for purchase. Luckily, our guests were on their way home, and all of the cleaning up was completed by the time the windy cool change arrived.

The Garden Party was closely followed by the catering for the opening of the Port Vincent Water Tower Mural.

Planning for the SACWA Adelaide Arcade Shop is well under way. The shop will be open from Monday 8 November to Friday 18 December, or until sold out of the baked goods, preserves, jams, handicraft items, knitted and crochet articles, etc that will be on sale. Handicraft workshops will be held upstairs in the Arcade, and the SACWA Singers will entertain in the Arcade, and in Rundle Mall.

Why not check out Adelaide Arcade if you are in Adelaide doing your Christmas shopping?

The November meeting will be held at Yorkecreations at Minlaton on Wednesday 3 November.

For more information call:-

President Kathleen Smith on 0428 746 018 or  
Secretary Helen Joraslafsky on 0419 001 420.

**Helen Joraslafsky**

**Branch Secretary**

Right: Guests at the water tower mural opening being served delicious home made goodies by SACWA representatives.





# FRASER ELLIS MP

MEMBER FOR NARUNGGA



## Narungga update

The Premier has stated border closures with NSW, Victoria and ACT will be lifted on November 23, the date when the key 80 per cent vaccination target is forecast to hit, as 80% of people in SA over the age of 16 are reported to have received their first dose. This is very welcome news.

However, an immediate concern remains regarding receiving approval for essential harvest workers from interstate to travel well before then, and as quickly as possible, as these workers are urgently needed now to drive headers and chaser bins. Spring rain has been patchy, with some local districts missing out, and facing low yields. But, with good grain prices, the overall 2021-22 South Australian grain harvest is predicted to be the most valuable on record, reaching a farmgate value of \$2.8 billion according to the latest Crop and Pasture Report.

Aside from Parliamentary duties, I have been busy in the electorate. I was particularly pleased to be on southern Yorke Peninsula on multiple occasions this month, including for the Pt Julia Progress Association annual general meeting, to officially help open the SYP Water Tower Mural at Port Vincent (what a great project this is), and last week to attend meetings with YP Tourism and the YP Health Advisory Committee.

## Cormorants

I continue to liaise with the office of Minister Speirs and YP Council about cormorants. Whilst I fully understand the desperation for a fix for this significant issue, there must be an alternative solution to removing 90 town trees, at a cost in the vicinity of \$350,000. From Minister Spiers I first formally requested (in July) investigation teams be sent to the breeding ground on Troubridge Island. In response I was informed that the department is monitoring populations. I have since sought an update on this work, stressing urgency, and I intend to raise the issue for a second time in the chamber.

## Grants

I encourage local sporting clubs to apply for equipment funding via the newly opened Round 50 of the popular Active Club Program. Up to \$3,000 is available to clubs needing assistance to buy uniforms, sporting or scoring equipment, or to recoup costs they've had purchasing hand sanitiser, face masks and marshal vests etc. Applications close 17 November 2021.

Also opened are the SA Sport Institute's Individual Athlete Program and Country Athlete Awards Program which assists young rural athletes (aged 13-18 on or before 31 December 2020) travel to Adelaide for specialist training. Closing date for this program is 3 November.

**For information and guidelines on the above Grants programs, and others, please visit [www.fraserellis.com.au](http://www.fraserellis.com.au) for more information.**

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.....In every moment, Thank God



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**Wednesday’s Fellowship**

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## UPDATE OF PORT VINCENT HISTORY BOOK - CAN YOU HELP??

Alan and the team are very close to the finalisation of the new book. But, we need to ensure that all the information is correct. If you know of any discrepancies in the 1994 book, or any additions or changes that you would like to see in the new edition, please contact Alan on 0448 527 508, or Sue Hall on 0413 057 992.

**Also, if you can assist with supplying any of the original photos from the previous 1994 history book, please contact us as soon as possible, or these can be left with Meredith at the Port Vincent Newsagency.**

