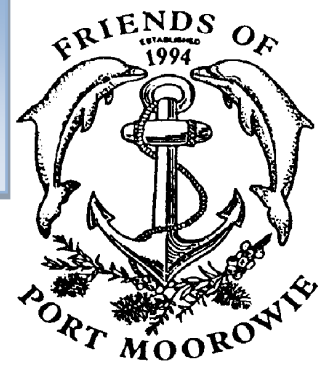


# PORT MOOROWIE WHALER

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## You are Invited

To the Official opening of the Port Moorowie Interpretive Signs Trail by Mayor Darren Braund of the Yorke Peninsula Council



**When:** Saturday, 2 October 2021

**Time:** 12.00 noon – 2.00 pm

- Viewing of signs from 12.00 noon (starting near Point Reef)
- Official Opening at 12.30 pm
- Sausage Sizzle from 12.45 pm

**Includes:** Free Sausage Sizzle, drinks, cake/biscuits

**Complimentary raffle ticket on signing in**  
(Drawn at 1:30 pm but must be in attendance to receive prize)

**Where:** BBQ area adjacent to Periwinkle Reef car park

(Please be COVID safe and follow social distancing principles)

### Port Moorowie Rainfall:

2 April 2021 – 25 July 2021 = 212.5 mm

Annual total to date (Jan—June 2021) = 306 mm

Same time last year (Jan—June 2020) = 284 mm



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**Please observe the  
speed limit in our  
town**

# SPEED LIMIT



## Port Moorowie Project Updates

**Small interpretive signs** have been completed and will be placed at intervals along the walking trail from Point Reef to Point Gilbert soon.

**Large interpretive signs** on the 'History of Port Moorowie' have been completed and they are currently with the printer and will be installed in the BBQ area in late September.

**Large interpretive signs** on First Nations People and the Nharangga people (the traditional owners of Yorke Peninsula) are currently being prepared and, if and when approved, will also be installed in the BBQ area.

**Water tank painting** (cnr McEachen Beach Road/Marine Parade) has been designed. We commissioned two artists, the designs were placed on our Facebook page and the community was given a chance to vote on them. However, the final decision will rest with the owner of the land and the Committee.

**Port Moorowie Burial Site** (south eastern cnr McEachen Beach Road/Marine Parade) will be fenced off and new native plants will be included together with an appropriate sign.

**Beach shelters with table and seating** are currently being planned for McEachen Beach and Point Gilbert.



### Community Library Box (Also known as a Street Library)

Proposed to be installed in the BBQ area sometime this year. Initially books will be donated and then residents/landowners have the opportunity to borrow book/s and replace them with books they have read and no longer wish to keep. Planning of this project is currently under review.

*"Street Libraries are a window into the mind of a community; books come and go; no-one needs to check them in or out. People can simply reach in and take what interests them; when they are done, they can return them to the Street Library network, or pass them on to friends."*

*If anyone has a book or two that they think others would enjoy, they can just pop it into any Street Library they happen to be walking past.*

*They are a symbol of trust and hope – a tiny vestibule of literary happiness."* Source: [www.streetlibrary.org.au](http://www.streetlibrary.org.au)

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### Committee Meeting Dates

**Reminder:** Meetings are open to anyone in the community. Come along and make a contribution. Meetings are held in the shed at the rear of:

63 Marine Parade  
Port Moorowie

Please enter via the driveway gate.

**ALL WELCOME**

Dates:

September 5th  
October 2nd (3 pm)  
November 7th  
December 5th

All dates are subject to change based on the availability of committee members.

### HAVE YOU PROVIDED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

We would love to continue to provide The Whaler to the community and in order to do that we really need your email address to reduce the cost associated with postage. If you have an email address please send it to [thefopm@gmail.com](mailto:thefopm@gmail.com) so that we can utilise the funds for more productive community uses.

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## Port Moorowie History corner– Port Moorowie Jetty

### A DAMAGED JETTY



Printed in *The Adelaide Chronicle* Saturday 17th June 1915

Caption: The pier at Port Moorowie damaged after the storm.

