

South Punyelroo Progress Association Autumn Newsletter 2026

PUNNY NEWS

From the President

Committee news

I would like to take this opportunity to inform everyone that after 5 years of service, Deb Lock has decided to step down from the position of SPPA Secretary. I know that I speak for everyone when I pass on our thanks to Deb for her service in that role. Deb will now continue as a committee member. Current committee member Ross Musolino has kindly offered to take on the position of Secretary. Ross is an experienced SPPA Secretary who has been holding the role for some years previously. Thanks to both Deb and Ross on behalf of the SPPA community.

Easter family BBQ at the Community Shed

Well folks, it's time for **that** bunny to make its annual return to South Punyelroo and I am sure that for all our younger members of the SPPA families, the excitement is building. And just so the adults do not miss out, the SPPA committee will be holding the annual Easter family BBQ at the Community Shed on Sunday, April 5th at 10.00am. Can there be anything better on an Easter Sunday morning than a free barbeque, beers, bubbles and soft drinks along with the opportunity to meet other Shack owners. It is also your opportunity to support the community by buying a few raffle tickets and purchasing some of the excellent SPPA branded merchandise, so don't forget to bring your small change or we even take electronic payment (EFT) (Raffle tickets will be 1 for \$3 and 4 for \$10)! For all our new site owners, please feel free to come and join us. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you, your family, and friends at this fantastic annual family event.

Oh, and keep your eye out for the Easter Bunny boat which will pass your shack site somewhere between 9.15 – 10.00am, and they may even throw you a chocolate or two.

99 – 999–year lease

Each site should have received a letter from the committee informing you that we have advised the law firm HWLE Lawyers to progress with the development application. The information that we have received regarding the opportunity to increase the lease time from 99 to 999 years, with no extra cost to us is fantastic news for us all. Once again, the committee will keep you informed of the progress of this project.

Can and bottle trailer

You may have noticed that the can and bottle trailer has been shifted to a spot next to the community shed. This has been done as a trial because unfortunately, items of all types have been placed into the trailer on an ongoing basis. The committee is hoping that having the c&b trailer away from the bins will go some way to fix the issue. Fingers crossed, as the money from the cans and bottles goes back into our coffers so that we can run events like the Easter family BBQ. Non-recyclables in that trailer simply take the space where real money can sit, and the trip to the recyclable depot in Blanchetown needs to return value for effort. Please support us by informing all your visitors of the importance of placing rubbish in the bins and only recyclable bottles and cans in the trailer. Thank you for your support.

Rubbish bins

The Mid Murray Council has had our rubbish collection company SOLO deliver the extra 42 rubbish bins so that we now have 100 bins on site. This should alleviate the issue of overflowing bins that we experienced over the Xmas/New Year period. Please note that the rubbish bins are for household rubbish only and should not be stored at your shack but left at the bin bank.

Common Land

You may recall that in the summer newsletter the committee took the opportunity to advise all site holders that it is time to start clearing up the rubbish, debris, timber and other items such as boats, trailers, caravans etc that have been left on the common land. I know that the previous President also reminded everyone of the need to tidy the common land in newsletters. Many items have been left on the common land since the end of the flood and to be honest, some look as if they have simply been abandoned. This is an issue that the committee can no longer avoid, and because of the seriousness of the situation, the SPPA committee has now formed a common land sub committee to oversee the issue going forward.

Each SPPA site has recently received a letter from the committee advising them to clear listed items from the common land within 90 days from Friday, April 3rd. If you have not read that letter, then I urge you to do so. Should you have any items on the common land other than building materials for immediate use, then you need to remove them. Should you be in the situation where you are building, you may be able to leave a shipping container on site (but only for a period of two years from when it was placed), but all rubbish, debris and other items listed in the letter sent from the committee to all leaseholders MUST be cleared within 90 days. The committee has received justified complaints from site holders re the condition of the common land and in line with the SPPA constitution and rules and regulations, the committee must take action to ensure that all site holders abide by the requirements. We ask that you give your immediate attention to this matter. We are now over three years from the end of the flood folks; the time has come to remedy the situation and start to return the common land to its required state.

Note: Should you require storage for any of your items, then contact Roy Payne at Blanchetown Recycle Centre on 0413 005 685 as they have established a new, secure and affordable storage yard at Blanchetown, 20 minutes from Punyelroo.

Easter at South Punny

The Easter Long weekend has always been a special time at South Punyelroo. It is a very busy time on the road and on the water. Even with the eye watering cost of fuel, the road will be very busy all weekend!

For those that have not experienced Easter at Punny, there will be family groups out walking on the road, many with young children. There will be kids on bikes, dogs, motor bikes, cars, caravans, and trailers all sharing the road. Please ensure the safety of our community by abiding by the speed limit of 25km per hour and please also inform your visitors of the speed limit requirement. If you have a dog, can you please ensure that your dog is always under control and that includes constant barking.

We hope that you have a great time with your family and friends but ask also that you take a moment to consider how any noise may affect your neighbours.

The South Punyelroo Progress Association committee members hope you have a fabulous Easter Long Weekend and look forward to seeing you at the best spot on the river – South Punyelroo.

Mark Olson

SPPA President

On behalf of the SPPA committee

