



Minutes of meeting
Held in the Edithburgh Institute
On 9th November 2021

Subject to Confirmation

PRESENT: Stan Szczypiorski, Jin Douglas, Helen Jolly, Ronnie Dixon, peter Dixon, Mick O'Connell, Keryn Dawes, Adam Meyer (Council Rep) Jen Dinham (Minute Taker)

MEETING OPENED 7.30pm

1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

PETER BARTRAM

3. VISITORS

STEVE SIMMONS, JOHN DOUGLAS

Steve spoke about the SA jetties Strategic Plan – this is attached at the end of the Minutes

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chairperson reminded all members of their requirement to disclose any conflict of interest and provide accurate details of the relevant interest to the Committee prior to consideration of that item on the Agenda

5. PUBLIC GALLERY

6. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS.

NIL.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th October 2021

Moved: M.O'Connell

Seconded: P.Dixon

#17 (09/11/2021)

**That the minutes of the Edithburgh Progress Association meeting held on 12th October, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record
CARRIED**



8. MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1. Shark net - netting been paid for – Stephen Goldsworthy met with the pool committee and the following week the tidal pool committee met – As this project is replacing a previous structure, it has potential approval, Insurance is a concern and it may come under Council Insurance.
Possibly up by Christmas,
Query as to whether our pontoon is covered by insurance
Action: JDinham to send a letter to Council that Progress Approve the installation of a shark Barrier and are prepared to pay up to \$6000
- 8.2. Review of Action List

9. REPORTS

Caravan Park Working Group Report
CPWP Meeting Minutes
3 November 2021

Meeting opened: 9.00am

Present: M O’Connell, S Szczypiorski, Shane Fowles, Sonya Fowles

Apologies: P Bartram

Caravan Park ASL/Permanent Representative Report: M Bazeley by phone

ONGOING ACTIONS

1. Slip in Southern Amenities
Floor non-slip coating completed.
2. Fire reels
Currently installing extra taps and non-return valves. Fire reels to be installed by the end of the month.
3. Speed Limit signage
Signs are completed and stencils for the road signs have arrived with spraying to done by the end of the month.
4. Surveillance camera/gates
Gates have been installed.
5. Camp kitchen
The floor has received a non-slip treatment.
6. Tagging and testing
Non-compliant junction box connections given until July 1 2022 to become compliant. Mick O’Connell to send a letter to the ASL’s updating them.
7. Progress BBQ invitation
Progress Members walk-a-round starts at 11.0am. There are currently 5 confirmed replies, but Park Managers will contact all ASL and Permanent patrons direct this month.
8. Check in of all ASL guests
Park managers to send an email, informing patrons that the given code(s) need to match vehicle registration.

NEW ACTIONS

9. Fee payable on the caravan sale
Fees will in future be paid by the buyer at the point of purchase rather than by the seller at the point of sale. The Agreement will be reworded to reflect the change.



10. Increasing products available in the Front Office
Selling ice is under review with an option to buy from a town business and on sell as a convenience to patrons.
11. New contract discussions
Agreement with the suggestion that new contract discussions start in February.

Manager Issues

1. Dumping of materials
CCTV footage shows TV monitors and clothes are being dumped by ASL and Permanent patrons into camp kitchen and laundry.
2. Wifi
Patron indicated Wifi slower now that CCTV cameras have been installed and spreading this message. The cameras have no effect on the Wifi speed as they operate separately.
3. Fire hose taps
The taps being installed as dedicated for fire hoses are not to be used for any other purpose.
4. Covid double vaccination
Suggestion that all visitors be double vaxxed. Managers to check with ParksSA to determine the legal situation.

