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The Committee of the Friends of Port Moorowie wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy

New Year.

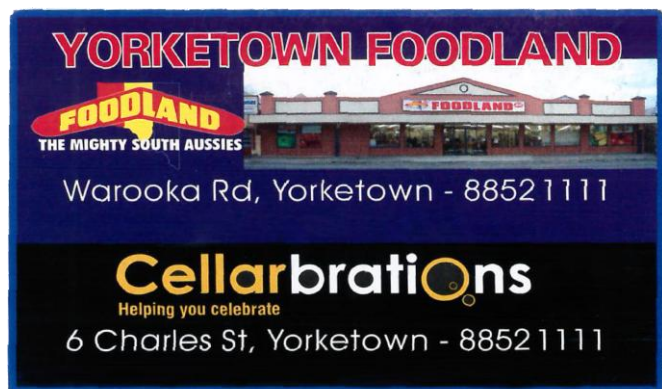
Annual General Meeting

The 2024 Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 28th January 2024 (weather permitting) at 10.00 am at 63 Marine Parade.

Non-members are very welcome to attend any of our meetings but to be able to vote (if necessary) you are required to be a fully-paid member of our association prior to the meeting. The Chairperson's and Treasurer's reports as well as all the correspondence for the year will be available at the meeting.

Committee

There will be a number of casual vacancies available in 2024. If you are interested in being on the Committee for one (1) year please email us or come along to the AGM. We do understand that there are people who do not wish to be on the Committee but who are happy to volunteer within the community (please see the note in the next column).



Volunteering

There are a number of tasks that members of the community could carry out that would assist Jan & Cathie enormously. Some of the tasks required include assistance with:

- Weeding and/or poisoning walking trail from Native Coastal Display Garden to McEachen Beach Road (you could nominate a specific part)
- Weeding around water tank mural
- Wiping down signs on walking trail
- Wiping down signs in Information Bay
- Wiping down signs in BBQ shelter
- Wiping down tables in the beach shelters
- Mowing or whipper snipping cliff-top edge
- Mowing or whipper snipping road verge around pine log railings
- Weeding around benches & table settings
- Mowing around "Welcome to Port Moorowie" sign

Some people are already assisting with some of these tasks but if we were able to get more personnel we could then prepare a roster of names so that there is greater continuity. **Would you please be able to help us out!!!**

It is both unreasonable and short-sighted in today's world to think that the Yorke Peninsula Council should be doing any or all of these tasks because not only are they the largest Council area in the State but also they do not have the financial resources or the manpower to carry out every task in every town. We have a good working relationship with the Council and they do help us out where possible. Also, most towns do get a financial payment each year to assist with ongoing costs.

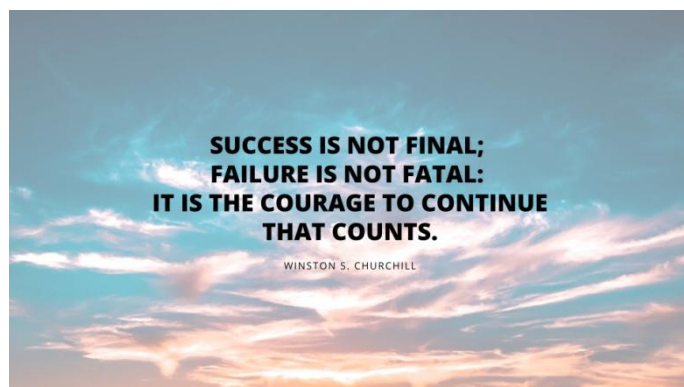


Photo Gallery

.....because every picture tells a story



If you have a chance to visit Edithburgh at some time when you are in Pt Moorowie, go to the main street near the Museum to view 'Edith' the Clydesdale. She is a dedication to the horses that were used well before mechanisation. The townspeople and those in surrounding districts raised money and the project was commissioned with Peter Crosby ('Turtle') completing the project. A lot of flat fence droppers, used in the early days, have been cut and bent to shape to make the legs and other body parts as well as quite a few tools and pieces of farm machinery were used to make up the rest of 'Edith'. Much welding has taken place to complete her. This is truly, a work of art.

Property Checks - 2024

At a cost of \$55.00 for the year (approximately \$1 per week & definitely a lot less than a cup of coffee) we will do a security check of your property each week and also place your bins back inside your property.



Unfortunately, in 2024 we have to restrict our property checks to within the boundaries of McEachen Beach Road, Camperdown Terrace and Marine Parade as well as including all those streets within those boundaries.

If you would like to participate please complete the attached form (email only) or contact the Treasurer on 0411 072 836 and she will arrange for an Agreement Form to be emailed/sent to you. This service will give you peace of mind for when you are not in Port Moorowie.

Maintenance Report

At this time of year we look back and reflect on what has been managed throughout the year because maintenance is not just about looking after the area, but also about maintaining the equipment which we use.