*We require more definite dates and times for the following:-*

- The person or couple who ran the deli between Brendan and Kirrily Dowd (who sold in April 2006), and Susan and Jason Davis (who sold to Les and Donna in 2010). Several people remember a first name, but that's all. If you have contact details for them as well, that would be a bonus. Also, has anyone maintained contact with Susan and Jason Davis?
- Which was the first house built in stage 1 of the Vincent Rise subdivision, released in 2003? Maybe there are two "firsts" – first to commence construction, and first to be completed and occupied?
- Most, maybe all, of the streets in Vincent Rise were named after ketches or steamers. The stories of all but two have been found in books on shipping. Does anyone know the origin of the names of Broadway Road and Mulkra Court?
- In 1972, the RSL sub-branch decided to add a tablet to the war memorial to recognise the local Vietnam veterans. All that has been found is the decision to add it to the memorial. Does anyone recall anything about e.g. a formal ceremonial unveiling, or can add anything to this very basic information from a minute in the minute book?
- Mrs F.A. Cadd unveiled the World War II tablet on the war memorial in 1959. Her name is all we know about her. ***Was she related to a Mr Cadd killed in WW2? Does anyone know anything about her?*** (This being 1959, "F.A." could be her husband's initials, not hers.)

Information can be emailed to the author Alan Jones, at [alan.jones1945@outlook.com](mailto:alan.jones1945@outlook.com)

Or phone 0448 527 508 or (08) 8272 7519

## \*\*\*\*\*FISHING REPORT - WAYNE CROUCH\*\*\*\*\*

Before getting to the report, just a couple of friendly warnings. Firstly, a large white shark has been seen in the Beach Hut area. I have seen a video, and it is quite large, in excess of 4 metres, so be watchful.

Secondly, it is an offence to deposit fish frames, crab waste and razor fish shells on the beach. I mention this because I have noticed large numbers of razor fish shells while I have been raking for crabs. This can result in a hefty fine, so don't do it.

Crab numbers are on the improve, but still have to be measured, as a lot are just undersize. Garfish are starting to appear, but will only get better as the weather and the water warm up. There is still a feed of tommies to be caught at the wharf, but mainly at night.

Yellowfin whiting numbers are on the improve. They also like warmer weather. The lighter the gear you use, the more you will catch.

King George Whiting and squid are also in good numbers. Just be prepared to put in the time to get a feed.

Ron Turnbull at the local IGA tells me he will be getting cockles in November. They will be scarce, so get in early!

**Tight Lines - Wayne**

# **ST NEOT'S COMMUNITY GARDEN OPENING**

The St Neot's Community Garden, Port Vincent was opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 at 3.30pm by Bishop John Stead, Bishop of Willochra. The garden is located behind St Neot's, on the Esplanade. Fraser Ellis, our local member, and Deputy Mayor, Tania Stock, representing the Mayor and Council, spoke about the importance of Community Gardens.

Father Andrew Lang welcomed many guests and gave a thank you to the two hard workers, Theo Kolla and Bob Biggs, who worked tirelessly building our beautiful garden. Father Andrew thanked everyone for the wonderful donations that had helped with the building of the garden, and looks forward to the continuing partnership with the people of Port Vincent to create a place of peace so close to the centre of town.

A photo of Bishop Stead cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of the Garden. Father Lang standing alongside.



Tanya Stock below, Deputy Mayor, representing the Mayor and YP Council.



State Member Fraser Ellis pictured below.



It was a wonderful afternoon to mark the opening, and afternoon tea was served shortly after.

On behalf of the St Neot's Community Garden Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their support and donations.

Come along and enjoy the garden. It is open to everyone.

Sue Pike

Secretary

St Neot's Community Garden



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# COASTGUARD - FLOTILLA 10



Vincent Star was on display at the Boat Show at the Wayville Pavilion from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October. Being the new vessel in the Coast Guard fleet, she certainly drew a lot of attention from the public and boat dealerships.

The specs are as follows:-

|  |           |   |
|--|-----------|---|
| Length 8.6m  | Beam 3.0m | Nautic Star Class 2C survey with draft 1.2m |
| Cabin Cruiser, with 4 seats in cabin and 2 outside |           | 2 x 250 hp Yamaha outboards                 |
| Furuno GPS Electronics suite                       |           | 2 x VHF Radios and GRN Radio                |
| AIS (auto identification system)                   |           | Fler unit (body heat sensors)               |
| 600lt. fuel tank under floor                       |           | EPIRB, 10 Lifejackets                       |

Coast Guard members will attend the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial with the R.S.L. Sub Branch, Port Vincent on 11th. November at 1045hrs.

SA Commodore Bill Taylor represented the Coast Guard by attending the C.Y.C. (Cruising Yacht Club) Open Day at North Haven. The Port Vincent Marina is owned and operated by C.Y.C, and managed by Mr Rob Marner.

Yacht Patrols for the PV Sailing Club have commenced, with boats and crews attending every Sunday, plus special features on the calendar.

