



EDITHBURGH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2023

at Edithburgh Institute



MEETING OPENED: 7:38pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1. **PRESENT:** Stan Szczypiorski (Chairperson), Michael Trainer, Keryn Dawes, Glen Furler, Shirley Thompson, Sarah Witt, Damian Thomas
Cathy Glazbrook (minute taker)
2. **APOLOGIES** Terry Wendelborn, Nola O'Connell, Mick O'Connell and Joan Bannon
3. **VISITORS**
4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** Chairperson, Stan Szczypiorski, reminded all Committee members of their requirement to disclose any conflict of interest and to provide accurate details of the relevant interest to the Committee prior to consideration of that item on the agenda.
5. **PUBLIC GALLERY** nil
6. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS** nil
7. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES #08 (14/11/2023)** moved: Michael Trainer seconded: Keryn Dawes
That the minutes of Edithburgh Progress Association's meeting, held on Tuesday 10th October 2023, and notes from the informal meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2023, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED
8. **BUSINESS ARISING**
 - 8.1 **Jetty Signs**

No response has as yet been received on a promise of an updated quote. Shirley Thompson also offered to follow up a supply opportunity for a quote.
 - 8.2 **Lighting for the Clydesdale Sculpture and Clan Ranald Anchor**

It was noted that *Edith*, the Clydesdale sculpture, has already become an integral part of the community and is being much enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. A few small patches are showing some light rust but are a result of the inevitable movement during its long



transport. Nola and Mick O'Connell have some metal treatment from the sculptor and will apply as advised.

Concern was expressed regarding any potential legal liability from people climbing on the horse and the (probably remote) possibility of injury. Councillor Mick O'Connell will be asked to follow this up with Yorke Peninsula Council so that Progress can mitigate any risk.

We look forward to hearing the advice from Luke Tape regarding solar lighting at the next Progress meeting.

#09 (14/11/2023)

8.3 Tidal Pool Barrier Net Update

Motion via email to all Edithburgh Progress Association Committee Members by Stan Szczypiorski and seconded by Mick O'Connell reads *"That Edithburgh Progress Association fund the installation, inspection and removal of the Tidal Pool Swimming Barrier Net for the next two years at an annual cost of \$14,000"*

CARRIED

The motion was distributed via email due to the short notice required for response to meet Yorke Peninsula Council's deadline.

Given the current action of the Department for Education to ban students entering coastal waters for the remainder of the term due to apparent increases in shark attacks in South Australian waters, the timing of this project is pertinent.

It is expected that the barrier will be in place by Christmas.

8.4 Dev Patterson Reserve Potential Fire Hazard

Administration Officer, Cathy Glazbrook, spoke to Yorke Peninsula Council Environment Officer, Letitia Dahl-helm regarding the possibility of including Dev Patterson Reserve in future cultural burns as a method of managing potential fire risk and maximising natural regeneration of indigenous plants. Letitia will include Edithburgh in future discussion and it was decided to invite her to discuss the process with interested Progress and Parks and Gardens Sub-Committee Members.

8.5 Review of Action List

After quite some time of trying to find a willing tradesperson, Damien Thomas has managed to secure a quote to install an appropriate path to the accessible table in the playground.

Caravan Park Manager Sarah Witt has been researching options for supply of further cabin accommodation for the caravan park and is awaiting quotes.

Keryn Dawes has contact details for a past Marine and Harbours representative who may be interested in helping with the provision of interpretive information regarding the blue / green buoy that was previously used to indicate the start of Sultana Passage.



9. REPORTS

9.1 Caravan Park Working Group

(Stan Szczypiorski, Mick O'Connell, Terry Wendelborn)

Caravan Park Working Group Chairperson, Mick O'Connell, provided the minutes of the most recent meeting to Progress Committee Members via email.

With the constant battle between covering the constantly rising costs of providing accommodation and meeting the profit margin demand to maintain a healthy business, it was recommended by the Caravan Park Working Group that prices rise by an average of 5% for the coming year.

