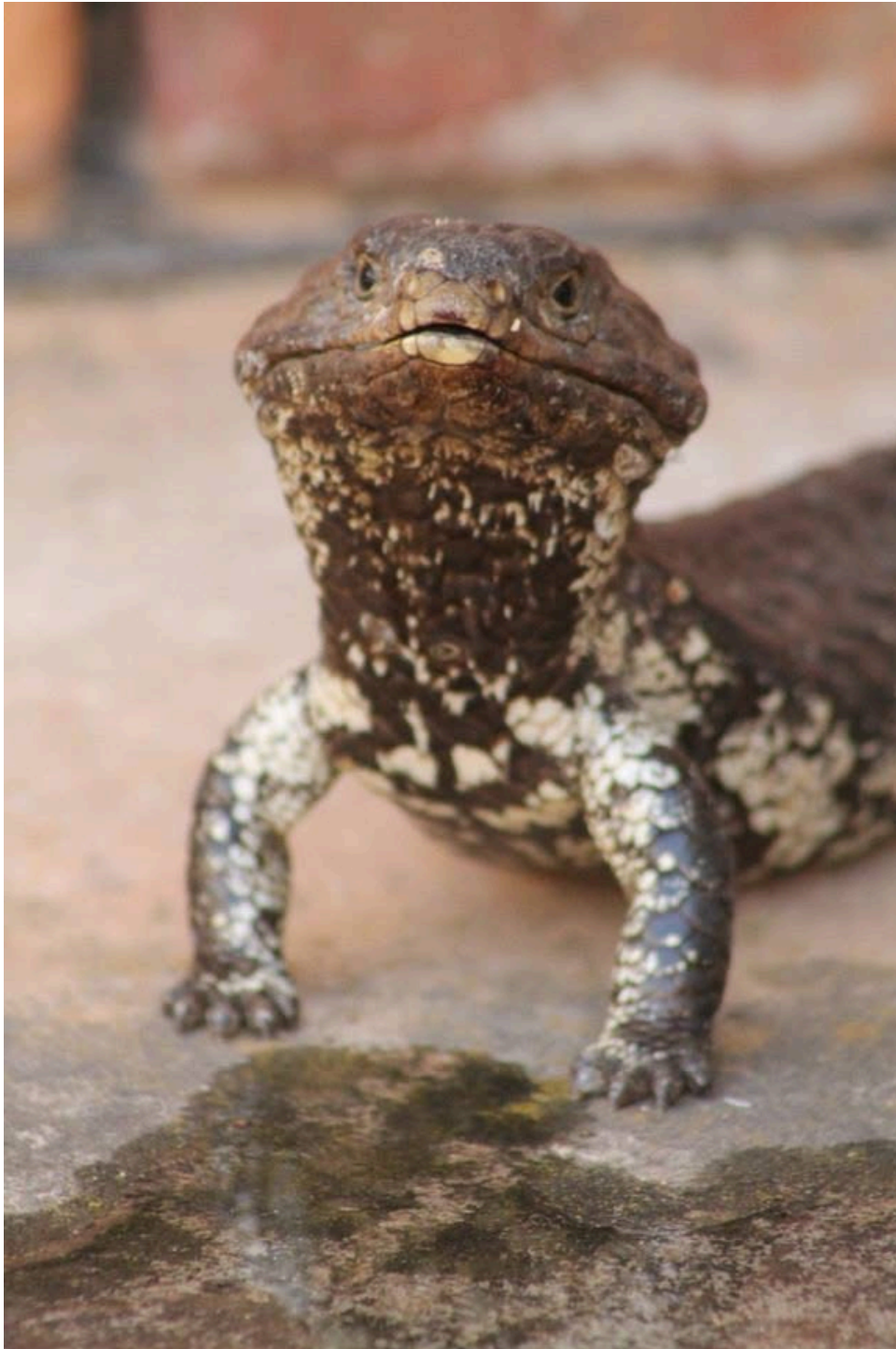


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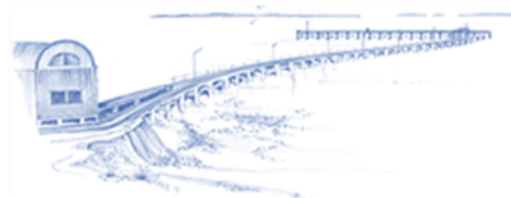
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The weather on some weekends has not encouraged large visitor numbers, but those who have called in have been wonderful supporters. The air conditioning has certainly been a bonus during the cooler days.

We have also welcomed several special visitors recently. Last week, two people involved with the Corny Point Museum visited, followed by Grant Walsh and his wife. Grant is the son of Cape Horner Bob Walsh, who sailed from Port Victoria aboard *Passat* in May 1949. The voyage was one

of the last two sailing ship journeys to England carrying Yorke Peninsula grain. Grant generously donated to the museum and has kindly offered to share his father's story and photographs with us.

The following day, relatives of Captain Nicholson visited. Captain Nicholson served aboard *Beatrice* in 1923, and the family was delighted to obtain historic photographs of Port Victoria from that period.

These visits continue to highlight the rich maritime history of our region and the strong connections many families still have with Port Victoria's seafaring past.



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Port Victoria CFS

Once again, it is pleasing to be able to report a low number of callouts for the period since the last Port hole, only four incidents but four too many.

This time of the year members are focused on updating skills and administrative duties. Training is recorded and evaluated to look for shortfalls and medicals for members qualified in wearing breathing apparatus are done. Brigade AGMs are held and the Port Vic brigade's AGM will be held on the 3rd of August. The brigade must report back to Region 2 Headquarters on membership, finance and AGM reports.

A quick note on membership, I looked at the age of our members and worked out our average age throughout our membership is 57. Whilst these members have a vast experience in CFS duties it shows the need for younger people to join. I would encourage any younger people to come along and have a chat with us about membership and the rewards it brings.

Recently we received a grant for \$2000 from the RAA to purchase two battery operated Stihl blowers for which we are very grateful. These items will be a benefit when cleaning up after incidents involving fallen trees and road crashes. A big thankyou to the RAA and the CFS Foundation.

Incidents for the period include;

12/06/26 – A vehicle fire at Maitland.

27/06/26 – Structure fire at Hardwicke Bay

28/06/26 – Structure fire at Maitland

28/07/26 – Motor Vehicle Accident on the Spencer highway

Again, I thank our members for their commitment and dedication to serving our community and I look forward to chatting with any prospective new members. Training nights are the 1st Monday of each month and anyone is welcome to come along and have a look at what we do.

