
**South Punyelroo Progress Association
Easter 2009 Newsletter**



**SOUTH PUNYELROO
PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION INC.
EASTER 2009 NEWSLETTER**

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Mike Tully - President's Piece

The committee would like to invite all members to the annual Easter get together on Sunday April 12th from 10:00 at the association shed opposite the bins. Don't bother about cooking breakfast just come on down for a bacon and egg or sausage sandwich, raffles, soft drinks, fruit juices. Beers or chardonnays will be available for all you hard core types! Kids, keep an eye out for the EASTER BUNNY going past your shack in a ski boat with a lot of small eggs to give away around 09:00.

We have a few extra dollars to spend with the money from recycling so we want to make sure everyone has an extra good time this year.

2008 AGM Actions

1. Shack Road

In the September 2008 Newsletter, the committee outlined two options to help eliminate/minimise dust from the dirt road. The two options were:

1. Bituminize the road
2. Gravel Road Diversion.

These options were discussed with vigour at the AGM with the majority of members voting in favour of option 1 with an action for the committee to formally approach the Mid Murray

Council to undertake a feasibility and costing study. Also whilst the feasibility study was being conducted, the members voted in favour of having speed humps installed on the dirt road to help reduce the dust.

As a result of this action, the Mid Murray Council (MMC) has provided a firm quote of \$112,800.00 to prepare and lay a 6 metre wide sealed road from the entrance (causeway) to both ends of our road i.e. sites 1 to 101 and will contribute half of the costs, which will require an input of \$60,900.00 (including an additional \$4,500.00 for 6 speed humps) from our association which owns the 100 acres.

The committee proposes to finance \$30,000.00 of the costs from the SPPA funds, which currently stand at \$56,000.00. The remaining \$313.00 will be funded with a once off levy for all lease holders with no exceptions (N.B. Site 81 is owned by the SPPA). The plan is for the levy to be collected directly via your MMC council rates.

At the Easter function an official vote will be taken so if you want your voice heard please attend or complete and return the enclosed bituminising the road voting form back to the committee to ensure you have an opportunity to have your say on this subject. Voting forms need to be returned to the committee prior to the Easter long weekend.

Send your voting form to:

South Punyelroo Progress Association
P.O. Box 111
HOLDEN HILL 5088

If the vote is against the bituminising or quorum is not achieved speed humps will be installed as voted at the AGM.

2. Recovery of Legal Fees from 2007/2008.

The committee was asked at the 2008 AGM to report further on the gap of approximately \$1,300.00 between the recovery of legal expenses from members and the Association's legal expenses. After a review of the files, we

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can report that a further \$710.00 has been received since the 30th June 2008 with \$528.00 recovered through the SPPA joining fee. As such, the remaining \$68.00 is considered an acceptable "gap" in such a busy year covering \$8,652.00 in expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Budenberg via email treasurer@sppai.org.au

Summary:

Gap between legal expenses and recovery in 2008 a/cs	\$1306.00
Less – receipts received in 2009 year	\$710.00
Less – two shacks where legal costs are covered by new joining fee	\$528.00
Balance	\$68.00

Common Land

The common land was not slashed this year which would be the only benefit of the drought!! We encourage everyone to poison any prickly pear plants they see around the common land – a dose of straight roundup injected into the plant will do the job.

We would also encourage any members to water trees under stress; we do have 3 hours a week to water under the current restrictions.

Road Rules

All members are reminded that normal road rules apply, i.e. you can and will get pinched for unregistered vehicles, 25kph speed limit, drink driving, and no passengers in the boat on the way to the ramp, this applies especially to **invited visitors** on our 100 acres. After all who wants their child or pet run down by some *irresponsible hoon* who thinks only of himself/herself. This applies especially to any licensed or unlicensed drivers/riders of buggies, quads and motorcycles. There is an off road bike club and plenty of crown land off the Murraylands road for these toys to be used.

You have been warned!!

Punyelroo Paraphernalia

The recycle cage is certainly a success; takings for the Christmas period are over \$800.00.

Please note that we only want deposit items in the cage i.e. NO RUBBISH. The committee and Jeff Offler (site 97) have been responsible for setting this up and taking it to Swan Reach to be emptied – Thanks guys.

N.B. Any members who would like to help out, and we do need you, it's a simple job to hook up the trailer and drop it off in Swan Reach.

Everyone should be aware that the Swan Reach dump will take your hard rubbish free on Tuesdays 08:00 till 09.30 and Saturdays 14:00 – 15:30 so there is **no** excuse for leaving any hard rubbish at the bins!

