



Background

Some information about Black Point and the Black Point Progress Association.

Black Point is a small coastal community

situated on Gulf St. Vincent in the central east coastal area of Yorke Peninsula. The community is approximately 170 km's from Adelaide, and 18 km's from the nearest service centre township of Ardrossan.

The community consists of some 300 allotments with dwellings used predominantly by visitors and seasonal residents. Black Point comprises privately owned dwellings, the majority of which are situated on leasehold and freehold allotments on the beachfront. There are at least 146 privately owned residential properties along Black Point Drive, which have direct frontage to the beach.

The unique characteristics of this popular holiday location include the close proximity of the dwellings to the seashore, the absence of commercial business and industry, and a natural beach providing a host of fishing, boating and other activities, which is set against bordering agricultural land. All of this provides the attraction of being a natural, safe and relatively "untouched" location, which appeals to those seeking a secluded, quiet holiday. The close proximity of dwellings to the beach makes this an attractive holiday destination for families with young children as this provides opportunity for greater supervision and safety.

Black Point is situated approximately 5 kilometres from the northern neighbouring community of Pine Point, which provides access to local services including that of a general

store providing mail, paper, fuel and food supplies.

This location is unique in being a north facing beach in a sheltered bay, which thus provides a broad array of options for recreational fisherman and visitors including diving, skiing, crabbing, fishing, sailboarding and other water sport activities.

Black Point is within the Council electorate area of Gum Flat Ward of Yorke Peninsula Council.

Originally this was a self-sufficient, undeveloped settlement established on Crown Land, comprised of owner built shacks constructed by local farmers and others who could experience a "holiday" location that remained close to farming areas and local employment.

Over time the popularity of Black Point has increased, and a broader profile emerged of shack owners, visitors and regular lessees.

The Black Point Shack Owners Association (BPSOA) was first developed in 1974. This group comprised predominantly of Black Point land owners, the inaugural president being Mr. Denby Cane. The Association has helped to ensure that the needs and views of the community have been reflected and represented in the various stages of growth and change within this community, especially since the late 1980s.

In 2004, the BPSOA committee recognised the need for the supporting organisation to be seen as more representative of the new age and type of residents, visitors and the growing tourist attraction of Black Point. The newly constituted Black Point Progress Association was formed in 2005.



Our Plan

Area 1: Our People

Getting together

While many people come to Black Point for a quiet retreat, others enjoy a chance to enjoy some social times.



Our Association has offered some great events in the past, including seafood festival, a Regatta, sand

castle competitions and more- something for all ages and interests. BPPA will continue to offer a range of informal social activities (some old favourites and new events) for people of all ages to opt in -and enjoy.

Some activities we will explore include:

- Boat Regatta
- “Come and Try” such as Water Skiing, Kite surfing, stand up paddle boarding
- Seafood event/community BBQ’s
- Physical Training and fitness sessions
- Sand Castle competitions
- opportunities to obtain a Boat Licence
- creating a nature playground for children and young people



Staying informed

The promotion of activities of the Association, membership and participation are essential to continue building a sense of community and to ensure all people who stay at Black Point are welcome, well informed about local regulations and requirements, have access to emergency information and guidelines to have safe and enjoyable holidays and times spent at “Blackie”.

Member newsletters, emails, Visitor guides, Information sheets, informal training sessions (fire equipment use, defibrillator) and our website are important features of our communication strategy. With a mostly

transient or seasonal community - a strong focus on communication is a priority.

Community Consultation and membership

Member and community input is vital to our Association and informs the areas for improvement and ideas for new initiatives. The Slip Lane, Boat Ramp, upgrade to the Caravan and camping ground are examples of successfully completed projects, as a result of member feedback.

The Association will continue to conduct community surveys and explore ways to capture the “voice” of residents, visitors and guests, in addition to our members- to ensure the needs of the whole community are considered.

We will continue to promote further understanding of the work of the Association within the community and aim to increase the amount of Ordinary and Associate members.

Visitors and Guests

With a significant amount of renters and seasonal guests in our community, many of whom are “first time” visitors to our community- it is important that they have access to up to date and relevant information about Back Point.



We will update current publications and information and explore additional ways to support visitors and guests.