Conflict of Interest: Nil

Minutes of previous meeting: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Mvd: Shane Fowles Sec: Stan Szczpiorski Cd

Business arising from minutes:

Nil

Correspondence:

Nil

Caravan Park Managers Report

1. New ground mats
These have been installed.
2. Progress van
The van has been sold and will be moved off-site on Monday by the new owner.
3. Caravan Park entrance signage
Signs quoted but Council not yet contacted.
4. Insurance
Insurance cover through the Council can only be discussed with a Senior Progress member (Chair) Insurance company to email all insured items etc to the Progress Chair.
5. Paths to Camp Kitchen
Leave until next year now.
6. Storage/Staff Amenities Transportable
Discuss in general business
7. Park Signage
Complete.
8. Trailer
Trailer has arrived.

General Business:

1. Water heater replacement
Electrician has completed the electricals.



2. Future food catering events at the park

The Chairperson outlined the positive discussions he has had with Edithburgh's Food Business Committee Chairperson Lesley Tilbrook. The park managers wish to have 6 events with 4 catered in the new year (2022)

The food businesses would prefer long weekends to be **non-catered weekends**, given the park is quite full anyway, but if possible, the businesses would like to be given the opportunity to cater for the park if food was being considered.

The park managers would like the option of having catering on long weekends as this is a chance to show case the park. Park Manager (Sonya) has requested that she be able to meet with Stan and a representative from each business on how to work together. Stan to set up this meeting, following discussion with Lesley.

Sonya is currently marketing the town food outlets. The positive feedback from patrons from the last event was more about the whole experience rather than just the pizzas with many indicating that they would have cooked in house if the pizzas had not been available. Shane indicated the current situation prevents them developing the park to its full potential.

The following agreed outcomes, will be forwarded to the Edithburgh's Food Business Committee for consideration:

1. It was agreed that should food be offered within the park, all efforts would be made to ensure that the food be produced from Edithburgh's local food business. It was agreed that the food business within Edithburgh be given the first option to cater for any/all required food items. Whilst it was made clear by the Food Business Committee that the food businesses were not confident in meeting the Health regulated transport requirements to deliver food products to the Park; alternatives should and need to be explored.
2. Food Business Committee has requested that 'external food vendors' (if and when used) be limited to **Non Long Weekend events only**, and suggested that utilizing external food vendors on normal weekends when the Park is not 'booked out' may attract additional patrons to the Park. It was agreed that no external food vendors would be used within the Caraven Park for the next 6 months, and would be reviewed in May 2022.
 - The park managers will try to use local catering for special events held on long weekends. Catering could include park delivery and distribution or patrons pick up at the business
 - On special events held on normal weekends the park managers can use local businesses for catering or use outside caterers, at their discretion
 - The park is a business and needs to operate as such
 - The extra patronage in the park helps support local businesses, but local businesses need to be able to provide a consistently high level of service and food quality to support the park

3. Storage/Staff amenities

Three ideas for storage/staff amenities previously discussed – pods, transportable unit/garage, shed.



In discussions with the Council the pods will be a complex option. The transportable unit quote received is around \$100000. The shed option would allow the whole structure to be erected and the back section lined and set up with a toilet and hand bowl, kitchenette and table, storage room for chemicals and storage room for linen, with the front used as a storage for vehicles. The plumbing for the kitchenette, toilet and hand bowl would be in place before the concrete was poured. The shed would be 12.2m x 6.2m with a single roller door and single PA door.

4. Gutters

The gutters on buildings are due for maintenance, a person has been engaged to complete this task prior to the December bush fire season.

5. Site matting

The new matting has replaced the matting on those 20 sites where it was in poor condition.

6. Northern Amenities Block

Currently trying to get quotes for a northern amenities block

7. Cleaning fees for one night cabin stays

Due to two wage rises a request is for Progress to support the cleaning fee for one-night stays from \$25 to \$30 effective immediately.

Meeting Closed: 12.30pm

Next Meeting: 1 December 9.00am

9.1.

Moved: M.O'Connell

Seconded: R.Dixon

#18 (09/11/2021)

That the fee for a one night stay be increase from \$25 to \$30

CARRIED

Moved: M.O'Connell

Seconded: P.Dixon

#19 (09/11/2021)

That if the Storage Shed building project can be completed for \$70,000 go ahead, otherwise come back to Progress with the revised total quote.

