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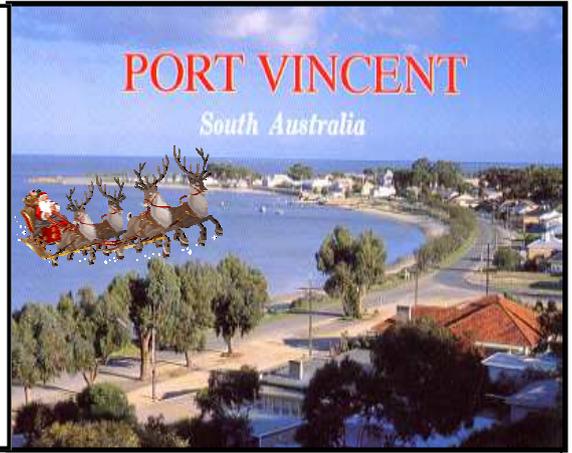
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## PORT VINCENT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION REPORT—DECEMBER 2018

With December on our Doorstep and a busy few months ahead for our beautiful seaside community, it's time to say "Thank you" to all our residents for their support over the past year and wish you and your families all a Wonderful and Safe Festive season.

We look forward to continuing with our current projects in the new year, and aim to work hard to achieve our goals.

Our Fundraising 2019 Calendars are now available; all proceeds go towards our major project, being the Oval Rejuvenation. These are available for \$20 each at the VIO, Sass Hair Body Skin, and various other locations- or contact us via email [portvincentprogress@gmail.com](mailto:portvincentprogress@gmail.com) to arrange your purchase.

**Michelle Twelftree—PVPA President**

### UPCOMING EVENTS: DECEMBER/JANUARY 2019

- 1st December—Curry Light Up—Curramulka
- 1st December—Stansbury Seaside Markets
- 2nd December—Curramulka Farmer's market
- 2/9/16/23/30 December - Port Vincent Sailing Club races
- 23rd December—Christmas Carols—see Page 3
- 25th December —lunch at the Bowling Club
- 25th December - St Neot's and Uniting Church services
- 31st December—Stansbury Seaside markets
- 1st January —GALA Day—see Page 14
- 6th January—Stacks on Sunday—Barley Stacks Winery
- 5th-12th January—Scripture Union PV Family Mission
- 6/13/20th January—Port Vincent Sailing Club races
- 26th January—**Australia Day Breakfast**
- 26th-28th Jan—Vincent Open Classic
- 26th January—Stansbury Seaside markets



### COMPETITION:

To celebrate the Festive Season we are running a competition for our young readers (under 15's).

The prize is a \$10 voucher to be spent at the Port Vincent Newsagency.

All you need to do is to read this edition of A Focal Point and count the "Father Christmas" pictures you find (Clue: they may be hidden in unexpected places). Then complete the Entry Form below, and drop it into the box at the Newsagency by COB Thursday 13th December.



NAME: .....

AGE: .....

PHONE NO. ....

NO. OF SANTA PICTURES: .....

**(One entry per child only)**

# Editor's Comments

Yet *another busy* month in Port Vincent, culminating with our latest community event, *Vincent Vitality*. Thanks to the innovative and progressive ideas of Julie Adams and Linda McCabe, and supported by the Progress Association committee, this event took place on Saturday 24th November. A summary of this event is on Page 6 of this edition.

A big “thank you” to the Port Vincent CFS for their contribution to *A Focal Point* this month. Our CFS is a very active group of men and women who assist our community in all emergency situations. I urge readers to read Pages 7, 8 and 9. The “do’s and don’ts” during Fire Ban Season and Total Fire Ban Days are presented in an “easy to read” format. Obviously it is difficult to fit all the information into this publication. If room permits I will print descriptions of the Fire Danger Ratings in the next edition. In the meantime you can visit the CFS web-site which has all of this information:

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp>

Thanks to the generosity of Fraser Ellis, our local member of parliament, we are planning to produce a special “Christmas Edition” of *A Focal Point*. This will be available on Friday 21st December. With the festive season almost upon us there are a lot of “windups” for our Port Vincent groups/organisations— which we will be able to review in this edition. This edition will also outline the Gala Day programme.