#10 (14/11/2023)

moved: Glen Furler

seconded: Keryn Dawes

**That Edithburgh Progress Association accept the recommendation made by the Caravan Park Working Group to raise accommodation prices for the coming year as outlined, an average of 5%.
CARRIED**

Other points raised were the advantages of staying at Edithburgh Caravan Park, such as the provision of linen in cabins, the G'day Parks membership discount and the central location to many attractions. Occupancy remains high, especially considering the high uptake of the opportunity to again travel overseas.

9.2 Finance Report

The monthly report by Ford McCarthy and Associates was distributed prior to the meeting. Progress remains in an extremely strong position. The Finance Sub-Committee recently met with staff at Ford McCarthy and Associates to go through finances thoroughly on a line-by-line basis facilitating a clear and transparent process. Despite the tough economic climate, income is slightly up from last year and costs are slightly lower.

It was clarified that funding allocated to sub-committees is generally that recommended by the Finance Sub-Committee which is then subject to a successful motion to Edithburgh Progress Association Committee. Where additional funding is required, a clear costing and reasons for the funding must be presented and negotiated with Progress.

9.3 Day at the 'Burgh

(Terry Wendleborn)

The Amber Joy Poulton concert to be held this coming weekend, on Saturday 18th November 2023, will be the only event held in conjunction with *Day at the 'Burgh* this year due to the Jetty 150th Anniversary event.

Committee members reflected that the presentation made by John Weekley and Garry Weekley last meeting was a positive look at maintaining a vibrant and engaging community event. Mention was made that the current tenure held by the Edithburgh community for



a major event during November was worthy of continued accommodation as it encouraged visitation in the quieter run up to the busy summer holiday season. There remains a plethora of opportunities worthy of inclusion in future events, and it was suggested that a 'brainstorming session', open to the public, be implemented as many community members have exciting and innovative ideas to share.

9.4 Coo-ee

(Shirley Thompson and Keryn Dawes)

A reminder that there will be a combined December / January *Coo-ee* over the busy holiday period.

Tremendously positive feedback was received following the most recent edition which commemorated the Jetty 150th Anniversary celebration. Managers also reported the consistently high praise received at the Caravan Park from patrons. Another fantastic effort by the publication team.

A cost analysis still needs to take place to ensure that adequate funding continues to support the publication of the *Coo-ee* every month well into the future.

9.5 Edithburgh Market

(Joan Bannon)

The next market will be a Christmas Market with Father Christmas expected to visit. It was decided that Joan Bannon should go ahead and purchase what's needed for lolly bags to be given out.

9.6 Arts Group

(Joan Bannon)

With so many of the community putting so much effort into the Jetty 150th Anniversary celebration, the group won't meet again until next year.

Comment was made that it would be great to have an updated Christmas tree central in the community. One was stolen last year and it was suggested that Leisure Options at their Minlaton shed be asked to make another with some additional festive pieces.

#11 (14/11/2023)

moved: Damien Thomas

seconded: Keryn Dawes

That Shirley Thompson purchase additional wooden Festive decorations to the value of \$500 from Leisure Options and coordinate a Christmas display for the community. CARRIED

The need for a 'Wishing Tree' type collection was raised and it was suggested that contacting Kate Martin at SYP Community Hub would be the best route by which to pursue this.



9.7 Events Committee

(Nola O'Connell)

Not at all unreasonably, it was accepted that this group needed to enjoy a break before considering further events after their incredibly busy year.

9.8 Edithburgh Museum

(Keryn Dawes)

It's been a relatively quiet month for Edithburgh Museum although the sausage sizzles, talks and demonstrations have been well attended.

A new, highly valued Centrelink volunteer has joined this busy team and the Museum will now open weekdays from 10am until 1pm and weekends from 10am until 4pm (volunteer availability dependent).