CARRIED

9.2. Progress Financial Report

FORD MCCARTHY & ASSOCIATES

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To: Edithburgh Progress Association Inc

From: Ford McCarthy & Associates

Meeting Date: 10th November 2021

Report Title: Finance Report



Financial Reports from MYOB

The following reports have been submitted for your consideration:

- * Balance Sheet for Edithburgh Progress Association as an entity
- * Profit and Loss (with last year)
- * Profit and Loss

Additional Reports from Excel

- * Budget vs Actual with Remaining Balances
 - *Caravan Park
 - *Progress Association
 - *Finance & Capital
 - *Edithburgh Events Group
 - *Day at the Burgh
- * Occupancy Rates

General Business

Commercial income as at 31st October is \$325053 compared to \$309217 the previous year.

Operating expenditure as at 31st October is \$272956 compared to \$229409 in the prior year.

The above figures do not include the capital items which come to a total of \$120969.

The cheque account has a balance of \$76676, The Express Saver Account has a balance of \$188610 and the Future Community Projects Fund has a balance of \$40452.

In the past there has been a budget review done after the October school holidays and the CPWC walk around. At this time it is asked if there are any suggestions for Town Improvements to be included in the LTFP/Budget.

9.3. Day at the Burgh

As discussed at our meeting, please find below points for discussion at your next EPA meeting.



1. Confirmation that funds not used from the \$5k sponsorship of “A Day at the Burgh” 2021 will be rolled over to next years event November 2022.
2. We are seeking to fund activities from this years \$5k for the following:
 - a. \$500 donation to the Edithburgh Basketball club who will be setting up and packing up the BMX event. (this amount was factored in for the festival event as the basket ball club were to assist if the festival went ahead)
 - b. Some funds may be required to assist with the March 2022 event. At this point in time we are accessing sponsorship monies from AGL and Red Cross along with funds via a Well Being grant and believe this to be adequate to our needs. However if in the event a shortfall becomes evident then we would be seeking to use part thereof the \$5k. These groups are being contacted individually to ensure they are fully informed of what our intentions are.

We are seeing clarity from the EPA in regards to ongoing support for “A Day at the Burgh” into the future. Originally we had been granted a 5 year sponsorship of \$5k per year and would be seeking approval for the same once the current 5 year period expires (at the conclusion of the 2022 event). The festival prior to COVID was a much sort after event and a proven initiator of \$ growth into the town and its businesses (Caravan Park Included). Moving forward and into the future there would be no reason to think otherwise along with promoting the region and what our town has to offer. Your support for this event is integral to its success, your approval will ensure this continues.

We as the Organising Committee for “A Day at the Burgh” look forward to your feedback and response.

Moved: K.Dawes

Seconded: H.Jolly

#20 (09/11/2021)

That \$500 be paid to the Basketball Club for the setup and pack up of the BMX event.

CARRIED

9.4. Cooee

Sad loss of Jen Robyn, Cooee getting bigger, Jen’s collection donated to museum due to larger printing editions and costs. Perhaps Add ins limited to half a page

Put up cost of advertising to \$75 per quarter

JD and KD work out billing system

Suggest bring in a graphic designer to design a template for easier production

Ask the Graphic Designer to come to a meeting to talk about it preferably with Shirley

Thomson present as well

Moved: K.Dawes

Seconded: R.Dixon



#20 (09/11/2021)

That advertising for the Cooee be increased from \$55 per year to \$75 per year.

CARRIED

9.5. Markets

20 Stall holders at the last market – great weekend for all.

Entry and Exit will be defined next time to make sure patrons have access to all the stalls

9.6. Events Committee

Report Boogie Men Show 6th November 2021

The Edithburgh Event's Group hosted a sell-out show at the Edithburgh footy club on Saturday night 6th November, which was initially marketed as part of the Day of the Burg (DOB) celebration. Although a number of the DOB scheduled events were cancelled the Boogie Men show went ahead as planned. With a diversity of marketing/promotional strategies, including social media channels, poster/flyer distribution and 'word of mouth' the Boogie Men show played leverage to their reputation in the entertainment industry attracting a strong crowd at the sell-out show.

