



PORT MOOROWIE WHALER

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The Committee of the Friends of Port Moorowie
wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a
Happy, Safe & Healthy and New Year.

Annual General Meeting

When: Sunday 26 January 2025
(provided it is not a bushfire risk day)
Time: 10.00 am
Where: 63 Marine Parade
(enter via side gate)

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 & Treasurer's reports together with all correspondence will be available at the meeting. Non-members are also very welcome.



As an ageing group of volunteers, our Committee are desperately seeking some younger members of the community to become involved. There are approximately 7 Committee Meeting per year with the AGM in January and there will be a number of casual vacancies for one year only on our Committee for 2025.

If interested please email:
fifidaniels@optusnet.com.au prior to the meeting

Town Speed Limit

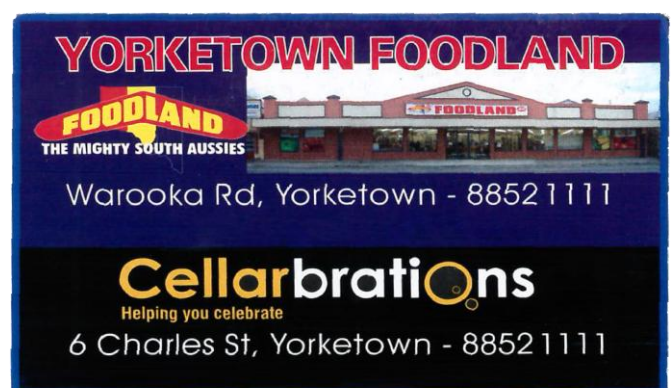


There will be a number of visitors, possibly with children and/or dogs, over the summer holidays, so please observe the 30 kph for the safety of all concerned. This rule also applies all year.



There have been a number of incidents of late in the community involving anti-social behaviour. Port Moorowie prides itself on being a quiet residential and holiday spot and it is sad that some people believe that is either amusing or their right to cause distress to others.

Those people, and the houses where they were staying have been identified and we would suggest that if you do not wish to feel the full force of the law that you desist from this anti-social behaviour. People are prepared to report you to SAPOL. It is also incumbent that if you have visitors staying at your home that you instil in them community mindedness.



DarkSky Community

Thank you to those people who responded with such positive comments to our initiative to become a DarkSky Community. It was heartening to see how many people appreciate the unique dark sky that we have at Port Moorwie.

We are now about to proceed with our application covering such areas as:

- **Eligibility requirements** – ie a legal organisation officially recognised by outside groups
- **Application elements** – including a map of the community showing its legal boundaries and Letters of Nomination and Support.
- **Light Management Policy (LMP)** – organise a comprehensive Lighting Management Policy for all public outdoor lighting.
- **Lighting Inventory** - determine if city-owned lighting presently conforms with the LMP.
- **Commitment to Dark Skies Quality Outdoor Lighting** – including support for dark skies is shown by a wide range of community organisations.
- **Sky Quality Measurement**
- **Education and Outreach** – including dark sky brochures for residents and visitors

This submission will take some time to work through and in the mean time some of our Committee will be approaching residents, landowners and visitors asking you to sign a **survey** indicating that you support our initiative. We only require minimal information and we would very much appreciate your support and that of your visitors.

Email addresses

We now have 124 residents/landowners receiving their Whaler & by email.

Please consider providing your email address and save on postage - you can be assured that your email address will only ever be used for FoPM communication and will never be available to, or be seen by, any other members.

Please forward your email address to fifidaniels@optusnet.com.au and join the ever increasing number to get their Whaler in colour.

If you no longer wish to be on our **mailing list** for the Whaler please email thefopm@gmail.com or telephone/SMS 0411 072 836 for your name to be removed.



No Camping in Pt Moorowie

The Yorke Peninsula Council has designated 19 bush campgrounds and a permit must be purchased before entering any of those areas. A permit covers one motor vehicle (and caravan/trailer).

Port Moorowie is not a bush campground.

The closest bush campground is at Mozzie Flat located 23 kilometres south of Warooka and 17 kilometres south of Yorketown - BYO water and firewood – some shade – suited to off road vehicles and camper vans only - boardwalk to sandy beach – patchy mobile phone reception – dogs to be kept under effective control – two small camping areas.

