

PORT MOOROWIE WHALER

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WARNING – Danger!!!

High tides at Port Moorowie have caused considerable damage to our coastal dunes which has resulted in erosion, dune collapse and a big change in the size of sand cliffs.

Please be careful when walking along the cliff tops and keep well away from the edges at all times as they have become quite fragile and are likely to collapse. The stability of the steps down to the beach varies according to the tides so take care when descending.

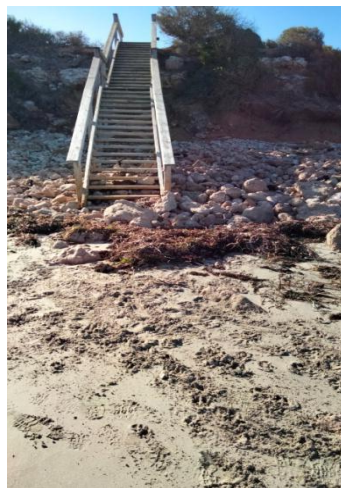
The boat ramp has been closed off due to a big chunk of the surrounding area being washed away. See update from Yorke Peninsula Council on Page 4.



McEachens Beach



Mozzie Flat steps



Periwinkle Reef steps

Please be community minded and do not remove any barriers put in place by the Council as it puts other people's lives at risk.

Town Speed Limit

We shouldn't have to continually remind people that the township speed limit is 30 kph but there continues to be those people who believe it is their right to travel at whatever speed they wish without any regard for other people's safety. Remember there are hefty fines for disobeying the speed limits – you have been warned.



This is a legal obligation, not a choice.

Whaler - Postage



This is possibly the last Whaler that will be posted out due to the ever increasing cost – now **increasing** from \$1.50 to \$1.70.

This is a total waste of well-earned funds particularly when there are so many people who have email addresses and who have not yet provided them.

I cannot reiterate strongly enough that your email address will never be divulged to anyone else without your express permission.

Please, as a matter of urgency, provide your email address to me at:

fifidaniels@optusnet.com.au

to receive on-going copies of the Whaler.

Recently the **Minlaton Community Activity Group** paid a visit to the Port Moorowie Nature Reserve and enjoyed a BBQ. It also afforded them the opportunity to have a look at the signage and to take a stroll along the walking trail to view our podium signs.

‘The aim of the group is to increase the health and wellbeing of older people living within our community while providing a safe, fun and happy environment for our ageing and/or socially isolated seniors to enjoy.’

We do hope that other groups will also visit our township and take advantage of the facilities whilst also learning more about the history of our township.



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In May a group of walkers traversed the ‘Walk the Yorke’ trail for charity. Kate and Robyn Kerin (below) walked on day one from Foul Bay to Port Moorowie and in total the group raised \$45,500 which was shared equally between the RFDS and Backpacks 4 SA Kids. Thank you to all who supported this worthwhile cause.



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As mentioned previously, one of our projects for this year has been to revamp the Information Bay at the corner of McEachens Beach Road & Marine Parade.

In the past there has always been an infestation of birds and mice resulting in a messy area for our signs and for children waiting for the school bus.

Whilst the outside structure, etc has been completed we still have some signage that needs updating or erected in the shelter and this will be completed by mid-September.



Recycling Centre – Camperdown Terrace

THIS IS NOT A RUBBISH DUMP

Please 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.



Grants

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in obtaining a **Grassroots Grant through NY Landscapes** to remove a very invasive *Melaleuca Nesophila* on the Marine Parade coastal strip and which is crowding out emerging native plants and encroaching on the walking trail. Due to the large amount of projects submitted and the small amount of money available other organisations met certain criteria that we failed to meet. However, we will continue to submit applications for other grants in the hope that we can eventually complete this project.

One of our local residents received a **\$2,000 Bite Size grant through NY Landscapes** in November last year and has been very busy planting shrubs in an area of approximately 300m of the "Walk the Yorke" trail between Port Moorowie and Mozzie Flat.

This area was identified as potentially benefitting from revegetation having been denuded a number of years ago when the area was cleared for agricultural purposes. The funding was used to: engage the services of a specialist contractor to remove invasive woody weed species ie acacia cyclops and boxthorn and also to survey the adjacent area to identify suitable local indigenous plant species to complement the natural amenity of the area.

Approximately 200 tubestock were purchased from a local supplier and when conditions were considered favourable, these plants were planted in a random pattern to mimic the unstructured character existing along the trail. These plants have been protected by tree guards supplied by NY Landscape and maintenance is expected to be ongoing, with watering to continue until the plants become established and able to survive on natural rainfall.



Before planting

Photos: Courtesy of Carol Siska

The removal of invasive species (onion weed and Lincoln weed) was carried out by hand to eliminate the use of chemical control.



After

Photos: Courtesy of Carol Siska & Jan Radford

Pt Moorowie Rainfall



1 April – 31 July 2025

195.5 mm

Doggy Bag Dispensers

New doggy bag dispensers have been installed at:

- Mc Eachens Beach
- Point Reef
- Periwinkle Reef
- Point Gilbert

Please make use of these facilities and remember that **in South Australia, the used bags (provided they are compostable and not bio-degradable) can go into green waste.**





BOAT RAMP UPDATE - YPC 29 July 2025

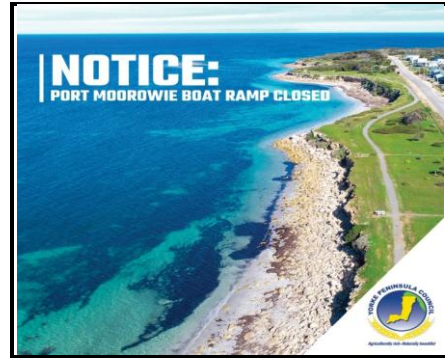


Photo Gallery

.....because every picture tells a story

Toxic Algal Bloom at Port Moorowie



South Australia's Toxic Algal Bloom has been affecting waters off parts of the State's coast, including Port Moorowie, since at least March.

Many of the locals who walk the beach were dismayed to find so much dead marine life on the beach including cuttlefish, puffer fish, leafy sea dragons, deep water fish, abalone, stingrays, leather jackets, Port Jackson and White Pointer sharks. The algae affects fish gills and skin and if the gills are damaged too much they basically drown.

The beginning of the food chain has been severely impacted, including worms, tiny shellfish, sea urchins, and sea cucumbers as well as crayfish and a few tiny prawns. The recovery time for regeneration of many of the species will take a very long time, if at all. Divers at Edithburgh reported mass deaths on the ocean floor - marine habitats under the water have been dying for quite some time. Weekly samples of the waters are continually being taken for testing.



Council is continuing to assess infrastructure and assets impacted by the recent storms across the region. The Port Moorowie boat ramp and boat ramp road have sustained significant damage and are **currently closed to all access**. We ask the community to please be mindful of any road or access closures, and to obey all signage and directions for your safety and the safety of others.

Dark Sky Council Lighting Policy

A presentation will be made at the Yorke Peninsula Council Workshop on Wednesday 27 August and from there a decision will be made as to whether it is forwarded to a general Council Meeting for consideration for Port Moorowie to have a YPC Lighting Policy. Signs will be installed in the BBQ shelter and the Information Bay by mid-September. indicating what we, as individuals, can do to contribute to a dark sky and why we should be protecting it.



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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.