The sultry ballad songs by Boogie Men's lead singer Steve Brown provided a great draw card generating sales both online through trybooking.com and the Edithburgh Post Office, with a very special thank you to Karen for providing support in handling the cash sales.

The welcoming crowd were entertained throughout the evening by this seasoned professional band who over 25 years have played to packed houses with their distinctive rhythm and blues, gritty down to earth sound winning the audience with their emotionally charged performances. The night provided lots of singing and laughing, both on and off stage with the audience totally immersed throughout. The show closed with a standing ovation.

There has been some preliminary discussion of the band returning in 2022. They were extremely delighted by the warmth and enthusiasm of the crowd; stating they were honoured to play for the good people of the district and personally thanked the event organisers for arranging such a great event.

9.7. Edithburgh Museum Report

Successful weekend, the buick had it's first official run

200 – 300 people through over both days approx. \$1500 made

Historical plaques are up and more planned for next year, looking at bringing the Clan

Ranald bell and the sextant to Edithburgh



9.8. Edithburgh Environment and Garden Committee

EEWC**MEETING NOTES****10/10/21**

Attendees: Garry Weekley, Gary Dinham, Troy Johnson, Terry Braund, Sam Bauer, John Weekley, Stephen Goldsworthy, Darren Braund

ACTION POINT	RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT	ETA
Foreshore Hybrid irrigation system, EEWC to purchase equipment for trial and install.	EEWC – Gary Dinham	By Early-November
Trial area now to extended to total area seeded	All agreed.	N/A
EEWC to record water use	EEWC – John Weekley	Now till trial finishes
Council to organise backflow prevention	Council - Stephen Goldsworthy	TBC
EEWC to seek approval from EPA to purchase a Mega litre of water in a like for like agreement with Council for 2022 (future MOU may be required)	EEWC	TBC
EEWC to look at future garden/landscaping designs to reduce where appropriate turf size and become more manageable and cost efficient. Community involvement would also be sought.	EEWC	TBC
EPA representative to be confirmed	EPA – Jin Douglas	Completed

9.9. Councillor's Report

Projects – water tower has carparking on both sides and looking at a walking trail

salt lake trail brochure and signage – media attraction

wheeled sports park – approved application for \$250k and Council will fund \$250k

11 Progresses involved, looking at different tracks eg skate/bike/pump for different towns

Need to work out what you want, where you want it and what facilities are available at the site

Bublacowie Museum – looking at self funding with a committee, looking at painting water tower

nearby with images from the museum



10. CORRESPONDENCE**Moved: M.O'Connell****Seconded: K.Dawes**

**#21 (09/11/2021) That the correspondence in and out be accepted as tabled
CARRIED**

11. General Business

- 11.1. Finance reports ... date received – Finance will endeavour to get the reports out by the Friday before the meeting where possible
- 11.2. Community Grants – will be decided by J.Dinham and Ford McCarthy
Action: J.Dinham will ask Sue Hancock and Belinda Sheriff
- 11.3. Grant Applications: suggest that Helen take leading role in writing any Grant applications as she has experience in this
- 11.4. Bank Signatories – the document has been signed by those present but
Action: J.Dinham will get Peter Bartram's signature
- 11.5. HJ BMX Track Update and progression towards achieving this goal
- 11.6. HJ Kids voice in Progress – letter Progress Letterhead to request the access to students
Meeting held at suitable date at lunchtime
Action: J.Dinham to forward Helen a copy of the letter head.
- 11.7. Relocate Can and Bottle bin at Garage Dinner – request from Council
It seems that the bin belongs to Sea Rescue –
Action: J.Dinham will contact Sea Rescue and ask them to move it to
- 11.8. Fish Cleaning Station – Nuggett - my drawing is in the archives of progress, with borrowed, bartered, recycled timber and sheet iron, my proposal was for \$5,000. This would include, recycle solar panels, pump, sinks, pipes, lights etc. I have six names on a weekly roster to care for the place already. Proposed site by the jetty or by the wall, near toilets. The fishing club has already raised \$1,750 towards this, so it's not for lack of funds, with a grant it's achievable, with the work being done by volunteers, with the help of trades people. Could you pass this on to progress please.