We are pleased to welcome Phil Magnusson to SAF10 as a new member. Phil is now residing at Stansbury, and comes to us with a wealth of VMR agency experience in Search & Rescue and boating safety. This brings our total membership to 27.

We have 4 members at Stansbury, 1 at Ardrossan Radio, 1 at Curramulka, 2 at Port Julia, 16 at Port Vincent, 2 in Adelaide, 1 at Gawler. 3 own yachts, 14 have boats.

Safety by all means,

**Maxine Taylor**  
**SAF10 FAO**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**



## LIONS CLUB OF STANSURY DALRYMPLE

The Lions Skin Cancer Screening bus will be in Stansbury in November, on the Stansbury Foreshore.

13<sup>th</sup> November                      9:00am – 3:30pm

14<sup>th</sup> November                      9:00am – 3:00pm

Qualified personnel carry out all checks. Screenings are free as the service is predominately funded by individual Lions Clubs, but donations will be welcomed.

Bookings can be made by contacting Jan Thompson

0414 315 769 after the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**No bookings will be taken prior to that date.**



# PORT VINCENT SAILING CLUB

**Season 2021/22**

The 10th October saw the opening of the new season. About 40 people attended, but due to the conditions, only a few hardy souls took to the water in their Mosquitoes. However, the social aspect of our club was evident, and there was a very nice afternoon tea. Commodore Andrew Slater welcomed members and guests, including Kay Illman.

**Series 1, Race 1** started our season with almost all boats racing in light south-easterly breezes. 9 Lives (S. Slater) was first, and second was Buzz (A. Van Arend. Daydreamer (R. Watson) was first in the monohull division, and in the trailerable division, Cripple Creek Ferry (R. Cook) was first, followed by Amante (A. Slater), Chameleon (A. Rushbrook) and Half Fast (G. Hackett).

**Series 1, Race 2** was a bit more exciting as breezes were still south-easterly but averaged around 15 knots, gusting up to 18+ knots. The conditions were good to blow out all the winter cobwebs in the boats. There was some damage and some wet crews and some lively discussions in the Club rooms at the end of the day!

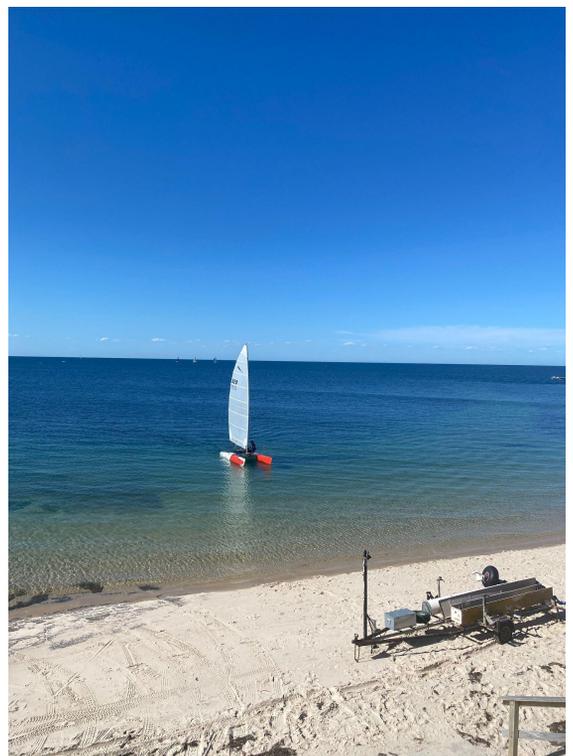
To be Sure Too (H. Slater) won a close race in the Mossies, and 9 Lives (S. Slater) was a close second. Half Fast (G. Hackett) won the Trailerables with Amante (S. Slater) second.

So, our season is off to a good start.

**We sail every Sunday afternoon and usually meet up in the Clubrooms to deconstruct the races and talk boating. Visitors are more than welcome to join us.**

**Below: Opening Day at the clubrooms.**

**Right: Buzz, with skipper Andy Van Arend on opening day.**





# ST. NEOTS ANGLICAN CHURCH (MINISTRY DISTRICT OF YORKE PENINSULA)



**November:-** Sailing, bowling, that 1st Tuesday that stops the nation, Melbourne Cup, and before we know it, it is Christmas.

Thank you to the people who came to the opening of the Community Garden. The weather was kind for it, and many attended our afternoon tea afterwards. Thank you to the ladies I had asked to supply cakes, slices, biscuits. Thank you to Helen Wilden, Jude Clayton and Julie Searle for keeping an eye on things, and seeing to the replenishments of the table. We were able to to sell left over plates of food, making \$131.60.

