



OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Established 1952

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FROM THE PRESIDENT – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

Annual General Meeting

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our AGM on 12th October. [Details are on page 3.](#)

We have a Covid plan in place to ensure your safety when attending.

Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna, our two Warracowie Ward Councillors Bruce Hull and Nathan Prior, as well as our local Member of Parliament Corey Wingard have been invited to attend.

Oaklands Estate Reserve

The winter rains have again flooded some of the paths at the Reserve and we have provided photographs to Marion Council to enable them to ask their contractors to come back and build up the waterlogged sections so that walkers can walk on the path and not have to detour around them.



The lack of seating around the paths has been raised with Council with a view to improving this situation, particularly for our older residents who like to walk and stop for a rest occasionally.

Our Website

The OERA website has now been rebuilt but it has problems translating to all devices. Be on the lookout for a completely new, restructured website in the near future. This will be prepared by one of our Committee Members and built by his son, an IT professional.

An example of this is the planned demolition of the whole of the State Bank building in Adelaide

Gate Closing – Parade West

There have been concerns for some time regarding the spasmodic opening and closing times for the gates into the Parade West and these have been addressed with Council several times.

Residents have historically been subjected to many episodes of extreme vandalism and anti-social behaviour – vehicles raced, dumped and set on fire - as a result of the gates not being closed at dusk.

At a recent meeting with a Council staff member we were told that the security company operating the gates was unable to comply with the official times as set by the Council.

It was agreed that we would have to accept a 9 p.m. close while monitoring the effects. To date I have not been aware of any real issues but if you see anything that requires re-negotiation, please let us know.

Minister for Planning

As many of you know, South Australia is being led to a different future through a new Planning Act that was developed under the auspice of the then Minister for Planning, Stephan Knoll. During this time many individuals and groups have been concerned about the structure and proposed regulations that were being implemented. A major difficulty was the community participation model which has not been ideal and many aspects of the plan seem incomplete with little consideration for the effects of the changes. It has been said that the developers of the State are being given carte blanche to develop as they wish.

Issues about our heritage buildings and the loss of open green space seem to not be considered. Our city is changing but the question of what we are losing has been sidelined.

Details on how you can encourage butterflies in

with no façade to remain. This is a local heritage listed building and the new construction will be designed outside of the scope of the City of Adelaide guidelines. Any power of control by the City of Adelaide can be bypassed by the new regulations with the design being considered as 'merit based' and thus accepted by the State Commission Assessment Panel. This could occur in any local council area.

Following the resignation of Stephan Knoll and the appointment of Minister Vicki Chapman to the planning portfolio there appears to be a more conciliatory approach being developed. Groups across the State are cautiously optimistic following comments made by the new Minister. In subsequent interviews she has reaffirmed her intention to revisit the issues. We must now wait to see just where the new Minister leads us.

Heritage Signage

Following the successful installation of the history plaque in the Oaklands Estate Reserve an approach was made to Council asking if a similarly designed sign providing a history of the Kaurna people in the district could be installed.

Council has advised they are considering options and a follow up will be undertaken soon.

Bring Back the Butterflies

Committee members recently met with members of the Australian Association for Environmental Education and their "Bring Back the Butterflies" programme was explored.

It was proposed that the OERA liaise with the City of Marion with the aim to build a larger garden in open space on the Oaklands Estate Reserve. While investigating this possibility it was discovered that the most recent planting at the southern end of the Reserve has been established with butterflies in mind. All the plants have been grouped with species necessary for the development of various types of butterfly, covering the insects' needs from egg to adult.



This is an excellent initiative and we can all look forward to watching this project grow.

your garden will be provided in our next newsletter.. This is an exciting initiative and one that will be easy to join in with and enjoy.

Annual Subscriptions

We are most grateful to those who took the time to EFT their \$5 subscription during the restrictions placed on us by the Covid-19 virus. If you have not yet been visited by a Committee Member and would like to help us continue our work in your community you can still transfer funds as follows:

BSB is 325-185 Account Number 03168175. Please include your surname, street number and street name in the reference box and we can organise a receipt to be left in your letterbox.

**Fred Hill
President**

Thank You

My wife and I are very pleased and thankful that we live in an honest, caring and thoughtful Estate.

A few Saturdays ago, I was running a bit late for work, placed my work folder on the roof of my car, started the car and drove to work at 7:00am. My wife rang me at work at about 9:00am – "What is this yellow folder under our front doormat – with \$40 still inside the folder as well as all your work papers?"

To the person who "found" my folder and placed it under our doormat, thank you very much for your honesty and integrity.

This really makes my wife and me happy to live in the Oaklands Estate. Murray Hutchinson

Graffiti

Instances of graffiti on fences, stobie poles and footpaths have become more prolific in recent weeks around the Estate and I'd like to particularly thank our officially accredited Committee Member Murray Hutchinson for his work in removing several tags in Beauford Avenue.

Editor

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association extends to all residents of the Estate an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Church Hall, Corner Chambers and Whittier Streets, Marion on

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting, 21st October 2019
3. Business Arising from Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report
6. President's Report
7. Election of Office Bearers
8. General Business

All Offices will be declared vacant and residents are encouraged to nominate to fill positions on the Committee. This will be an opportunity for residents to become involved in the activities of the Association and to have their say on issues that affect the maintenance of the Estate and its facilities.

Offices to be filled:

President
Treasurer

Vice President
Committee Members (5)

Secretary
Auditor

Note: Only financial members of the Association are eligible to vote or nominate for offices. Notices of motions for formal voting at the meeting must be submitted well prior to the meeting. Please forward completed nomination form to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Lyn Roberts, SECRETARY

NOMINATION FORM

To: The Secretary, Oaklands Estate Residents' Association Inc., PO Box 259, Park Holme, 5043 or e-Mail info@oaklandsestate.org.au

I,hereby

nominate.....

For the position of

Seconded by.....

Agreed by Nominee.....

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions refreshments will not be available at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting as has been our usual practice.

The hall offers a large capacity based on the one person per two square metres requirement.



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your property's worth?

OUR APPRAISALS ARE ON THE HOUSE

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Spring is always a great time to sell property as buyers are fresh and ready to purchase. In the past month, we have met 739 active buyers at our open homes and sold 8 properties in the Marion area. We are currently experiencing a deficiency of stock on the market but this brings with it a sellers market which means there has never been a better time to sell!

Through a no obligation appraisal meeting I can assist you in understanding the value of your property in the current market. I can also help with smart renovation ideas, predictions of the market's health moving in to 2021, rental yields and buyer trends.

What are you waiting for?

Call me to start planning your sale and maximise the opportunity this market is offering to sellers!



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