



The Progress Report

TOGETHER AHEAD

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Yorketown Progress Association Inc

YORKETOWN PROGRESS

ASSOCIATION INC UPDATE

PLAYGROUND: The redevelopment of the Weaners Flat Reserve area continues to be our main focus. We are hoping that this will be our final year of fundraising before we see a fantastic transformation in our playground. Plans are still being drawn up but we hope to soon have something to display in the community so every one can share "our vision".

BEER RAFFLE: We will again be running our beer trailer raffle with the generous support of West End and local hoteliers. Also thanks to the Beecken families for their continued support with the printing of raffle tickets. We are also planning another wine night at the Yorke Hotel after our great success last year.

WOOL SHOW: The transfer of Matt Dutschke to Port Lincoln has made the future of the "Wool Show" uncertain however, we would like to continue with this concept in some way so hang on to your fleeces. Also thanks to the farmer who donated grain via our grain card. Your generosity is appreciated. We hope that many more will follow your example next harvest. We certainly appreciate the support the farming community has shown our cause.

WALKATHON/CYCLATHON: We are planning a major cyclathon/ walkathon/ pramathon later in the year finishing at the BMX track.

Thanks to Natasha and Tony Gutsche of the Yorke Hotel for their donation of a bike as a prize for this event. Details will be displayed as this event draws closer. We hope to coincide with the official opening of the renovated BMX track.

BMX TRACK: We will be conducting a working bee at the BMX track on Sunday March 28th commencing at 10am. A free sausage sizzle will be provided to all workers. Some tools may be an advantage. It is our aim to restore the track to a usable condition for all ages and standards. We thank the local CFS brigade for their help in burning off the vegetation and Yorketown Area School for the donation of old tyres. Also to the DCYP for their help with materials and machinery. Please phone Kerry Forbes on 0409694375 if you are planning to attend so catering can be arranged. We have had so many people comment on the condition of the track. It would be great to see them all there to help make it a great play area for our kids once again.
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

EASTER MINI MARKET: Progress will be running a small Easter Market next to the old courthouse on Easter Saturday, including craft and plant stalls, trash and treasure and food stalls. Anyone interested in having a stall can contact Lesley May on 88521372. Any donations of goods or produce for sale at the markets would be appreciated and can be left with Kerry Forbes or Lesley May, or at the SYP Community Telecentre.

COUNTRY MARKET: We will also be co-ordinating a country market in conjunction with the Rural Women's Gathering in August and invite any interested stall holders to contact us on 0409694375 (Kerry Forbes). This event will bring a large number of people to our town and the market is a great way of displaying your wares to a crowd.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY: Thanks to all those who participated in the Clean Up Australia day on Sunday March 7th. To Greg Butler and his team at CFS for their organization and to Lions for the sausage sizzle afterwards we extend our gratitude. Special mention must go to Anthony and Karen May who travelled from Port Turton to help clean up our town. In all we collected 30 bags of rubbish along the major entrances to our town. Progress and Lions have plans to improve these town entrances and welcome any suggestions from the public.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION: A reminder to everybody that we collect newspapers on the first Saturday of each month. If you wish to have your papers collected please put them on the footpath outside your home on that morning. Thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers who collect for us.

XMAS LIGHTS WINNERS: Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Lights Competition for 2003. The residential section was won by Perry and Ann Hall of Elizabeth Street. Business winner was Vaughan Motors. We have decided to discontinue the Business Award for future years. Thanks to all who decorated their homes for the festive season

VOLUNTEERS GRANT: We have received an \$800-00 Volunteers Grant from the Premiers Office, which will be used to purchase a removable shade sail. This can be attached to the Yorke Hotel verandah to provide shade for trading tables. We will also be purchasing some lightweight trestles. These items will be stored at the Telecentre and delivery can

be arranged when booking your trading table.

As you can see we have a busy year ahead but hope that the continued improvement we will see in our town will make it all worthwhile. We appreciate all the help we receive from the local community in so many ways and look forward to your continued support.

PROMOTING OUR CONCEPT

In August 2002 Progress commissioned an Area Concept Plan, which identified future directions for our town. We have implemented a number of suggestions from the plan as follows:

PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT: This was identified as our major project and vital for the future of our town. Planning and fundraising is well underway and we look forward to an amazing transformation in the next 12 to 18 months.

