
South Punyelroo Progress Association
September 2010 Newsletter



**SOUTH PUNYELROO PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION INC.
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2010 Annual General Meeting
(AGM)

The AGM will be held at the Kensington Gardens Tennis/Bowling Club (414 The Parade) on Wednesday 27th October 2010.

The meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. and members are encouraged to attend. **If you have an interest in the river and the preservation of our association's 100 acres nominate for the committee (you will make some great new friends and you will enjoy it).** Nominations will be accepted at the meeting but preference is to have them submitted beforehand. All members are encouraged to either attend or send in your proxy voting form to ensure the minimum number of members (quorum) is met.

If you would like to join the committee please complete and return the Management Committee Nomination Form to the committee prior to the meeting.

You are encouraged to let us know of any questions you may have before the AGM. Written questions to the committee must be submitted by no later than 6 October 2010.

2009 – 2010 Reflection

The Association has had a successful year with the completion of the road which has had a positive feedback from members. The committee members have now nearly completed installing the speed humps which should help keep our road a pleasant place to go for a morning walk. The committee is intent on keeping South Punyelroo's natural setting while at the same time, with the input of members, making improvements that make our 100 acres a better place.

It is great to see the river level up over a metre from the low point last summer. I suppose we can thank God for that as there seems to be precious little that any Government Depts. have done, particularly over the border.

The lifting of water restrictions should see a nice tinge of green appear through our area again, although it is important that we don't overdo it, as it is surprising how little water a healthy lawn really needs. There have been some comments as to how muddy the water is now, this is to be expected, so make sure lifejackets are always on when in the river as there is virtually zero visibility underwater.

The public boat ramp should once again be an excellent facility for this summer and we propose to see if we can get the Mid Murray Council (MMC) to come back and finish off the landscaping around the ramp. The association will also be writing to the MMC with regard to further road sealing in the area, particularly in lieu the amount of money we all pay in rates.

The Easter BBQ was another great success with everyone enjoying the now standard fare of bacon and eggs as well as the sausages. These days we own the Easter bunny suit, all we need is a skier good enough to have the bunny on the water but not get the suit wet. That's a challenge for any one out there who thinks they are good enough for next Easter.

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2010 – 2011 Membership Fee

At the management committee meeting on the 5th August 2010, the committee voted in favour of keeping the annual membership fee at \$65.00. Payment of the membership fee is due from the 27th October 2010 (AGM) and is to be paid before the 30th November 2010 – also don't forget to include a copy of your liability insurance. If you intend to pay at the AGM please ensure you have the correct money as we cannot guarantee we will be able to provide the correct change.

Leases

The current leases for all sites expire on the 31st July 2012. There have apparently been some changes with regard to the community title issue and the subsequent ownership of the first 10 or 15 metres of river front on each block. The committee will look into the issue of community title with all the current rights, rules and privileges that we have had as an association with leaseholds, any input is welcome.

Site Development.

As a topic for discussion any tips for receiving digital TV transmission would be welcome. There have been a number of sites that have changed hands over the last 12 months. The committee would like to remind all members that all constructions and improvements under the terms of our leases must be endorsed by the committee as the land owner. This endorsement is a requirement of the Development Act which guides the Council when reviewing development applications.

All applications submitted to the committee must include two copies of the plan and be accompanied by letters of approval from adjoining neighbours. Refer to the SPPA Rules and Regulations Section 7, Items 1 – 9. It is important to note that illegal and unapproved additions and improvements will be picked up by council and that the council can and has enforced

major alterations and demolitions.

Common Land.

All members are reminded that hard rubbish should NOT be placed in the rubbish. It is very easy to take it to the Swan Reach or Cambria rubbish dumps and we all got free dump vouchers with our rates notice. If you see anyone dumping hard rubbish in or near the bin area please take note of their details (i.e. car registration etc) and notify a member of the committee ASAP.

The Swan Reach dump (transfer station) is open on:

- **Tuesdays (08:00 – 09.30);** and
- **Saturdays (14:00 – 15:30).**

More information on waste management within the Mid Murray Council area can be found under "Council Services" on the MMC website at:

<http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/>

The recycle trailer continues to help finance our activities, namely the Easter function, so thanks to Jeff Offler for taking it in to Swan Reach to be emptied.

Association Web Site.

Have you checked the South Punyelroo Web Site lately? The site should be a reference point for all association information and will contain copies of the constitution, rules and regulations, news letters etc. <http://www.sppai.org.au>

In an effort to reduce the administration costs of the management committee (e.g. postage and printing costs), members with email access are encouraged to supply their email address to receive future correspondence from the committee.

Public Roads

The road and public ramp which are both maintained by the council are subject to **NORMAL ROAD RULES** and all members are reminded of our 25kph speed limit. Recently one of our members advised the

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relevant government dept. for roads could be looking to rename the road behind our shacks and that we as an association could possibly submit suitable names. Any input or name suggestions from any members would be welcome.

SPPA T/Shirts.

Members are reminded t/shirts are available for \$30.00. Contact a member of the committee if you would like to view or order some now.

Punyelroo Trivia – John Young (Site 6).

After returning to Adelaide from working in the Northern Territory we decided to locate and purchase a “shack” along the Murray. After looking at many areas we happened to stumble across Punyelroo, the location was secluded and the price was right (this was in 1985).

After spending time on the Management Committee, you wonder how the Association was formed and why some people, were prepared to spend much of their own time and money to make South Punyelroo happen.

I have over the years been lucky enough to find small snippets of information pertaining to the forming of our Association. I would like to share with members who may be interested this small piece of trivia.

The first committee meeting was held on 15th April 1974. The committee consisted of:

President: Mr. Doug Tilley

Treasurer: Mr. Ian Walker

Secretary: Miss Tricia Cormier

Committee Members:

- Mr. Lawrie Bailey
- Mr. Gordon Hall
- Mr. Ray Clarke
- Mr. Brian Templer
- Mrs. Sonia Tucker

Of course prior to the forming of the Association

the shacks were leased from a local framer – Mr Tony Esau, which we will cover in the next newsletter.

Note: a copy of the minutes from the first SPPA meeting are available on the SPPA website:
<http://www.sppai.org.au/general.php>

President's Piece – Mike Tully.

Well another year has past and I would like to thank our current committee:

Committee members:

- Andrew Knight
- Jan Adams
- Ross Musolino
- Jock McDougall

Treasurer: Rosie Budenberg

Secretary: David Reeve.

Anyone interested in joining the committee we are technically one committee member short. It is good to see some very nice improvements and constructions taking place, hopefully everyone gets their renovations done by summer. 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 committee to make sure that we have your correct details.

Don't forget to check out the web site <http://www.sppai.org.au>. Do you have photos of the river that you would like to share in future newsletters? Please forward them through to the secretary@sppai.org.au

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