Membership Renewal - 2025

Our membership is steadily increasing year by year – **a Membership Form is attached.** We certainly welcome new members and old members back to our association. The cost per calendar year is:

\$25 per couple \$15 single

Please consider joining by:

Directly Debiting FoPM A/c:
BSB 105 159 A/c No 015487140

or posting to: PO Box 189
YORKETOWN 5576

or handing it to a Committee Member

or bringing it along to the AGM



Please note: Meetings are generally held @ 10.00 am on the first Sunday of each alternate month at 63 Marine Parade. Members are welcome at all meetings and can bring along items to be discussed at the end of the meeting. Non-members are welcome to attend but sadly cannot have any input into the meeting, unless invited to. Join us then for morning tea afterwards and mingle with the committee.

Property Checks - 2025

At a cost of \$55.00 for the year (approximately \$1 per week) we will do a security check of your property. This will now be **fortnightly**, but your bins will be put back inside whenever they are placed out for collection (boundary limits apply).



If you would like to participate please contact our Treasurer on 0411 072 836 or email us at thefopm@gmail.com and we 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.

Doggy Bag Dispenser

We have two (2) doggy bag dispensers in Pt Moorowie – one at the boat ramp and the other on the cliff-top at Point Reef. Please be mindful of other people's comfort, take along your own doggy bags or make use of the dispensers provided and then dispose of the waste matter appropriately.



Let us keep Pt Moorowie as clean as possible.

Pt Moorowie Rainfall



1 August – 28 November 2024

88.0 mm

Defibrillator

Reminder: This has been installed on the road side of the car park adjacent to the boat ramp.

Although we hope that it never has to be used, we are realistic enough to accept that there will become an occasion for its urgent need.

Call Emergency 000 first.



Drones

Please be mindful of other people's privacy and comfort and check out the current rules before operating. Those drones weighing less than 2kg must not be flown at night or at a height/place where if any part were to fall it would land on people.

Pilots of commercial drones weighing 2kg or more need to be registered with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and have an operator's certificate before their UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) go zipping through the public airspace.



Quad/Trail Bikes

It is timely to remind people that there are rules for the riding of quad & trail bikes – **no unauthorised riding is permitted on roads and beaches in Pt Moorowie.**



Practically every year we receive phone calls from concerned residents regarding the riding of quad bikes and trail bikes, particularly on McEachen Beach because of the potential damage to the sand dunes and endangerment to the vulnerable species of Hooded Plover which nest at high tide.

All motor vehicles (**including quad bikes**) being used on a road in South Australia requires the appropriate registration and insurance to be in effect. **All roads at Port Moorowie and public beaches are gazetted as roads.**

Whilst this does not come under the jurisdiction of the Friends of Port Moorowie we felt it was a timely reminder to those who perhaps don't even realise that they are breaking the law.

Photo Gallery

.....because every picture tells a story



Are we about to be taken over by aliens - a spaceship has appeared with two aliens (one on the beach and one on the stairs) but fortunately there have been no reports of people missing?

We have asked around but nobody seems to be aware of any sightings – please let us know if you have been either lucky or unlucky enough to have encountered them????????

Recycling on Camperdown Terrace

Please note: **THIS IS NOT A RUBBISH DUMP**



Only 10c SA bottles & cans please - no wine or spirit bottles or other rubbish thank you.

Bushfire Survival Plan/Fire Danger Season

With the heat of summer descending upon us, it is incumbent for all residents/landowners to **initiate their own Bushfire Survival Plan.**



Yorke Peninsula Fire Danger Season
1 November 2024 – 30 April 2025

Check the website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au for rules on legal/illegal activities during the fire season.

Maintenance Report

Our volunteers have been exceedingly busy with amenity pruning, planting trees, revamping the Native Coastal Display Garden, mowing the coastal strip, spraying weeds, establishing a rockery at Point Gilbert and generally keeping the town tidy.

From 1 August – 30 November our small band of volunteers has worked tirelessly, totalling 85.5 hours, to maintain Port Moorowie as much as possible.

Please be careful at the cliff face, particularly with children – storms over the years have undermined sections and other sections have fallen into the sea. Please also be aware of snakes as many have already been sighted.

J Radford
Maintenance Officer



BITE SIZE GRANT

Due to the generosity of the **Northern & Yorke Landscape Board**, and in conjunction with the Friends of Port Moorowie, one of our residents has won a \$2,000 grant to revegetate a section of the Mozzie Flat Walking Trail. No significant work has begun, so at this stage there is no dramatic transformation. The lack of rainfall has been challenging but not many casualties have occurred. More information and pictures will appear in the April 2025 edition of the Whaler.



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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.