

PORT MOOROWIE WHALER

Email: thefopm@gmail.com

Issue number: 76

August 2022



Coastal Garden Inspiration



Above: Native Lilac *Hardenbergia violacea*

Attractive climber or shrub with trailing and twining stems.

Dark green leaves, clumps of bright purple pea flowers in winter.

Uses: climber, small shrub, feature pot plant. Sheltered positions

The Native Coastal Display Garden has really come into its own. The garden is located adjacent to the Periwinkle Reef car park on Marine Parade. If you haven't been there recently, now is a great time to head over to have a look. With Spring on its way, the plants are starting to put on their show of colour. As a coastal resident, you can have a garden that copes with our harsh dry summers, sandy or saline soils and salt spray, by using resilient, local native coastal plants. In doing so, you reduce the likelihood of planting weeds that may escape into our natural environment. The display garden provides inspiration and features striking groundcovers, low shrubs, structured sedges and grasses, flowering creepers and bird-attracting shrubs and screening trees.

If you are inspired to add some natives, planting is best done in the cooler months through autumn and winter. So your timing is perfect to get planting now and give your plants a good start.

Above: White *Correa*—*Correa alba*

A great little plant for coastal gardens. It likes sandy soils and will resist salty winds.

Full sun, but will grow in part shade, although flowering will be lessened. It responds to pruning, and can be shaped for formal uses. Greyish foliage with small white flowers in late autumn to winter.

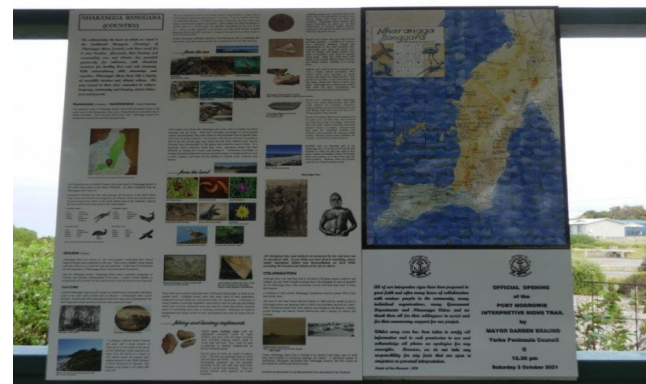
THE YORKE PENINSULA HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR HOME. NOW LET US HELP YOU FIND YOURS.

Proudly local, with four offices across the Yorke Peninsula, with Australia's leading real estate group

Ray White Kadina 8821 3211 | Ray White Yorketown 8852 1188
Ray White Ardrossan 8837 4155 | Ray White Moonta 8825 2555

RLA 228054

While you are visiting the Coastal garden, why not have a look at the most recently installed First Nations interpretive sign located in the BBQ shelter.



All washed up.....



Photo: Deb Knight

The whale skull is approximately 1.3 metres x 900 mm

The following information is from a researcher at SA Museum:

From the photographs, she was reasonably sure the skull was from a Humpback Whale and the stranding is known to the museum. Her response was...

"The humpback is registered (as a non-specimen records as SR803 in EMu). Can be pretty sure it is a *Megaptera novaeangliae* having seen the whole body..." EMu is the Museum's **records** database, and a non-record is a confirmed sighting without a physical specimen.

The Friends of Port Moorowie plan to remove the whale skull from the beach and display it with adequate protection from the UV rays (which will cause deterioration) either near the BBQ shelter or adjacent to the boat ramp. We are awaiting further information about how to best display it – currently it is covered in seaweed on the beach.



Photo: Helen Shepherd

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

Thank you to our contributors in this edition. If you have a photo you would like to share with the community please send it to: thefopm@gmail.com We would love to use it in a future edition.



Photo: Adam Meyer

Build Lic.: GL 56332

Paul Kassara
General Manager

paul.kassara@selectahomes.com.au

Ph: 8256 6300 • Fx: 8280 8430
Dir: 8256 6311 • Mb: 0439 842 323
1-8 Deuter Rd, Burton SA 5110

www.selectahomes.com.au



Port Moorowie Rainfall:



24 March 2022 - 21 July 2022 = 149mm

Annual rainfall to date: January - July 2022 = 220.5mm

Same time last year (2 April – 25 July 2021) = 212.5mm

**SPEED
LIMIT**



Get to know the Friends of Port Moorowie Committee 2022

There are so many new residents in our beautiful town that it might be a good idea to get to know the committee members who devote so much time and energy to keeping Port Moorowie vibrant and a great place to visit. Putting a face to the name is helpful and they are all friendly folk so if you see them around the town stop and introduce yourself.

