PORT MOOROWIE WHALER

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A. Dennard (Vice-chairperson of FoPM. Mayor Braund, Lady Mayoress Braund and Cr Meyer inspecting the interpretive signs along the walking trail.

Signed, sealed and delivered

On October 2nd, the Yorke Peninsula Mayor, Darren Braund officially opened the 16 interpretive signs erected along the 2 km coastal walking trail and in the BBQ shelter highlighting the history as well as the local flora and fauna of Port Moorowie.

These signs have been a major project of the Friends of Port Moorowie who have photographed local birds, wildlife and plants as well as

researched historical material to provide a wealth of information of interest to visitors and residents alike. Work is still on-going with the local Nharangga community and further signs will be added once completed.

A Sausage Sizzle was held with over 60 people in attendance including Mayoress Kerry Braund, Councillor Adam Meyer, Chairperson of the Friends of Port Moorowie, Jo Daniels-Wilson and other committee members. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all.

The Friends of Port Moorowie would like to acknowledge its sponsors who provided substantial funds towards the project, the Yorke Peninsula Council and AGL through their Wattle Point Wind Farm Community Grant. In addition we would like to acknowledge the extreme generosity of Tim Mackinlay of Yorke's Gourmet Meats who donated the

sausages for the Sausage Sizzle.





Our water tank's new lease of life

We may not have a silo or a water tower but I'm sure everyone would agree that our small tank looks great!



Located on the corner of McEachern's Beach Rd and Marine Parade. It tells the story of Colonisation in Australia in 1836, with pastoral leases available for sheep runs and then leading into the agricultural era. Of course, Port Moorowie, was a major port for the shipping of wool, wheat, barley and wood which was carted by horse and dray to the jetty. The inclusion of the Jetty with the Grain stacks and the ships at sea completes the picture.





The mural, painted by Sam Brooks - Sam Brooks Commission Art (of Eudunda Silo Art), was commissioned earlier in the year with the design being overwhelmingly chosen by the Port Moorowie community on Facebook. The mural has now been completed and has been attracting a whole lot of attention. We are very proud of the finished product and believe that it adds a new dimension to our township.

Within the next few months we will be preparing the ground around the water tank- removing stones and laying a foundation and then a fence with a gate will be installed.



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

March 6th 2022
April 3rd 2022
Meetings will be cancelled on days of high fire danger.





Sam Brooks taking a well earned rest in the shade of the Port Moorowie water tank.

Sun's out, cold blood's out. Look out for reptiles.....



As we move from Spring to Summer, the inevitable increase in activity of the area's reptile population occurs. These beautiful creatures spend a great deal of their time risking their lives while crossing local roads. We are sure that just about all residents and locals are aware of this and respect the annual movement but, sadly, we have noticed a number of casualties recently – please watch out for lizards and snakes. It goes without saying that if you are travelling at the 30 kph speed limit, these incidents are easily averted.

DID YOU KNOW? Sleepy Lizards are monogamous and it is unknown if they re-partner if one dies, so slow down in our town.

Please don't destroy our habitat

Point Gilbert at the north-western end of our town is an important refuge for a variety of different native animals including reptiles, insects and birds. The vegetation also plays an important role in stabilising the sand dunes adjacent to this area.

The Yorke Peninsula Council would like to advise residents that chopping down trees and collecting firewood is neither legal nor appropriate as the area provides valuable habitat even if some of the plants are not local native species.

Port Moorowie Rainfall:

26 July 2021 – 19 November 2021 =136 mm

Annual total to date (Jan-Nov 2021) = 442 mm

Same time last year (July-Nov 2020) = 203.5 mm





Photo Gallery



Brown goshawk (Accipiter fasciatus) a medium sized bird of prey that provides natural mice control. **Photo courtesy of Helen Shepherd** taken in the vicinity of Point Gilbert, the Goshawk nests in tall trees on a platform of sticks and twigs lined with green leaves. The Goshawk waits on a hidden perch until prey comes within striking distance.

...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 feature it in a future edition of The Whaler.

Just send the high resolution photo to thefopm@gmail.com



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Be Bushfire Ready..... Fire Ban commenced on Yorke Peninsula on 1 November 2021

The Country Fire Service would like to remind you;

Prepare now: clear around your property, pack an emergency kit and know your closest Bushfire Safer Place.

• Find out where your closest **Bushfire Safer Place** is – these places can provide a place of relative safety if you leave early.

Plan ahead: do your 5-minute bushfire plan and share it with loved ones today, and plan for all your pets and livestock.

- Have a Bushfire Survival Plan, or if you don't have one, prepare it now.
- Have a conversation with your family and ensure if you are threatened by fire you know where and when you will go and what you will take.

Stay informed: check the fire danger rating each day and stay informed using more than one source of Information in case a fire starts near you.

• If you work, travel, holiday or live in an area where bushfires can occur familiarise yourself with where you can re-locate to if threatened by fire.

The CFS is ready and prepared to respond should any incidents occur, but we need the community to play their part. Our volunteers cannot be everywhere at once.

For further information:

www.cfs.sa.gov.au/prepare-for-a-fire/

If you would like a copy of the 'How to Survive a Bushfire' information sheets prepared in 2020 by FoPM please email fiffdaniels@optusnet.com.au and a copy will be sent to you.

SNAKEBITE MANAGEMENT

- 1. Follow Danger, Response, Send for help, Airways, Breathing, CPR, Defibrillation (DRSABCD)
- **2.** Lay the casualty down and keep them still until help arrives. Provide reassurance.
- **3.** Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage around the bite a soon as possible. Then apply a firm heavy elasticised roller bandage just above the fingers or toes and work your way upwards on the limb all the way up the limb as far as possible. Ensure the bandage is applied firmly without interrupting blood circulation.
- 4. Splint the bandaged limb to immobilise.
- **5.** Call triple zero (000) for medical assistance.



This information has been adapted from St John recommendations. For more information please consider completing a First Aid Course. For further details visit the St John webpage: Fact sheets snake bite.pdf (stjohn.org.au) Alternatively, if you do not have internet access please call 0411072836 and a copy will be sent to you.

Fundraiser



Buy your tickets online and support the delivery of the community projects. Full proceeds go towards the Friends of Port Moorowie

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