

# PORT MOOROWIE WHALER

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The Committee would like to extend to you and  
your family a safe and Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year

**Keep this date free.....11 December 2022**

**Committee Meeting:** 10.00 am

**CFS Speaker:** 11.00 am–12.15 pm

*(Bushfire preparedness and new Australian guidelines)*

**Refresher Course:** 12.15 pm – 1.00 pm

*(Use of Defibrillator, basic CPR, treatment of burns and snake bites)*

**Lunch:** 1.00 pm

*(Free Sausage Sizzle, tea/coffee, fruit, sweet treats)  
BYO Alcohol*

**Open to all Pt Moorowie residents/landowners**

**RSVP:** 5 December

*(Only those who reply by the due date (with name  
and number of people attending will be admitted))*

**Text:** 0411 072 836

**Email:** [fifidaniels@optusnet.com.au](mailto:fifidaniels@optusnet.com.au)

**Don't throw away your hard-earned  
money!!!!**



**This is the maximum speed limit throughout the  
township. Please remind visitors to also observe  
the 30 km/h and to watch out for children.**

## Committee Meeting Dates

**Reminder:** Meetings are open to members of our  
association. Come along and make a contribution.  
Non-members are welcome to attend but sadly  
cannot have any input into the meeting.

Meetings are held at:

63 Marine Parade  
PORT MOOROWIE

Please enter via the driveway gate

**Planned 2023 dates:**

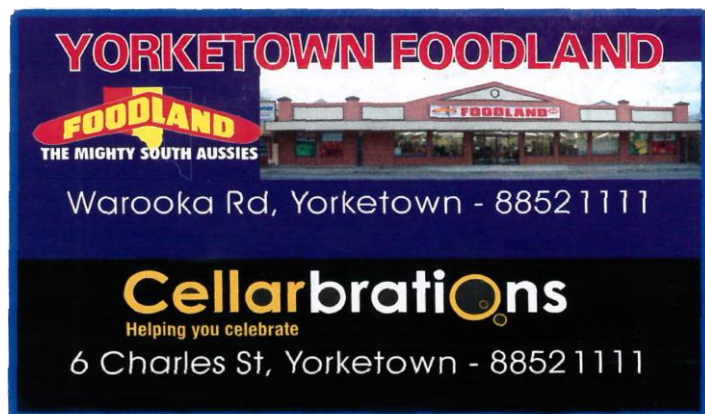
*(Meetings will be cancelled on bushfire-risk days)*

5 March

*(Fraser Ellis, Member for Narungga, attending)*

2 April

7 May



## AGM

**10.00 am Sunday 29 January 2023**

**Voting is restricted to fully-paid members of  
our association.**

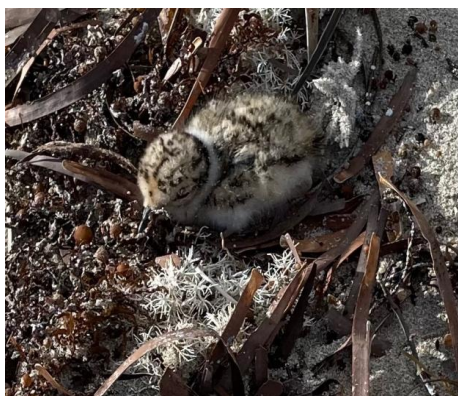
More **volunteers** are needed to join our Committee  
so please nominate by emailing us or coming along  
to the AGM where you can be appointed as a  
casual member for one year if we do not receive  
enough nominations.

## Hooded Plovers

It is possible that many Port Moorowie residents don't realise what you have on your door step, but McEachen Beach is considered a Hooded Plover haven with sometimes as many as 8 pairs trying to nest at the same time. At the last Hoodie survey, I spotted 7 pairs with 5 nests (some are on their 3rd attempt already), and a pair with two 6 week old chicks. In the Mozzie Flat area I recorded 5 pairs with 4 nests, so the season has truly started, and could last until March if their nests and chicks fail to reach the age of 7 weeks, which is the time when they can fly and get away from predators – fox and cat prints can be seen all along the beaches.



We tagged 5 birds last year with flags, which are white with black letters, being affixed on the right upper leg. Birds flagged were MW at the boat ramp, KA and MC on McEachen Beach which I have spotted consistently returning there. Another bird, DA, was only seen returning once last year, and also last year the fledgling, DY, was last seen west of the Mozzie Flat end of the beach, but it's not surprising for a fledgling to find their own territory far away from their parents. I welcome information about any sightings, and especially if you happen to spot any tagged birds or chicks!



Please remember to keep your dog on a leash if you see any Hooded Plovers and take notice of signed areas. Do not stay on the beach too close to them as the parents will not sit on their eggs, and the eggs will fail if left alone for long periods in hot or cold weather.

Nanou Cabourdin (0413 249 855)

## Photo Gallery

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



**Echidnas**, sometimes known as spiny anteaters, are quill-covered monotremes (egg-laying mammals). The four still-existing species of echidnas and the platypus are the only living mammals that lay eggs and the only surviving members of the order Monotremata.



