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POR T VINCENT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION REPORT—CHRISTMAS 2018

With this Special Christmas Edition of A Focal Point being released not so long after the December Issue, and Christmas being a time of giving and being thankful, we thought it only fitting to share some of the behind the scenes work that our volunteers have been busy doing. Without our volunteers our little community wouldn't look as beautiful as it does.

As A Focal Point Readers would know, one of our current projects the PVPA is focusing on is upgrading the Institute Kitchen. Carolyn, one of our current committee members has kindly drawn up architectural plans for the institute kitchen utilising her current study in design, and has been collating quotes to present to council in the new year.

PVPA members and community volunteers, gave their time to give the institute a well needed sort, clean and dump run prior to the most recent event hosted there "Vincent Vitality". This has made a huge difference to all the areas in the hall that appeared cluttered. Big thanks to Trevor for transporting and disposing of all the removed rubbish.

In between the wet, and often windy weather PVPA members and volunteers have managed to get a majority of the shelter sheds on the foreshore painted – these will be completed after the holidays. A big "thankyou" to Pam for Captaining the Painting Team.

New "Community Event" banners have been designed and ordered, and will be used for the first time at Gala Day 2019. These will make community events more noticeable to the public in the future.

The PVPA secretary is reviewing all the Association's insurance requirements, to ensure we have all the correct cover for all our leased properties, and public liability commitments – a big task I must say!! Those insurance policies can be a little tricky!

The Committee has been undertaking a Key Register Audit. The reason for this is to secure the community assets currently managed by the PVPA. If you, or anyone you know still has a key to any of the community facilities please let the PVPA Secretary know. (Pam Hickman)

A New Community Website is currently being designed and custom built – with the hope that it will be launched at Christmas 2018. This will have all general purpose information, events, business and community directories related to Port Vincent.

Fundraising calendars have been designed and printed and are now available for purchase at \$20.00 each, a great Christmas gift !! These are available from Sass Hair Body skin, Pt Vincent Newsagency, Pt Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park and the Pt Vincent Visitor Information Office. All proceeds will go towards our major project of 'Rejuvenating our Community Green Space', the town Oval. A big "Thank You" to all our sponsors and photographers who donated towards this project. Without you we wouldn't be able to produce such a wonderful calendar.

We are always looking for community members, not necessarily to join the Progress Association, or make long term commitments, but to help behind the scenes. Many of you have skills that would be greatly utilised within our organisation to assist with the progression of Port Vincent. These skills may be able to assist with grant applications, administration, consulting, physical help with activities such as painting, cleaning, general maintenance and gardening. As mentioned previously ***you do not need to be a member to be a volunteer.*** Let us know if you have some skills and would like to donate some of your time to our wonderful community

Please contact us at portvincentprogress@gmail.com or contact a committee member.

***Wishing you all a fabulous & Safe festive season!!
We look forward to seeing you all at Gala Day 2019***

Michelle Twelftree—PVPA President

Editor's Comments

Thank you to all those who entered our “Find Santa” competition. I am pleased to announce that Amilie Amos (aged 9) is the winner of the competition—Amilie’s coupon was the first correct entry drawn by Meredith Taylor (please see the photo below). There were 12 Santa photos in total—I think a few of our young readers may have missed Santa and his reindeer on the front cover (I have left it in this edition).

This is the first time the Progress Association has issued a Christmas Edition of A Focal Point. I understand that it is a very busy time of the year for everyone. So, a big “thank you” to all those who have contributed to this edition. The next edition of A Focal Point will be released on 15th January, and will hopefully include Gala Day results, and photos.

For those of you who are wanting a bit of a “giggle” do check out Page 8. Kay, a daughter of a former Port Vincent resident (and great lawn bowler) has sent a chant that her mum said was often used at the Port Vincent Bowling Club “in her day”. Can anyone recall singing this song? Does anyone have any other “chants” that they would like to share with other readers?

This time of the year is a time of to stop our hectic lives and perhaps to reflect on what we have achieved in 2018, and what we can do to make 2019 a great year—yes, **New Year Resolutions!! I will let you know how long mine last!**

I wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2019.

