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Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome to the Port Germein Progress Association Quarterly Newsletter

It is our intent to publish a quarterly newsletter to keep members and the public informed of the happenings and activities relating to the Progress Association.

Our next members meeting will be on **Monday 25th March at 7:30 pm at the Institute**. New members are welcome and all members are encouraged to attend.

Major Projects undertaken. You may have noticed that the **Caravan Park** has had several upgrades. These include

- The retaining wall and back fence, adjoining the Bowling Club, was a joint project undertaken with the Bowling Club. It now looks very professional. The DCMR provided funding towards the cost.



- There has been an extension & upgrade to the Manager's Residence, providing a new larger lounge and bedroom with a private courtyard, and laundry area. Rain Water tanks are installed.



- There were problems with flooding resulting within the Park during rain and tidal movements. Storm water management system (3 catchments) was installed within the caravan park sites. Mini Pave levelled all powered sites to ensure stormwater "run off" into new catchment areas. Around 100 metres of underground pressure water pipe upgraded due to leakage.
- The Septic system for the ablution block has been upgraded. The DCMR provided some funding for this project. A new overflow pump/tank & drainage trench with 3 inspection points was installed.
- Executive committee members have inspected the Caravan Park to create an improvement list, which is being systematically addressed. Work already done includes security doors and fly screens installed in cabins and Cabin 4 being upgraded with painting, and a new tiled floor.
- The main toilet block has had professional salt damp treatment, with repairs undertaken in shower alcoves and then retiled. Works are ongoing.
- **Australia Day** was celebrated on the foreshore with a breakfast, attended by approximately 150 people.



- **The Australian Day Citizen Award** was presented by Mayor Sandy Wauchope to Jeannette Valente.





Crab Train Rode on Australia Day

- The work on **the wall at the Memorial Gardens** is again in the spotlight and will be reported on at the next meeting. Since this project is outstanding it is vital that this work be finalised promptly.

The Caravan Park is important in the life of Port Germein as it brings in tourists and provides funding for other works. The Caravan Park is being managed by Norm and Joy Colquist, and the Association thank Norm & Joy for their efforts.. Maintaining a high standard at the Caravan Park is of benefit to Port Germein.



- **The Tide clock** is now proudly in position overlooking the jetty. There will be a fence to be installed around it to keep the area safe.

It looks really great and thanks to those who had a hand in making it look so good.



MORE PHOTOS



New tiles on the floor in cabin 4

- **Solar Panels** were installed on the roof of the Institute in 2012 and are now fully operational providing for electricity credits which directly support both the Institute and the Caravan Park. This is an example of a collaborative venture to benefit the town.



Rain Water Tanks in Manager's Residence



Security Screen Doors on Cabins

Other Projects undertaken during the year at the Caravan Park

Repairs to 2 boundary galvanized fencing alignments with new steel post and railing supports, eastern alignment & western old gate.

Re-instated “Fort Knox” area NE corner of Park with outside gate to enable rubbish collection in that area, and built storage shelving for building materials. Bottles & Cans now collected from this external gate allowing for easier access.

Repaired ride on mower for use in the Park at no cost.

Installed irrigation systems to garden beds located around Cabins and at front of the Park.

Installed shade cloth to western side of BBQ area.

Manufactured and installed 6 wire collection bins for deposit bottles and drink cans.

Installed Onga pressure pump to tank system at rear of Camp Kitchen.

Realigned several powered sites for ease of access for recreational vans, re-numbered powered sites 22 to 32 (new signs) and installed 2 new 15amp outlets for site 22.

New camp site lawn established in south-western corner of Park

Obtained at no cost additional seating which has been placed in the Camp kitchen and BBQ areas. Repaired existing outdoor tables with new steel supports.

New advisory signs placed to assist patrons safety within the Park. New Elgas sign & requirements placed near Gas Cage

Trees lopped around powered sites to allow motor home & caravan access free from protruding limbs. Lopped trees in Playground Area – 4 truck loads removed.

Repaired and replaced several old taps to alleviate water leakage. Removed non working “old shower” previously installed near BBQ area and reinstated with new underground pressure pipe.

Repaired 2 coin operated washing machines in public laundry. Purchased new washing machine for staff useage to assist with the increase of Cabin washing workload.

Revamped shelving in linen shed and repaired “cleaner’s trolley”. Purchased new “linen trolley” for OHS compliance.

Bird wire placed in upper laundry ceiling cavities to prevent bird intrusion & nesting in laundry. Removed old air conditioners, installed 9 new inverter r/c air conditioners to existing cabins.

Installed 4 new digital TV’s to upgrade the ensuite cabins.



Tide Clock before



Our Jetty

We acknowledge and thank all the volunteers and people for their efforts and contributions with all of these projects. We are a small town and do rely on the goodwill of our residents of Port Germein.

Thankyou.

From the Executive of the Port Germein Progress Association.