We also sold some more at Tuesday's Trash/Treasure. Overall, the long weekend Garden Funds did well as too did Saturday's trade for church side.

The pergola may be up by the time this edition goes to print. Thank you to those people who have already donated the rosemary plants. Slowly and surely we will get there.

Everyone is welcome to contact Bob or Pam on 8853 7340, and give contact details if you can offer assistance in anyway. Or call in and see the ladies at the Trash/Treasure on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Soon Summer stock will be out on display, and there is plenty to browse through.

## **CHURCH DATES FOR NOVEMBER:-**

14th.....11am.....HOLY COMMUNION.....with Venerable Andrew Lang

28th.....11am.....MORNING PRAYER.....with Pam

7th.....5 pm .....at St. Benedict's, Minlaton.

An All Soul Service to remember passed loved ones that have died in the year or are forever in your hearts.

28th.....First Sunday of Advent

## **Life's Hour Glass**

**Time can't take away anything that has already been given;**

**Your treasures from days gone by are treasures still;**

**Your most precious memories will always be.**

**We learn, as we go along, that life is not one big beautiful jewel we can hold — or lose —in our hands.**

**Each one of us is an hourglass.**

**And in the course of our lives, we get to keep the diamonds that come our way among the passing sands.....**

**Anon**



# Curramulka Primary School

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*Small School, Strong Team*

## Visiting Artist

On Monday every fortnight we are having Violet Buckskin and Kay Lawrence come to work with our students to develop some new Nharangga signs at our school. This Monday we have started our designing and painting. Students are enthusiastically learning about different symbols for Man, Boy and Women.



## Gardening improvements and upgrades

Students have been working hard at designing and landscaping the yard at Curramulka. A big thank you to parents who helped out at the last working bee to build the garden beds up. Great work by all the students to design and plant out the gardens. We are looking forward to the next few years where we will be getting lemons, mandarins, oranges, peaches and apples from our garden.



## Fat Lamb Day

Thank you to Gonzo and YP Ag for running the Fat Lamb day. It is wonderful to see a great event that supports our community. Students were particularly excited to select what they thought was the best lamb and to estimate the weight of the selected lamb.

## 2022 Class Planning

Currently we are investigating into the class structure of Curramulka Primary School, we urge parents that if you are considering enrolment options to speak with us or book a principals tour.

**PORT VINCENT RSL INVITES**  
**EVERYONE TO OUR**  
**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

**To be held at the Port Vincent War Memorial,  
corner Parsons & Kemp Street, Port Vincent.**

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**Arrive 1025 for Service**

**Padre Andrew Lang officiating**

**ALL WELCOME**

# **OPENING CEREMONY - SYP WATER TOWER MURAL TRAIL**

On Saturday 9th October Port Vincent Progress Association hosted the opening ceremony for the SYP Water Tower Mural Trail. The day was a huge success. This was mainly due to Progress' Water Tower Mural team who spent many weeks planning the event. Julie Adams spoke on behalf of the team, and although our artists could not be present, Camilo Delgado sent his congratulations in an email. Please refer to Page 19. A huge thank you to the ladies from SACWA who provided food for our visitors, and the Port Vincent Bowls club, who provided refreshments. As always, Tidy Towns members were there to support the event; thank you to Rob Searle and the team.. SA Water representatives, Sally Denton and Aria Espera, travelled from Adelaide for the event. The Federal Member for Grey, Rowan Ramsay, and Narungga state member of parliament, Fraser Ellis, also attended, along with YP Mayor, Darren Braund, and YP councillors. Trevor Kobelt (SA Water's representative on the Yorke Peninsula) was given the honour of cutting the ribbon, declaring all the water tower murals officially opened. Representatives from the SYP Progress Association were also present. It was a great community event.

**Right: From L to R - Aria Espera, Rowan Ramsay, Fraser Ellis, Trevor Kobelt and Darren Braund.**

**Below Left: Toby Jansens from Port Vincent.**

**Below Right: From L to R - Jan Thomson, Julie Adams and Julie Searle admiring the easels and Tower Storyboard Trail.**



**Photos provided due to the Courtesy of YP Country Times**



## **WATER TOWER MURAL (cont) - Julie Adam's speech**

Our committee is thrilled to be here today to see our original dream finally become a reality.