It was discussed and the Council rep suggested that Nuggett contact Council re approval as a first instance as development approval would be needed



- 11.9. Garry Weekley – Suggest that Day at the Burgh committee be exempt from having to seek permission from Progress to access their own equipment. I have no issue signing things in and out but to seek permission prior is a little archaic. Maybe in future they could keep other in the loop of decisions being made as well. Just a suggestion to assist with making life a little easier.

Action: Stan will work out a procedure and then put it in the Cooee

- 11.10. Peter Hancock – SYP Security – Issue with minutes from July.

Action: Stan will send email to Peter

- 11.11. Trudy Howith – Thank you to Progress for Mosaics Trail assistance

- 11.12. Cooee – Shirley suggests putting out a Dec/Jan issue as she is usually in Adelaide at the publishing time and doesn't want to put too much pressure on Terry

Moved: M.O'Connell

Seconded: K.Dawes

#22 (09/11/2021) That Cooee be published as a December January Edition

CARRIED

- 11.13. RD – New Tables for market
current tables very heavy, request purchase 10 new tables (1.8M)

\$598

Moved: M.O'Connell

Seconded: J.Douglas

#23(09/11/2021) That a new tables be purchased for the use of the Markets at a cost of \$598

CARRIED

- 11.14. Jin – request for Oyster van to come to Edithburgh
suggest Oyster van owner contact Council to check options

- 11.15. 180 degrees – Stan to contact

- 11.16. Replace table and chairs in playground with disability set and move the old one to the Flora Park

Action: Mick O'Connell with send a CSR through to Council

- 11.17. Covers on the chains on playground equipment replaced

Action: Mick O'Connell with send a CSR through to Council

- 11.18. Congratulations to Peter Dixon (with a bit of help from his friends) for the swimming pool painting



MEETING CLOSED

11.16PM By S.Szcypiorski
DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14th December 2021

Email Motion:

Letter for support for Jetty stone wall repairs

Moved: R.Dixon

Seconded: K.Dawes

#24(09/11/2021) That Progress apply for the YP Council grant to repair the Jetty wall and will contribute \$5000 if successful

CARRIED

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**SA Jetties Strategic Plan****Further Submission to Department for Infrastructure and Transport****Background**

In January 2020 the Scuba Divers Federation of SA (SDFS) were invited to submit their views to the SA Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure on what should be considered in a statewide jetty management plan. These views were outlined in a document titled “*Submission to the South Australia Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) on a state wide jetty management plan and investment in jetty infrastructure*” sent January 2020. In August 2021 SDFS were requested by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to submit further information, which is outlined below and should be considered as an Addendum to the original submission of January 2020.

Ideal components for jetty stairs and platform

We asked our diving community for ideal components to include in the construction of jetty stairs and platforms. Divers consider the Port Noarlunga setup to be the gold standard, but we recognise that not all jetties require, or could structurally support, the stairs and platforms built for Port Noarlunga. Another popular location is Rapid Bay, where the stairs and platform are also considered to be ideal — always easy to get in and out. For the smaller jetties, the design of the current stairs at Edithburgh is considered to be easy to use – a simple set of well angled stairs with handrail and non-slip grating leading down into the water below low tide level. However we should note that Edithburgh, as one of the very popular dive locations, warrants a new design that includes a platform



at the low tide level and can withstand storm damage. Port Hughes is also good although some divers have found the steeper angle of those stairs to be harder to manage and it lacks a platform.

