



# OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Established 1952

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## JUNE 2021

### **Painting Stobie Poles**

The Committee is currently investigating the logistics of having some of the stobie poles on the Estate painted. This has been an ongoing trend in other suburbs and they brighten an otherwise dull (but necessary) pole. As an example, if you have the opportunity, have a look at the work done in Bowker Street next to Paringa Park Primary School.

If you have any thoughts in this regard or would be interested in participating with this project – perhaps you are an artist – please get in touch.

### **Seat With A View**

For some time this association has been negotiating with the City of Marion to put a seat at the top of the hill and looking over the Wetlands. We feel that this would be an extremely pleasant place to spend some time relaxing with a view.

The Friends of the Sturt River Group has lately planted this area and is concerned that the young plants could be damaged.

With this in mind we have arranged with City of Marion staff to buy the seat and store it ready for installation when the plants have matured. It was agreed that planting would be developed in such a way that the view would be enhanced with low lying shrubs down the hill.

### **Recycling Station**

Another initiative still in discussion is the possibility of establishing a couple of small recycling stations around the Estate for items that cannot be recycled through your yellow kerbside recycling bin. Rather than keep old batteries in the cupboard until you have enough to take to a large recycling station a collection point for the Estate is being contemplated. The Committee would welcome your feedback on this initiative – please e-Mail us at [info@oaklandsestate.org.au](mailto:info@oaklandsestate.org.au). See page 2 for more information.

Don't forget to LIKE our **Facebook** page in order to read updates between newsletters.



### **Annual Subscriptions**

Committee Members have been out and about collecting annual subscriptions which fund our work in the community. The subscription remains at \$5.

If you are hard to catch at home you are welcome to direct credit our OERA account – BSB 325-185 Account No. 03168175. Please ensure you include your name AND address in the details line. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

### **Annual Barbecue**

It was terrific to see so many residents at our barbecue in April and the weather was kind to us. We were grateful Mayor Kris Hanna and Councillor Bruce Hull were able to attend providing the chance for people to talk with their local City of Marion elected members.

We were thrilled that Justin from Patriitti Wines was able to come along and talk about the harvesting of the grapes from the vines on the Oaklands Estate Reserve and their plans for bottling this first harvest from our vineyard for a very long time. The tastings we had augur well for the plans to develop a range of local labels.

### **Garage Sale for the Estate**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August – 9 am to 12 noon

Don't forget our garage sale - you still have plenty of time to go through your cupboards/sheds and assemble all of your unwanted treasures and get them ready for sale at your home. Please register your interest in participating by e-Mail or telephone to Secretary Lyn (0411 483 428 or 8277 3020).

Addresses of all those participating will be put on our website and information flyers distributed in the week prior. All you will need to do is map out a course around the Estate to get those bargains. This event will be promoted to wider community as well.

### **Date for your Diaries**

Annual General Meeting is being held on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021** at 7.30 p.m.

**Fred Hill, President**

**MARION HISTORIC VILLAGE** [www.marionvillagemuseum.com.au](http://www.marionvillagemuseum.com.au)

Located a short distance from us on the Oaklands Estate there is a wonderful opportunity to take an easy one hour walk of approximately 2 kms – the Marion Historic Village Heritage Walk commences at the Marion Historic Village Museum in Township Road (behind Wesleyan Chapel) and includes historic sites such as Light Square, Annie Doolan’s Cottage, Laurel Cottage and the Old Marion Inn



On this walk each historic site has a tiled marker with a two-tone concrete ‘survey line’ crossing the footpath. The survey lines refer to the laying out of the Village of Marion by Light, Finnis & Co.



As facilitators of the Marion Heritage Walk, the Museum has acquired a state of the art Audio Tour Guide system and has made this equipment available on guided walks booked through the Museum. Check the website for details on how to book or get a brochure and do the walk in your own time.

How often have you driven down Finnis Street and seen the *Little Marion* sculptures. The sculptures were created by Gerry McMahon and are based on local resident Margaret Western’s recollections and stories of growing up in the village. Want to find out more? The Museum is open every Sunday between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. or Tuesdays 10 am to 12 noon.

We continue to be indebted to David Jarman for his publication “The History of Oaklands” telling the story about the inhabitants and their life on what is now the Oaklands Estate Reserve. Copies of this fabulous read can be purchased from Marion Council office.

**ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE DISPOSED OF IN KERBSIDE HOUSEHOLD WASTE BINS**

Batteries and e-waste are a potential fire hazard in garbage trucks and should be disposed of thoughtfully and in consideration of our precious environment.

ITEMS	SPECIFICS	WHERE TO RECYCLE?
Batteries	AA, AAA, C, D ,9V, button, laptop and mobile phone	Officeworks, Ikea, Aldi, Battery World
Ink and Toner Cartridges	Any brands	Officeworks or Post Office
Pens, highlighters, textas and markers	Any brands	Officeworks or Ecolateral store Brighton <a href="https://goecolateral.com.au/recycling/">https://goecolateral.com.au/recycling/</a>
Light globes	All types Fluorescent	Ikea Banner, Mitre 10
Razors	All types	Ecolateral
Small to medium e-waste items	e.g. irons, toasters, kettles	Bunnings
Breadtags	Plastic	Ecolateral
<b>RECYCLE RATHER THAN LANDFILL</b>		
Running/sports shoes	Any type	Sportspower
Clothing, textiles	Any brand	Zara, H&M

# WETLANDS UPDATE

The following update has been provided by the Water Resources Coordinator at the City of Marion. So much happens behind the scenes to keep this area we now take for granted in top shape!

“Over the last month or so Marion Council staff members have established additional plants in the Wetlands to replace the plants destroyed by foraging birds, and will continue to do this. Next Spring additional sandy loam will be imported to encourage more plants to spread.



Recently the Wetlands were emptied to enable removal of pest fish. This included catching thousands of mosquitofish and dozens of carp and redfin, plus some exotic species like a 26cm Rainbow Trout. Native fish, turtles and yabbies were rescued and will be returned as the wetlands is filled back up over this coming week, as it has started raining again.

Whilst the ponds were empty repairs and cleaning of the storm water drains were undertaken.

Recently some sand filters were installed to help keep the water tanks next to the pump shed free of sand that gets lifted from the aquifer.

It is hoped an extension to the distribution network further south into Seacliff and Marion Park Golf Club on Ocean Boulevard can be done.”

The transformation of the former Road Safety Centre site to Wetlands has been an enormous and very successful project.



An illustration of this can be seen in these photos taken in (almost) the same place in 2013 and 2021 respectively – a remarkable makeover.







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## End of Financial Year Property Update

As we draw near the end of the 2020/2021 financial year we are finding more homeowners are taking advantage of the strong selling conditions. A common question I have been asked is "are there any signs of the market activity starting to soften?" In short, the answer is no.

During the month of April, Ray White had at least five registered bidders at every auction, with active bidding on 91 percent of auctions. Auction clearance rates have consistently held above 80 per cent now since the start of February- it is definitely still a sellers' market. However, our stock levels are down 30 percent on two years ago across Australia. Low total listings numbers, in a period where prices achieved on current listings are above average, reflects the strength of buyer demand.

If you are considering selling, now is the time! Through a no-obligation meeting, I can assist you in understanding the value of your property in the current market.

Call me to start planning your sale and capitalise on the opportunity that this market is offering to you as a seller!

Kind regards,

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