

PORT MOOROWIE WHALER

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Annual General Meeting 2026

The Annual General Meeting scheduled for Sunday 26 January had to be postponed to Sunday 1 March due to the bushfire risk and extreme heat in January.

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

As Chairperson of the Friends of Port Moorowie I am pleased to report that this year has been quite productive. The Information Bay has been completely revamped to prevent the infestation of birds and mice but unfortunately on the negative side, we were required to remove the fencing around the burial site on Section 75 as the owners were placing the land on the market. Signage for the walking trails has been replaced and also signage informing residents, landowners and visitors of the need to preserve the Dark Sky at Port Moorowie has been prepared and installed. We are working with the YP Council to have Port Moorowie declared the first township on the Yorke Peninsula to have a Dark Sky Lighting Policy.

We again chose to have our meetings in alternate months and we still managed to hold 6 meetings of at least 1.5 hours, 1 meeting via email only and also the Annual General Meeting.

Native Coastal Display Garden/Amenity Pruning/ Pt Gilbert Rockery

Jan, together with her volunteers, Cathie Joseph, Russell Boord, Peter Kirkhouse, John & Fran Walton, John & Carol Siska, Jeff Wood & Karen Godfrey as well as assistance from Chris Kristoff have conducted many hours of work including amenity pruning, mowing and general tidying up of the area in accordance with Council rules and regulations. Carol Siska with the aid of her Bite Size Grant from the NY Landscapes completed regenerating an area adjacent to Mozzie Flat and the many plantings appear to be flourishing.

Recycling

Thank you to Jan Radford, Cathie Joseph and other volunteers who have carried out this task during the year.

Property Checks

The 23 landowners took advantage of this service are very grateful for their bin relocation and a fortnightly 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 2026 Committee is as follows:

Chairperson: Jo DANIELS-WILSON
Vice-Chairperson: (to be decided)
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.

YORKETOWN FOODLAND

Warooka Rd, Yorketown - 8852 1111

Cellarbrations
Helping you celebrate
6 Charles St, Yorketown - 8852 1111

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

We have still managed to maintain a healthy bank balance given our monthly expenses and some expensive projects for the township. No fundraising took place this year and major forms of income included: Memberships, Donations, Interest, Recycling, Property Checks & YPC Progress Allocation.

We, again agreed to give a large donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, an organisation that the Peninsula significantly relies on as well as small donations to the Dementia Cafe and the Yorke Peninsula Ratepayers' Association.

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 Garden maintenance.

Jo DANIELS-WILSON (Treasurer)

Maintenance Report

From December 2025 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 80 hours of work has been carried out during this time including: watering, mowing, weeding, spraying, amenity pruning, checking doggy bag dispensers, property checks, recycling, etc.

Thank you to our 5 new volunteers – it is so very much appreciated to have other residents involved in the maintenance of Port Moorowie. I know there are other people who do what they can when they are staying in Port Moorowie and I am also very grateful for their on-going assistance and support as well.

Jan RADFORD (Maintenance Officer)

Pt Moorowie Rainfall

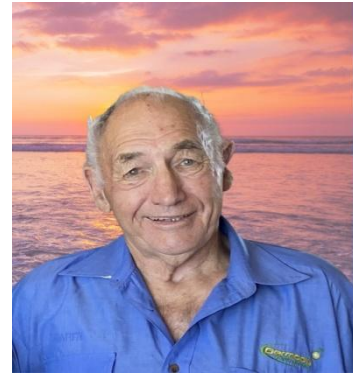


1 December 2025 – 15 April 2026

90 mm

VALE – Jim Edlington

5 May 1939 – 30 January 2026



The Friends of Port Moorowie would like to acknowledge the passing of a past Chairperson who made significant contributions to the Port Moorowie township enabling current residents and landowners to enjoy a better lifestyle.

Jim, together with his band of dedicated volunteers were instrumental in providing or overseeing a raft of amenities for the community, some of which included several sets of steps to the beach, a beach shelter on the sand, bollards along Marine Parade and the original cliff top seating. Jim was also, for a number of years, a Yorke Peninsula Councillor for Port Moorowie as well as the Coastal Patrol Port Moorowie Radio Base Operator with Sea Rescue Edithburgh. During his time as Councillor, Jim advocated for a bitumen road in Port Moorowie and this eventually became a reality.

Frequently, Jim was seen mowing along the cliff top from the boat ramp to Point Gilbert, as well as maintaining invasive weed and bush control. This area was always kept neat and tidy and at one stage Port Moorowie was even presented with a Tidy Town Award by KESAB. Jim had the community at heart, he developed many long-lasting friendships and his contributions have not been unnoticed or unappreciated.