Information includes:

- Fishing and boating regulations and safety considerations
- How to access emergency and community services
- Protocols for respecting others (such as noise, beach access, dog control, Boat Ramp etiquette, fish cleaning, speed limits etc.)
- Waste management
- Fire prevention and protection
- Community activities and events
- Preservation of our natural environment

Our Plan

Area 2: Our Heritage

Historical records and recognition

The history and heritage associated with Black Point is unique – and remains largely unknown. The development of a heritage area and a central depository of all historical records are important, and help to promote community understanding and appreciation of Black Point and those who have made a significant contribution. This is a highlighted priority, as Black Point now experiences a high degree of change in ownership of properties and new members within the community, whom are new to Black Point and the Yorke Peninsula region.

There are Association members who have made significant contributions to the committee and the Black Point community. We will establish clear guidelines for life membership and continue to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our members.



Stage 1 Heritage Area and Memorial Wall

The first stage of this heritage area – to be situated overlooking the bay from the cliff top in the trailer parking area at the entrance to Black Point, is the construction of a Memorial Wall. The brainchild of member Ros Basey, the wall provides the opportunity to commemorate individuals who had a close affinity with Black

Point. While the first plans commenced in 2009, the project was delayed until the Boat Ramp Project was



completed. Work to finalize the design, obtain development and building approval and construct the Wall is planned to occur during 2014/15.

The application process for plaques to be placed on the wall and information for members will also be developed during this stage of the Heritage Area project.

Stage 2 Heritage Area

In addition to the memorial Wall, the Heritage Area will incorporate commemorative markers to acknowledge the Aboriginal Narrunga people and the cultural and historical links to the Black Point Lands.

Similarly, there is significant Black Point Maritime history that will be acknowledged.

Stage 3 Heritage Area

The Yorke Peninsula Council “Walk the Yorke” Project will construct a shared walking and cycling leisure trail around the coastline of Yorke Peninsula, linking existing trails and expanding to form a 500km continuous track



along the peninsula’s coastline. Track markers, signs and interpretive and educational plaques will be erected at regular intervals along the trail where Indigenous, European and natural history of the region will be highlighted. The first stage of the project, commencing in 2014 will include Ardrossan, Pine Point, Black Point and Port Julia.

Our stage 3 Heritage Areas plans include development of appropriate signage and historical vignettes about Black Point, to link and compliment this major project.

Our Plan

Area 3: Protecting our coast and marine environment

Protecting our bay

There exists an increasing risk of erosion of the dunes, and the beach, due, in part, to a number of factors including increased number of beach users, effects from increased and relocated property, large commercial fishing vessels and global warming (affecting tidal movement and sea levels). The ongoing need for coastal protection is therefore critical to this coastal seaside location.

Similarly, there is notable deterioration of the Reef in the bay and some erosion affecting cliffs at the western end of the settlement.

Our actions will include:

- Research current and future Marine and coastal environment and protection strategies through annual meetings with Coastal Protection Board and regular communication with Rec Fish SA, SABFAC, NRM Board and other relevant authorities
- Explore protection strategies for the Reef, Dunes and Cliffs

Protecting our fish stocks and marine habitat

Preserving the natural habitat of our marine life is essential to ensure that Black Point continues to be a sustainable natural community and offers the range of activities (crabbing, fishing, snorkelling, diving) and fish stocks for holiday makers and recreational fisherman.

We will continue to oppose commercial fishing and monitor activities which harm or threaten the marine habitat and existing fish stocks. (such as illegal dumping/ exceeding bag limits)

We will do this by:

- Continue to encourage members to monitor for breaches of net Fishing

Bans in Gulf St. Vincent via newsletters and information guides

- Promote Net/Fish Watch initiatives amongst BPPA community and reports to be made to relevant authorities.
- Ongoing promotion of information re limits, protected species, levels of fish stocks within our area via BPPA newsletters.
- Information about boating speed limits, good practice guides for fish cleaning/waste etc. is promoted to visitors and residents via newsletters, information brochures and signage



Area 4: Caring for our environment and infrastructure

Waste management

Effective waste management services are important for all communities. With increasing population, especially in peak holiday periods, there is increased pressure to manage rubbish disposal. Our Association will:

- provide Information about appropriate local waste management services and strategies to our community
- Explore Hard Rubbish collection and the option for Increased Rubbish Bin collection during peak times (YPC)
- Maintain and administer the member bin retrieval/sticker program - a service (for a small annual fee) that manages returns bins to each property after roadside collections each week.

Park and Woodlot management plan

In 2005, an effluent water re-use irrigation system was established which enabled a woodlot to be planted, as part of the Maxine Hawke Park. Now that our park and woodlot are both well established- we will develop a

Area 4 continued

Management Plan to clearly outline all aspects of our maintenance program, re vegetation, weed control, irrigation system maintenance, fire protection and improvements to best maintain our natural park and vegetation.