I invite all of Port Vincent’s young people (under 15) to participate in our “Find Santa” competition—the entry form is on Page 1. You will find it easier to find the different Santas if you are reading *A Focal Point* in colour (just look for the red!). *Please leave your email details with Meredith at the Port Vincent Newsagency and we will add your name to the email list.*

Sue Hall—Editor

## **ENTRY FORM FOR COMPETITION IS ON PAGE 1**

***Christmas photos must contain an image of  
Father Christmas***

**\*\*\*\*\*Only 1 entry per child\*\*\*\*\***

***If multiple children wish to enter please see  
Meredith for additional entry forms  
First correct entry drawn will be our winner***



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*Port Vincent Progress Association*

*invites you to*

# *Christmas Carols*

**Port Vincent by candle-light**

**Sunday 23rd December 2018**

**at the shelter between the Kiosk and the playground**

**7.30—8.30pm**

**Gold coin donation - all proceeds to  
The Royal Flying Doctor Service**

**Limited fixed seating so BYO chair**





## RSL PORT VINCENT SUB-BRANCH NOVEMBER 2018 REPORT

What a great day was November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, both in terms of weather and the rollup at the Port Vincent War memorial. This year it was the last of the 100 year Commemorative services that had marked the time elapsed from the start in 1914 to the conclusion of conflict on November 1918. Our members wanted to do something different to Remember those who had gone to the different wars and so a field of crosses was born. They were installed behind the Memorial together with small figures of the Services, Army, Navy, Airforce and women's service groups represented by Nurses.



FIELD OF CROSSES ON OVAL.

The Service was opened by President Barry Tozer and then handed to our Padre Rob Morgan who gave the message and completed the service with a prayer. It was a moving presentation and many congratulated Rob on his talk. As he is moving to the Barossa Valley with his church work, it was the last of his services. He will be sadly missed by all RSL members when he leaves.



PADRE ROB MORGAN LEADS THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

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Following the service our RSL members from Yorke Peninsula, the Riverland and Adelaide, joined with visitors to Port Vincent and sojourned to the Ventnor Hotel where lunch, comradeship and stories were partaken in. All in all a great , moving and for some an emotional day as they remembered, mates and family members from the past .



PADRE ROB CATCHING UP WITH FRIENDS DURING LUNCH

The Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal was collected in both Minlaton and Port Vincent by members of the Port Vincent RSL Sub-Branch. The committee and the Veterans who receive assistance through RSLSA also thank you, the volunteers for the time, energy and travel you put in. Our next big function is the annual Christmas lunch in December, when the man from the North Pole comes and sees everyone. Perhaps even me, coz I bin goood.

Any one in town and surrounding areas can join the Port Vincent RSL Sub Branch. Members are made up of currently serving and ex servicemen and women - as Service Members. Family members and those that have an interest in and believe in the RSL and its aims- as Affiliate members.

For further information contact the  
**President Barry Tozer on 0400534305 or the Secretary Trevor Clerke (TGL1) on 0422162204**







**YORKE PENINSULA FIRE BAN SEASON**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> November 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**What can I do / What can't I do?**

The following are for restrictions during the **Fire Danger Season** and on **Total Fire Ban** days. To find out what restrictions are in place in this area outside of these times, Contact Yorke Peninsula Council Ph: 88320000 Website [www.yorke.sa.gov.au](http://www.yorke.sa.gov.au)