We extend our sympathies to his children and extended family and to his friend Merv Bryant, a long time resident of Port Moorowie.



Photo Gallery

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



Last year we approached the Yorke Peninsula Council with the aim of developing a Dark Sky Lighting Policy for our township. A vast number of people indicated that they really appreciate the unique quality of night sky that we enjoy and do not want it impacted by artificial light.

Council requested that I speak at their September Council Meeting to highlight this request and to provide any relevant information including community consultation that we had undertaken prior to this step. This was duly provided to all Council members so my speech only needed to be of a short duration – it certainly appeared to be favourably received. After this meeting a report was made and presented to the Councillors and it was agreed that they would move to the next step which was to conduct their own community consultation.

In the meantime I was also approached by ABC radio Port Pirie who had developed an interest in our desire to remain a dark sky and on two occasions I spoke on radio outlining our process and our desires.

After the community consultation by the YP Council a motion was put to the Councillors at the February 2026 meeting and was duly passed.

We have become the first town on the Yorke Peninsula to have a Dark Sky Lighting Policy approved by the YP Council and although it is specific to Port Moorowie we do hope that other townships may make the same approach in the future.

Thank you to all those people who supported us during the community consultation stages, both with the one conducted by the Friends of Port Moorowie as well as the one conducted by the Council.

Please remember:

A dark sky does not mean a dark ground.

Having a dark sky will not compromise your right to have outdoor lighting at your residence – it **only** applies to any public lighting which already exists or which will exist in the future.

However, we do ask that you consider your lighting based on the following, particularly if you are installing new lighting or replacing current lighting.



Please read the signs in the Information Bay and/or the BBQ Shelter for greater clarification on the benefits of a Dark Sky at Port Moorowie.

Jo Daniels-Wilson – Chairperson

Correction – Fishing rules

I apologise for the confusion in the December 2025 edition of the Whaler. The correct rules are as follows:

Recreational fishers must comply with the daily fishing limits for marine and freshwater species caught in South Australian waters.

All bag and boat limits apply for 24-hours from midnight to midnight. Once you catch the limit for a particular species, you are not permitted to take any more of that species regardless of how many times you fish in a day or regardless of whether someone else takes your boat out fishing.



ROCKA'S RENOS
& HOME MAINTENANCE

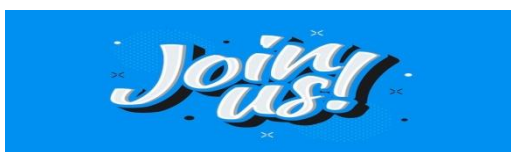


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Remodeling & 2nd fix Carpentry – Southern YP

Membership Renewal – 2026

It is not too late to renew your membership or become a member of the Friends of Port Moorowie.



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 Meetings

Reminder: Meetings are open to members of our association. You are welcome to come along and make a contribution. Non-members are welcome to attend but sadly cannot have any input into the meeting (unless invited to).

63 Marine Parade (please enter via the driveway gate)

2026 planned dates (subject to change):

2 May, 5 July, 13 Sept, 1 Nov, 6 Dec

Email addresses - 2026

If any of your friends or neighbours in Port Moorowie expresses a desire to receive the Whaler by email please ask them to provide their email address to fifidaniels@optusnet.com.au. We are only posting out the December edition from this year – April and August editions will be via email only.

Email addresses are never, ever provided to third parties.

Port Moorowie Website

Don't forget to check out our new website – details are in the header of this newsletter.

Recycling Centre – Camperdown Terrace

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



This centre is only for bottles and cans which are marked **10c SA deposit** – no cardboard boxes, wine/spirit bottles, milk bottles or cartons, paper, jam jars/tins, magazines, etc

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

- ♦ Gardening
- ♦ Irrigation
- ♦ Handyman
- ♦ Compact tractor backhoe



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Acknowledgment of Thanks

Fraser Ellis

We must express our sincere thanks to **Fraser Ellis**, who for the past eight years was the Member for Narungga. During this time we found him to be very approachable and conscientious and he took much interest in our association whilst also fighting for the Yorke Peninsula, as a whole. For all of that time his office generously printed all editions of our Whaler. We wish him all the best for whatever the future holds.

We offer our congratulations to the One Nation candidate, Chantelle Thomas and hope that we can establish the same working relationship with her.

Boat ramp repairs

More information came to light after the December edition of the Whaler was printed.

Our thanks to **Shane Richards** who co-ordinated the repairs and cemented the boat ramp. Also, thanks to **Anna & Nathan Phasey (Moorowie Earthmoving)** who carted the rubble, prepared the area for concreting and also moved the rocks to form a barrier. A good job done by all and very much appreciated by the community.