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Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

South Australia is at the centre of H5N1 avian influenza (bird flu) outbreak, with numbers increasing daily across coastal and inland regions. While commercial poultry remains unaffected, authorities urge the public to avoid touching sick wildlife; you can track updates and get more information via **PIRSA Avian Influenza**.

Authorities strongly suggest private bird owners tighten backyard security; securing domestic birds away from wild birds.

Keep dogs and cats away from dead or dying wildlife particularly along beaches or in parks.

Avoid: **Do not touch or attempt to rescue sick or dead wild birds.**

Record: **Note the exact location and take photos if safe to do so.**

Report: **Call either the:**
Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888, or
National Parks & Wildlife on 8207 7700



Town Speed Limit



This is a legal obligation, not a choice.

There have been many complaints recently concerning residents, landowners and/or visitors who deliberately disobey the town speed limit. It takes so very little extra time to follow the rules and make everyone, who is either walking or riding, safe from the exploits of those who do not seem to be able to follow basic rules.

Please be community minded and do the right thing as careless and reckless driving carry heavy penalties.

Signage

Over the last several months, we have replaced some of the signage that has succumbed to the harsh elements in Port Moorowie as well as installing others. Signage currently in existence and worthy of a read, particularly if you are interested in the history of Port Moorowie, includes:

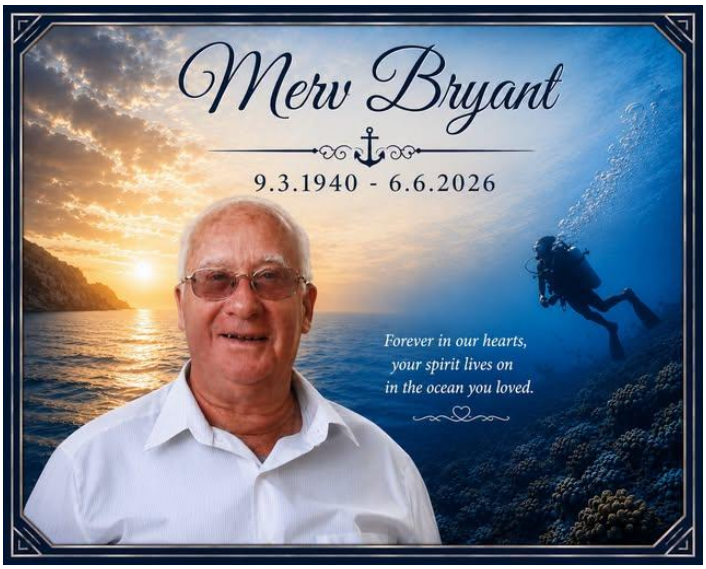
BBQ Shelter on Marine Parade
- History of Port Moorowie
- First Nations People
- Nharangga Bangarra (Country)
- Water Tank Mural
- Port Moorowie Amenities
- Preserving Pt Moorowie's Dark Sky

Information Bay
- Map of Port Moorowie
- Port Moorowie Amenities
- Water Tank Mural
- Preserving Pt Moorowie's Dark Sky
- Advertising

Walking Trail
- Multiple podium signs

Marine Parade/McEachens Beach Cnr
- Port Moorowie Burial Site

Greenhill Road (eastern side)
- Otto Haussen's House Ruins



The Friends of Port Moorowie would like to acknowledge the sad passing of Merv, a very caring & colourful character who was one of the earliest inhabitants of Port Moorowie.

Merv was very involved in a number of capacities with the Friends of Port Moorowie in the early years of its formation and together with the late Jim Edlington was instrumental in the erection of the beach steps, BBQ shelter & beach shelter.

Through the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol SA Inc - Point Turton Division, he operated the Coastal Patrol Radio Base back-up at Point Gilbert in Port Moorowie providing vital communications ensuring the safety of those on our waters.

Merv was very community minded, belonging to a number of community groups of a sporting or social nature and was always very friendly towards people. He loved to speak with people of the projects he was involved with whether it was his work as a mechanic, considerable diving experiences for the SA Harbours Board, bus driving, bowls, etc. He, along with others, was involved in the retrieval of the anchor from the 'Clan Ranald' which is now situated in the main street of Edithburgh & also, along with family & friends, initiated the volunteer Fire Brigade in Yorketown.

He will be much missed in Port Moorowie & the wider community as he was always a constant presence & we extend our sympathies to his family & friends at this sad time.

Pt Moorowie Rainfall



16 April – 15 August 2026

266.5 mm

Maintenance

Volunteering

Our small band of volunteers who have worked tirelessly with me at the western end to keep plants thriving and amenity pruning under control, include: Cathie Joseph, Russell Boord, Peter Kirkhouse, Jeff Wood, Karen Godfrey, John and Carol Siska. Our other small band of volunteers assisting me at the eastern end to carry out tasks including weeding, spraying and mowing include: John & Fran Walton, Ben Williams & Ynai Porter & their son, Kate Muirhead, Rowan Kleeman, Denise Jackson-Cook & Tim Cook.