9.9 Tidal Pool

(Keryn Dawes)

Enormous kudos to Chris Johnson for his perseverance over three years to see the Tidal Pool Barrier Net Project through to fruition, and still he works on to see it proceed in the best and most cost effective manner possible. Thank you also to Yorke Peninsula Council for their support, especially Councillor Mick O'Connell and Ben Thompson, Director of Corporate and Community Services.

The annual pool clean-up maintenance will take place soon over several days. The public will be notified to avoid inconvenience.

Vacswim will again take place next year for levels 1 to 7, though now only for a five-day period: January 2nd to 6th

9.10 Edithburgh Parks and Gardens Committee

(Keryn Dawes and Terry Wendelborn)

Edithburgh's median strip is still looking fantastic and is a credit to those who care for it.

The lawn on the foreshore is struggling in places, likely due to the shallow soil. At some point in the near-ish future it will need to be top dressed.

The recent passing of Reg Buckley was acknowledged as he was remembered for his generous community spirit.

9.11 Friendship Group

(Keryn Dawes)

The most recent meeting hosted a visit by 'Postie Fashions' and raised \$150 to benefit the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

In general between six and twelve people attend group meetings and the program for next year is being arranged.



9.12 Councillor's Report

(Councillor Mick O'Connell)

Councillor O'Connell emailed his report to Committee members prior to the meeting.

Vietnam Walk

Councillor O'Connell has been supporting Roger Hogben and John Edwards on their quest to have commemorative signage installed along the walking trail between Edithburgh and Coobowie which will form the Vietnam Walk. Council have approved the project and Roger and John will now pursue funding via grants, sponsors, Council and the like.

Keryn Dawes shared the presentation made to Council, letters of support and Yorke Peninsula Council minutes on loan from Roger Hogben and John Edwards to demonstrate the extensive work contributed toward this project so far. He also delivered a certificate of thanks for the assistance Progress have offered to date.

Tidal Pool Barrier Net

Mick O'Connell has been working with senior Council staff to meet all requirements for the tidal pool barrier net so that it can be put to Council for approval. It was finally passed at the November 8th meeting, however Chris Johnson continues to work with Council in an attempt find a cheaper quote for net installation, inspection and removal.

30m Telstra Tower

Telstra have applied to PlanSA for the erection of a 30m monopole phone tower behind the Post Office. Councillor O'Connell has been working with a local group trying to get Telstra to consider a different location in the town for aesthetic purposes. For example, the CFS Shed area or on the edge of the golf course. He met with the group, contacted the CEO and Mayor of Yorke Peninsula Council, participated in a 5AA radio interview, spoke with Yorke Peninsula Country Times and with ABC Port Pirie reporter.

Discussion about the issue ensued, including the frustration regarding the poor phone reception. While the aesthetics of the town is of high priority to maintain its appeal, and the lack of community consultation is disappointing, finding a solution is of the utmost importance, especially in an emergency.

9.13 Constitution Change Recommendations

(Michael Trainer)

Michael Trainer has been through the current constitution meticulously and presented a list of his observations for consideration. He asked that other Committee members also review the document and report any feedback so that a comprehensive review can take place.



10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Garry Weekley – A Day at the ‘Burgh Committee – report - distributed via email**
- 10.2 Nathan Mulholland – Vietnam Veterans Dinner associated accommodation cost request – appreciation expressed for Progress meeting cabin accommodation cost**
- 10.3 Rodger Griffiths – letter to Progress and Yorke Peninsula Council regarding safety at jetty – distributed via email – there needs to be a clear passage from north to south that is safe for pedestrians. The use of bollards is the most likely solution. Administration Officer, Cathy Glazbrook will contact Stephen Goldsworthy, Operations Manager, Yorke Peninsula Council and Rodger Griffiths to arrange a meeting on site to work together on a solution.**
- 10.4 Nick Perry, Manager Economic Development and Business Sustainability, Yorke Peninsula Council, inquiry regarding wheeled sports – distributed via email**
- 10.5 Phil Herrmann, Senior Compliance Officer, Yorke Peninsula Council – signs to inform of ‘Bushfire Safer Places’**
Yorke Peninsula Council are intending to erect signs in each community to inform locals and visitors of their nearest Bushfire Safer Place. The email requests advice on where to place the two signs designated for Edithburgh and a draft of the sign. Concern was expressed at the currently-being-constructed emergency centre as its location is outside of the town’s Bushfire Safer Zone. Clarification will be sought from Council.

