

The Shoreline

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Balgowan Progress Committee for 2019/2020

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State Emergency Service (SES)	13 2500

From the President

This year 2020! – The Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic has affected everybody. I have noticed that a greater number have been in residence than normal during these unprecedented times. Easter & school holidays were very active; however we had to place restrictions on the number of people who could stay in the camping ground. This has had a financial effect for the BPA which may set back some of our projects. However some restrictions have been lifted & the camping ground has now re-opened under the Covid-19 safety guidelines.

Your BPA committee held a meeting on the 24th February & has now been able to hold a meeting on Monday 1st June. At the February meeting Cheryl Pain was elected to the committee. Cheryl is the new contact for bookings at camping ground, taking over from Joan Brumfield. We thank Joan for the years of dedicated service. Earlier in February Sam & Vic Johns, Darren Block, Ken & Cheryl Pain, Rosie Adams & 2 campers were involved in a very good working bee in general garden & trimming at the camping ground. The BPA committee has purchased a **Defibrillator** & installed the unit on the southern outside wall of the ablution block at the camping ground. Take the opportunity to be trained in the use of a Defibrillator. St John Ambulance has training options www.stjohnsa.com.au

Committee members had a meeting at Balgowan in February with Yorke Peninsula representative, Stephen Goldsworthy to discuss various issues, upgrades & future developments. We have numerous project ideas which were presented to the YPC for assessment. A meeting with Fraser Ellis MP, Member for Narungga, YPC Elected member for Kalkabury Ward, Cr Roger Johns, BPA Committee members Steve Southwood, Sam Johns & Myself was held in March at the boat ramp to discuss the launching & retrieval issues, the breakwater & sand erosion of north beach. The BPA will be formally presenting to the YPC various upgrading options for the boat launching facility. This has been an ongoing issue for the BPA over many years & no real progress has been achieved to date. Hopefully if we continue to be pro-active some development in the near future will transpire. We will keep you informed of any proposals. *Please email or contact a committee member with your concerns & ideas to help improve Balgowan now & into the future.*

Jeff Adams
President Balgowan Progress Association

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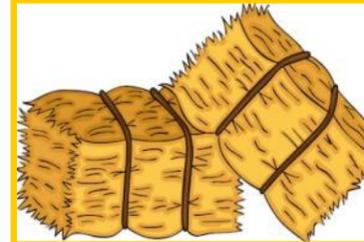


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Meeting with
Fraser Ellis MP,
BPA committee
member Sam Johns
& Cr. Roger Johns in
regards to upgrading
the boat launching
facility & options to
control the sand ero-
sion at north beach



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Coastline Factsheet *No. 38 March 2017 An*

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What is beach wrack?



Image: Beach wrack accumulation
at Kingston, South-East Australia
Source: DEWNR

Beach wrack or beach-cast wrack commonly found along beaches is a natural phenomenon that occurs all around the world. Beach wrack is the accumulation of organic material that is washed up onto the beach by the tides, wind and waves that eventually breaks down and is recycled back into the system (Macredie et al. 2017).

Image: Beach wrack accumulation at Kingston, South-East Australia
Source: DEWNR

Whilst the majority of the wrack found includes seagrass or algae, it also includes various other marine organisms both dead and alive including sponges and crustaceans of all sizes. Marine and land based debris is also commonly found amongst beach wrack that is found washed up on South Australian beaches.

The composition and amount of beach wrack that is found on your local

beach is a result of what is growing in the near-shore environment. For example in the South-East near Kingston, the large amounts of beach wrack on the beach during the winter months is a result of the vast sea-grass meadows that occur offshore. In contrast, the relatively closed beaches near Robe typically have beach wrack which is dominated by macroalgae.

Whether it is part of their natural cycle or dislodgement as a result of recent storm activity, any loose material can get transported onshore by local current and swells where significant proportions may end up being cast upon beaches.

Ecological importance

Beach wrack is considered to be an essential component of the coastal ecosystem and provides many ecosystem services. When the organic material decomposes and breaks down it contributes to the coastal and marine food web systems by supplying essential nutrients. It also supports microbes and other smaller organisms that are utilised by plants and fish including important commercial fishery species.