**Blue Tongue Lizards** have somewhat **unusual body proportions**: a big head and long body with very short legs and small feet. Their evenly tapering tail is fat and shorter than the body.

Male lizards have a proportionally larger head than females, but the females are bigger overall. The most noticeable feature of these lizards is **the blue tongue inside the bright pink mouth**. They are not very fast so:



**Photos: Jan Radford**

**Echidna:** on the Walking Trail towards Point Gilbert car park.

**Blue Tongue Lizard:** on Camperdown Terrace



## Membership Renewal - 2023

Please consider becoming a member of our association so that we can carry on the work of looking after our township as well as improving community facilities. A **membership form is attached**.

**Cost: \$25 per couple \$15 single (calendar year)**

## Property Checks - 2023

Your property is checked each week for illegal entry or damage and your bins are placed inside your front yard.

**Cost: \$55 (calendar year)**

If you would like to participate in this scheme or renew your contract for 2023 please contact 0411 072 836 or email [fifidaniels@optusnet.com.au](mailto:fifidaniels@optusnet.com.au) and an agreement form will be emailed/sent to you. This is a wonderful service & gives landowners peace of mind for when they are not at Port Moorowie.

## Pt Moorowie Rainfall



**22 July 2022 – 15 November 2022**

**283 mm**

## Display of the Whale Skull

Due to the deterioration of the whale skull and on advice from the SA Museum as to its preservation the Committee have decided not to continue with this project. You can currently view the skull in the Native Coastal Display Garden.

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## Maintenance Report

It has been another busy year and with the small band of willing helpers, who have worked tirelessly, we have managed to maintain as much of the area as possible.

### Volunteers:

We wish to welcome on board some new volunteers who have offered assistance but, of course, we would be grateful if more people volunteered, even if it is only occasionally.

Heavy rainfall during the winter has created an abundance of weeds and we are still working on their removal together with the pruning of shrubs & bushes which have had a massive growth spurt.

Besides all the gardening, many information signs have been erected, the Information Bay is being updated, the Street Library Box has been erected in the BBQ area and fencing has been placed around the Water Tank and the Burial Site.



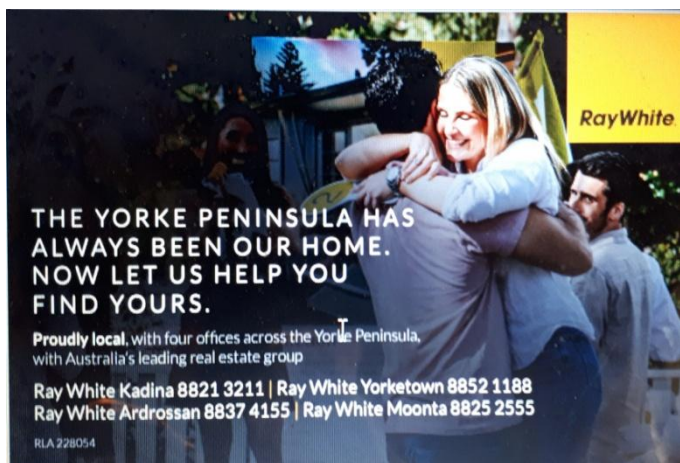
**Books will be available from  
10 December**



**Read about the history of  
our Water Tank Mural &  
artist in the Information  
Bay & the BBQ shelter**

An increase in people visiting the area has resulted in an increase to our recycling revenue (only cans and soft drink bottles with 10c printed on them please) giving us a much appreciated boost of income....so a particular thank you to all participants.

**Jan Radford  
Maintenance Officer**



## Boating Safety – VMR516

If you plan on heading out in the boat during the holidays then for your safety please call, via your radio, the Sea Rescue Edithburgh Radio Base (24 hours) before leaving the ramp informing them who you are and where you are headed. Repeat this procedure when you return to let them know that you have arrived back safely.

Sea Rescue Edithburgh has been in operation for many years, is manned by dedicated volunteers and provides an invaluable service to all the boating public.

## Community Lottery 2022-2023

	<p><b>Tickets</b> <b>\$2</b> <b>each</b></p>
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Buy your tickets on-line and support the delivery of community projects. Full proceeds go towards the Friends of Port Moorowie.

Visit:

[www.communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au](http://www.communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au)  
and search for Friends of Port Moorowie

## Be Bushfire Ready.....Fire Ban commenced on YP on 15 November

The CFS is ready and prepared to respond should any incidents occur, but we need the community to try to play their part. Our volunteers cannot be everywhere. It is incumbent for all residents/landowners to initiate their own Bushfire Survival Plan.

For further information:

[www.cfs.sa.gov.au/prepare-for-a-fire](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/prepare-for-a-fire)

## Defibrillator

With more people around during the summer holidays please be aware that our community AED (Defibrillator) is situated on Marine Parade adjacent to the boat ramp car park.

## Call Emergency 000 first.

Check with your mobile provider regarding the emergency number if there is no signal coverage because emergency calls can still be made.



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## Acknowledgement of Thanks

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.