



OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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Annual General Meeting

At the 69th AGM of the Association on 25th October the following persons were elected to the Committee for 2021/2022:

Fred Hill – President
Robert Riggs – Vice-President
Mike Windows – Treasurer
Lyn Roberts – Secretary
Committee: Alicia Neverauskas, Lesley Applebee, Luisa Ventorini, Murray Hutchinson and Gemma Reeve

It was pleasing to see so many residents attend this meeting. Committee Members are looking forward to another year of supporting Estate Residents with issues that arise. Feel free to make contact if we can assist.

70th Birthday

OERA's 70th birthday will be celebrated at the annual barbecue for residents on Sunday 3rd April 2022.

Full details will be provided in the March newsletter but please keep this date free so that you can join us.



Garage Sales

Following the massive success of our community garage sales this year, a date for this event in 2022 has been set for Saturday 3rd September.



More information will be provided in March and June newsletters.

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



Update – Stobie Pole Painting

Artwork has been approved and is being prepared for placement on the designated stobie poles as authorised by SA Power Networks and City of Marion. The process takes a bit of time but it is moving ahead and we are hoping to have this project completed early in 2022. The sample shown at the AGM was very well received so we are confident we are on a winner.

Trees

The City of Marion has a web site that shows all of the trees in streets of our city. If you are interested in what is listed for your street go to <https://trees.marion.sa.gov.au/>.

We feel there is a disparity between what is recorded here and what we see out the front of our houses. We will approach the City of Marion and ask what we can do to see this record fully updated.

Do you think there would be value in listing all the trees on private land throughout the district?

What we're working on....

The Committee is addressing a number of local issues at present and we will provide updates next year on progress. Some of these include:

- Requirement for a walkover path from The Parade to The Parade West from Coolah Terrace
- The need to replace the rotting timbers on the walkway in the Wetlands near the Education Centre and the bridge east of the skate park
- Overflowing rubbish bins throughout the Oaklands Estate Reserve – more regular collection is necessary
- Speeding vehicles particularly in Melanto and Minchinbury Terraces

Vale Tom Chambers

It was with great sadness we recently learnt of the death of Tom who was greatly involved in our Association almost from the very beginning. He joined the Committee as Secretary in April 1960

Tom was the first Manager of the Road Safety Centre where the Wetlands is now situated. Tom had a love of gardening. It showed in his densely treed and lovely gardens surrounding his house. His love of gardening also resulted in Tom ensuring the Driving Centre was also established as a virtual paradise with well-kept garden beds, lawns and hundreds of shrubs and hundreds of trees being a feature of the driving centre during his tenure as Manager.

The very visual parklike setting was not maintained anywhere near as well after his retirement. There was fortunately enough of his vision left when it came time for the Government to sell the land. Their desire was to denude the grounds of all that was beautiful for multi-story medium density housing. This Association was able to utilise the established greenspace and its link to the Sturt River as being a far superior proposition to what they proposed. We can - and did - thank Tom for this legacy with the Wetlands ultimately winning out, partly because of the remaining greenery. Most of the established trees within the Road Safety Centre area were fully incorporated into the finished Wetlands.

Tom was also a well-known and very helpful Justice of the Peace assisting many local residents over a number of years.

A true gentleman, Tom was known to regularly escort a lady resident to her home in Fiscom Street after they disembarked the train during the winter to make sure she arrived home safely.



He will be greatly missed by his family and the residents of the Estate.

Speed Limit

At the moment the speed limit for travel throughout the Oaklands Estate is 50 kph which is the standard for the majority of South Australia.

At our last meeting, this Association discussed the speed of some residents travelling along some of the streets of this district. There was concern expressed about how fast cars sometimes travelled along Minchinbury Terrace, Melanto Terrace and The Parade.

We would be interested in residents' comments on this issue.

Fox Attack

We were recently told about a fox attack in our district. A resident was alerted to noise in her chook house and when she went out, chased off a fox. Thinking that she had warned it off, she went back inside. Sadly, the cunning animal returned the next night and wiped out all of the hens.



There have been a number of fox sightings near the Wetlands but this one was the worst of the lot. We will approach City of Marion and ask about their feral animal management programme.

Clean Up Australia Day

Our Association will again participate in this activity on Sunday 6th March. Make a note in your diary now so that you can join us. We'll letterbox you a few days prior with specific details of where to meet

Christmas

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas break, especially now that the Covid restrictions are being relaxed. Enjoy the company of all of your family and friends.



Fred Hill, President

Oaklands Estate Vineyard Update from Justin Tiller at Patritti Wines

A lot has happened since our last update in March. The 2021 vintage saw us commercially harvest all four of the Urban Vineyards, including the first commercial harvest of the Muscat bush vines at Oaklands Estate in over fifty years. On the 13th March we handpicked almost 3 tonnes of fruit which was transported 5 minutes down the road to our Dover Gardens winery for processing. Some of you had the opportunity to taste this base wine at the Annual BBQ which was subsequently distilled into an “Italian grappa” style neutral aromatic spirit. The end product is unique and unlike anything else you’ve probably tasted before – even in Italy.

In September we launched our new Urban Vineyard Collection featuring five products from the urban vineyards:

- 2020 Marion Vineyard Grenache/Shiraz
- 2021 April Red Grenache/Palomino
- 2021 Warriparinga Vineyard Palomino/Pedro Ximinez
- 12 year old Marion Vineyard Grenache Tawny
- 2021 Spirit of Oaklands (Muscat Bush Vines)

This project has been very exciting for us and we are very proud of the final product which features a pictorial map of the local area created by local illustrator Kate Mason. From the 22nd November we will have a curated tasting flight of these wines available at Cellar II – our newly renovated Cellar Door, for \$15 per person. If you mention that you are an Oaklands Estate Resident we will offer you a 2 for 1 discount on the tasting flight.

Vintage 2022 is shaping up as another excellent vintage with very favourable spring weather so far. Unfortunately the vines received a setback in early October due to some cross contamination in our spray tank. Fortunately the damage was only aesthetic and you will see now that the vines have fully recovered and will have a crop again this season. To avoid this happening in future, we have now invested in a new spray tank so that there is no future risk of cross contamination.



I’d like to thank all Oaklands Estate residents for your interest and support of these vineyards and look forward to sharing the results with you and your friends and family at your new local cellar door venue, Cellar II at 13-23 Clacton Road, Dover Gardens. Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and here’s to a return to normal in 2022!

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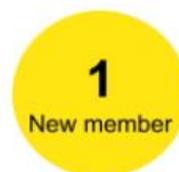
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Happy New Year from Sam and the team from Ray White Glenelg!

Team Paton has had a busy year in 2021, with the market performing better than ever before.



We thank you for joining us on the crazy ride that was 2021. We are expecting 2022 to be even bigger and better than this year!

If we can be of any assistance to you in 2022, please feel free to contact us any time on 0401 757 819.

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