Big Bend by Night Tours operates all year contact David to book on 8570 1097.

Safety Issues

Everyone should keep an eye on all trees as a lot of big branches have been coming down as a result of the drought. In particular anyone putting up tents anywhere under trees around Sth Punyelroo – take a minute to survey the branches above.

Due to low river levels, unseen sandbars present a severe danger to people on the water. Buoys have been placed opposite the Punyelroo Caravan Park and at Big Bend which marks the channel. In particular there is a danger spot out the front of site 83 where the river is barely waist deep almost to the centre of the river. When in doubt stay well away from the river bank, as the consequences of a boat going from 50kph to zero in 10 feet would be disastrous!

When you leave your shack after a week-end of relaxation please remember to properly extinguish any fires (i.e. in fire bins or outdoor fire

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rings) to ensure your neighbours and your belongings are protected.

2008 – 2009 Membership Renewals.

Just a reminder to the all lease holders that your 2008 – 2009 memberships are now.

At this stage we have 17 lease holders who have not paid this years membership fees. Remember payment can be made by cheque, money order or on-line via Internet payment.

Site Clean-up

Do you have any unsightly material (junk) lying around your site or on the common land? Members of the committee have received a number of complaints about unsightly material left to rot on a number of sites in Sth Punyelroo. After a review of these sites by some members of the committee, formal letters will be issued to some lease holders requesting the removal of the material from their sites.

These lease holders will have three (3) month to notify the committee why the material should remain on the site - if no correspondence is received or action is taken to clean up the sites, the committee will engage the Mid Murray Council or a private contracting firm to remove this material with the associated costs being charged against the site holder.

Leases

By now you should have received your new 2007 – 2012 lease.

For some reason if you haven't received your new lease please contact the secretary at secretary@sppai.org.au ASAP.

Committee News

Please check the notice board from time to time as the committee will be posting all relevant information on it, and members are free to put ads or info on as well, just be careful with the doors and make sure they are properly latched.

The *voluntary* committee for 08-09 consists of:

President:	Mike Tully	[Site 83]
Secretary:	David Reeve	[Site 98]
Treasurer:	Rosie Budenberg	[Site 89]
Committee:	Mark McPeake	[Site 20]
	Andrew Knight	[Site 74]
	Gavin Johnson	[Site 18]
	Jan Adams	[Site 30]

We need 2 new committee members at the AGM in October 2009.

Attention All Shack Owners with Children Aged Under 20

Last night I was sitting with my Dad in the living room talking about life.....amongst other things...we were talking about life / death.

I said to him "Dad, never let me live like a vegetable, dependant on machines and liquids from a bottle. If you see me in that state, unplug all the machines keeping me alive, I'D RATHER DIE."

Then ... my Dad got up with a face of admiration and...He then unplugged the TV, the DVD, cable, Internet, the computer, my MP3, the telephone, he took away my mobile phone, the note book and put all my beer and alcho pops in the rubbish – Damm!

Now all those under 20 who are in this category stand up and thank Dad for buying the shack and volunteer to help clean the boat!

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A very self-important BYT (Bright Young Thing) attending a recent football game, took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the BYT said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear.

"The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars. We have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen

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cars, computers with DSL, BPS, light-speed processing. and" ... pausing to take another drink of beer....

The senior citizen took advantage of the break in the BYT litany and said, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young, so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little s#@t, what are you doing for the next generation?"

**Anything Else**

The committee has South Punyelroo T/shirts available for order; they come in ladies and men's sizes and are available in Navy and White or Red and White.

There are 4 different logos:

- Pelican;
- Wake boarder;
- Slalom Skier;
- Wakeboard boat.

There will be examples of both each at the Easter function.

We also have available stubby holders available for \$5.00 each.

If you are reading this news letter on the notice board and did not receive it in the mail or via email please contact the association to make sure that we have your correct mailing address, we would also appreciate if everyone could supply their e-mail address for time and cost saving of postage.

Don't forget the South Punyelroo Web Site at: [www.sppai.org.au](http://www.sppai.org.au)

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Cut off and return to the SPPA:

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**The South Punyelroo Progress Association Incorporated**  
**Bituminising the Road Voting Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Address)

\_\_\_\_\_ Site No: \_\_\_\_\_

Being a financial member of The South Punyelroo Progress Association Inc hereby

Vote **in favour** of bituminising the road

Vote **against** the bituminising the road

(Tick the appropriate box).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_