**Within the Fire Danger Season**

**On a Total Fire Ban Day**

<b>Can I light a fire without a permit?</b>	<b>NO</b>		<b>NO</b>	
<b>Can I use fireworks?</b>	<b>NO</b>	Private use of fireworks is banned. <b>Li-censed pyrotechnicians may conduct public fireworks displays providing a Schedule 9 Permit has been obtained from CFS.</b>	<b>NO</b>	Private use of fireworks is banned. <b>Licensed pyrotechnicians may conduct public fireworks displays providing a Schedule 10 Permit has been obtained from CFS.</b>
<b>Can I have a campfire, bonfire or light a fire for warmth or comfort?</b>	<b>YES</b>	Providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the fire is in a 30 cm deep trench and no more than one square metre in area;</li> <li>you have a 4 metre cleared space around and above the fire;</li> <li>a responsible person is in attendance at all times with water and/or an extinguisher</li> </ul> <p>Please note that only charcoal is allowed to be burnt for comfort fires within a metropolitan area or within township boundaries by the EPA Legislation. Check with your local council before lighting a comfort fire.</p> <p>The use of above ground fires such as chimineas, fire drums, braziers are only permitted with the use of permits</p>	<b>NO</b>	Unless you have a Schedule 10 Permit from your local council. These permits are generally only issued for emergency purposes.
<b>Can I use a gas or electric barbecue?</b>	<b>YES</b>	Providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The BBQ is clear of all flammable material to a distance of at least 4 metres;</li> <li>A person who is able to control the fire is present at the site of the fire until it is extinguished;</li> <li>An appropriate extinguisher is at hand.</li> </ul>	<b>YES</b>	A gas or electric barbecue can be used: within 15 metres of a domestic premises, OR on a <a href="#">coastal foreshore</a>
				Providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The BBQ is clear of all flammable material to a distance of at least 4 metres;</li> <li>A person who is able to control the fire is present at the site of the fire until it is extinguished;</li> <li>An appropriate extinguisher is at hand.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Can I use a solid fuel (wood/charcoal) kettle BBQ?</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p>Provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BBQ is clear of all flammable material to a distance of at least 4 metres;</li> <li>• A person who is able to control the fire is present at the site of the fire until it is extinguished;</li> <li>• An appropriate extinguisher is at hand.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NO</b></p>	<p><b>A solid fuel burning kettle BBQ</b> (one that uses fuel such as wood, charcoal or heat beads) cannot be used unless you obtain a Schedule 10 Permit from your local council. These permits are generally only issued for emergency purposes.  <b>A gas-fired kettle BBQ can be used if used</b> within 15 metres of a domestic premises or on a <a href="#">coastal foreshore</a>, providing that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BBQ is clear of all flammable material to a distance of at least 4 metres;</li> <li>• A person who is able to control the fire is present at the site of the fire until it is extinguished;</li> <li>• An appropriate extinguisher is at hand.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Can I use a pizza oven?</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p>Provided it is a gas or electric - see above for barbecues. If wood fired, it must comply with <a href="#">CFS Code of Practice</a> for wood fired pizza ovens or obtain a Schedule 9 Permit* from your local council.</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>	<p>Unless it is gas or electric - see above for barbecues - or you have obtained a Schedule 10 Permit* from your local council</p>
<p><b>Can I smoke cigarettes?</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p>But:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must not smoke within 2 metres of flammable bush or grass outside of a township (Penalty: \$1250).</li> <li>• You must not throw a cigarette butt from a vehicle (Penalty: \$500)</li> <li>• You must not drop or throw a cigarette butt where it will come into contact with flammable material (Penalty: \$500).</li> </ul>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p>But:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must not smoke within 2 metres of flammable bush or grass outside of a township (Penalty: \$1250).</li> <li>• You must not throw a cigarette butt from a vehicle (Penalty: \$500).</li> <li>• You must not drop or throw a cigarette butt where it will come into contact with flammable material (Penalty: \$500).</li> </ul>

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**Can I use a chain-saw, brush cutter, mower or slasher?**

**YES**

Providing:

- you have a 4-metre cleared space around the activity, or
- a shovel or rake and portable water spray are at hand, and additionally:
- all engine exhaust exits through the exhaust system, and
- the system prevents the escape of burning material
- heated parts of the system are prevented from coming into contact with flammable material
- the system is in good working order.

**YES**

Providing:

- you have a 4-metre cleared space around the activity, or
- a shovel/rake and portable water spray are at hand, and additionally:
- all engine exhaust exits through
- the exhaust system, and
- the system prevents the escape of burning material
- heated parts of the system are prevented from coming into
- contact with flammable material
- the system is in good working order.