Many, many hours of work has been carried out over autumn including: watering, mowing, weeding, spraying, pruning, checking doggy bag dispensers, property checks, recycling, etc.

Thank you to all our volunteers – it is so very much appreciated to have other residents involved in the maintenance of Port Moorowie including from those people who do what they can when they are staying in Port Moorowie.

Melaleuca Nesophila

The removal of a large section of Melaleuca Nesophila (with the approval of the YPC) has been completed thanks to Brenton Tozer and soon with the kind generosity of plants and guards from the Council we hope that not only will the native plants have more change of emerging and surviving but the added plants will add to the aesthetics of the cliff top area.

Mozzie Flat Steps

The steps to Mozzie Flat along with much other infrastructure on Yorke Peninsula were damaged quite considerably in past storms and as a result the Yorke Peninsula Council has had to go through the process of preparing required information and quotes for insurance purposes. This will take some time but they are definitely in the pipeline for repair.

Thank you - cliff top mowing

Originally the mowing was carried out by the late Jim Edlington until it was no longer possible for him to continue. Allan Baker took on the task and for many, many years he consistently mowed the cliff top – we owe him a debt of gratitude for this mammoth task. With no new volunteers it was decided at a recent Committee Meeting to hand over the mowing to the Yorke Peninsula Council but now thanks to a new willing volunteer, Rob Kerin, the Friends of Port Moorowie can continue to carry out this important task.

Jan RADFORD (Maintenance Officer)

Photo Gallery

.....because every picture tells a story



Every winter we are provided with this delightful sight as we traverse Waterloo Bay Road on the way to Port Moorowie.

Although people often refer to this plant as 'Red Hot Pokers' it is, in fact, the Aloe Arborescens plant, a hardy introduced succulent found near native vegetation reserves and the historic salt lake/lagoon landscapes between Yorketown and the coast. It is treated as a localised garden escape/weed in regional council management plans to protect local coastal biodiversity. Local legend says that when the flowers bloom the whiting are biting.

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). Meetings are now mostly held on Saturdays to accommodate more Committee members.

63 Marine Parade (please enter via the driveway gate)

2026/2027 planned dates (subject to change):

12 September, 7 November, 12 December, 30 January (AGM)



Defibrillator

Our defibrillator is nearing the end of its useful life and we are currently in the process of replacing it with a more updated model, the Mindray C1A which includes:

- Device
- Battery
- Adult/Child Pads x 2
- Preparation Kit



This defibrillator takes less than 8 seconds to deliver the first shock and has a single switch between Adult and Child mode. The battery and pad life is greater than our current model and it is also drop proof as well as weather proof.

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.

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** – **if you create other waste, please take it away with you or arrange to use a neighbours' bin.**

Southern Yorke Peninsula 2026 Bi-Annual Photographic Exhibition



Photography enthusiasts and art lovers are invited to experience the exhibition, showcasing an outstanding collection of images captured by talented photographers across the region.

The exhibition highlights the skill, creativity and passion of Southern Yorke Peninsula photographers while celebrating the beauty of our local environment and the wider world.

Many of the photographs will be available for purchase, offering visitors the opportunity to take home a unique piece of photographic art.

The exhibition provides an opportunity to meet local photographers, learn more about the craft of photography, and appreciate the remarkable talent that exists within our community.

Entry is free, and everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

Come along and discover the stories, colour and beauty captured through the lens.

We look forward to welcoming you to this inspiring celebration of photography.

- Gardening
- Irrigation
- Handyman
- Compact tractor backhoe

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Free Generic Ink Cartridges – Epson Home XP-235/245 etc

If you have an Epson Home XP printer or know someone who has, and are interested in a full unused set of XL generic inks, then please either ring or text me on 0411 072 836 (Jo). As I have had to change my printer I do not wish to dispose of them if someone else can make use of them.



Port Moorowie – some interesting facts...

According to the Census in 2021, Port Moorowie had a population of 94 people. When compared to other regions, or previous Census data, the changing population and growth (or decline) of a particular age group and trends can be identified and demonstrated. These demographic shifts and changes in population are expected to have impacts on the demand for infrastructure and services within the region.

Town Establishment: It was initially surveyed and laid out as a township in 1878 with the first lots being sold in June of that year.

Indigenous Heritage: Local archaeological sites (such as campfires in the area) date back approximately 900 years. Many of the old campsites were found along the coast, but many more lie inland around small salt lagoons and lakes. It is thought that the Nharangga tribe maintained large settlements along the coast, including Port Moorowie, throughout much of the year.

2028 – Pt Moorowie's Sesquicentenary (150 years)

How should we celebrate this great moment in history for our township? If you would like to take part, form a Committee or just provide some feedback, we would love to hear from you.

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