Wrack also supports other important animal communities including resident and migratory shorebirds. In South Australia, 40 species of birds have been recorded utilising beach-cast wrack in some way including for nesting, shelter and food (McCulloch 1996). Shorebirds such as the hooded plover (*Thinornis rubricollis*), pied oyster catcher (*Haematopus longirostris*) and the migratory ruddy turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) are often found foraging on the exposed beaches during low tide and sheltering amongst the abundant beach wrack deposits during high tide (Christie and Jessop 2007, Campbell and Anderson 2007).

The presence of beach wrack on the beach also contributes to the protection and stabilisation of the shoreline and coastal dunes by serving as a physical barrier between the sea and the dune system. This is achieved by effectively reducing the amount of wave energy that reaches the toe of the dune and providing a degree of protection to the foreshore. In particular, the seagrass component of the beach wrack due to its fibrous composition is thought to contribute to and enhance the formation and stabilisation of coastal sand dunes by acting as a trap that binds drifting sands and reduces sand erosion during winter (PIRSA 2014).

The cycle

Although large amounts of beach wrack can occupy much of the beach at certain times of the year, accumulations are considered to be highly transient. Often being removed from the beach by natural processes within a relatively short period of time and back into the system to contribute to the complex ecological chain in the coastal and marine environments.

Current management

It is generally preferred that beach wrack is left in place in the coastal environment. However, it is acknowledged that in some situations the presence of large amounts of wrack may create a hazard or negatively affect the amenity of an area. Consequently, local councils or land owners may wish to move or remove wrack from those beaches.

In these cases, the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) will work with the third party to ensure that the proposed management strategy is sustainable and will not negatively impact on the surrounding environment and its inhabitants.

Community members also occasionally express interest in collecting wrack for their own purposes including for fertiliser or mulch. Councils generally have care, control and management of beaches and some have by-laws regarding the collection of material from beaches or public land. Community members are encouraged to contact their local government authority to request approval for this activity. Similarly, council staff are encouraged to contact DEWNR for advice on any proposals to ensure that the proposed activity is appropriately managed and any potential impacts on threatened species or coastal processes are effectively managed and mitigated.

It is important to note that the harvesting of beach wrack for commercial purposes is regulated and requires permission and licensing from the Department of Primary Industries and Regions, South Australia (PIRSA).

For more information www.environment.sa.gov.au

**Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources
Coast Protection Board**

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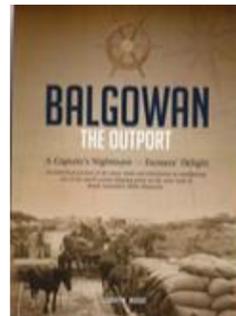
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Bin returned subscribers. Please put your house number on your rubbish bins. Thank You

The BPA Caravan & Camping Grounds

The Barbecues & Exercise equipment are available for the general public, as well as the caravan & campers in residence.

Please clean the BBQ after use.

The Recshed

The Recshed will be closed for general use by BPA members & family until further notice, due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 restrictions.

Your Pets

Please ensure that your dog is on a leash while walking. Plastic bags are provided by the Progress Association for you to clean up after them.

If you are visiting or a local be aware of where your dog is and if there are people on the beach have your dog restrained. Remember that **your dog** is friendly to you and your family but might not be to others so please have it on a leash .

Plan of Management Relating to Dogs and Cats December 2018 – 2023
Adopted by the Yorke Peninsula Council 12 September 2018

A 'Park' is defined in the Act as "a park, garden, reserve, or other similar open space, or a foreshore area, within the area of a council". **Dogs prohibited at all times:** • All children's playgrounds on Local Government Land • Edithburgh Oval, Yorketown Road, Edithburgh • Edithburgh Tidal Pool, O'Halloran Parade, Edithburgh • Yorketown Oval, Stansbury Road, Yorketown • Warooka Oval, Oval Ave Warooka Dogs on leash at all times: • Port Victoria Jetty, Victoria Terrace, Port Victoria • Port Rickaby Jetty, Nelcebee Square, Port Rickaby • Port Turton Jetty, Bayview Rd, Port Turton • Marion Bay Jetty, Slow Street Marion Bay • Stansbury Jetty, Jetty Road, Stansbury • Port Julia Jetty, Jetty Road, Port Julia • Ardrossan Jetty, Jetty Road, Ardrossan.

Dogs off-leash whilst under effective control at all times: • All foreshore areas • Walk the Yorke Walking Trail (except those parts of the walking portion of the trail that are on a road) • Designated Bush Camping Grounds • All Local Government Land to which the public have access that is not a road

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