Many thanks go to our volunteers in the western end of town who have been assisting in removing Acacia Cyclops, pruning and removing dead fuel load. This has allowed new plants to emerge and flourish and prevent invasive species from taking over.

Throughout the year there is always constant weeding, pruning, watering and fertilising of the Native Garden. At times we find we cannot keep up with everything required and were most disappointed that after all our efforts to maintain the burial site it is now overgrown with weeds once more. This will now be managed once cropping has been done.

Adjacent to the new beach shelter at Point Gilbert, Council has cleared dead vegetation and we have commenced a rockery. Plans are also afoot to provide extra protection from the prevailing westerlies.

Thank you to our band of mowers ie Allan Baker, John Walton and Brian Goold for keeping the growth on the cliff tops to a minimum and to Mick Hincks for doing small maintenance repairs.

I would like to thank Cathie Joseph, my side-kick, for her unwavering support and assistance as we not only do maintenance but also do all the recycling and property checks as well. We are always looking for extra volunteers (see the note 'Volunteering' on page 1). Even if you cannot provide time to us, if you could possibly look after the area in front of your house/land that would be of great benefit.

Jan RADFORD (Maintenance Officer)

Please note: Jan Radford, our Maintenance Officer, recently had a meeting with appropriate personnel from the Yorke Peninsula Council re the management of the western end of town and all parties came to an agreement, with strict guidelines, as to what specific work was permitted to take place.

As a result of this meeting, any work that occurs is done **in accordance with Council guidelines**. We would appreciate it, if people have any concerns that they approach Jan, or her willing helpers, to clarify any issues.

Pt Moorowie Rainfall



29 July – 30 November 2023

96.0mm

Total Rainfall 16/11/22 – 30/11/23 425.4mm

Over these summer holidays please be mindful of.....

Speed limit:

For Pt Moorowie township



Bushfire awareness:

Prepare your 5 minute plan



Dog walking:

Use a leash at all times and use doggy dispenser bags



Drones:

Be respectful of people's privacy



Defibrillator:

Located at boat ramp car park - dial 000 first



Quad/Trail Bikes:

Check rules for riding on roads and beaches. Hefty fines apply



Cliff top:

Due to crumbling rocks please keep children and yourself away



Snakes:

Be aware as snakes are on the move



Sleepy Lizards:

Help protect our fauna



Boating:

Practise safe boating – wear a life jacket



Responsible disposal of fish gut/chicken carcasses

We would like to remind all landowners & visitors that:

- It is an offence to discharge any fish or other offal into any waters (oceans).
- This practice will attract String rays, not to mention sharks, and make our beautiful swimming beaches a danger to children and adults alike.
- Even if you throw waste products onto the rocks, it will still wash into the ocean also making it an offence. Not only does it become putrid but the smell, particularly during summer months, is offensive to others.

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 2024 dates:

(Meetings will be cancelled on bushfire-risk days and may be changed due to availability of Committee members)

28 January (after AGM)

3 March, 5 May, 7 July

Recycling

Please continue to deposit cans and bottles with a '**10c collection in SA**' into the appropriate receptacles.

Only household waste material can be placed in the **maroon bin** alongside the recycle depot. Please observe the rules on the bin.

All money collected benefits your community.



Beach shelters & cliff top seating

The new beach shelters at Point Gilbert and McEachens Beach have now been completed as per the project details. We are grateful to the Federal Government through our local Council for the large contribution towards the cost. As has been stated before, we plan, in the future, to provide protection from prevailing winds.



Point Gilbert

The rockery at Point Gilbert is well under way and hopefully the plants will, with constant watering, survive the summer heat. However, no extra plants will be added until next autumn.



McEachen Beach

The beach shelter at McEachen Beach has ample vegetation surrounding it so we deemed it not necessary to further add to it. At both situations, the seating is designed to accommodate wheelchairs by using the extension at one end of the table setting.



Outback Table Setting



Bench Seat

Old and dilapidated seating has been replaced with either bench seats or outback table settings and all have been bolted to concrete slabs. Existing plaques, or new ones in some cases, erected in memory of deceased family or friends have been replaced.

Membership Renewal – 2024

Sign up

The success of our association is reliant on our members and we would certainly welcome any new members and/or welcome back past members to our association (membership form included).

Cost: \$25 per couple \$15 single

Money can be direct debited:

BSB 105-159 A/c No. 015487140

Email addresses

We now have well over a 100 landowners receiving their Whaler & other notifications by email without any problems. Your email address will never be used for any purpose other than Port Moorowie matters and definitely no private information is ever given out without your express permission – we would contact you first. Please forward your email address to fifdaniels@optusnet.com.au and join the ever increasing number to get their Whaler in colour as well as helping us to decrease our postage costs.



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Acknowledgment 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.