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Chairperson's Report.....(excerpt)

As Chairperson of the Friends of Port Moorowie I am pleased to report that this has been a much quieter year with one of our projects being completed and new ones being considered. This year, we again chose to have our meetings in alternate months due to Committee members' commitments etc and we still managed to hold 7 meetings as well as the AGM. Each meeting is now approximately 1.5 hours long to make up for the change in circumstances. Some of the main areas that our committee & volunteers have concentrated on this year have included:

- **Native Coastal Display Garden/Amenity Pruning/Pt Gilbert Rockery**

Thanks go to Jan for co-ordinating and also to Cathie Joseph for her tireless work. Also, thank you to Peter Kirkhouse and Russell Boord, with the amenity pruning and general tidying up of the western area in accordance with Council rules and regulations.

- **Recycling**

Thank you to Jan Radford & Cathie Joseph who have carried out this task during the year.

- **Property Checks**

The 22 landowners who have taken advantage of this service are very grateful for their bin relocation each week and a check on the security of their place. Again our thanks go to Jan & Cathie who carry out these checks.

On behalf of the committee of the FoPM, I cannot begin to express my thanks to everyone in the community for their support this year. The 2025 Committee is as follows:

Chairperson: Jo DANIELS-WILSON
Vice-Chairperson: John WALTON
Secretary: Jan RADFORD
Treasurer: Jo DANIELS-WILSON
Minute Secretary: Jan RADFORD
Public Officer: John WALTON
Committee: Allan BAKER, Russell BOORD, Mick HINCKS, Cathie JOSEPH, Peter KIRKHOUSE, Brenton TOZER and Cathy TOZER

Jo DANIELS-WILSON (Chairperson)

Town Speed Limit



This is a legal obligation, not a choice.

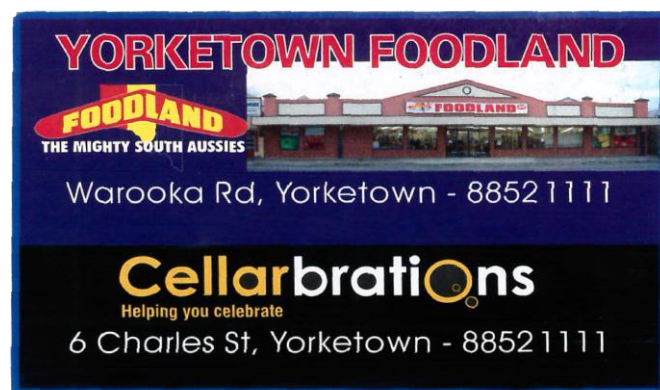
Treasurer's Report..... (excerpt)

We have still managed to maintain a healthy bank balance given our month-to-month expenses as well as providing for some amenities for the township. The only fundraising that we participated in was the on-line People's Choice Community Lottery. This year we agreed to give a \$1,000 donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, an organisation that we significantly rely on to get us to Adelaide in an emergency

Major forms of income this year include: Advertising, Fund-raising, Memberships, Recycling of Cans & Bottles, Donations, Interest, Property Checks & YPC Progress Allocation.

Our expenses have again been exceeding low for the general day-to-day running of the association. Our main day-to-day expenses have been: Defibrillator service, Postage & delivery of Whaler, PO Rental Box, Registration of Trailers and Maintenance.

Jo DANIELS-WILSON (Treasurer)



Maintenance Report

From December 2024 up until now, our small band of volunteers, including Cathie Joseph, Russell Boord, Peter Kirkhouse and John Walton have worked tirelessly with me to maintain Port Moorowie as much as possible to keep the plants thriving during the extremely hot weather and especially when we have virtually had no rain.



Approximately 82.5 hours of work has been carried out during this time. This work includes:

- Watering the NCDG and new rockery
- Mowing of cliff top & whipper snipping edges
- Weeding around water tank mural and NCDG
- Spraying weeds along the walking path
- On-going clearing of Acacia Cyclops, Boxthorns, fallen Platypus tree and fallen dead branches
- Taking prunings to green dump in Yorketown
- Amenity pruning of overhanging bushes
- Cleaning Information Bay
- Checking & refilling doggy bag dispensers
- Recycling of cans & bottles to Stansbury
- Property checks

I know there are other people who do what they can when they are staying in Port Moorowie and I am very grateful for their on-going assistance and support as well.

Jan RADFORD (Maintenance Officer)



Port Moorowie Website

Thank you to the much appreciated efforts of Daniel WALTON we now have an established Website with relevant information and photos about Port Moorowie.

You can access this Website through the following link: <https://portmoorowie.org.au>

Membership Renewal - 2025



Cost: \$25 per couple \$15 single

(Money can be direct debited:

Friends of Port Moorowie Inc: BankSA

BSB 105-159 A/c No. 015487140

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 (unless invited to).