Sue Hall—Editor



UPCOMING EVENTS: DECEMBER/JANUARY 2019

- 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 7 for programme
- 6th January—Stacks on Sunday—Barley Stacks Winery
- 5th-12th January—Scripture Union PV Family Mission—P.10
- 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



ARTICLES TO LOOK FOR IN THIS EDITION:

- Page 9—Fire Restrictions—what do they mean?
- Page 11—Our Coastguard —serving our community.
- Page 12—Well done Carri Welsby and all those who participated in the Coastal Walk for Rural Cancer.
- Page 14—Looking after our pets this Christmas.
- Page 17—Blue Bush Club celebrate Christmas.
- Page 18—U3AYP—how to join this amazing group!
- Page 20—Fraser working hard for our community.
- Page 16 & 21—Christmas Services





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 DECEMBER 2018 REPORT

Hi everybody, this is the last report for 2018. We have been busy in the months of November and the start of December. The Museum by the tennis courts has now most of its new displays up for you to see. We have worked each Thursday and Saturday mornings from 1000 to 1200 to see the changes happen.

Also, the Remembrance Day Service was conducted and it is sad to report it was our Chaplain Pastor Rob Morgan's last service for us as he is leaving. Rob is moving on to a new challenge in the Barossa Valley. We farewelled him at our Christmas function on December 3rd and wished him and his family well in their new life.

We participated in the Vincent Vitality Day in the institute , together with many other "help" groups and found it rewarding, as our members on the day represented the RSL, DVA and Legacy. Below are some photographs of the Vincent Vitality Day and our Christmas Luncheon.



Lyn Clerke, Graham Cowell, Peter Lehman and Graham Newstead (Stansbury) with the RSL,DVA and Legacy display and advice table

We also send get well wishes to our fellows , both in the club and the community, who have been sick and especially those who have been in to hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery, so that their smiling faces can be amongst us again.

It is at this time we remember past family and friends and how they gave us the life we enjoy.

LEST WE FORGET – WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



Debbie and Barry Tozer receiving their gifts from Father and Mrs Clause



Our Padre Pastor Rob Morgan being presented with his gift to remember the time he spent with Port Vincent RSL Sub Branch as its Chaplain

We wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy and Prosperous New Year

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

ST NEOT'S COMMUNITY GARDEN RAFFLE

**1st Prize \$100 Voucher Accommodation
donated by Country Getaways**

**2nd Prize 2 Garden Themed Home Made
Cushions donated by Sue Pike
(shown below right)**

**3rd Prize Gourmet Hamper donated
by Rev Anne Ford (shown below left)**



Tickets \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

**All proceeds go to St Neot's Community Garden
to purchase materials for the garden beds**

**Raffle Drawn on 9.2.19 at 11am at
St Neot's Trash & Treasure**

PORT VINCENT GALA DAY PROGRAMME

1st JANUARY 2019

- 09.30 Information tent opens. Beer competition forms available.
- 10.00 Side shows open
- 10.30 Official opening by Fraser Ellis MP .
- 11.00 Beer competition entrants registration at institute kitchen
- 11.30 Sand castle/sculpture begins on beach near kiosk.
- 12.00 Face painting and plaster fun house begins.
- 12.15 Judging sand castle/sculptures
- 1.00 Children's games on the beach, giant snakes and ladders, Geotor boards and more fun activities.
- 2.00 Home brew competition Judging
- 2.30 Sand castle/sculpture winners announced
- 5.00 Home brew winners announced
- 5.30 Musical entertainment. FULL CIRCLE
- 8.00 **BONANZA RAFFLE DRAW** Hotel Verandah
- 8.30 FULL CIRCLE
- 9.30 **FINALE-FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**

Weather permitting.

Times are subject to change, if required.

***PORT VINCENT SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE WISH YOU ALL A
HAPPY NEW YEAR & THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.***

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YORKE PENINSULA FIRE BAN SEASON—1ST November 2018 to 15th April 2019

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

To Report a Fire **Call 000**

Fire Danger Ratings: What they mean and what you should do

What does it mean?