TOWN ENTRIES: Progress and Lions have adopted the maintenance of Minlaton, Stansbury and Edithburgh Roads and over the next few months will be working with Council and volunteers to redevelop the entrances to be welcoming to visitors and present our town in a great way.

TREE PLANTING: We have planted some trees near the council chambers and are currently looking into suitable sites for further plantings.

CARAVAN PARK: The recent purchase of two on-site cabins has improved the availability of accommodation in the town.

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT: We are currently supporting the establishment of a Youth Advisory Committee to allow youth to develop and implement their own plans for their area.

Anyone wishing to view the concept plan can find a copy at the Community Telecentre

TELECENTRE NEWS

Sarah is the new girl at the desk doing some relief time, while volunteer staff has a well-earned holiday. Thankyou Sarah.

The SYP Community Telecentre is looking to run a Basic Computer Course late March - early April as a one day course on a Friday. There are still a couple of vacancies if any one is interested please ring us on 88521820 asap.

We can now offer a service for the Dept of Veteran Affairs. We have information and some of their more commonly used forms in stock.

You may have noticed we are open 9am – 5 pm Monday – Friday this year. No late trading.

Tax Help is a free service organized by the ATO and run by volunteers. This service will again be available locally at the SYP Community Telecentre, Yorketown, from July until late October.

People with incomes of less than \$30,000 are eligible for Tax Help. At the end of this financial year bookings may be made at the Telecentre for those wishing to make use of this free service. Tax returns may also be lodged online at the Telecentre.

ERICHSEN HERITAGE AWARD

At the Australia Day Breakfast hosted by the Lions Club of Yorketown & District, awards of \$500 each were presented to the Yorketown Historical Society and Edithburgh Museum. The Erichsen Heritage Award provides funds on alternate years to individuals or organizations in the Innes/Pentonvale district for heritage or conservation projects.

Edithburgh Museum will utilize the award monies to provide display panels and reproduce historic photos. Yorketown Historical Society will use their award to finance a signage project to mark sites in the district of historical significance.

The Erichsen Heritage Award was endowed to our district in 1986 by former resident Eleanor Witcombe.

COTTAGE HOMES

The cottages in Memorial Drive at Yorketown are slowly progressing. Work will soon begin on roof tiling and brickwork.

Reverse cycle air conditioning will be provided for each cottage with costs shared between SACHA (South Australia Community Housing Association) and Minlaton Cottage Homes Inc.

Yorketown Progress Association will provide some support with landscaping when the cottages are completed.

The six low rental cottages are being built by SACHA and will be managed by Minlaton Cottage Homes. Our Yorketown Progress Association will assist at a local level and will liaise between tenants and management.

125TH BIRTHDAY

The old stone Yorketown School building, now housing the Telecentre, was 125 years old at the end of last year. At this time, 125 years ago, students of the era would have commenced the first full year in their new school, the first solid construction school in Yorketown. It was built to accommodate 120 students. The school shifted to new premises in 1976.

This lovely old building, renovated by Yorketown Progress Association 4-5 years ago, will, no doubt, be part of our town for many, many years to come.

YORKETOWN CARAVAN PARK

It was very exciting for our Caravan Park Committee last Saturday, 6th March, when two new Jayco cabins were delivered to our Park.

Each cabin has two bedrooms, one with a double bed, the other with four bunks, as well as en-suite bathroom and up to date facilities.

Some work remains to connect electricity and plumbing, however the cabins should be available for hire by the end of March. Further improvements are planned for the Caravan Park. Lifting the standard and profile of the Park is the prime aim of the committee. The economic benefits of a successful Caravan Park will flow on to the community.

2004 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RURAL WOMENS GATHERING

Yorketown is to be the host for this years Rural Women's Gathering which will run from August 13-15th.

Over 70 workshops will be offered, so there should be something to interest everyone. Guest speakers will include Maggie Dowling, Margaret Rohan Kelly, Allyson Parsons, Tracy Browning, Elaine Bussenchutt, Dianne Rhode, Carmel Zollo, Carol Schofield, Sharon Honner and Caroline Schaeffer.

Entertainment on the Saturday night will be well known Australian comediennes and locally born SYP sisters Emily Taheny and Fiona O'Loughlin, who will provide a side splitting cabaret style comedy act.

Childcare/crèche facilities will be available on the Saturday at Yorketown Kindergarten.