Chair/Treasurer



Vice Chair



Secretary



Minute Secretary



General Committee Members: (Absent: Brenton Tozer, Cathy Tozer)

These volunteers all hold multiple roles including maintenance, property checks, fund raising and project management. The committee always welcomes help. If you have a skill that might be of use but are not able to devote time to be on the committee please reach out and let us know. We would love to create a list of adhoc volunteers with talents that don't mind being called on occasionally. Send us an email with your details.

Chairperson/Treasurer	-	Jo Daniels-Wilson
Vice Chairperson	-	Andy Dennard
Secretary	-	Jan Radford
Minute Secretary	-	Helen Shepherd
Committee	-	Allan Baker, Mick Hincks, Cathie Joseph, Brenton Tozer, Cathy Tozer, John Walton
Public Officer	-	John Walton



Committee Meeting Dates

Reminder: Meetings are open to anyone in the community. Come along and make a contribution. Meetings are held at
63 Marine Parade Port Moorowie

Please enter via the driveway gate.

ALL WELCOME

N.B. Subject to change

September 4th 2022

November 6th 2022

October 2nd 2022

December 11th 2022



Beach combing finds.....



Purple sea urchin

Heliocidaris erythrogramma

Native to Australia and particularly the temperate waters of southern Australia. Sea urchins are spiny animals which have a calcareous exoskeleton known as a 'test'. They have sharp solid spines that taper to a point. Most commonly, the purple urchins found whilst walking on the Port Moorowie beaches have lost their spines.

Sea urchins are herbivores and have sharp teeth in their mouth (which is located on the underside of the body) to assist with grazing on algae on rock surfaces and by trapping algae or seagrasses. Sea urchins are found on reef or rubble, and in seagrasses or seaweed. Purple Sea Urchins live on intertidal rocky shores and in coastal waters to a depth of 35 m.



Source: Australian museum

Colours can vary dramatically in this species, from light olive green to pink to a dark purple with the spines being different in colour. So much so that the Purple Sea Urchin was once thought to be three separate species.

Fun facts: Sea urchins can walk, using their tube feet to move along the seafloor. These feet are also how the sea urchin breathes

HART BROS
Est. 1965
WAROOKA

★ EARTHMOVING ★ BULK CARTAGE ★ SAND & METAL
★ RUBBISH REMOVAL ★ DOMESTIC WATER CARTAGE

EPA. LIC. 14042 ~ BLD. LIC 37323

Gary: 0408 859 080 Phone: 8854 5092
Anthony: 0407 602 752 MAIN RD, PO BOX 193, WAROOKA SA 5577
Email: hartbros@internode.on.net

YORKETOWN FOODLAND
FOODLAND
THE MIGHTY SOUTH AUSSIES

Warooka Rd, Yorketown - 8852 1111
Manager: Kerry Evans

Cellarbrations
Helping you celebrate

6 Charles St, Yorketown - 8852 1111
Manager: Lachlan Hennekam

Recycling reminder

Reduce Litter

Increase Recycling



Help us get a 10c refund on bottles and cans!

Please deposit cans and bottles marked with "10c collection in SA" into the receptacles marked "Friends of Port Moorowie" located on Camperdown Tce, McEacherns Beach and the boat ramp. This is a fundraiser and assists the FoPM to continue to deliver great projects for the town.

Total Recycling for
2021/2022 - \$1700

Acknowledgment

We must express our sincere thanks to **Fraser Ellis MP**, Member for Narungga who has so generously agreed to print our editions of The Whaler.

Fraser Ellis planned visits to Progress Associations

'Over the next four years I aim to strengthen my knowledge of our communities needs from a grass roots level so that I can continue to support desired outcomes for our electorate. I believe there is no better way to do this than to meet with each progress association.' Fraser Ellis

The Friends of Port Moorowie have provided meeting dates and we look forward to engaging with Fraser as he does his tour around the Peninsula.



**Follow us
on Facebook**

Friends of Port Moorowie

**269
Followers**