What you should do

CATASTROPHIC - Total Fire Ban

These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be extremely difficult to control. It will take significant fire fighting resources and cooler conditions to bring it under control. Spot fires will start well ahead of the main fire and cause rapid spread of the fire. Embers will come from many directions. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from bushfire prone areas.

YOU NEED TO ACT NOW

Put your survival first and leave bushfire-prone areas the night before or early in the day – this is your safest option.

Act immediately – do not wait and see.

Avoid forested areas, thick bush or long, dry grass.

Prepare, know and practise a plan for:

- When you will leave
- How you will get there
- What you will do if you cannot leave
- Where you will go
- When you will return

EXTREME - Total Fire Ban

These are very hot, dry and windy conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be unpredictable, move very fast. It will be very difficult for fire fighters to bring under control. Spot fires will start and move quickly. Embers may come from many directions. Homes that are prepared to the highest level, have been constructed to bushfire protection levels and are actively defended **may** provide safety. You must be prepared physically and mentally to defend in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from bushfire prone areas.

YOU NEED TO GET READY TO ACT

Only stay with your property if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home has been constructed to bushfire protection levels - enclosed eaves, covers over external air conditioners, metal flyscreens etc.

You must be well prepared and able to actively defend your home. This means you have the right equipment and resources to put out fires around your home - enough water supply, petrol/diesel portable pump, generator, protective clothing etc. If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option.

SEVERE - Total Fire Ban

These are hot, dry and possibly windy conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be hard for fire fighters to bring under control. Well-prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. You must be prepared physically and mentally to defend in these conditions.

YOU NEED TO BE AWARE

Well-prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. This means you have the right equipment and resources to put out fires around your home - enough water supply, petrol/diesel portable pump, generator, protective clothing etc.

If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option.

VERY HIGH

HIGH

LOW - MODERATE

If a fire starts, it is likely to be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety. Be aware of how fires can start and reduce the risk.

Check your Bushfire Survival Plan. Monitor conditions. You may need to act. Leave if necessary.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN FOR KIDS and TEENS

Kids' Program

Songs, games, crafts,
stories, dramas and
more!

For ages 5-12

Pt Vincent Institute Hall

Monday - Friday:

1:30—4pm

Jan 7th to 11th

Teens' Program

Teens' Tent on Marine Parade

Monday - Friday:

Afternoons: 1:30—4pm

Evenings: 7—9pm

Family Events

7 pm @ The Institute Hall

Movie Night - Sunday 6th

Cabaret - Friday 11th

FREE

Pt Vincent Scripture Union
Family Mission



Life, Love & Hope for a Young Generation



SAF 10 REPORT

SAREX (Search and Rescue Exercise) was held at Edithburgh conducted by VMR and SAPOL Water Ops. Four rescue boats assembled at the ramp at 0800hrs to follow the briefing given for grid search pattern. The objectives were completed, items found in water, then the boats had to wait 1½ hours to come in to ramp due to a very low tide. Then lunch was enjoyed by all VMR members after a debriefing of the exercise.

At Gala Day on 1st January, at Port Vincent, Coast Guard will have "Orontes Star" and "Seahound" on display at our site, with members in attendance for the day. In the late evening a Fireworks display will be again held, with "Orontes Star" as a Safety Patrol boat on water, as requested by DTPI for the Port Vincent Progress Association.

Coast Guard will also have "Orontes Star" in the Xmas parade at Minlaton.

2 assists to date, a 5m catamaran yacht (1 pob) requiring a tow in, from PVSC racing event. "Seahound" with 2 crew was on hand with safety yacht patrol.

Also, a call to assist a boat with 2 flat batteries (2 pob). out from Grain Jetty at Ardrossan. at 1600 hours.on 11th Dec. Orontes Star and crew of 3 despatched to Ardrossan. launched there, located boat and towed in to Ardrossan ramp. SAPOL Water Ops notified that all was okay, and crew returned to Port Vincent base shed by 1900 hours.

SAF10's last meeting for the year was followed by a Xmas Supper for members and partners, and also included 2 visitors/prospective new members.