Maxine Hawke Park

The Maxine Hawke Park, named in recognition of Maxine Hawke who was the Treasurer and Secretary



of the Association since its inception in 1974, was officially opened on Sunday November 3rd 1996. This 21 hectare public park and walking trail has been developed immediately behind the beach home area. Initially lead by the late Ian Heinrich, Association members and volunteers have continued to revegetate and develop this area into a well-used and appreciated natural feature of the community. In recent years, the Association has secured additional grants to expand revegetation of the other natural reserve areas in Black Point.



The focus of our work during this period will include:

- Continue Revegetation and maintenance of Maxine Hawke Park and island reservation areas
- Removal of dead trees in allotments and Park
- Provide shelter/seating along MH Park
- Plan for regular working bees for planting & maintenance

Fire Protection

The Black Point community is bordered by farming lands-within a high risk fire area. The need for fire prevention strategies within the park and surrounding areas, the provision of up to date information about how to access water and emergency services and encouraging community awareness about the importance of developing bushfire action plans for each residence, is paramount.



Our Association will:

- Liaise with YPC Fire Control Officer and works maintenance team to ensure appropriate fire breaks, slashing and mowing is maintained in Maxine Hawke park roadside and plantations areas
- Engage contractors where necessary for regular clearance and slashing
- Explore option of BPPA purchase of mower/slasher
- Promote residents and owners to develop bushfire action plans

Rabbit Baiting Program

In our region, rabbits continue to threaten our native vegetation and neighboring agricultural land. We will: continue to manage the controlled baiting program and Liaising with the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Board and Yorke Peninsula Council.

“Walk the Yorke” project and cycling trail

- Walking and cycling are highly popular activities for Black Point members and visitors. We will: explore the extension of our existing walking trail and the development of a cycling trail from Black Point to Pine Point
- We will work in conjunction with YPC Council representatives to link the existing BP Walking Trail and proposed Heritage Area to the “Walk the Yorke “ Walking and cycling trail around the YP coast.
- Update relevant signage

Our Plan

Area 5: Sustainable Development



Monitor impacts of property and other development within BP community and the region

Crown Land tenure arrangements and legislation

The impact of increased numbers of visitors, larger properties, regional business and proposed industrial development, continues to be significant. This, combined with a growing understanding for the need to preserve our natural environment, has resulted in this Association giving careful consideration to the effect of all development in relation to environmental protection and the preservation of both natural vegetation, coast and marine life. There is a need to ensure there is a sustainable balance between development and preserving the natural features of this location to be enjoyed safely by current and future generations.

There is increasing demand for further land development, which increases the risk of sustainability of the environment and services, particularly in relation to water supply, waste management, preservation of the natural environment, and marine life, site security, and access and egress (road and sea).

The many changes since 1994 to development plans, land zones, the transfer of care, control and management of the area from being completely local, to stronger influences from state government & commonwealth government, policy changes relating to free holding, crown land leases and coastal protection presents many challenges for owners. The Association has dedicated significant time and work during the period 1997-2014 to ensure that property owners had secured tenure and lease arrangements for dwellings on Crown Land.

There is a need to monitor the issue of leases and any developments to the tenured arrangements and protocol associated with Crown Land.

In addition, recent proposed development of a Wind Farm and Mining within close proximity to the Black Point settlement, presents further considerations for our community members' health and safety and sustainability of the environment.

Our Association plan will focus on:

- Monitoring the effect of development and size of dwellings increased population on existing infrastructure and the environment (water supply, roads, services)
- Monitor the impact (benefits and risk) of major industry and development approvals on the Black Point community
- Represent and advocate for the sustainability of the BP community, environment and infrastructure.

This includes (but not limited to):

- Contribute to reviews of YPC Better Development Plans and Guidelines
- Monitor and work with Property developers and rental agents
- Represent BP community in community/ regional consultative groups or stakeholder consultations which have potential impact on BPPA including:
 - 2014-2015 Ceres Wind Farm project
 - 2014-onwards Hillside Mining project – Community Voice
- Regular dissemination of information to BP community
- Monitor and inform community about proposed development, leases, sub divisions and relevant regulations and guidelines
- BPPA consult and inform community members via newsletters and meetings (where appropriate) to monitor issues and compliance with Crown Land leases, life tenure, Annual Licences Relocation Protocol, YPC Better Development Plan and guidelines