**Some local councils allow gas or electric barbecues in caravan parks or cleared picnic areas.  
Look for signs or contact the council for advice.**

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# SAF 10 REPORT



## Assists: 1 since last report.

- At 2025hrs SAPOL Water Operations phoned SAF10 to advise a boat, (2 pob) unable to restart 4 kms. South East of Port Clinton. CG264 vessel and crew of 3 despatched by road to Ardrossan and launched at ramp.
- Seas reasonably calm (0.25 metre) on a warm balmy night with lightning flashing in the S.W. skies. Even so, it took quite a while to travel, first well out East due to low tide and sand banks, then North for 13 nautical miles. With lights requested to be flashing on/off, we located the boat at or near the co-ordinates given. Then the long tow back to Ardrossan.
- A very relieved couple, who had launched at Price at 1700 hrs. Thank you to Coast Guard Ardrossan member John Heffernan, who manned the marine radio and met us at the ramp on our return. SAF10 member Richard Ellis gave a lift back to get their car and boat trailer from Price, to return to Ardrossan and retrieve their boat.
- We returned to Port Vincent at 0230 hrs, tired but also relieved with good outcome.

During November SAF10 held their Annual Dinner at Ventnor Hotel. Our guests were Deputy Squadron Commodore Chris Hicks and Public Relations for Boat Shows, Steve Salter. Commander's Award went to Paul Crocker.

A milestone year, when 2 Coxswains approved and another approved as Commercial Coxswain. 2 more members became assessor/trainers.

- Richard Ellis awarded Flotillas' best boatman by Squadron.
- SA Squadron appointed Bill Taylor as Squadron Board Advisor.
- 5 members training for Competent Crew and 2 gained VHF Marine Radio Lic. 6 attended GRN Radio Course
- John Hall presented with the National Medal for service to Coast Guard and Country.

The SAREX at Edithburgh was conducted by SAPOL Water Ops.....boats on water to practice a "simulated" grid search rescue on water, to new standards.

2 members attended the National Board Meeting in Adelaide. 4 members attended the Squadron Board Meeting at North Haven.

YTD - 22 assists for 46 pob.

Yours in Safe Boating,

**Bill Taylor – SAF10 Advisor**

**19<sup>th</sup>. November 2018**



# Big Rig Wooden Models, & Woodworking Plans

Genuine Aussie designed & built wooden models of our Big Rigs, built here in Port Vincent, with numerous happy clients Australia-wide, and beyond, and quite a number keep on coming back & ordering more models from me too. ***As a result I have about twelve months of orders booked in all the time!***

Also, I draw up the woodworking plans for the realistic Big Rigs. Plus I have a range of wooden toy plans too, which are sold worldwide on this website <http://www.aussiebigrigplans.com> >> Plans

The Port Vincent Gifts Shop has a small sample of my work available for sale, and there's a 1:20 scale Kenworth K108 pantec in the Hardware window, & another at Kings Fashions, Minlaton, while Kneebone Transport, (Port Victoria, & Minlaton), have bought several of my models.

\*\* IF anyone is travelling by road to Sydney, make a stop at Dubbo, (population about 55,000 ) and look up this shop;-  
Shop 10, Riverdale Shopping Centre,  
49 – 65 Macquarie Street,  
Dubbo, NSW; and you will find some of my wooden models, & woodworking plans there for sale.

**Friendly visitors always welcome;-**

**Roger Jenkins,**

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**17 Young Ave,**

**Port Vincent, - Ph. 8853 7379**

Photo to the right:

1:20 scale model of a Series 2 classic Mack Superliner hauling a Quad-axle Low Loader which has been purchased by a gentleman who lives in, Quezon City, Philippines. He has just placed another order!

( Model price,- \$530. plus delivery )



## THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC Port Vincent Branch

The November meeting of the Port Vincent Branch of SACWA had a Melbourne Cup focus, with members listing names of jockeys and taking part in a decorated or handmade hat competition, which was won by Jenny Highett.

As it was the last business meeting of the year, reports of the SACWA October State Council and the recent Spencer Group Branch Officers meeting and International Day and plans for the branch Christmas celebration were made.

Future activities include taking the SACWA message to the community at 'Vincent Vitality', and fundraising with homemade baked goods and preserves at the Stansbury markets and a pancake stall at Port Vincent Gala Day.

Members are again contributing toward Christmas hampers which will be distributed to community members.