Central to the concerns of the diving community is the ongoing problem of maintenance. All stairs and platforms need to be robustly constructed and secured to withstand years of severe storms and wave action. Some have suggested that steps should be secured not just to the jetty but also to the ocean floor through pylons or concrete pads. Our divers have pointed to the stairs at Edithburgh that have had to be repaired multiple times in the past 10 years, not to mention the breaking off of the platform at Rapid Bay and the damaged stairs at Second Valley. Ongoing maintenance plans (proactive, rather than reactive) should be considered.

The ideal elements of stairs and platforms recommended by our diving community suggest a design that will provide room for groups of divers, some entering and others exiting the water without having to wait or being obstructed as they come and go — thus reducing the risk of injury from tanks and other gear. These elements include:

- 1 platform at the base of the stairs that would sit between at least 300 mm and as much as 800 mm below the water at lowest tide to allow access from the water. This is considered necessary not just for ease of access but to recover divers, snorkellers and other swimmers in distress and to provide first aid in emergency situations.
- Ideally, the platform should be 2 to 3 metres long (long enough for 2 to 3 divers to stand in a row) and 2 metres wide (wide enough to allow two people to pass each other safely while fully kitted with tanks and gear).
- Recognising that this large platform may not work for all jetties, a minimum for smaller jetties would be a 1.5 metre wide platform.
- There should be a ladder below the platform to support the divers and others in the water as they reach and climb up onto the platform.
- The stairs descending to the platform should also be wide enough to allow 2 divers with gear to pass each other on the stairs; and also to allow other jetty users room to move around divers.
- The stairs should have 70 mm treads to support divers managing their heavy equipment.
- The stairs and platform should have non-skid surfaces.
- There should be a continuous handrail on the jetty side, and preferably both sides of the stairs; but only on one side of the platform (to allow entry into the water from the side while other divers may be exiting at the end)
- The availability of water rescue and other safety equipment on the jetty is recommended for any emergencies involving divers or the public.

Desirable elements for jetties and platforms

In addition to the above components, our divers have suggested that the following would be desirable:

- **Seating on the jetty** – ideally two benches placed near the entry / exit point, which as well as provide seating, will assist with divers kitting up. Signs should ask fishers not to place their fishing gear, bait, etc. on the seats.
- **Places to lock trolleys on the jetty:** A growing number of divers use trolleys to move their gear from car parks along the jetty to the water access stairs. The majority of respondents believe that existing railings along the jetty are sufficient to lock trolleys, although several have made the useful suggestion that a designated area for locking trolleys near the stairs would be an advantage, so as not to take away vantage points for sightseers.
- **For the larger, popular jetties, an additional platform** at the high tide level, that can be used by regular swimmers jumping into the water or by divers doing a stride entry into the water



- **For popular night diving locations:** while this may be a lower priority issue, divers have suggested that LED lights on the stairs as well as other lighting on the jetty itself would be very helpful.

Clear rules and signage on the jetties

There is a line drawn on the Port Noarlunga jetty plus signage that makes it clear that no fishing is allowed past that point, ensuring that divers and swimmers will not be injured from fishing hooks, lines and traps. We strongly recommend a similar approach on all jetties: a clear “no fishing past this point” line on the jetty surface near the steps, plus larger, multilingual signs.

In addition, divers would like to see signage and public education materials in multiple languages that advise fishers, others and divers themselves of the following:

- Divers may be below
- Spearfishing prohibitions
- Fishing limits
- No littering the ocean, especially with plastics
- Good conduct in approaching marine life (such non handling of sea dragons and other creatures for underwater photography)

While it may be a matter for PIRSA rather than DTI, we should note that SDFSA members are advocating that shark fishing be banned from jetties as a matter of safety not just for divers but for everyone in the water. We would appreciate DTI’s support in ensuring that the jetties are safe for all users.

