

# Port Vincent Progress Association

## AGM Minutes

27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Present:** Michelle Twelftree, Pam Hickman, Carolyn Janson, Kim Hoskins, Sue Hall, Greg Hall, Greg Shaw, Trevor Clerke, Steve Cornwell, Kristan Every, Jeanie Zellar, Louise Biddell, Jan LeFeuvre, Linda McCabe,

**Apologies:** Meredith Taylor, Julie Adams, Beth Fairlie, John Francis

**Welcome:** Michelle Twelftree opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Minutes of the previous AGM:** Read by Secretary – Pam Hickman (amendment required to spelling of Andrew Visser's name)

Moved: Michelle Twelftree    Seconded: Greg Shaw

**Chairman's report:** Michelle Twelftree

Moved: Michelle Twelftree                      Seconded: Carolyn Janson

**Treasure's report:** Financial Statement prepared by Carolyn Janson

Moved: Carolyn Janson              Seconded: Jeanie Zellar

**Sub Committee reports: See reports below**

Tidy Towns	John Francis / Des Chambers Written by Pam Hickman on behalf of John Francis, read out by Michelle Twelftree
Port Vincent Tourism, Marketing and Group	Meredith Taylor – read out by Michelle Twelftree
Visitors Information Group	Sue Pike – read out by Michelle Twelftree
Focal Point Report	Written by Sue Hall- read out by Michelle Twelftree

### Tidy Towns Report

The members of Tidy Towns have once again worked tirelessly throughout this year to keep our town looking it's best. They have continued to do jobs that most of the time go un-noticed by the rest of us. These jobs include:

- Box thorn eradication on the back beach areas.
- Bennet Park clean up.
- Weed spraying on walking trails.
- BBQ's checked and cleaned sometimes on a daily basis.
- Painting of the foreshore Playground equipment
- Tree watering around the town which now includes new trees planted near the water tower.
- Trimming back of bushes on walkways.
- Removing the pontoon for the winter.
- Bottle and can collection for recycling on a weekly basis.
- Tables and seats at the foreshore cleaned weekly.
- Delivering Phone books in Port Vincent and Stansbury.
- Sand Build up at the BBQ area Near the kiosk, swept out on a regular basis.
- Helping out on Gala Day – setting up Tents early in the morning

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- collecting and emptying rubbish bins throughout the day and taking down the tents at the end of the day.

These jobs are all done by a small band of men and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work.

### Port Vincent Traders Group Report

Over the past year as a group we have had a decline in members as a few Business's have closed their doors.

The Traders bank balance held by the Progress Association as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 is \$5118.89.

Due to the current situation of the Covid-19 pandemic our group has not met as planned, with the extra stress that business owners are under with all the restrictions which have been placed on their business's.

We plan to meet again in the near future to discuss the future direction in which the Trader's Group will take.

*Meredith Taylor*

*On behalf of Port Vincent Traders*



### A FOCAL POINT REPORT 2019-20

We have had another very busy year at the A Focal Point (or, the AFP as it is affectionately known).

Firstly, I must acknowledge the contribution of the following people: -

- Fraser Ellis and his staff who print the A Focal Point *cost free* each month. The great news is that Fraser has committed to providing this service for another 12 months to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- Kadina Freight and our contact Kendall, who arranges for pickup of the printed copies of the publication from Maitland and delivery to Port Vincent (this is a 2 day turn around).
- Meredith at the Port Vincent Newsagency for recording the number of copies printed and distributing the copies to the outlets. Meredith is also the "drop off" point for articles and messages from residents who do not have access to a computer.
- Our proof-reader, Kate, who does an amazing job each month.
- The extraordinary volunteers from the groups/organisations/clubs of Port Vincent who email their articles to me each month – without them we wouldn't have the AFP. A HUGE *THANK YOU!!*

We are currently printing 220 copies of the AFP each month. The AFP is released on or before 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

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We also have 186 website subscribers, who receive the link to a pdf version via email.

The AFP was an extremely important and essential communication tool during the COVID-19 lockdown period. Thanks to Fraser Ellis's office we were able to have two April editions printed, which kept our residents informed and in touch with both local news and the additional services/help offered by members of our community.

Personally, I have found being editor of the A Focal Point an extremely rewarding experience. I have had lots of fun reading the articles sent in each month, and also meeting and communicating with so many different members of our community.

I look forward to the 2020-2021 year with great anticipation and hope to be able to present more interesting and informative articles in the year ahead.

*Sue Hall*

Editor, A Focal Point

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### **Working Group Reports:**

Water Town Mural: Julie Adams / Linda McCabe

Read out by Linda McCabe.