Seasons Greetings are extended to all for a Safe & Happy Xmas and New Year.

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THE COASTAL WALK FOR RURAL CANCER—SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER—PORT VINCENT

The ‘Coastal Walk for Rural Cancer’ event involved a 10km walk along the coastline of Port Vincent to help raise awareness for rural cancer patients, and the facilities available to them and their families when needing to seek treatments in the city. This event was very well received by the local community—with a great participation rate (as you can see by the photo below taken at Devil’s Gully—5km into the walk).

The event was organised by Carri Welsby, and a brief summary of Carri’s commitment to the cause of “Raising Awareness for Rural Cancer” is below:-

“How the funds will assist members of the community/How I became involved:

The additional financial and emotional burdens rural cancer patients and their families face when needing to travel away from home for treatments are often overlooked. At least 1,000 more people are dying in regional Australia from cancer, than in the cities, each year. The main factors associated with this disparity include distance to treatment services; later tumour stage at diagnosis, due to reduced access to a GP; limited access to treatment facilities; and socio-economic disadvantage. To help combat against these statistics, the Cancer Council SA provides subsidised and affordable accommodation for rural cancer patients and their family members/carers travelling to the city for life-saving treatments, as well as free transport to and from the airport and treatment locations. Through people very close to me, I have seen the positive impact these lodges have on rural residents needing to travel to the city for treatments.

Therefore, all profits raised will be donated to the Adelaide Greenhill and Flinders Lodges hosted by Cancer Council SA. Funds will go towards refurbishments in the lodges and the costs associated with providing free transport.”

Thank you Carri (and all those who walked or donated) for your commitment to our community—we look forward to hearing about the next Coastal Walk!



ST NEOT'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

We are seeking sponsorship/donations for the Community Garden. The garden will be open to the public, will be wheelchair friendly and be a lovely place to sit and enjoy or to pop in and do a bit of gardening. It is envisaged that the garden will bring calm and peace to those who visit the garden.

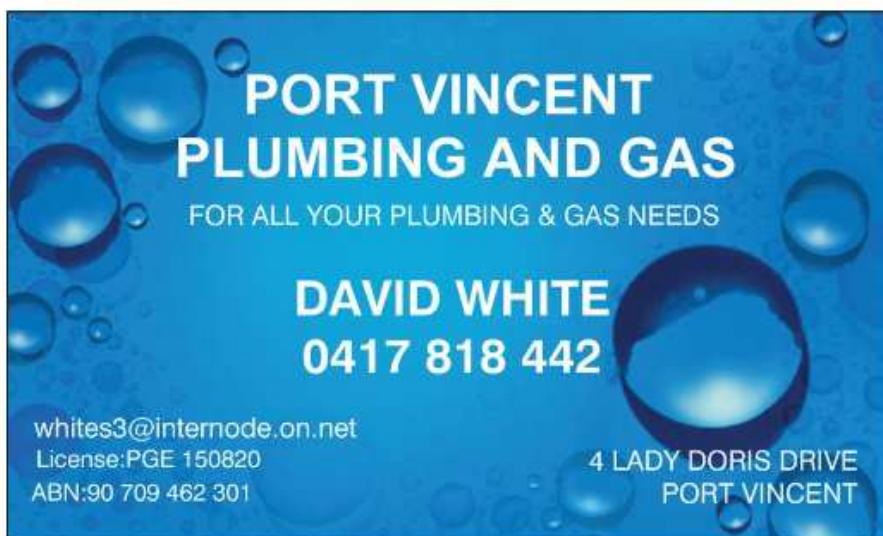
Thank you to the wonderful people who have already contributed. We have funds for 2 garden beds now and would love to put in another bed. Our aim was to start with 3 beds, that goal has almost come to fruition.

If you would like to donate a plant, seat, bird bath in memory of a family member, please contact Pam or Bob Biggs on 8853 7340 or Sue Pike on 0448 853 742 to discuss.

Any donation of time and energy will be most welcome. This garden is a contribution to the Community and it will be manned by volunteers. Tidy Towns has already made a donation of time and energy and we thank them.