Source: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/89143650/8647046>

It seems that the Port Moorowie residents have always been advocating for the progress of the town. This article found on Trove was printed on Saturday 13th November 1915 in the *Southern Yorke Peninsula Pioneer*. History tells us the jetty was in fact repaired only to succumb to another storm. Enjoy reading the transcript:

*"At the deputation to the Minister of Marine on Friday last, those gentlemen representing the Port Moorowie district placed the question of the construction of a jetty at Port Moorowie before the Minister. They stated that the board had declined to repair the jetty and had also refused the offers made by the residents to repair the jetty if the board found the timber, on the condition that the jetty was worked for three years free of jetty tolls. The jetty had been very badly damaged by recent storms. The farmers had approached the district council, who had in turn approached the Harbors Board. The board replied that the repairs would be undertaken, but after a little work had been done it was abandoned. A deputation then waited on the board with the proposal that the residents would repair the jetty for the free use of it, at any rate for the year, but the proposal was "turned down". There would be at least 15,000 bags of grain to be shipped over the jetty this year. There was a large amount of grain grown within a mile of the jetty, and the grain would have to be carted 16 miles to Edithburgh if the jetty was not put in good order. They were prepared to repair the jetty if the board could see its way clear to grant them the free use of it for the present season. The Minister stated that he would obtain a report on the matter from the Harbors Board and let them have a reply."*



Photo courtesy of D Murdock

## Photo Gallery




White-bellied Sea-Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*). Photo courtesy of Jan Radford, taken in the vicinity of Kemp Bay.

...because every picture tells a story...

Do you have a photo taken in and around Port Moorowie that you would like to share with the community? We would love to be feature it in a future edition of The Whaler.

Just send the high resolution photo to [thefopm@gmail.com](mailto:thefopm@gmail.com) and we will share it and make sure you receive the credit.



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## Hooded Plover count reveals steady rise on Yorke Peninsula



Photo by Glenn Ehmke:

*Hooded Plovers take flight. A threatened shorebird, Hooded Plover numbers are on the rise*

Many years of dedicated conservation work by Yorke Peninsula volunteers has been rewarded with a 15% increase in Hooded Plover numbers within two years.

BirdLife Australia has released the results from its November 2020 Biennial Count, with 285 adult Hooded Plovers tallied on Yorke Peninsula beaches, an increase of 37 birds since the 2018 count. "Looking at the numbers of adult birds on Yorke Peninsula, it is clear that there has been a slow and steady increase, which is fantastic," said BirdLife Australia Beach-nesting Birds Project Coordinator Kasun Ekanayake. "This growth can be attributed to better breeding success mainly during the past three years, thanks to the efforts of volunteers monitoring and implementing nest management at busy beaches. More beaches were surveyed during the 2020 count which also accounts for some of the growth in numbers. The intensive predator control program that's part of the region's Marna Banggara project could also be credited with contributing to these results, as foxes and feral cats are major threats."

The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, helps BirdLife Australia coordinate Yorke Peninsula's volunteer program and biennial count. The count is part of a huge coordinated effort across eastern mainland Australia, where hundreds of volunteers survey the coasts of Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales during a weekend in mid-November.

Dr Ekanayake said Yorke Peninsula's positive results were significant as this coastline was home to the largest regional population of Hooded Plovers across the three states. "Conservation of the YP Hoodie population is important because it constitutes 37% of the entire SA population and 19% - close to a fifth - of the SA, Victoria and NSW population combined," he said. Volunteers will rally again in August as the birds find their mates and return to their breeding territories. Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Officer Janet Moore said it was vital to continue work to protect these vulnerable birds, which lay their eggs in exposed, shallow scrapes in the sand. "Hoodies still face many threats and unfortunately accidental crushing of eggs and chicks due to human activity on our beaches remains a cause for concern. Installing signs and fencing around nest and chick sites is part of our volunteers' important work. New volunteers are always welcome." To find out more about Yorke Peninsula's Hooded Plovers, contact Janet Moore on 0447 418 391 or email [janet.moore@sa.gov.au](mailto:janet.moore@sa.gov.au). View the 2020 Hooded Plover Report here: <https://birdlife.org.au/projects/beach-nesting-birds/biennial-count-reports>

*The Marna Banggara project is jointly funded through the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, the South Australian Department for Environment and Water, WWF-Australia and Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife*

### REMINDER:

You can do your bit to help the Plover recovery by keeping your dogs on a leash whilst on the beach, especially during the breeding season between August and March.

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The Friends of Port Moorowie are a local action community group based in the idyllic coastal town of Port Moorowie on the Southern Yorke Peninsula.

As volunteers we represent the community to build a vibrant and sustainable township.



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