### **Port Vincent Water Tower Mural Committee report - August 2020**

Approximately 1 year ago, the idea for a mural on the Lime Kiln Road, SA Water owned, Port Vincent Water Tower formed, and the journey began, with approval, funding, artist selection and commencement of the Mural in 2020.

An initial presentation and ongoing updates to Port Vincent Progress Association (PVPA) during the past year forms the summary below:

- **Support officially passed** in September 2019 from the PVPA to progress with community consultation / funding investigation / process for the mural.
- **Consultation with SA Water** – ensuring the tower was fit for purpose for a mural. Learnt that the tower was a fully functioning water tower. This included site visits from YP located SA Water Technical Manager.
- **A formal PV Water Tower Mural project group / sub committee was formed in January 2020 this committee comprises** Julie Adams, Jan Thomson, Jan and Doug Le Feuvre, Julie Searle, Sue and Greg Hall, Grant Trotter, Greg Shaw and Linda McCabe. The committee commenced the process of consultation, gaining funding and approvals.
- **Community Consultation** commenced on Gala Day 2020 and continued for many weeks. This included gaining feedback from over 500 individuals based upon 'what does Port Vincent mean to you' and 'what would you like to see on the Water Tower'? A Focal Point articles / 'table talk' on Main Street Saturday mornings / mid-week at post office and meetings with community groups ensured that maximum feedback was received.

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- **Mural is to consist of images based upon community consultation results.** Depicting: a combination of up to 6 images wrapped around the 20 mtr high Tower - Agriculture / Coastal and beach activities / colours of sunrise / sunsets, natural and indigenous history, ocean faring craft, marine life.
- **In addition to the mural:** Story boards to be in place with interactive capacity relating to the history of Narungga Indigenous people, history of Port Vincent, water sourcing, agriculture and shipping to Port Vincent, with a range of historic images depicting events / natural and manmade landmarks of Port Vincent.
- **Permission has been gained from:** SA Water / Artists to use images from the water tower for merchandise to be sold only in Port Vincent to create a revenue stream for future arts projects such as sculptures / open air concerts and art related workshops in Port Vincent. Items to include story books, post cards, Australia Post stamps, colouring in books, fridge magnets, tea towels.

A process will be created to ensure ongoing management under Progress to oversee this new town income stream (details to be confirmed). Sales outlets may include the VIO, Institute, stalls at public events and retail stores in Port Vincent, which will maximise sales.

**Narungga Elders consulted** as of April 2020 and Elizabeth Close (artist) is liaising re images to be included depicting PV area native marine life / animals. Elders to be invited to the official opening.

- **Letters of support** – YP Council, Fraser Ellis, YP Regional Development Board, PVPA Progress Association, YP Community Groups included supporting the creation of a Mural on the Port Vincent Water tower.
- **Funding / In kind support sourced from: -**  
Grant – SA Water Community Partnership Program - \$10,000  
Grant – Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) \$54,500

In Kind – YP Council -has provided clearing / landscaping support on the inland side of Lime Kiln Road to maximise viewing of the Mural, advice re signage, traffic flow and upto 2 table / chair settings for a picnic type area for viewing the mural, offers for support re social media for future requirements. A Porta-Loo to be provided on site for the artists, for a period of 2 weeks,

In Kind – SA Water – use of SA Water owned water tower as canvas, clearing /fencing at base of water tower, offer to support marketing /official opening and history searches re water.

In Kind – CFS to hose / clean surface of water tower prior to painting.

In Kind – Elders Port Vincent – to provide use of drone / videos of painting of the Mural to post on social media / promotional use

In Kind – accommodation provided by the Thomson family for a period of 2 weeks for the artists to stay during the painting phase.

In Kind – History searches by historian, Alan Jones.

In Kind – Tim Tuck, Head of Maitland School is to align the storyboard content to the school curriculum to offer formal educational content / site visits to the water tower / Port Vincent by future Students.

SA Water has offered to create structure / process to measure any increase visitation to area on an ongoing basis. This will be used for future grant applications / success of arts related projects to the town vitality, and the requirements for reporting back to the grant authorities regarding outcomes.

Funds from grants will go towards artist images / hiring of equipment – cranes / story boards. Possible future grant funding for training tour guides – see below.

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- **Permissions gained** – SA Water, YP Council, Germein family. ***Our thanks to Rob Germein and his family for their generosity.***
- **Artist selection** – non negotiables – SA Artist with proven experience with large 360-degree murals – Joel Van Moore / Elizabeth Close selected and contracted in July 2020 – site visit by artist in July 2020.
- **Images to be unique to Port Vincent** – agreed by artists

Mural to be commenced in October 2020 for approx. 2 weeks – with 2 Artists on site - dates to be confirmed.