Our Raffle will be starting on 2.1.19, look out for the seller outside the Pharmacy, or tickets will be available at Trash & Treasure.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.



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Christmas Feast Dangers

With Christmas fast approaching I thought we should talk about the dangers of feeding our furry friends our favourite Christmas foods. Unfortunately, a lot of festive foods are rich, high in fat and high in sugar which can cause severe health problems and cause our pets to be severely ill.

One of the most common illnesses and potentially fatal conditions we see over the holiday period in cats and dogs is Pancreatitis. Pancreatitis is the term for inflammation of the pancreas which can be caused by eating foods high in fat such as ham, cooked meat, table scraps etc. Pancreatitis is very painful and needs to be treated early. The symptoms of pancreatitis include vomiting, lethargy, abdominal pain, high temperature, diarrhoea and dehydration. The symptoms of pancreatitis can become critical and even fatal very quickly so if you suspect your pet may have pancreatitis you should seek veterinary attention immediately.

Below I have listed some foods to avoid to keep your pet out of trouble during the busy holiday period.

Ham meat, pork, turkey, fat and bones should all be avoided. The meat and fat can cause pancreatitis and gastrointestinal upset resulting in vomiting and diarrhoea. As the ham bone has been smoked, it can splinter easily and if given to a dog to chew on the bone splinters can cause obstructions in the gastrointestinal tract and can even tear the intestine wall which is life threatening. Small bones can also become lodged in the throat, and oesophagus, and in some cases tear the oesophagus.

Chocolate/fudge is toxic to dogs as it contains theobromine. In very small amounts it can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and pancreatitis. In large doses chocolate toxicity can result in seizures, liver damage and death.

Grapes, sultanas and raisins are toxic to dogs as they contain a toxin that targets and kidneys and causes renal failure, so they should be avoided.

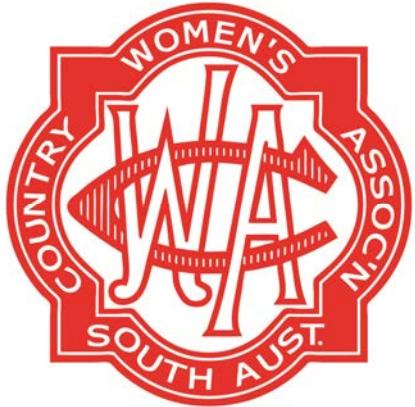
Nuts should be avoided as they can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and pancreatitis. Macadamias also contain a toxin that can affect the nervous system of dogs resulting in incoordination or paralysis.

If your dog has a history of being a rubbish raider, please make sure all bin lids are secure. Some dogs can accidentally eat skewers which can result in the oesophagus, stomach or intestine being pierced. Meat soaked strings can also be mistaken for a tasty treat. If eaten these can cause linear foreign bodies, requiring emergency surgery.

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

If the food was eaten recently, we can make your pet vomit and hopefully avoid the toxic effects.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and with any luck your pets stay safe over the holiday period.



The members of
SACWA Port Vincent Branch
wish you all the
Compliments of the Season
and look forward to
welcoming SACWA members
from throughout the State to the
SACWA State Council

Port Vincent, 13 & 14 March 2019



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



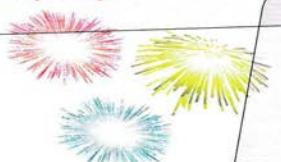
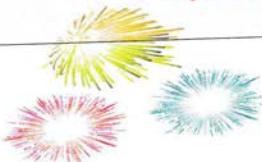
Live Music!