Stay warm and stay safe

Michael Hornby
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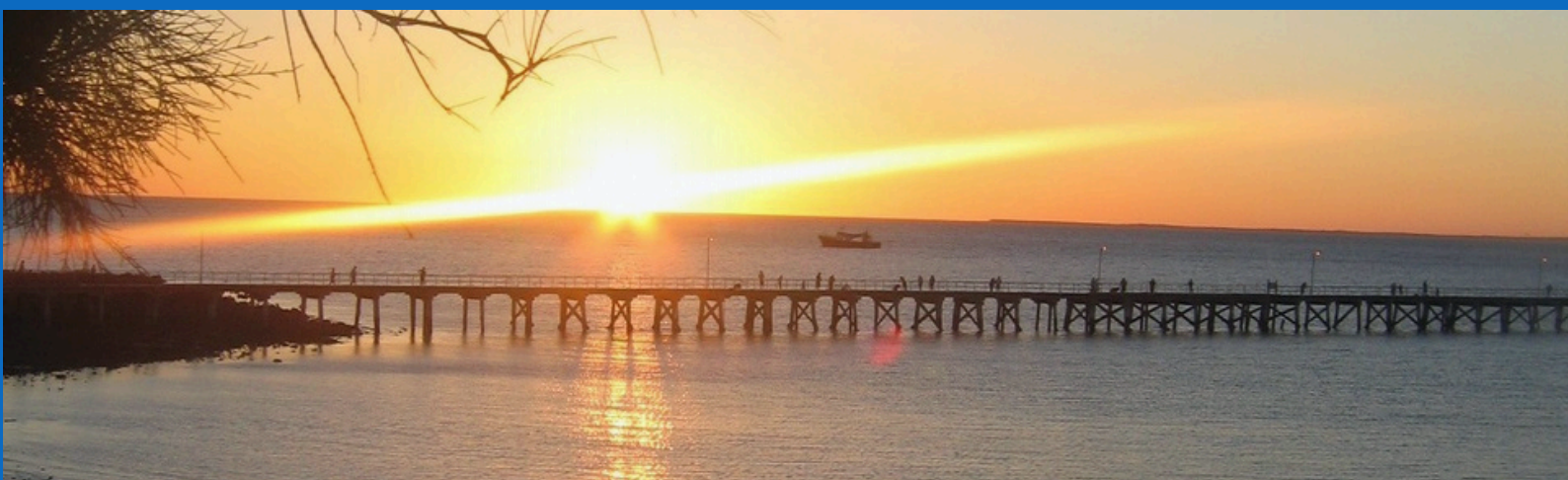
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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2029

The year 2029 will mark two significant milestones in Port Victoria's maritime history, presenting an opportunity to reflect on our community's remarkable connection to the age of sail.

Firstly, it will be the 80th anniversary of the Last Great Grain Race. In July 1949, the famous windjammers Pamir and Passat sailed from Port Victoria bound for Europe, loaded with Yorke Peninsula grain. These voyages marked the last time such vessels would visit our waters and the final chapter in the era of commercial grain transportation by sailing ship anywhere in the world.

Secondly, 2029 will mark 150 years since the arrival of the Cardigan Castle, the first major overseas sailing vessel to visit Port Victoria. In February 1879, the 228-foot iron clipper loaded 1,800 tons of bagged wheat from Yorke Peninsula farmers before departing for Europe, helping establish the grain trade that would eventually make Port Victoria one of the world's most famous windjammer ports.

The success of the recent Port Victoria and Wauralte 150th Celebrations demonstrated the strong interest people have in our local history. The three-day event attracted an estimated 10,000 visitors, surpassing expectations and creating a memorable occasion for both residents and visitors. The tremendous community support has encouraged conversations about how we might acknowledge future historic milestones.

At this stage, there is no commitment to a specific event in 2029. However, we are exploring what opportunities may exist to recognise these important anniversaries and celebrate Port Victoria's unique maritime heritage.

As part of these discussions, it has been encouraging to hear that the tall ships One and All and Soren Larsen have expressed interest in returning to Port Victoria in the future. Whether such visits become possible will depend on a range of factors, particularly the condition and functionality of our jetty infrastructure.

To better understand future possibilities, I recently met with Andrew Cameron, CEO of the Yorke Peninsula Council, regarding progress on the Jetty Renewal Program being undertaken in conjunction with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport. Andrew advised that the Port Victoria Jetty remains a high-priority project and is expected to be considered as a significant future priority following the Edithburgh Jetty works.

Discussion also continues regarding the proposed berthing poles first championed by Ken Davey several years ago. There is broad agreement that, should jetty renewal works proceed in the future, any berthing infrastructure would ideally be considered as part of the same project.

I will continue to follow developments closely and keep the community informed as discussions progress.