11. CORRESPONDENCE OUT

- 11.1 Stuart Heinrich-Smith, Operations South Leading Worker, Yorke Peninsula Council – letter of appreciation for works undertaken to prepare the town for the Jetty 150th Anniversary Event**

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 12.1 Community and Caravan Park Website**
Work on the websites has commenced via the Wix platform and Administration Officer, Cathy Glazbrook, will be able to complete all works and train Caravan Park Managers Sarah Witt and Damien Thomas to easily manage their own website and content. However it will be a lengthy process within the time restrictions of the current weekly hour allocation.
- #12 (14/11/2023) moved: Michael Trainer seconded: Shirley Thompson**
That for the coming four weeks that Administration Officer, Cathy Glazbrook, work twenty hours per week (an additional four hours per week) to enable evaluation of the scope of works that could be carried out and the additional hours that would be required to complete both websites and associated tasks. CARRIED
- 12.2 Tourism Strategic Plan**
Following the meeting with Yorke Peninsula Tourism’s Manager, Jess Greatwich, discussion took place regarding the advantages of developing a Tourism Strategic Plan to enable the community to identify and take advantage of potential tourism opportunities. It was though mentioned that often enthusiasm wanes over time following such meetings and that objectives fail to be identified and realised. Administration Officer, Cathy Glazbrook, with an extensive history in tourism is keen to develop a plan and see its implementation. For the time being she will attempt to initiate the beginnings of such a plan where possible within the current hours available.



12.3 Centrelink Volunteer

Caravan Park Manager, Damien Thomas mentioned that the Centrelink volunteer who once cleaned the barbeques had returned and collected the cleaning equipment to resume his placement. The person concerned will need to submit his form to Progress for signing off by Chairperson, Stan Szczypiorski.

12.4 New Mowers

The previous Caravan Park mower is currently at SYP Motors at Minlaton for a service and maintenance. It is now ready for collection and delivery to the Flora Park. Damien Thomas volunteered to collect it with an offer of assistance by Glen Furler. The new mower for the Caravan Park has been delivered and is already in use.

12.5 Community Trailer

The trailer utilized for various community purposes, including *Carols by the Sea*, requires maintenance and upgrading.

#13 (14/11/2023) moved: Damien Thomas seconded: Glen Furler
That Edithburgh Progress Association contribute up to \$500 toward the maintenance and upgrades of the community trailer as required. CARRIED

12.6 Vacswim Equipment Needs

Vacswim will again take place at the Tidal Pool from 2nd to 6th January 2024 but equipment needs to be upgraded.

#14 (14/11/2023) moved: Glen Furler Seconded: Shirley Thompson
That equipment to the value of up to \$1,500 be purchased as required for the annual Vacswim program in Edithburgh. CARRIED

12.7 The next meeting of Edithburgh Progress Association will be held on Tuesday 12th December at Edithburgh Institute at 7.30pm. Additions to the agenda should be received by the Administration Officer by close of business on Friday 8th December.

***REMINDERS:**

Sunday 3rd December: Progress Committee members and their partners are invited to a walk around inspection of the Caravan Park at 11am, followed by a barbeque lunch.

Thursday 14th December: End of Year Dinner at Troubridge Hotel at 6.30pm – RSVP to Administration Officer required by Thursday 7th December.

13. CLOSURE at 10.02pm

Signed as a true and correct record on Tuesday 12th December 2023

Stan Szczypiorski | Chairperson
 Edithburgh Progress Association Incorporated

