



BEACHPORT BULLETIN

Founding supporters include Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions Club, Beachport Hotel Social Club, BDDA, Wattle Range Council and Beachport Primary School

REMEMBRANCE DAY TRIBUTE

Private Lorna Isabel Bowman (nee Watts) – Born 17th of March 1921.

Lorna was born in Millicent and lived at Lake Bonney with her parents Carrie and Vasey Watts. She attended school at Pompoon Primary and, if you didn't know, it was named after the noise made by frogs in the swamps.

Lorna loved school, she never had a day off and received a gold medal that she still has. She left school at thirteen to help her mother on the farm, while her father was working away during the great depression. Her father served in WW1 in France, her brother Bill served in WW2, seeing action in New Guinea. Lorna thought she would like to help with the war efforts, so she filled out the forms in Millicent, then went to Wayville where she enlisted on the 18th of June 1943.

Lorna spent two days at Keswick Barracks getting her uniform, that consisted of: *Grey Blanket, mug and plate, Jacket, skirt and hat, two pairs of shoes – one work and one going out, one pair boots to wear in kitchen, work uniform for the kitchen and a chefs apron.*

Lorna did six weeks rookie training at Saint Margaret's, Semaphore, marching up and down Military Road, completed a cooking course at Warradale, then was posted to Woodside where she served in the Sergeants mess, cooking and catering for eighty military personnel. The complete unit was moved to Seymour, Victoria serving three hundred personnel.

Entertainment was a Sunday night concert at the Puckapunyla hall which held three thousand service men and women. One of the things the ladies missed the most was being unable to get silk stockings, they just kept mending the ones they had.

Lorna enjoyed her Army life of three years within the officer cadet training unit and was discharged on the 1st of May 1946.

Lorna is now 99 years old and has just moved from her home in Beachport to Boneham Aged Care in Millicent.

Recently the Hon Tony Pasin MP, presented Lorna with a certificate and medallion for her service on behalf of the Australian Government.

Lorna Bowman, as a treasured community member we salute you, and thank you for your service. We will remember them.



COMING EVENTS

December

- 1st BDDA Meeting
- 11th End of school term .
- 14th Submissions close for the next edition of the Bulletin
- 21st Bulletin published

NOTE: NO BULLETIN WILL BE PUBLISHED IN JANUARY

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OUT AND ABOUT IN BEACHPORT



NOT the new Postie!



Sunset from the jetty.



Fiordland penguin - a rare visitor.



Young Red Capped Plover



Belinda Simon celebrating the hand over of her business to Fiona Telfer.



Golf fundraiser winners Shirley Brown, Jill Herdman, Heidi Kain and Jo Murray.

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BULLETIN SUPPORTING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Not only is the Beachport Bulletin about providing our local community with information on happening and coming events, it is also about giving back to our local community. Did you know that Green Triangle Electronics sponsor the printing of the Bulletin and therefore any funds raised from advertising and donations is used to give back to local community organisation?

Last year, the Bulletin donated money towards the Beachport New Years Eve Fireworks and Beachport Surf Life Saving Club. More recently, the committee donated \$1200 to Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions to assist with a grant application to Wattle Range Council for a short throw projector which has now been installed in the Meeting Room.

Already the projector has been used by the Beachport-Rivoli Bay Lions Club for meetings and the Beachport Surf Life Saving Club for training sessions. "A state of art resource means that training sessions can be delivered interactively and result in a higher level of training for participants."

If you know of any worthwhile community projects that would benefit from financial assistance, please email the beachportbulletin@gmail.com with any details. Please include how the assistance of the Beachport Bulletin would benefit the local community. Round 2 of the Wattle Range Council Financial Assistance grants open on 30th November and applications close on 4th January.

Given that Australia Day Award nominations close on Monday 23rd November, the Bulletin Committee are asking for any expressions of interest from persons who would like to volunteer to design and create boards to recognise our previous and ongoing recipients of the Australia Day award. Please contact the Bulletin if you are interested in being a part of this initiative.

BEACHPORT BULLETIN ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Beachport Bulletin committee would like to acknowledge everyone involved who supports the Beachport Bulletin. We would also like to recognise Green Triangle Electronics who print the Bulletin each month as well as A1 Freight (formerly N&J Freight) who deliver this to Beachport. Please consider supporting these businesses as they support our local community.

BEACHPORT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC.

There is a Register at the Information Centre that residents can record any local issues or concerns that they wish to raise with the Wattle Range Council for their attention. This is the most efficient form of communication with Council.