A donation toward the cost of the administration of the SACWA Emergency Aid Fund has been made by the Branch.

Currently the SACWA State Office staff is being kept very busy receiving and processing applications from South Australian farmers who are suffering from the lack of income caused by the very dry winter in many areas. Because of its quick turn-around time of applications (which fill the long processing of applications by Centrelink) and the Association's policy of forwarding all donations in full to approved recipients, considerable funds have been made available to SACWA by Coles, Red Cross and Dick Smith, as well as from the public and SACWA branches and members.

As the effect of the weather will be on-going all donations are most welcome. Donations are tax deductible. Details can be found on the SACWA website: [www.sacwa.org.au](http://www.sacwa.org.au).

Plans for the March 2019 SACWA State Council to be held in Port Vincent continue.

Guests and prospective new members are welcome at monthly meetings at the Senior Citizens hall on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 1.30 pm. The first meeting for 2019 will be on 14 February.

Please contact President, Kathleen Smith on 0428 746 018 or Secretary, Helen Joraslafsky on 0419 001 420 for more information.



Left: Philomena Anderson spoke about her life in Ireland.

Below: SACWA Choir sang Irish songs at the Spencer Group International Day at Port Julia.





## TIDY TOWN'S REPORT

November has seen the Yorke Peninsula live up to the name "Blowvember" with most days producing wind with gusts recorded at 87kph on the 19th, but I'm sure it was stronger at Pt Vincent, with the amount of rubbish we cleaned up after many rubbish bins were blown over!

The dust caused by this wind was incredible. Luckily, not a lot of major damage was done by this weather event.

Tasks performed over recent times include commencing painting of the playground equipment. But, we will need Council assistance to get the job done before the start of the holiday season. We have also repaired and reinstalled the seat at Devil's Gully, sprayed the Northern Walking Trail, and continued with our Bennett Park tidy up.

Nola Buttfield donated several native plants she purchased at the Murray Bridge Native nursey, and I'm sure they will do very well in the Bennett Park garden.

The recycling area is getting busier as the holiday approaches. We did a quick tidy up at the Institute Supper room entrance, in preparation for the community event to be held on the 24th.

Also, on Saturday 17th John Francis, Grahame Pike, Chris Tschirpig and Rob Searle assisted Claire, (Trevor Treis daughter) move her belongings into her new residence at Stansbury—*well done fellows*.

As this is the final Tidy Towns report for 2018 I, along with all members of the Group would like to extend to all members of the community and visitors to our wonderful town a:

***VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY, HEALTHY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.***



**Des Chambers—Secretary**



## PORT VINCENT VISITOR INFORMATION OFFICE

We are looking forward to a busy holiday season. Have you noticed the beginnings of our mural? Greg Hall has used his talents to beautify our VIO. Looking good, come along and see the transformation.

Our Australia Day Breakfast is scheduled and we will be releasing the tickets for our raffle at the breakfast. Some great prizes to be won. Please support us so that we can support tourism in Port Vincent and its surrounds.

In house we have a computer so if you need to catch up with emails please come along and use the computer, free of charge. If you need printing done there is a small charge.

The new brochures that were produced in conjunction with Port Vincent Traders are available and full of information.

***We wish our community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019, from Port Vincent VIO Volunteers***

**Sue Pike—VIO Co-Ordinator**

# PORT VINCENT GALA DAY

## NEW YEARS DAY 2019

10am 'til late - Marine Parade

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

#### For the family!

- ♥ 70+ Stalls including
  - ♥ Food
  - ♥ Displays
  - ♥ Clothing
  - ♥ Exhibits
  - ♥ Activities & Fun

#### Live Music!

- ♥ Performed by Full Circle



#### For the kids!

- ♥ Face painting
- ♥ Games & activities
- ♥ Plaster mould painting
- ♥ Alpacas display

#### Into the Evening!

- ♥ Gala Bonanza Raffle
  - ♥ Prizes Drawn - 8pm
- ♥ Fireworks after dark

# WHY DO WE DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREES?

In 2004, Pope John Paul called the **Christmas tree** a **symbol** of Christ. This very ancient custom, he said, exalts the value of life, as in winter what is evergreen becomes a sign of undying life, and it reminds Christians of the "**tree of life**" of Genesis 2:9, an image of Christ, the supreme gift of God to humanity .