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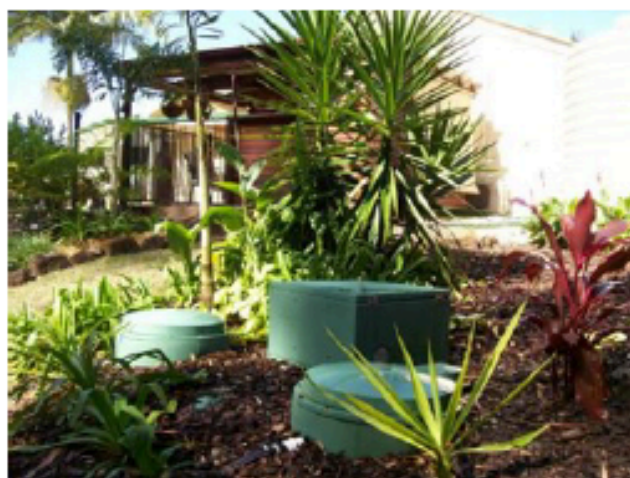
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GOLF NEWS

Port Victoria Golf Club is in the best condition it has been in for years, thanks to 275 mm of rain since the beginning of April, the purchase of a new mower, and the dedicated work of our volunteer course maintenance team. The course is looking and playing superbly, which was reflected in the success of the Port Victoria Open held on Saturday, 18 July.

More than 51 players took part, with 13 different clubs represented from across the Yorke Peninsula and city clubs, including Tea Tree Gully, Grange and North Adelaide. The day's winner was Curramulka's Angus Short, who claimed the "2026 Port Victoria Mixed Open Championship" with a fine round of 76 off the stick, narrowly defeating Jarred Dalton from Edithburgh.

The club's next Ambrose event will be held on Sunday, 16 August, giving those tied up with Saturday sport an opportunity to participate, as well as Maitland Golf Club members, who do not have a competition scheduled that day. A sausage sizzle will follow the Ambrose event.

The final of the Club Championships will be held on Saturday, 22 August, followed by a club/community pizza night in the clubhouse. This always is a popular evening!!

The Saturday, 19 September Ambrose golf day, will be the presentation night, with presentations taking place before dinner, followed by a Traditional Thai dinner from 6.00 pm. Bookings for the Thai Dinner will be essential and can be made through Vere Groombridge on 0408 381214...get in early!!!

To make green fee payments easier, QR codes have recently been introduced and will be posted near the clubhouse noticeboard. New clubhouse signs are also being made by Lee and Troy Irvine from "Signs of the Times", which will further enhance the atmosphere and presentation of the club.

With the course in excellent shape and a strong lineup of upcoming events, Port Victoria Golf Club is looking forward to an enjoyable last half of the season.



Paul Schulz presenting Curramulka's Angus Short the 2026 Port Victoria Golf Clubs Champion Award



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After settling permanently in the town in the 1980s, Ross and Pat quickly became involved in community life. Ross was active in the Progress Association, Coast Patrol, volunteer driving, Tidy Towns, Keep South Australia Beautiful and numerous local projects. He was always willing to lend a hand wherever it was needed.

Pat was a devoted member of the CWA, a wonderful cook, and a familiar face at community events. Her enthusiasm and generosity made her a valued member of the town.

Their commitment to community service has continued through the next generations. Their daughter, Karen Stephan, volunteers at the museum, serves as Treasurer of both the Museum and Progress Association, is a member of the 150 Committee, and volunteers as a driver for Care in Motion.

Their granddaughter, Erica Singh, is the current editor of The Porthole, Secretary of the Progress Association, and works full-time for Care in Motion.

The Goodrich family has made a remarkable contribution to Port Victoria over many years. Their legacy of volunteering and community spirit continues to benefit our town today. Well done and thank you to the Goodrich family.

Submitted anonymously

Editor's Note: As editor, I was overruled and informed that this piece simply had to be included. Thank you to the anonymous author for your very generous words. Karen and I are both humbled and grateful for the recognition.

There is, however, one important question that remains unanswered...

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Pat Goodrich, second from left, involved as always!

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