Meetings are held at:

63 Marine Parade (please enter via the driveway gate)

2025 planned dates:

(Meetings will be cancelled on bushfire-risk days and are also subject to change depending on Committee members' commitments)

4 May, 6 July, 7 Sept, 2 Nov, 14 Dec

Pt Moorowie Rainfall



28 November 2024 – 31 March 2025

32.0 mm

Email addresses - 2025

We now have **142** residents/landowners receiving their Whaler & by email.

Please consider providing your email address and save us money on postage (now \$1.50) - 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 email your address to:
fifidaniels@optusnet.com.au

Photo Gallery

.....because every picture tells a story



The relatively new disability-friendly beach shelter at Point Gilbert is open to westerly winds so now protection has been provided to make it more comfortable for people making use of it. **We ask that you please remove your rubbish when you leave.**

Cars can be driven up to the seating area to make easy access, particularly for wheelchairs.

Community News – Yorke Town Community Library

CRAFT GROUP



Do you love to Craft?

**Monday/Tuesday mornings
10.00 am – 12.00 noon**

Free to attend.

Tea/Coffee provided.

More information: 8852 1647

BOOK CLUB



Ready to dive into amazing stories?

**Wednesday afternoons
1.30 pm – 3.00 pm**

Share a book – discover new books. Afternoon Tea

More information: 8852 1647

Recycling Centre – Camperdown Terrace

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



With the Easter and school holidays fast approaching we ask that you be considerate towards our volunteers.

Our recycling centre is only for bottles and cans which are marked 10c SA deposit. We cannot recycle cardboard boxes, wine/spirit bottles, milk bottles or cartons, paper, jam tins, magazines, etc

Please be community minded and if you create waste take it away with you or arrange to use neighbours' bins ready for weekly/fortnightly and/or monthly collection.

Dark Sky Community

Our proposal to become a Dark Sky Community has seen us spend many hours gathering information, reviewing the policy and speaking with the representatives of the Carrickalinga success story.

We have also listened to the many positive comments from you as well as the concerns which have been expressed.

Based on all of the above, we decided at the last Committee Meeting to press on with our desire to preserve the Dark Sky at Port Moorowie but not in an official capacity through the International DarkSky Association (IDA) which has some stringent conditions and on-going commitments which we cannot guarantee that we can fulfil.

We will, however, approach the Yorke Peninsula Council to hopefully develop a Dark Sky Lighting Policy for our township as a vast number of people have indicated that they appreciate the unique quality of night sky that we enjoy and do not want it impacted by artificial light.

Signs will be installed in the BBQ shelter at Periwinkle Reef and the Information Bay indicating what we, as individuals, can do to contribute to a dark sky and why we should be protecting it.

We appreciate that not everyone will be on board but in this day of ever increasing climate change which is vastly impacting wildlife, sea mammals and plants as



well as human life we feel strongly that we all have a responsibility to the planet to leave it in a better place than it currently is. Future generations deserve to have a more environmentally sustainable world and we can all do our part to make this a reality.

Jo Daniels-Wilson – Chairperson

What impact is light pollution causing?



Birds that migrate or hunt at night navigate by moonlight and starlight. Artificial light can cause them to wander off course and toward the dangerous night time landscapes of cities. Every year millions of birds die colliding with needlessly illuminated buildings and towers. Migratory birds depend on cues from properly timed seasonal schedules. Artificial lights can cause them to migrate too early or too late and miss ideal climate conditions for nesting, foraging, and other behaviours.



A hatchling loggerhead sea turtle turns inland following human-made lights instead of seaward toward safety.



Light pollution is among many factors driving a potentially catastrophic decline in some of the world's insect populations. That threat is obvious to anyone who has witnessed moths and other nocturnal insects swarming around bright outdoor lights. If you have insects fluttering around a street light all night, they're depleting their energy reserves to the point of exhaustion, increasing exposure to predators and potentially missing courtship cues from mates.

Bringing back the dark!

The good news is that addressing light pollution has a clear and immediate impact. As soon as you turn that light off, the pollutant disappears from the environment, and species can begin to return.

What's in a Name?

BOOBOROWIE – an aboriginal word meaning 'round waterhole'

COOBOWIE – an aboriginal word meaning 'wild fowl on the water'

CURRAMULKA – an aboriginal word meaning 'a waterhole where emus drink'

KADINA – an aboriginal word meaning 'lizard plain'

MINLATON – from Minlacowie, meaning 'fresh water well'

TIDDY WIDDY BEACH – from an aboriginal word meaning 'bartering place' due to the fact that the Kurna and Narangga tribes traded in the area

WAROOKA – an aboriginal word meaning 'muddy waterhole'

A business card for Rocka's Renos & Home Maintenance. The card has a dark blue background with a green wavy line. On the right is a white line drawing of a toolbox. The text on the card reads: **ROCKA'S RENOS** & HOME MAINTENANCE, ROWAN KLEEMANN, PHONE: 0488622720, EMAIL: ROCKASRENOS@GMAIL.COM, and Remodeling & 2nd fix Carpentry – Southern YP.

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