**The significance of Christmas lights**—The custom goes back to when **Christmas trees** were decorated with candles, which symbolised Christ being the **light** of the world; these were brought by Christians into their homes in early modern Germany. **Christmas trees** displayed publicly and illuminated with electric **lights** became popular in the early 20th century.

Editor's Comment: Keep your eyes open for Port Vincent's Christmas decorations!

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# BLUE BUSH NOTES

Fifteen members and one visitor met at the Institute on November 12, for morning tea and a meeting, to finalise our December 10 Christmas get-together and the last meeting for 2018 held on Nov 26th.

We began with our song and enjoyed a chat or two with coffee. For lunch on the 26th we decided on cold meats and salads followed by fruit and ice-cream. Members will make Christmas bonbons for craft that day (with the help of Di from Port Julia).

We will be having a hot lunch on December 10th with a Christmas theme. Many thanks go to all the members who generously offered to cook or donate food or money to go towards our final special get-together for 2018. For any members who would like to help, we plan to set up the supper room at 2pm on Sunday, December 9.

Each member has been asked to bring along a gift to share. A thank you to Muriel who kindly donated a new tablecloth for our serving table. It has a seaside theme. Members enjoyed a laugh or two when Riny and Jane provided them with some humorous jokes.

Members then journeyed to Stansbury where we met with more members and visitors. The occasion was to help Eva to celebrate her 90th birthday. What a special lady! Eva was the spotlight for the day and her daughter Dot and son Robbie helped to make it feel extra special. Twenty-two people lunched at the Blue Lime Café, and after a great meal, we all still managed a slice of the superb birthday sponge made and decorated by Jeanette. A beautiful basket of roses entwined with other flowers was presented to Eva along with a gift and a handmade card signed with birthday wishes from all members. A lovely day out!!

We would love to see new members join our club next year. The club will meet again in 2019 on Monday, February 11th. Meetings start at 9.45am and finish around 1pm. Hope to see you there!

Marilyn Tobin

Right: Eva celebrates her 90th Birthday with Blue Bush Club members—Congratulations Eva!!

That cake looks delicious!



# U3AYP NEWS



Well, the last month of 2018 is upon us, also known as the “silly season” to some! Although we are winding down to our long break for the Christmas holidays, we still have plenty of courses and activities happening this term. Which makes it an extra busy time for many!

## **Course News**

Personally, I’m looking forward to attending the Viewing Gardens day in Maitland coming up. We will visit three gardens in the district, and enjoy lunch at the Yorke Valley Hotel. Each host will share their wonderful gardens, including a veggie patch, how a garden has evolved as a new home is built, and listen to stories about what a garden means to them, and some of the challenges and rewards they experience. As an enthusiastic gardener, as I’m sure many of us are, I’m always looking for new ideas, inspiration and motivation in my garden.

A new course “Free Drawing” showcased at the AGM is up and running at Ardrossan, adding to the diversity of our courses. Games day at Ardrossan will be one of the last courses run this term and members travel from as far as Wallaroo and Price for a very enjoyable, brain stimulating day!

U3AYP recently had a course “History at Brentwood” which included a visit to the Honner Homestead and Sandalwood, both belonging to Sue & Anthony Honner. Sue also took the group to visit the Brentwood private cemetery. Lunch was enjoyed at the Brentwood church where the afternoon presentation was from Alan Wilson and Kerry Watters.

## **Course Leaders Day**

Each year Organisers and Course Leaders, along with Management and Program Committee members come together to acknowledge the extra commitment that has been made during the year by these members. The get together was held in Maitland this year. Besides being rewarded with morning tea on arrival, and then a delicious lunch catered for by the Uniting Church Fellowship, the day also consisted of discussions and information sharing, and of course a guest speaker. Safety work practices were discussed. Our guest speaker was Margie Gainsford of the Ardrossan Progress Association. Margie was both very interesting and passionate when describing her role. Her presentation provided the reassurance that we are on the right track, and we must also accept challenges that arise in order to remain a sustainable organisation. In the afternoon small working groups addressed the question “Where do you see U3AYP in 5 years?’ The written comments will be handed to the Management Committee who are responsible for the structure of this voluntary organisation.