We started with a vision in 2019 of seeing a mural painted on this water tower. The preliminary steps were taken in the form of community consultation re the design, sourcing funding (through an FRRR grant and SA Water Community Partnership Programme), and selecting the artists.

We chose Joel Van Moore – Vans The Omega. He is probably the best known mural artist in SA, and Elizabeth Close, a highly successful SA indigenous artist.

We were delighted that both artists agreed to be part of the project. The design brief was to portray Port Vincent from what it was, to what it is now. Elizabeth liaised with the Nharangga people, and in particular Melissa Agius, to incorporate some of the documented indigenous history of this area.

The committee worked closely with the artists to formulate a design that would be achievable, given the many installations at the site.

The design was finally agreed upon, and the painting was to commence in April 2021. Unbelievably, Joel contacted us three weeks prior to the start date to inform us he had injured his knee and would not be able to work in an elevated platform. We panicked!! Joel was very committed to the project and eventually obtained a replacement artist – Camilo Delgado. Camilo is a very talented Columbian artist who had only been in Australia for just over 12 months. Thankfully, Camilo was very eager to come to Port Vincent and take on the project. He had never painted on a curved surface before, which presented many perspective challenges, not to mention the size.

The painting was set to go with Camilo & Elizabeth. But there was more bad news. Elizabeth's husband had a serious motor bike accident. Elizabeth was no longer able to come over and paint with Camilo.

This is when we were extremely grateful to obtain Jasmine Crisp, who painted the Yorketown water tower. *We would like to congratulate Jasmine on her most recent prestigious award of first prize in the Inaugural Centre for Creative Health Art Prize.* Jasmine was happy to come and help Camilo, but she could only give us one week due to prior commitments.

Camilo therefore did the majority of the artwork, and kept going throughout some dreadful weather. He completed the mural in mid May. I am going to read you this statement from Camilo, which we received last week. As he is in Victoria he could not attend the opening:-

“The Port Vincent tower project has been one of the highlights of my Australian experience, not only for being the largest mural I have painted to date but especially for having the opportunity to be immersed in the community. I was painting from 7 am to 6 pm every day, but when the workday was over there was always something to do, like going to a soccer game with Julie, a bbq and beers with Adam, a mini trip with Jasmine around the Peninsula, or visit the houses of the locals and enjoy those incredible dinners and stories about their lives, travels, boats and experiences. Thanks to Jan and Duncan for receiving me and making me feel at home, I really enjoyed our conversations as we watched the footy games and taught me about the rules of the sport, in the company of Willow (Jan and Duncan's dog)..

Thanks to Joel and Jasmine for trusting in my work, and for their good energy, they are incredible artists that I admire and I am very grateful to have been part of the team, and although I did not get to meet Elizabeth it was an honor to paint her design.

Although it is not possible for me to be present at this event due to the lockdown in Victoria, it is certain that when things calm down a bit I will be there to visit you.”                      Regards, Camilo

Camilo endeared himself to everyone that met him, and he has requested that we send him photos and a video of today. We are extremely proud of what 300 litres of paint can achieve by these wonderfully talented mural artists.

## Monday's Fellowship Group

**September 26** - Six members attended today's meeting, and to start the day, we greeted each other with our Welcome Song. Minutes were read, and plans were made for October 11 meeting. It was decided to travel to Ardrossan to view a private garden, take a look at the local op shop and have lunch. A lovely change of pace. Jane made us laugh with newspaper snippets, and we all enjoyed morning tea.

Today, members took a look at the newly opened local shop "Unique at Port Vincent". What a wonderful array of local and nearby Yorke Peninsula residents showcasing their arts and crafts. Members then enjoyed a look at Geraldine's back garden filled to the brim with plants, ornaments, birds and vegetables. What a delight!!

Lunch today was mornays provided by Jane, Jude and Marilyn, and to follow, we enjoyed apple crumble with icecream.

Thanks goes to the cooks and cleaning and washing up ladies. A lovely day!!

Our thoughts and prayers are with member Jeanette who is taking care of her husband after he slowly recovers from a major operation, and we look forward to seeing her back soon.

**October 11** - Five members attended today. Unfortunately, lots were away with appointments. We enjoyed a quick coffee and meeting, deciding on cold meats with salads for October 25, and birthday cake to follow for Jane. The activity will be a game of cards, hoy or bingo.

Five visitors joined us, and we set off on our outing to Ardrossan.