Following a breakfast on Sunday a country market will be held under cover on the Yorketown Oval. Interested stallholders can contact Kerry Forbes on 0409694375. Site fees are \$10 or \$20 if needing to hire a trestle. Those planning to attend the Sunday breakfast will need a booking for catering.

This is a wonderful event for our town and one which the entire community can benefit from. Numerous community groups are involved with catering etc and I urge all local women to support the efforts of the organizing committee.

Registration packs will be available in May and you will see that you can choose to attend the whole weekend or only the sections that interest you. To receive a registration pack please contact either Karen Warren (88521629), Sally Young (88373223) or email sarwg2004@netyp.com.au.

Proudly sponsored by District Council of YP, ABB Grain Ltd, Allyson Parsons Art, Yorke Peninsula Field Days, NetYP, Networks for you, YP Country Times, YP Women's Network, Advisory Board of Agriculture, PIRSA and numerous sponsors in kind.

YORKETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINDMILL REPAIRS: The replica wooden Riddle windmill adjacent to the Police Station has undergone repairs, painting and a general "facelift". Structural damage caused by the collapse of the main bearing resulted in nine of the wooden blades needing to be replaced. The two main bearings and the crank shaft bearing were renewed. A fresh coat of paint completed the project.

Thanks to volunteers, and to ETSA for assistance given.

"A drive into the past", is the title of a booklet produced by the Historical Society, with text written by Leon Davey, and photos from Bill May and David Hogben. The booklet will be available at local outlets soon, and are a most informative guide to a drive around historic sites of our district.

WOMENS AND CHILDRENS HOSPITAL AUTUMN FAIR

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL
AND
SUNDAY 18TH APRIL
AT WEANERS FLAT RESERVE
YORKETOWN

ANTIQUER VALUER SATURDAY
MORNING

NEW CRAFT STALLS THIS YEAR

FOOD STALLS

TRASH AND TREASURES

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SITES

SATURDAY KITTY ROO

MINI GOLF ALL WEEKEND AND
OTHER KIDS AMUSEMENTS

ENQUIRIES TO JULIE TONKIN
HOME 8852 1788

SYP KINDERGYM

Kindergym is a fun and educational activity for pre-schoolers. Sessions are held at the Yorketown Area School gym on Fridays at 9-00am. For further information contact Lisa Beecken on 88521019.

YORKETOWN CALISTHENICS CLUB

Calisthenics involves marching, exercises, clubs, rods, singing and dancing. Lessons are held on Saturdays and Tuesdays for children from 3 years of age. For further information contact Lisa Beecken on 88521019.

YORKETOWN SCOUT AND GUIDES SUPPORT GROUP

We wish to thank the community for their continued support by donating your jars, bottles and cans to our group.

We recycle the following goods:

- Glass jars, bottles (including coloured) these are crushed
- Beer bottles
- Drink cans
- Plastic (PETS) drink bottles
- Milk, flavoured milk and fruit box cartons (empty contents please)
- Fruit juice cartons

If a container has the recycle logo along with a 5c deposit we can recycle it.

Many people deliver to our depot at the Scout Hall for which we are very grateful, but realize some are unable. To help these people we will pick them up monthly.

Place them out on the footpath the first Saturday of each month along with your newspapers and they will be collected.

If you require them to be collected outside the collection day please contact:

Maxine Voigt 88521125
Pat Russell 88521675

KIDS CLUB

Kids club is held on alternate Friday afternoons during school term at the meeting room, SYP Community Telecentre at 3-15pm. The club is for children of Primary school age.

Activities are well organized and the club has proved to be popular.

Next meeting will be 19th March. New members are welcome.

Enquiries to Judy Hoare Ph 88521630.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

27TH March – Head shave at Melville Hotel supporting Cancer Council of SA

28th March – Working bee at BMX track

APRIL

3RD April – Newspaper and Bottle collection

10th April (Easter Saturday) – Mini market in old Courthouse Gardens

11th April (Easter Sunday) – Live music at the Yorke Hotel from 2pm – Nat & Steve

17th & 18th April – Autumn Fair at Weaners Flat Reserve

MAY

1st May – Newspaper and bottle collection

30th May – Walkathon/Cyclathon for the Playground

JUNE

5th June – Newspaper and bottle collection

BEYOND

Early July – Steak, Seafood and Wine night at the Yorke Hotel to benefit the Playground Redevelopment Fund

13th – 15th August – Rural Women's Gathering