In closing the day our new President Heather Simpson said “I believe we are a strong, energetic and forward thinking group that is working positively to maintain a wide range of opportunities to ensure our members continue to learn. We look forward to new experiences which add enrichment to our lives”.

## **Vincent Vitality**

U3AYP was privileged to be a participant of this wonderful initiative, organised by the Port Vincent Progress Association. Several U3AYP members spent the day speaking to visitors about our organisation whilst a projected slide show and DVD of the course Balance and Bones could be viewed. Members also demonstrated the very popular game of Mah Jong. A great deal of interest was shown in several courses including Balance and Bones, Mah Jong and of course U3AYP in general. Accolades to Julie Adams and the Port Vincent Progress Association, it was very well organised, and a very successful day. We hope to see some new members from Port Vincent and nearby surrounds.

Further information about U3AYP is always available by phoning any of the following members. Joyce 0427792271; Irene 0429805901; Sue 0429670738 or Helen 88322381.

In closing, just a reminder our term ends on the 14<sup>th</sup> December and begins again on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019. Thanks to Helen for doing the last report, and I totally agree that U3AYP greatly appreciates the opportunity to keep Port Vincent and surrounding communities informed through articles in the *A Focal Point*.

Sue Mulraney,  
U3AYP Publicity Officer

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## Narunga November update

On the topic of roads, I am pleased to advise an 8 kilometre stretch of the Maitland to Minlaton road is to have \$670,000 shoulder seal/reseal works in early 2019, and there's further good news for all of us who regularly travel to Adelaide, with \$5 million confirmed for maintenance resurfacing of the Port Wakefield road north of Dublin to Lower Light.

In Parliament news, there have been four sitting weeks since my October update and I have been pleased to speak in the chamber on several important issues.

Topics for motions and grievance speeches I've presented have included the value of tourism to our region, the important role of teachers, farmland access rights, recognising International Disaster Reduction day and lessons learned from the Pinery fire, acknowledging the late Letitia Linke of Ardrossan and all she did to raise awareness of Ovarian Cancer (and raise significant amounts of money for research into a cure), commending the Hardwicke Bay community and its continued push for investment in a township slipway road, marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice on Remembrance Day, and speaking to the Residential Parks (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2018 and, on 13 November, to the Office for the Ageing (Adult Safeguarding) Amendment Bill 2018.

In expanding on the importance of the latter, the Office for the Ageing (Adult Safeguarding) Amendment Bill fulfils another Marshall Liberal Government election promise, being to better protect the elderly and infirmed and address the recommendations in the report delivered by the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption the Hon Bruce Lander QC, entitled "Oakden – A Shameful Chapter in South Australia's History".

The Bill also addresses recommendations of the previous state and national inquiries into elder abuse, including the "Closing the Gaps" report; the Australian Law Reform Commission's (ALRC) inquiry into "Protecting the Rights of older Australians from Abuse"; and the "Final Report of the Joint Committee on Matters Relating to Elder Abuse." Sadly, one in 20 older Australians experience some form of abuse, often by someone they know and trust. And for every one reported case, it is likely that another five remain hidden, thus the cost to the individual, families, society and government, is significant.

The Bill provides for the establishment of a new Adult Safeguarding Unit to be located within the Office for Ageing Well within the Department of Health and Wellbeing, which will have Authorised Officers with powers to investigate reports of abuse effectively and swiftly. The legislation and operation of this Unit is also further supported by a "Charter of the Rights and Freedoms of Vulnerable Adults", and the development of regulations and a new comprehensive Code of Practice.

I am proud to advise this legislation developed by the Marshall Liberal Government is the first of its kind in Australia.





## Port Vincent Uniting Church



### WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 9.15am  
ALL WELCOME

### Speakers: December 2018

2	Congregation - HC
9	David Woodroffe
16	Keith Nankivell
23	Pastor Rob Morgan
25	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>
30	? - TBA

### BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday at 2pm.  
Everyone welcome.

**Recess – 11/12/2018 – 29/01/2019**

### CALL TO PRAYER

Every Thursday at 10am.  
Everyone welcome.

