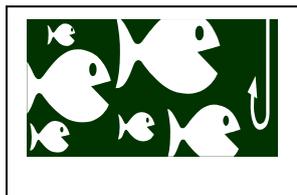


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## FROM THE CHAIR

Spring has returned and so have the weekend hordes that hope to go home with a bucket load of seafood.

We all know the challenges this brings to our township. Very fortunately, the Committee of the Thompson Beach Progress Association had the opportunity to meet the new police officer stationed at Mallala. Brevet Sergeant Brett Siddell has moved into the area with his family and is currently familiarising himself with the area. He will be making frequent visits to our township while he is on duty.

Relative to the presence of these day-trippers, we asked for clarification about a number of issues from the past:-

If somebody steps onto your property perhaps to seek shade or water, what is the situation? First, anybody has the legal right to enter your property. However, if you don't want them to be there, they must leave if you ask them to go. If they won't leave, then in the eyes of the law, they are trespassing and you can seek assistance from the police.

If you are concerned that somebody has taken undersized crabs, you can certainly challenge them verbally, but do not touch any of their property. If they are not willing to return the undersized items back to the water, about the only thing you can do, is make a note of their car's registration number and report it to Fishwatch.

In terms of parking, where they do it and how, we can only hope that good sense prevails and nobody gets blocked in or hurt. Cars have already been bogged – not a good start to the season.

It is good news for our community that there is a police officer stationed at Mallala. With 3 stationed at Two Wells, we can feel fairly comfortable that we will be well served and that a greater local presence will produce better behaviour on our narrow streets.

Don't forget that the Shed is there for your use – Tai Chi, Martial Arts, Darts, Craft, and something new Card-making lessons (more details to follow, keep an eye on the noticeboard) and Pot-Luck-Dinners – it's all happening at the Shed.

Ian Telfer, Chairperson

## **AGM**

The Thompson Beach Progress Association AGM was held on Sunday 11 August. With numbers down, Vice Chair, Jeff Thomas chaired the meeting with Chairperson Ian Telfer being away.

During the meeting Jeff and Mick Lewis gave attribute to outgoing community member, Wayne Smith. Wayne, for several years, has been a Community member and helped out fortnightly on the sausage sizzle. Something he wished to continue to do. Well done, Wayne.

During the course of the AGM, Wayne was also awarded Life Membership. Congratulations, Wayne.

We congratulate all Committee Members on their appointments for the 2019/20 season:

Chairperson: Ian Telfer  
Vice Chairperson: Jeff Thomas  
Secretary: Mick Lewis  
Treasurer: Jacqui Koerner

### **Committee Members:**

Ken Wade  
Sharon Clues  
Judy Attick  
Steve Jones  
Jim Coady  
Kathy Wilson

Public Officer: Steve Peters

ooOoo

## **SNAKE ALERTNESS**

For all residents we will see snakes earlier than usual this year because of the lack of rainfall.

Some of the venomous snakes found in Thompson Beach are:

Eastern Brown  
Copper Head  
Western Brown  
Tiger Snake  
Red Bellied Black Snake

So, clean up rubbish, keep garden tidy and take steps to reduce mice and rats. Ring David Pick Snakes on 0418849776 or look under "Snake Catchers" in the Yellow Pages.

ooOoo

## **WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S MORE SMOKE**

John Mills of Curlew Cres had an interesting 5 minutes when watering his lavender bush. Smoke was coming out of the base of the bush. When he stopped watering there was still smoke flowing quite freely. It's a phenomenon not seen since Port Adelaide won its last Premiership.

ooOoo

## **BUSHFIRE SEASON**

The Bushfire season is nearly upon us - 1 November 2019 to 30 April 2020.

All resident property owners are responsible for cleaning up rubbish during the fire season, if not Council fire prevention officers could be knocking on your door!

For further information please contact the Council on 85270200.

ooOoo

## **CAPITAL WORKS 2019/2020**

In the APC Newsletter it was interesting to note "Roads and Footpaths", "Building Maintenance", Thompson Beach came under "Other Items". Thompson Beach foreshore listed Shelter, Seating and Car Park Renewal.

We have A Shelter, we have Seating and a Car Park. In fact, we have two Car Parks.