Then next meeting of the BDDA will be held at the Institute on Tuesday, 1st December at 7pm.

Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions Club at work again!

The members of the Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions Club have laid a new path to Durant's lookout which was built by the Lions club around 1985. The new path made of rubble or scalps will give elderly residents and tourists firm access to the lookout. Prior to this working bee there was only soft sand which made the access difficult for these people.

The lookout, named after Mr Doug Durant ,a former resident, is constructed of treated timber and gives commanding views of the Beachport township, Southern Ocean, Penguin Island, Lake George and the sand dunes that traverse the coast. The Lions also increased the area of the carpark which made turning around quite tight for more than one or two vehicles. Beautiful Beachport, which could easily be described as the hidden jewel of the South Eastern Coast, has recently been discovered by many South Australian tourists for the first time. The Corona virus has forced them to look for alternative holiday destinations rather than going interstate.

Photo:- Lions members Dale Little and Terry Nancarrow wait for another bucket load of scalps to spread.





Beachport Golf Club Cancer Fundraiser

The Beachport Golf Club Ladies donned their finery for their annual Cancer Fundraiser on Wednesday 28th October 2020. An amazing total of \$1500 was raised. It was a fantastic effort. This money will be forwarded to the Hansen Centre for Cancer Research in Adelaide. Monies came from our comp fees, a raffle, trading table and donations.

A multiplication Stableford was the comp of the day with the winners, with a great score of 100 points, were the combination of Heidi Kain and Jo Murray. Heidi won the individual prize for the best stableford score, amassing 44 points. The runners up were Jill Herdman and Shirley Brown on 81 points.

The "Wished we had played better" award was won by Kaye Best and Cheryl Chambers. Other winners were Karen MacGregor for the straight drive, nearest the windmill, Margie O'Brien and Jan Green for her 2nd shot to the 8th/17th. Jenny Walker was judged to be the Best Dressed.



A most unusual sight in Beachport!



BEACHPORT MUSEUM

Open daily from 10am—4pm
 Admission: \$5 Adults \$4 Concession \$2 Child
 Come browse our 2nd hand books and bric-a-brac.

CHURCH SERVICES

Uniting Church 11am every 2nd and 4th Sunday.
Anglican Service 1.30pm every 3rd Sunday (@ Uniting Church)
St Brigid's Catholic Church @ 11am every Sunday :
 Communion service or Mass.

CRAFT GROUP

Every Thursday from February in the supper room of the cinema from 11am. BYO textile crafts e.g. quilting, embroidery, knitting, spinning etc. and spend the day in companionship with others and enjoy a shared lunch.

BOWLING CLUB

STAGE 3 COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS APPLY. 
 Social bowls Thursday until the end of daylight saving. 5:30 start.
 Social Bowls & practice—Sunday from 1pm
 Pennant bowls every Fri. and Sat. Until Christmas break.
 Board meetings every month 4pm.
 Contact the Secretary for any queries 0432 480 259

BEACHPORT LIONS CLUB

Lions members meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday, usually at the Lions Shed, Golf Course Road. 
 For further info. contact secretary on 0427 837 274

BEACHPORT HOTEL SOCIAL CLUB

Cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions

Tasty Simple Mayo

- ½ heaped teas mustard powder
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 3 tbsp milk
- 4 tbsp vinegar
- Pepper and salt to taste if desired

Beat all ingredients together in a small saucepan. Bring to the boil stirring all the time. Boil for 1 minute.

Store in small, sterilized glass jar in the fridge.

You could make this in bulk as it keeps very well in the fridge. I use 1 teas of mustard powder only because he likes it. No nasty additives.



BEACHPORT SEA URCHINS

All Welcome 
 Swimming - 7:30am daily from the Rotunda

BEACHPORT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

BDDA meet at the Beachport Institute on the first Tuesday of each month.
 Contact details email: bddainc@gmail.com
 Chairperson: Ros Brown
 Vice Chairperson: Margie Bowman
 Secretary: Pam Stratford
 Treasurer: Dianne Roach

BUGS (BEACHPORT UKELELE GROUP)

Thursday mornings 9:30am at the Bowling Club. 
 All welcome. Contact Pam on 0421 172 119 or Irene on 8735 8608 for more details.