Important elements for areas near the jetties

Covered areas/Shade

In the extreme summer heat, South Australian divers risk heat exposure as they gear up in their wetsuits and move their gear to and from the car parks. Access to shaded areas is needed. An additional advantage of large covered areas with concrete bases would be to protect gear from sand and mud during seasonal rains. While few respondents suggested that there should be shaded areas provided on the jetties themselves, about half of the respondents agreed that shaded or covered areas near the car parks would be appreciated, although not necessarily the highest priority. Some suggested the planting of trees near the car parks to help provide shade.

Toilets / Changerooms / Showers / Outside tap for rinsing

- Toilets at the dive site are considered very important by members.
- An area in which to change out of wet gear is considered important.
- Showers and outside taps for rinsing gear are considered reasonably important.

Garbage bins

Garbage bins regularly emptied are considered important by divers, who often bring up rubbish from the ocean floor that has been thrown in by jetty users or boaters and can cause harm to marine life. Rubbish bins on jetties will hopefully encourage fishers and sightseers to use them.

Storage lockers

Lockers for storage were not considered necessary by the majority of divers responding to the survey.

Additional considerations specific to popular jetties:

Rapid Bay



This site is well known for its Leafy Sea Dragons, and hence is one of Australia's most well-known and advertised sites, attracting divers locally, from interstate and overseas. This site currently has no toilets or fresh water within easy distance of the car park and jetty. Trees would provide shade and beautify the area. Seating along the foreshore (in addition to on the jetty) would further attract tourists and also assist divers with kitting up. While some have suggested that the car park itself should be bituminised, others believe that if there was a concrete walkway from the parking spaces to the jetty, that might be sufficient to help divers get their gear over to the jetty and reduce the likelihood of getting dirt into sensitive equipment. With investment in these enhancements, Rapid Bay could become a truly world-class dive destination.

Second Valley

Replace the existing broken steps.

Port Noarlunga

Divers are very concerned about the number of people jetty jumping at Port Noarlunga, warning that someone will end up seriously injured one day if they land on top of a surfacing diver, freediver, snorkeller or swimmer. Although the steps and platform at the end of the jetty are excellent, improvements to the middle steps would be helpful as the ladder cannot at present be reached or climbed easily at lower tides. Shade in the car park (planting of trees or the installation of shade sails) would be appreciated.

Edithburgh

This is also a very popular jetty due to the vast variety of marine life – it is especially popular with underwater photographers and has the potential to be recognised as another world class dive destination in the heart of South Australia. The steps need replacing in line with the ideal components outlined above, including the provision of a platform and much better robust construction to withstand wear and tear and storm damage. Better toilet facilities and changing areas would be appreciated. A shower to rinse off near the jetty is also a desirable feature. Benches near the jetty would also assist with kitting up.

Port Hughes

Outside shower near the jetty to rinse off. Improved steps with a platform on the bottom, as we are suggesting for Edithburgh. Improved handrail.

Wallaroo

Improved shore access – rocks are difficult to walk across. Stairs access further along the jetty should be considered for safety reasons: currently if someone were to fall in off this jetty the only way to get them out is to bring them in to the shore or up very steep metal ladders.

Whyalla

Pt Lowly near Whyalla is very popular during the winter months due to the cuttlefish spawning. The new jetty at Whyalla is very impressive, and as marine life starts to grow on the jetty pylons this will make a great dive location — divers would stay longer in Whyalla during cuttlefish season (and visit more frequently at other times of year) if other locations like the new jetty were made more accessible. Steps/stairs for diver access are needed.

Stenhouse Bay

Steps/stairs for diver access, or to rescue someone falling in from the jetty, are required.

Pt Stanvac



As this area is likely to open up for divers in the near future, and would likely be a popular diving location due to its proximity to Adelaide, consideration needs to be given to what is required for diver access and safety.

Developed on behalf of the Scuba Divers Federation of SA by:

Heather Creech & Helena Wescombe-Down

Date Submitted:

28th September 2021

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