Over the 20 years ago since Thompson Beach was established, The Esplanade has yet to be sealed. We rest our case.

ooOoo

## **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

Understand this,

You can sound confident and have anxiety.

You can look healthy, but feel like crap.

You can look happy, and feel miserable inside.

You can be good looking, and feel ugly.

So be Kind,

Because every person is fighting a battle you know nothing about!!

When a man is bent on getting married, some girl can usually straighten him out.

ooOoo

## **TREV'S TRIVIA**

Planted in 1914, the old oak tree near the Adelaide Oval is the world's oldest living Memorial to those who lost their lives in World War 1.

There were 1,764,390 registered vehicles in SA up till 2018.

ooOoo

## **GRADER FOR THE ESPLANADE**

Good to see the grader going up and down The Esplanade. Now it's a smooth ride from South to North.

But the dust will return in the warmer months!!

ooOoo

### **THOMPSON BEACH STATS**

In the 2016 Census, there were 70 married couples as against 60 never married.

ooOoo

### **STREET SIGN MISSING**

Curlew Crs street sign has disappeared. These street signs are bolted to brackets and slipped onto the pole. The street sign, including the bracket have completely gone!  
If anyone has been the bracket and the sign please contact the APC on 85270200.

ooOoo

### **JOEY GROWING UP**

March Shorebird Newsletter reported a joey being rescued by Mark Stevens on Sandpiper Drive. Well, it's good news for the joey, it has grown to twice its size, last report it was greedily eating a carrot at the Vets.  
Well done Mark.

ooOoo

### **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Local Des Quin is out resident JP. You can reach Des on 85292284 or on 0418831983.

APC offer free JP services every Saturday from 9am-11am at the Two Wells Library. Ph: 85270200.

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### **ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SHED**

Pot Luck Dinner on Friday night was treated to a rare performance by a local resident.

Jacqui Koerner, our Treasurer, had her sister Michelle as a special guest. Michelle envisaged some sort of entertainment at The Shed.

Up popped John McKay with a solid version of "Old Man River", even with a tea towel in his hands, much to Michelle's delight.

Unfortunately, then the amateur hour started, with a local resident struggling with an impersonation of Elvis Presley. Then it got worse with an impersonation of a dwarf playing the piano. Thumbs down for that effort!

ooOoo

## **THOMPSON BEACH FOOTY TIPS**

Footy Tip winners are:

138 points            PaulKD  
134 points            PopKen  
133 points            Flossie

And the knock out competition:

PaulKD  
Flossie  
Dansii  
NanaJude

ooOoo

## **A BEREAVEMENT**

Sadly, Craig Southam's wife Margaret has passed away.

Margaret was 63 years of age and had been married to Craig for 48 years.

She will be remembered with her friendly smile and was instrumental with Craig, setting up and cooking dinners every Thursday night at the Dublin Cricket Club.

She was always noted arranging Christmas Lunch and Boxing Day with family.

Being next door neighbours for 17 years, Judy and I will sorely miss her.

Our thoughts are with Craig, Brett, Damien, Jess and family.

ooOoo

## **GET WELL WISHES**

We wish John "Hookey" Hoogstad all the very best wishes, and coming home soon from hospital

ooOoo

## **RESOURCE DUMP CLOSURES**

Public Consultation was undertaken on 25 March 2019 and concluded on 21 June 2019 for the closure of the Mallala and Two Wells Resource Dumps.

The Council made the decision to close the Mallala Dump on Limerock Road, Mallala effective on 30 September 2019.

Thompson Beach residents are encouraged to use the:

Two Wells – Wells Road, Two Wells

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

Council Related Emergencies – Ph: 85270200

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## **CRAB WARNINGS**

A new sign outside The Shed depicts Blue Swimmer Crabs and the limit is 20 per person.

Please adhere to the sign.

