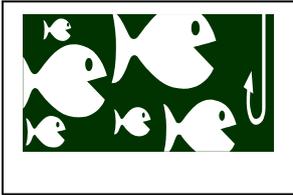




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FROM THE CHAIR

Another year has passed with good gains financially and with attendance numbers increasing for both regular and special events.

We have worked well with other community organisations, supporting local activities and establishing relationships that will continue into the future.

Again the key to the Association's success has been the hard work of volunteers that manage the cleaning and operation of "The Shed" and the operation of the Sausage Sizzle van.

Our Anzac Day Dawn Service and Melbourne Cup Day Lunch are now "must attend" events for the locals and neighbouring towns. While totally different, both bring the community together on days that are both important to our character as Australians.

We wait patiently for information on the progress with the NBN tower and also to see how the newly elected local council, with some changes in elected members, will affect our area.

Our website is now up and running – containing all the information anybody needs to know about the township and other information. (See www.thompsonbeach.sa.au)

I trust you have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Ian Telfer – Chairperson.

A BEREAVEMENT

Mr Jim Bull of Sandpiper Drive passed away suddenly last month.

“Big” Jim, as he was known, will be remembered for his continuous rescuing of vehicles that became bogged in the Gulf.

He will be remembered for his watchful eye on illegal crabbers who, when they saw Jim, would empty their buckets.

His latest project was to construct a path beginning at Plover Ave to Tern Crs.

We wish his wife Gill and their families our deepest sympathy. Rest in Peace.

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THOMPSON BEACH STATS (2016)

Following up last September’s Shorebirds Bulletin population statistics for Thompson Beach:

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| Families | (54) |
| For families with children | (1.2) |
| For all families | (0.2) |
| All private dwellings | (159) |
| Ave people per household | (1.9) |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders | (14) |

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HAWK ATTACK

One of our Residents, John Mills, was walking his dogs along the beach. Out of nowhere a hawk or kite attacked him. John took his hat off to ward away the hawk but to no avail. He retreated back to The Esplanade and took refuge in his house. I wonder if John mistook the Hawk for a Crow attacking the Magpie!!!

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TREV’S TRIVIA

A violin contains about 70 individual pieces of wood.

Most dust particles in your house are made up of dead skin.

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Parenthood is a reward in itself. Our children are our medals. Their smiles are our certificates.

In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth. After that everything was Made in China.

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THERE IS A GLIMMER OF LIGHT AT THE END OF RUSKIN ROAD

Thank you to the residents of Thompson Beach for alerting the Council about the fading white and yellow lines on Ruskin Road.

It was first mentioned in the Shorebirds Bulletin was back in June 2018. Six months on nothing had been done.

One resident rang up and quote answer: - "We have no money"

A couple of weeks on and the Council struck gold at the end of the rainbow and said: - "We have the money"

Hearing that comment, it was like Santa, The Easter Bunny, and Tooth Fairy all coming to life on the same day.

Let's face it, most of the faces leering at us from stobie poles are strangers to 99% of ratepayers.

As the NEW Mayor steps up to his NEW portfolio things might change.

On January 1st, 2019, I want to see where I am going on Ruskin Road!!

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WHEN CAN I BURN?

Burning is NOT allowed on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

The fire danger season is currently November 15th – April 30th.

Please ring 0408811065 or 85270200 to confirm.

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BIRTHDAY GIRL

Congratulations to Sue Saby of Sandpiper Drive, who celebrated her 60th Birthday recently.

Sue had friends and family at a local hotel to party along.

Well done Sue!

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BACK HOME

Des Quin and Brian Aldhouse are up and running back at the Beach, after each had a few health problems.

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SHAME, SHAME, SHAME

Apologies are the order for the day for the Arts & Crafts morning and Tai-Chi classes.

Every Friday morning the Arts & Craft sessions are held at 9.30am-Noon with Judy Attick and Tai-Chi classes are held in Parham from 6.30pm with Mick Lewis.

Phone Mick on 0414568395.

My sincere apologies to Mick and Judy

ooOoo

POT LUCK DINNERS

Every Friday night from 6pm at The Shed, get to enjoy your residents with a Pot Luck Dinner for only \$5. BYO alcohol.

So many turned up that extra tables and chairs were set up on Friday, 16th November.

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DID YOU KNOW??

“Dreamt” is the only word that ends in the letter “mt”.

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OWNERS OF DOGS

If you are an owner of a dog, don't let the dog wander the streets or in public areas.

The dogs are then deemed a wandering at large. Dogs usually escape and wander as a result of inadequate fencing or a gate left open.

When a dog had been impounded by a Council officer, every effort is made to contact the owner so the animal can be returned.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Wonder how many residents stood for a one minutes silence to commemorate the 100 years since WW1 ended?

As one of our town's people said when the flag wasn't flying half-mast at The Shed, “It's a Disgrace”. Let's remember 11-11-19.

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ANNIVERSARY

It was remiss of me to forget in the September issue of the newsletter that The Shed celebrated it 5th Birthday.

And to think we charged our glasses one Friday night at the Pot Luck Dinner for the occasion. And I still forgot!!

The Shed was opened by Nick Champion, Federal Member for Wakefield on August 18th 2013.

ooOoo

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

Halloween night is a thing of the past in our town.

Either that or the children must be growing up and not interested, as the streets were very quiet that night. If anyone had a “trick” or “treat” at the front door, just give us a ring 85292281 and we will mention it!

RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRES

A reminder of the opening times:

Mallala – 105 Limerock Rd, Lower Light

Thurs 1.30-3.30 / Sat. 10.30-12.30 / Sun. 8.00-10.00

Two Wells – Wells Road, Two Wells

Wed. 1.30-3.30/ Sat. 8.00-10.00 / Sun. 10.30-12.30

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ALCOHOL AND FATS

It's interesting to compare the Australian, British and the Americans at what and how much we drink and eat fats as to other countries. Eg. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks and the Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks.

The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and they also suffer few heart attacks.

Conclusion: - Eat and Drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you!!

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BALLS OF WOOL DONATION

Thank you to the ladies from Parham, Windsor and Thompson Beach for their balls of wool given to the Women's Prison in Northfield.

They are most appreciative for the donation, so girls, if you want to give away balls of wool, please ring 85292281 and I will pick up from The Shed.

But please no needles!

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BIRDWATCH

With the size of the "Dublin Dump" rapidly increasing, so is the corresponding number of raptors in our skies.

As you travel along the highway you will most commonly see black kites slowly gliding or swooping on a road kill. These birds of prey are blackish brown and often soar with tail fanned and twisting back and forth to gain lift in the updrafts. They are principally scavengers of carrion and rubbish, hence the dramatic increase in numbers in recent years.

Also I have seen the white bellied sea eagle at Thompson Beach.

That is my final report this year and I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy Bird Watching in the New Year.

Rodger Mortlock.

- The Samphire Spring Carnival -

Once again the place to be for the running of the Melbourne Cup was the Thompson Beach Community Shed.

Repeatedly popular in the area, the Progress Association once again hosted the Dublin Senior Citz bingo group, who normally meet at Parham. They held their usual Tuesday bingo session, this time in the morning at Thompson, then followed on for the luncheon and the running of the Cup.

Notorious for their 'ratbag' element the Senior Citz dressed for the occasion and made a point of indulging themselves in the activities of the day. Including Thompson Beach members there was some 40 odd in attendance.

The luncheon was extremely well received. with our own 'Guru of the BBQ', Jeff Thomas, putting on the bbq chicken steaks and salad, and the ladies representing magnificently with fruit salad and ice cream.

The sweeps went over a million, (not dollars). Run by our famous Swiss banker, Jacqui Koerner, the \$1, \$2, and five dollar sweeps ran like clockwork. Big winners on the day were Brian Aldhouse and Val Coady.

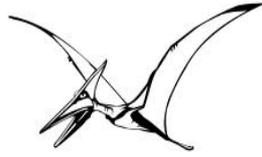
Undoubtably the biggest activity of the day, even overshadowing the race itself, was the best hat, or Fascinator, competition. Now i will say that the competition coordinator thought he'd been duded two years in a row, this time with his much researched Korean ceremonial chapeaux.

But there was no denying the winner; Thompson's Maxine Mills won by overwhelming acclaim. Special mention goes to Parham's Raelene and Lola who dressed up in jockey attire to go with their hats.

Special thanks to Bev and everyone who helped on the day. These functions could never be as successful without the help of everyone who gets involved.

Hoping to have more good functions as we go.

The Thompson Pteredactyl



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XMAS!

Now being around 5,000 years old I've seen the odd Christmas 'do' come and go at Thompson Beach. I was watching when that delinquent gang of triceratops from Dublin kept chasing Santa and stopped him from landing here.

I can also remember when the Progress Association under Norm began holding Xmas functions for residents.

But none so far has outdone the 2018 Christmas Luncheon held at the Thompson Shed, and it's all because of the Christmas spirit where everybody got involved to contribute to the outcome. It really was a happening to behold.

We had so many residents offering to bring something to add to the occasion. So many people jumped up to help with food distribution. We had newbies getting involved with on-going washing up, so the kitchen could run like clockwork. And of course we had our people working the BBQ. For the entire event all you could hear was 'Can i help?'

The contribution from everyone was what made the day turn out the way it did.

Mentioning just a few, and sorry to anyone i've missed; we had baked snapper and also prawn dishes thanks to Craig, and salads from Margie. We had a mountain of freshly wokked Thai fried rice from Julia. Judy Attick came in on the Saturday to arrange the building, even though she couldn't make the luncheon. Thanks to the army that helped revert it all back after the 'do' as well

Thank you very much to Lyn who spent the entire week cajoling this belligerent old leather skin into doing things properly.

Going forward; this style of event is great for the spirit of Thompson Beach. That spirit is what can drive us forward. There is so much talk about extensions and improvements.

There will be extensions to the building, and changes for the better to our operating capabilities and procedures. The major contributor will be this unconditional, selfless involvement from everyone concerned.

Thanks to everyone who attended.

Thompson Pteredactyl

EDITORS NOTE

Another year is ending and we would like to thank everyone who is involved in keeping our Shed running, from Jeff Thomas, Ken Wade, Wayne Smith, Mick Lewis & all the fortnightly volunteers of the Sausage Sizzle. And to all the volunteers who put on a Friday night Pot Luck Dinner, we are very lucky to have so many talented cooks in the Community.

I would like to thank Rodger for his expert Bird Watch comments during the year.

On behalf of myself, Jacqui (who types out the Shorebirds Bulletin) and Nick Champion and staff, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

See you all in 2019.

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The speed limit in the town is 40kph. Keep your speed down as there are more children in our Town on bikes, etc. With Neighbourhood Watch starting up perhaps we could all adhere to the limit with a bit more caution.

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