BEACHPORT GOLF CLUB

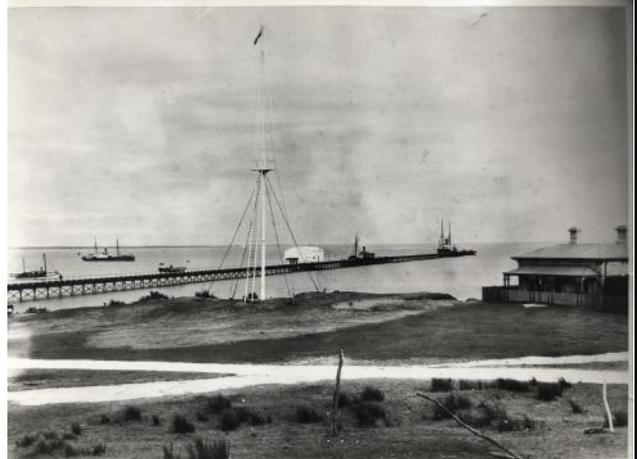
Visitors welcome. Covid Restrictions apply 
 Men's comp 18 holes Sunday 1.30pm. 9 holes Wed 2pm
 Ladies comp 18 holes 9.30 for 10am winter comp.

BEACHPORT HISTORY

Establishing the Town of Beachport

The process of founding Beachport had several parts: surveying a town site, proclaiming the town, selling land, building a town, charting the harbour, declaring a port, building a jetty, building a lighthouse, and of course building the railway to Mount Gambier, which is what it was all about. All of these projects were underway simultaneously in 1878. The lighthouse on Penguin Island was under construction, ships were unloading steel rails, and railway sleepers were being sawn at Mount Burr.

The town was officially named in May. 'Beachport' was named after a politician in London, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, recently-appointed Secretary of State for the Colonies. The first allotments were sold at public auction in late May.



The lighthouse was the first piece of government infrastructure finished, its lantern lit on 1 October 1878. The Beachport to Mount Gambier railway opened on 19 May 1879 with a brief appearance by the Governor who was then whisked by train to Mount Gambier for a more lavish opening ceremony. (Berger 1978, p. 45) A Mount Gambier journalist made the train journey a few days later, and left a detailed description of the young town of Beachport. The largest buildings in town, then as now, were the two hotels in Railway Terrace, which had both opened in March:

"The principal buildings are the Bay View and Beachport hotels....There is no doubt the Beachport hotels are ahead of the township and if the business so far has not justified the outlay in their construction, I only hope it will in the near future. (Border Mr F Bevilaqua is having erected of stone a large store next the Beachport Hotel, which will, when completed, make a considerable improvement in the infant town.....The principal business thoroughfare in Beachport (it cannot be called a street) is Railway Terrace, facing the western side of the Railway Reserve. On it all the leading business premises, hotels, stores, bank-agency office, police station, &c,- are situated; and from its proximity to the railway station and jetty it is certain to maintain its supremacy when the town attains to larger proportions. The population of the township is stated at about 250. Watch 4 June 1879, p. 4)

The journalist was less impressed with the rest of the town. "The most of the other buildings in the township are of a temporary character - wood or iron - although there are two or three stone dwelling-houses." The government had spent its money on the lighthouse and the railway, not on the buildings of the town. The police station was of corrugated iron, the post office was clad in weatherboards, and he disapproved of the railway station, which was built in timber, whereas the Mount Gambier station was of stone. There was as yet no customs house or harbourmaster's office. He mentioned "a considerable number of tents about the place", occupied mainly by the workers on the railway and the jetty.

"There are about a dozen men employed by Government finishing the jetty", he reported, and that represented a major problem. Work on the nearly 800m jetty had been underway since 1877, with a tender let to Wells Brothers, a prominent Liverpool firm which had already built several jetties and lighthouses for the South Australian government. In March 1878 the Engineer for Harbours and Jetties had stopped the work, complaining that the job was hopelessly behind time, and the jetty wasn't straight or level. The contract was cancelled, and the job was finished by government employees, who started work about the time the railway opened. Wells Brothers sued for compensation, but lost the case. The Beachport jetty wasn't finished and in service until 1882. In the meantime, the port was proclaimed on 21 November 1878, so ships could obtain insurance to unload goods in Rivoli Bay. Until the government jetty opened, lighters were unloaded at small private jetties built by the shipping agents. (Collins 2005, pp. 206-207; Register 20 December 1878, p. 6; 9 July 1879, p. 6)



Authors: Beachport Heritage Survey Dec 2017, (Grieve, Gillett, Andersen. Architecture, Interiors, Urban Design, Heritage. Pirie Street Adelaide 5000 SA) (information from (Berger 1978)

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