- ♥ 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



Port Vincent Uniting Church

WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 9.15am
ALL WELCOME



Speakers: December 2018

- 2 Congregation - HC
- 9 David Woodroofe
- 16 Keith Nankivell
- 23 Pastor Rob Morgan
- 25 **Christmas Day Service—Verna Hall**
- 30 Max Pannell



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BLUE BUSH NOTES

November 26th - Thirteen members and one visitor attended and we began the day with our Greeting Song. A discussion was held to finalise our Christmas lunch menu. Thanks was given to everyone who has helped with food and donations. Our visitor Di from Port Julia showed eight members how to put together a Christmas bonbon. What wonderful creations were produced. Others just chatted or played cards. Thanks to Robbie for the yummy home-made biscuits for morning tea. Lunch was a cold serve. Thanks goes to the ladies who brought along the delicious salads. Dessert was fruit salad and ice-cream. A reminder to everyone - the first meeting back in 2019 is Monday, February 11th and it will be a pooled lunch. A get-well card was signed and sent to Jane and a photo was sent also showing off our Christmas creations. We thanked Di with a small gift.

December 10th - Sixteen members were greeted to a colourful and decorative hall in the traditional Christmas theme. Tables were adorned with Christmas colour and the tree shone brightly laden underneath with gifts. As members chatted the day began with nibbles and punch. A delicious hot lunch was served to all. Many thanks goes to cooks, Geraldine, Sue, Shirley, Muriel and Joy. Entertainment began as we listened to the delightful voices of Jeanette and Joy. Rest of the members joined in with some well-known carols. We sang Happy Birthday to Geraldine as she cut her cake. She also received a posy of flowers and a hand-made card signed by everyone. Gifts were given and more songs were sung. Sweets were traditional Christmas pudding served with all trimmings. Tea, coffee and chocolates finished the day and what a wonderful day it was to finish off a super Bluebush year.

Marilyn Tobin

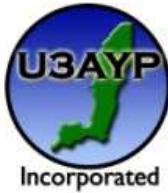


Joan, Robbie and Eva enjoying Christmas breakup



Jeanette, Jenny and Riny enjoying the day.

U3AYP NEWS



Vincent Vitality

U3AYP greatly appreciated the opportunity to be part of the recent Vincent Vitality expo. Six members travelled to Port Vincent to give one to one insight into this voluntary member owned, member driven organisation. Mah Jong (considered in the top ten for “brain games”) was played all day giving many people the opportunity to stop and watch (a couple even sat down and became involved in a hand or two). The DVD “Balance & Bones” was run continuously and this drew ongoing interest throughout the day as well. This program is for people 50 & over, designed to assist people in maintaining their balance and coordination; set up and demonstrated by a Physiotherapist; and has two levels – easy and advanced. Members answered many questions and gave out pamphlets and a special registration form for \$15.00, this comes into effect from January 2019 for 6 months. Criteria is that one has not been a member before, must be 50 or over and not working more than 20 hours per week.

Will U3AYP run courses in Port Vincent in 2019?

Being a part of Vincent Vitality created so much interest in U3AYP especially regarding the exercise course and learning to play Mah Jong, so if you are interested **please get in touch with Julie Adams** and let her know what you are interested in. If enough numbers join, we will look at running both these courses in Port Vincent once school term starts. If you have a registration form, please send it in; alternatively the Port Vincent Progress association has some available. It is very exciting to think that Port Vincent may have enough new members to have courses in the town and have the opportunity to attend some of the other 70 courses available and be involved further to support one’s physical, mental and social wellbeing.

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

U3AYP would like to take this opportunity in this special Christmas edition of A Focal Point to wish our members, and the Port Vincent community a wonderful Christmas and a very happy, safe and healthy New Year!



In closing, just a reminder our term ends on the 14th December and begins again on 29th Jan 2019.

“we are communities of people who come together to learn from one another”

Sue 0429670738, Joyce 88532489, Irene 0429805901 or Helen 88322381

Sue Mulraney
U3AYP Publicity Officer

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FRASER ELLIS MP

MEMBER FOR NARUNGGA



Narungga December update

The last two Parliamentary sitting weeks for 2018 were certainly fruitful and I now look forward to more achievements in 2019.

I was honoured to present two petitions to Parliament on behalf of the Mallala community in response to community concerns about future resourcing for the Mallala Police Station; and topics I've covered in speeches to the House in the last 3 weeks have included International Volunteers Day, the 135th Anniversary of St John's Ambulance, World Tourism Day, the Statutes Amendment (Mineral Resources) Bill, and the Fire and Emergency Services (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2018.