### **Additional activities:**

- YP native plantings at base of Water tower / fence line
- Possible training of local volunteers as 'tour guides' to offer tours explaining the history of the images / town landmarks to visitors. This will be supported by formal short course training / grant related funded. This may also be a revenue generating service.
- Port Vincent Mural to be added to the WEA Regional Silo Coach Tours as of November 2020
- SA Tourism Silo Art Trail to include PV Mural
- School Groups to visit Port Vincent for school curriculum activities – mural

**Media** – ABC North radio interview – May 2020, ongoing articles / photos in YP Times and A Focal Point. Port Vincent Water Tower Facebook Page started June 2020

**Media - Once completed** – South Aussie with Cossie, Adelady, YP Times, mainstream television stations and regional radio stations will be on site to promote.

**Planned** – upcoming formal opening – post COVID-19 – with VIPs from across YP and SA, support to be provided by YP Council and SA Water, date to be confirmed – possible November 2020.

*As a direct result of the success of the process / upcoming outcome of the Port Vincent Water Tower Mural – 4 additional water towers on Southern YP have been identified for painting with support from the YP Council including: Stansbury, Yorketown and Edithburgh for 2021.*

***If the additional tower murals are completed, this will lead to a major tourism attraction – Southern YP Water Tower Mural Trail – unique to SA.***

### **Port Vincent CFS: Steve Cornwall**

Local Fire season starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November – however in 2019 activities started early when called to go to support the fires in NSW. We then had the Yorketown, Edithburgh fire that took 12 days to be put out. This of course saw the evacuation of Edithburgh. Steve thanked the SAPOL offices that managed to evacuate the town at 2am and Thanks to the community of Stansbury for opening up their bowls club as a safe refuge. Crews were then still involved with NSW fires and Kangaroo Island Fires. Steve reported that it was one of the worst fire seasons he has seen, and the Bureau of Metrology is predicting a similar season for the 20/21 season.

People have asked if the CFS has received donations from Red cross etc, the answer is no. If you would like to make a donation to your local service, you need to give donations directly to your local service. At the moment the Local CFS is full for membership which is great news.

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**Thank you to all Committee reports and Working group Reports.**

Michelle Handed the Chair over to the Trevor for elections.

**Committee Election**

Election of Officers to be conducted by Trevor Clerke

Members at End of Term	Members Re-Nominating	12 months remaining on Elected Term
Michelle Twelftree	Michelle Twelftree	Kim Hoskins
Greg Shaw	Greg Shaw	Carolyn Janson
Pam Hickman	Pam Hickman	Greg Hall
Julie Adams	Retiring	Sue Hall
Beth Fairlie	Retiring	Jeanie Zellar
Jan LeFeuvre	Jan LeFeuvre	Andrew Visser (resigned)
Louise Biddell	Louise Biddell	

**8/13 Positions open for nominations**

Committee Numbers – consists of up to 13 members including secretary

Office of Secretary and retiring officers declared vacant

**Nominations for secretary**

Pam Hickman            Nominated: Greg Shaw            Seconded: Michelle Twelftree

**Nominations for committee members (8 positions available) if more than 8 nominees – Secret Ballot required.**

Kristan Every            Nominated: Carolyn Janson    Seconded: Jeanie Zellar

Linda McCabe            Nominated: Carolyn Janson    Seconded: Pam Hickman

One Vacancy at this time:

**Appointment of Auditor:**

**Pending:**

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**Any further business:**

Gala Day:



**Port Vincent Gala Day 2021.**

After long consideration and assessment of the Covid-19 Pandemic and its effects on upcoming events, it has been decided that the 2021 Gala Day event will not proceed.

This decision was not made lightly – and was based on a number of factors.

For those that have been involved in the organization of this event or any large event will know that the planning for these events is a long process, Gala day normally involves six months of planning prior to the day. With this year unprecedented social restrictions being implemented this has made pre-planning for such an event rather complex with the unpredictability of the situation.

Gala Day is a fully community funded and volunteer managed event, with estimated 85% of the community being over the age of 65. This event brings an influx of visitors to the community, bringing our permanent residency of around 500 to around 4500.

The committee deemed that by encouraging a mass gathering it would be negligent for those whom reside in the community permanently and would place unnecessary angst and pressure on those volunteers whom already have a huge amount of responsibility during a normal event, but with all the extra event regulations, requirements and monitoring required due to covid 19 it would be unfair on those persons involved.

The committee understand that SA is in a very good position currently – But as we have seen unfold in other states, the situation can rapidly get out of control. It has become 'a damned if we do, and damned if we don't' situation and believe that the decision has been made in the best interests of the aging community, the volunteers and the associated expenses if the event had to be cancelled at the last minute.

This announcement will be disappointing to many – But Gala Day will be back – and hopefully Bigger and Better than ever in 2022.

Meeting closed at: 7:48pm

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Next Meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 7:30pm either face to face or via Zoom to be decided