**Recess – 13/12/2018 – 31/01/2019**

### THE DROP-IN CENTRE

Welcome all to call in on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am – 12 noon for a cuppa, a chat and a browse. There are lots of bargains, a variety of goods and at a very good price.

**The Drop-in will be closed on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December and open on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 12 noon.**

**All other days and times are as normal.**

### ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> December. The Fellowship and Drop-in will combine for a Christmas luncheon at 12.30pm.

**There will be no meeting in January 2019.**

### THE SEWING GROUP

Meets every Friday from 10am - 12 noon.

There is a display of their work which is for sale. Funds raised will be sent to Uganda for the "Support-a-Teacher" Project.

**The Sewing Group will be in recess until 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**



### CHRISTMAS MIRACLES

Miracles are marvels that defy all explanation and Christmas is a miracle, not just a celebration.

*"I will give thanks to the LORD because of His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High."*

*Psalm 7:17*

Today marvel at the significance and meaning of the miracle of Christmas.



*Peace and Joy to you all  
at Christmas*

# ST NEOT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsular)

December in the church is the celebration of Advent.

In the northern hemisphere Advent falls at the darkest time of year, when the days are shortest, hence a date near the Winter Solstice was chosen due to the emphasis (of this festival) on the coming of the light. The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year, 21st December, the days begin to draw out. Thus the Solstice was a time of celebration. The light (often understood as a god) had been "one" again to the earth, and would begin to grow daily to summer's maturity. Church leaders decided on December 25th as an appropriate day for the celebration of Jesus- he is the light of the world and the Sun of Righteousness.

Advent worship, the liturgical colour is purple, or optional in the Roman Catholic Church- blue for the Blessed Virgin Mary. The themes of the four Sunday's of Advent are represented by the candles on the Advent Wreath. The first is the Candle of the Prophets -Hope; the second the Candles of Preparation- Peace; the third (a pink candle) is for Joy-this candle is known as Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday as we rejoice because our waiting is coming to an end; the fourth is the Candle of the Angels-Love.

On Christmas Eve, or morning the white candle at the centre of the wreath is lit for the birth of Jesus. To balance Advent's two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent (to Dec 16th) look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays (Dec17-24) look backwards to remember Christ's first coming. Over the course of the Four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ's return to judgement, to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah, to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ 's arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

9th Dec....11am....Morning Prayer ..with Pam  
23rd Dec ...11am...Holy Communion ..with Fr Andrew Lang  
**Christmas Day 25th ....8am...Holy Communion...Fr. Andrew Lang**

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# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- MONDAY :** **Blue Bush Club**-Institute Supper Room  
2nd & 4th Monday of each month 9.45am,  
Lunch provided.  
**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.  
**Doctor** in Senior Citizens Hall 10am—  
4.30pm each week  
**Craft/Patchwork**—1b Ramsay Street
- WEDNESDAY :**  
**Progress Assn meeting** at 7.30pm on 1st  
Wednesday of each month  
**Men's Golf** (Winter)  
**Men's Bowls** (Summer)  
**Uniting Church Drop-in Centre** 10am-12noon  
**Uniting Church Ladies Fellowship** 4th  
Wed. in month in Church Hall 2:00 pm.  
(Except January)
- THURSDAY :** **Ladies' Bowls** (Summer)  
**Meals on Wheels** delivery  
**Coast Guard Flotilla** Meetings 3rd Thurs  
**CWA** 2nd in month 1:30pm in Snr Cits Hall
- FRIDAY :** **Uniting Church Drop-in Centre** 10am- 12noon  
**Library** 9.30-11.30am In Institute  
**Podiatrist** in Dr's rooms, Senior Cits hall  
1st Friday of each month
- SATURDAY :** **Men's Golf** (Winter)  
**Open Gender Bowls** (Summer)  
**Coast Guard Training** 1st Sat in month 9am  
**St Neot's Trash'n'Treasure** 9am-12noon
- SUNDAY :** **Uniting Church** 9:15am  
**St Neot's**—see church door  
**Sailing** (Summer) 2pm-5.30pm

*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 please advise the Editor:*

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