For further information please contact 180065522

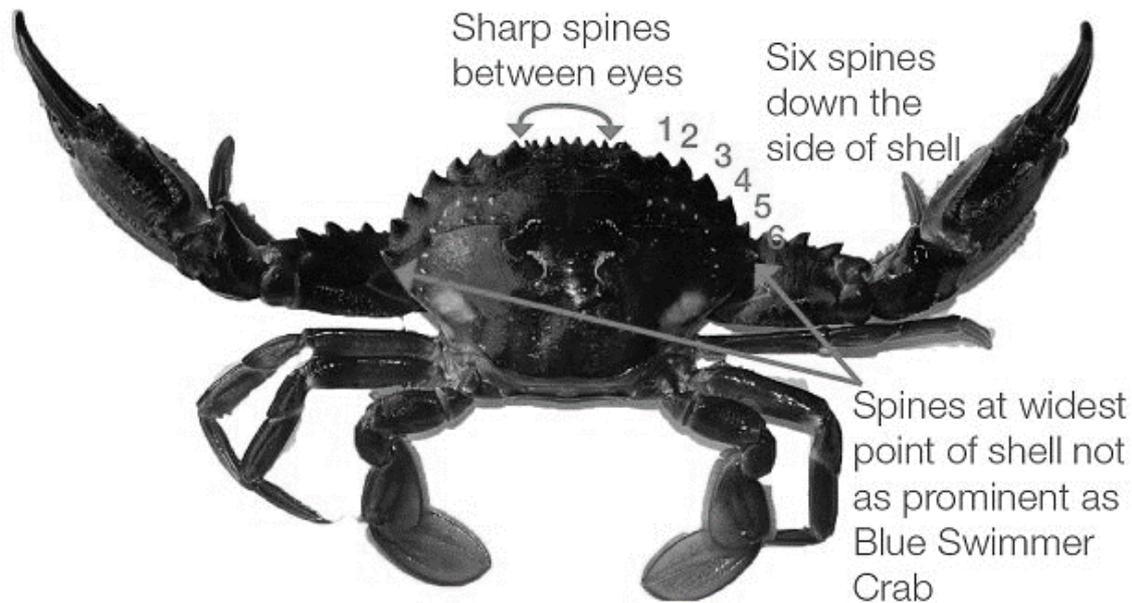
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## **THE SHED ANNIVERSARY**

It has been 6 years since the Community building, "The Shed" was opened by the former Federal Member for Wakefield, Mr Nick Champion. The Shed was officially opened on 18 August 2013.

The Shed hosts many social activities including AFL Grand Final (which is on again for only \$10 including food) on Saturday 28 September, Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Birthdays, Birdlife Meeting and Christmas Lunch to name a few.

## **Be On The Lookout For Asian Paddle Crabs**



Just as crabbing season is getting under way, a potential threat has emerged we need to keep an eye out for at Thompson Beach – the Asian Paddle Crab.

The Asian Paddle Crab (*Charybdis japonica*) is not native to Australia. It's an aggressive species that can compete with our native Blue Swimmer Crabs. Asian Paddle Crabs can also be toxic to humans and spread a disease called white spot syndrome (WSS) to other crustaceans.

A male Asian Paddle Crab was recently caught by a commercial fisher north of Outer Harbor.

“We are asking all fishers – commercial, recreational and charter – who are out on the water to keep an eye out for this unwelcome species,” said Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Tim Whetstone recently. “We do not want the Asian Paddle Crab to establish in South Australia – if fishers see any unusual species, please report them immediately to Fishwatch on 1800 065 522.”

For more information on the Asian Paddle Crab including how to identify it, visit [pir.sa.gov.au](http://pir.sa.gov.au).

### **Crabbing Reminders**

When crabbing this season remember there are strict limits on how many blue swimmer crabs can be taken. The personal daily bag limit is 20; which is a combined limit with sand crabs. The minimum size that can be taken is 11 cm measured across the carapace from the base of the largest spines. Any females with external eggs are to be returned to the water immediately.

For further details, visit [pir.sa.gov.au](http://pir.sa.gov.au).

The fines for ignoring catch/size limits are significant if caught (up to \$20,000) – and there's a good chance of that happening as Fisheries officers are often at Thompson Beach checking on catches.

Also take care when crabbing to not damage seagrass beds, beach and tidal flat areas. Try to avoid areas where migratory shorebirds are present – they've begun arriving back at Thompson Beach and deserve a good rest and feed after their epic journeys.



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Wednesday: 8.30 am to 8.00 pm  
Saturday: 8.30 am to 4.00 pm**

**SPEED LIMIT**

**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.**

**TRAILER FOR HIRE**

**The Thompson Beach Progress Association Inc. Trailer is for hire for any of the residents of Thompson Beach.**

**Cost: \$25 per day with a \$50 deposit refundable. Ph: 0456255379**

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