Of the latter, I encourage CFS and farmers to lodge submissions to the Select Committee that I successfully advocated for to address concerns about the proposed new legal powers for CFS officers to direct farmers to stop harvesting in certain weather conditions. I used my speech to highlight the existing effectiveness of the State-wide producers' Harvest Code of Practice and SMS alert text messaging systems developed by farmers and used by farmers who highly value them.

Address your submissions to: **Select Committee on the Fire and Emergency Services (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill, Parliament House, GPO Box 572 ADELAIDE SA 5001.** (Enquiries to Secretary Mr Joshua Forkert; (08) 8237 9223, Email: sfcfesbill.assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au)

In relation to the Mining Bill, I have sincerely appreciated all feedback received since my crossing the floor to adjourn debate to allow for more consultation and work on amendments to improve farmland access rights. There will be more on this topic between now and next February.

I also welcomed last week's announcement that a new Advisory Committee is to be established to work with the commercial fishing industry; and, the call for recreational fishers to get involved in the creation of the new Minister's Recreational Fishing Advisory Council.

Nominations for the Recreational Fishing Advisory Council will open on Monday 17 December, with voting for candidates commencing on 18 February 2019. For more information visit www.yourSAY.sa.gov.au/fishing

Two fantastic announcements in the last couple of weeks included Adelaide being the successful bidder for the new National Space Agency (an historic, exciting development); and the other, the \$5.67 million of roadworks for the electorate, including \$670,000 to upgrade Maitland to Minlaton Road. There are many roads demanding attention and all such investment is very welcome.

January will give more time in the electorate, meeting with industry and constituents. I have really enjoyed attending end of school functions and presenting medallions to students at each school deemed to have made outstanding contributions to their school's community in 2018. Well done to you all.

I am pleased to advise a new Fraser Ellis MP website has gone live this week, which features media releases, State Government policy news, updates on parliamentary activity (including videos of my speeches), grants information and links to my Facebook/Twitter. The address is www.fraserellis.com.au

The Maitland electorate office will be closed for a Christmas break, from 5 pm Friday, December 21, to 9 am Wednesday January 2. Rosemary, Sarah and myself extend season's greetings to all, and look forward to continuing to work with you in the new year.

ST NEOT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsular)

St. Neots Anglican Church (Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsula)

"May your Christmas be blessed "by Constance Parker Strong

Wishing for you at Christmas the gifts only Heaven can give, the beautiful blessing of friendship that deepens each day that you live, the gifts of joy and warm laughter, a heart filled with faith, hope and love... May the most precious gifts at Christmas be those that God sends from above.

St. Neots wishes everyone a safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

Recap on December Church Services:-

23rd...11am...Holy Communion...with Fr. Andrew Lang

25th...8am....Christmas Day...Holy Communion...with Fr. Andrew Lang

30th..11.15am....Combine Ministry District Service at Point Turton Hall followed by lunch, a fund raiser for the southern cluster cost is \$20, All welcome.

January is an exciting month as we kick start with Port Vincent Gala Day. St. Neots is looking forward to getting our garden beds started with funding as explained further in this Edition of A Focal Point, as well as the raffle advertisement we will be running from 2nd January to February 9th. It will be drawn at Trash/Treasure at 11am.

Trash/Treasure will go in to recess after the 15th December to prepare for Gala Day, our most exciting day to kick start our year. There will be lots of bargains— come and browse!

I thank the volunteers for their commitment throughout 2018, and the many people who have left goods at our door to keep St. Neots and our projects viable.. One person. One deed. A million thanks all.

CHURCH DATES FOR JANUARY:-

1st..GALA DAY...9am...3pm

13th..MORNING PRAYER....11am...with Pam

27th..HOLY COMMUNION...11am...with Fr. Andrew Lang.

January in the church calendar marks Epiphany the time between Christmas and Lent.

"God of all things old and new, Of precious memories and exciting hopes.

Help us to complete this old phase of our life, And to begin the new...in peace, joy, and the courage to be.
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Pam Biggs

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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:

Email: afocalpoint2@gmail.com or 0413 057 992

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