The first stop was a quirky garden. What a delight. Back and front yards were filled up with plants and unusual ornaments in every nook and cranny, and seemed to go on and on forever. There were lots of birds and even chooks to admire and fun things to see. Members ran out of time here, and hope to return to finish off our tour later. The second stop was the local Op Shop (opened just for us), and some members made purchases. Another place to find something interesting!!

The third stop was lunch at Wilma's Cafe. What a fab place to eat!! We all thoroughly enjoyed our meal, and compliments were passed onto the staff.

Members all look forward to another Monday in Ardrossan in the summer months, and we hope to visit the museum too.

Some members took the scenic way home and visited Rogue's Point, James Well, Billy Goat Flat and a drive around Port Julia.

A fabulous day out, lots to see, and yummy food to eat, all shared with good company.

**We would love to welcome new members to our club. We meet every second and fourth Monday of the month at 9.45am until around 1.15pm at the Port Vincent Uniting Church Hall. See you there soon.**



### PORT VINCENT OYSTERS A NEW BUSINESS IN PORT VINCENT



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**Judy 0428 326743**



# SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB - PORT VINCENT

26<sup>th</sup> October 2021

On this day the Senior Citizens Club came of age by celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

Special guests were present. Thank you to John and Nola Buttfield for all the work they have carried out over the past 50 years. Glenys Denton was also acknowledged and thanked for being the longest serving Club President, and John Francis for being the longest serving Secretary.

Mention was also made of our other long term Life Members, Sylvia Virgo, Jim Adams, Muriel Bartley, Phylis Clayton, Shirley Arthur, Past Secretary Margaret Amor, and Treasurer Joy Lang.

The afternoon began with a film of Gala Day 1986, which brought back many memories, and was great fun to watch. This was followed by a fantastic High Tea which was organized by Marilyn Tobin and other hard working ladies of the Senior Citizens Club. Thank you to those wonderful ladies.

The second was a slideshow which was produced by the now defunct Port Vincent Primary School. It showed many different special occasions over the past years, and some people had difficulty believing what they and others used to look like.

The response to the afternoon was excellent, so may the next 50 years be just as successful.

The Senior Citizens Club is such a great place to meet people and enjoy various activities on a weekly basis. As our song goes, "To join in one in friendship name".

We meet on Tuesdays at 1:30pm at our clubrooms at 13 Main Street Port Vincent SA 5581. If you are curious, and want to see what we do, come along, or ring the President, Trevor, on 88537191.



**Left: Members celebrate the 50th Birthday of Port Vincent Senior Citizens.**

**Right: Cutting the cake – Left –Right**

**Back Row, Jim Adams, John Buttfield Nola Buttfield.**

**Front Row John Francis, Glenys Denton, Sylvia Virgo and Muriel Bartlet.**



## High-stakes Rescue Saves Doomed Hooded Plover

Thank you to Sarah Johnson from N&Y Landscape Board for this information about a Hooded Plover rescue at Port Victoria. It is currently breeding season for Hooded Plovers, so Sarah would like readers to be aware of the plight of this threatened species, and to give beachgoers some practical tips for helping to care for them.

Please check out the full article at:-

<https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ny/news/211021-High-stakes-rescue-saves-doomed-Hooded-Plover>



**Left: Volunteers performed the delicate operation of removing the tiny fibres and treating the wound,**

**Right: Injured Hoodie ready for release.**



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# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## (SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS)

### 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.

### TUESDAY :

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

### WEDNESDAY:

**Men's Golf** (Winter)  
**Men's Bowls** (Summer)  
**Port Vincent Uniting Church**  
(affiliated with Generate Presbytery)  
**Drop-in Centre** 10am - 12noon - Uniting Church  
**Port Vincent Uniting Church-Adult Fellowship**  
4th Wed of month in Church Hall 2:00 pm (except  
January)  
**SACWA** 3rd November 10:30am—**Minlaton**

**THURSDAY: Progress Assn meeting** at 7.30pm on 1st  
Thursday of the month - Institute Supper Room  
**Ladies' Bowls** (Summer)  
**Meals on Wheels** delivery  
**Coast Guard Flotilla** Meetings 3rd Thursday

### FRIDAY :

**Port Vincent Uniting Church** (affiliated with Generate  
Presbytery) **Drop-in Centre** 10am - 12noon  
**Library** 9.30 - 11.30am in Institute  
**Podiatrist** in Dr's rooms, Senior Cits Hall—  
1st Friday of the month  
**Walking Group** meets 2:30 pm at the Wharf

### 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

### 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

*If the time, day or venue for your meetings  
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meet, this page will need to be updated.*

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