



OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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Annual Barbecue

Our 2020 event was cancelled due to Covid-19 so we are very pleased to advise this year's event, albeit a little different to previous barbecues is planned for **Sunday 11th April 2021 from 12 noon**



Location: Oaklands Estate Reserve near the oak tree (enter from corner The Parade and Tait Avenue).

Bring: As disposable plastic plates/cutlery are no longer legally permitted please bring your own plastic re-usable plates and cutlery, chairs, your drinks and your neighbours.

We'll provide: barbecues, meat, salads, bread, sauce and serviettes. Designated Committee Members will be serving food so no sharing of utensils will occur. I look forward to seeing you there!

Proposed Development – Chambers Street

The impact of 19 two storey units on land currently occupied by four homes will be immense on our community.

Despite putting forward the views of many residents opposed to this proposal Marion Council advised they were unable to take the information provided into consideration as only those few homes directly impacted were allowed to do so by law.

This was disappointing, particularly as the OERA has been representing residents' views and concerns continuously since 1952 – 69 years! The proposal is now in the hands of the independent Assessment Panel and we can only hope common sense prevails when making a decision.

Planning and Design Code

The new Planning and Design Code comes into operation on March 19th. It will undergo minor updates in the future but is in principle complete.

To ensure that it was completed on time the Government has transferred \$25 million from the Open Space Fund.

It seems a bit hypocritical to tell the public that there is concern for climate change and then to re-direct the funds meant to help alleviate the problem in an effort to establish the process to increase building which increases the problem.

Church Sale

Many of you would have noted the recent sale of the Church on the corner of Chambers and Whittier Streets. Once the new owners, a Taiwanese Church community, have settled in to their new house of worship we will be in touch with a view to once again use this venue for our AGM in October.

Possum Poisoning

We have been distressed to learn instances of poisoning possums have occurred. There are a lot of possums in and around the Estate and if you are having issues please try trapping/relocation as an alternative

Vale June Cashman

June Cashman was one of the earliest residents of the Oaklands Estate. Born in Broken Hill, June trained as a teacher in NSW. June and her husband raised six children in the house they built on The Parade and she was active in the establishment of the kindergarten. June was a very independent person and stayed active until just recently while still living in her home. She died at the age of 91.

Garage Sale for the Estate

A recent suggestion to facilitate a Garage Sale for residents was well received so we have set a date of Saturday 28th August – 9 am to 12 noon

You therefore 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. Then all you 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.

Dates for your Diaries

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

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



Annual Subscriptions

Committee Members will be out and about in the next couple of months collecting annual subscriptions which fund our work in the community. 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!

Fred Hill President

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

For the 7th consecutive year residents of the Oaklands Estate participated in the annual Clean Up Australia Day event on Sunday 7th March.

A small but enthusiastic group filled several bags with rubbish just from Minchinbury Terrace railway verge. This annual day coinciding with a long weekend affected the number of residents participating but as you can see from the photo the trailer was full and everyone happy with their contribution.



The Benefits of Residents' Associations

Many people view residents' associations as relevant only to the home owner in the area.

Whether you live in a rented house or have your own house in the estate, there are common problems in every neighbourhood that are best addressed communally.

A residents association, is an organisation composed of voluntary members living within the same neighbourhood. Such organisations often strive to improve the security, amenities, social and communal facilities in the locality.

One benefit of joining a residents' association is that it enables people to communicate with the local Council to upgrade existing facilities or provide new ones. Issues like footpaths, garbage disposal, trees, rubbish and security might require not just the resident's input, but might need to work with the Council as well.

Raising issues collectively helps the Council to deal with one active group rather than a disparate group of residents with the same problems.

Many people are ignorant of their rights, making them vulnerable to exploitation by developers and local Councils. However, residents' associations educate their members on matters and assist in their communication with Council.

But the greatest benefit of forming a residents' association, is the increased sense of belonging within a community. Many associations have grown to become close-knit families that support each other.

So, when someone comes knocking over the next few months asking if you would like to join our Association for \$5.00 don't just think about it, do it!!

UPDATE FROM PATRITTI WINES

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself to you all. My name is Justin Tiller and I have been General Manager at Patritti since February last year following Ines Patritti's official retirement from the family business. I am honoured to be the first non-family member to run the business and my first 12 months has been both eventful and exciting.



Vintage 2021 is now upon us and it's a very exciting time for Patritti, particularly in regards to the Historic Marion Vineyards or what we now refer to collectively as the Urban Vineyards. Patritti have been custodians of the Marion vineyard on Oaklands Road since 2006. Our Marion Vineyard Grenache/Shiraz has consistently scored 96 points from James Halliday proving that this 114 year old vineyard is not just a quirky gimmick – it produces some very seriously good wine. In addition to that wine, we have also made fortified wine from the vineyard for the past 15 vintages and will soon release an annual rare vintage fortified wine sourced solely from the Marion Vineyard. Working with this vineyard has been and continues to be a real honour and privilege for our company.

Vintage 2020 saw the release of another wine produced from the Urban Vineyards called April Red. This wine was a nod to the past when the Patritti family produced an early release red wine back in 1978 with the help of a new technique developed in conjunction with the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI). Our 2020 April Red used different and more modern winemaking techniques but was similarly produced in 40 days, bottled in April and we believe it to be the first 2020 vintage red wine released in Australia. For this wine we used predominately Grenache from the Marion vineyard but also co-fermented it with a small portion of Pedro Ximinez from the Warriparinga vineyard at the Living Kuarana Cultural Centre – the first time any wine has been made from these vines in living memory. This wine has been very popular and has really grabbed the attention of people both local and further afield given how unique and rare it is.

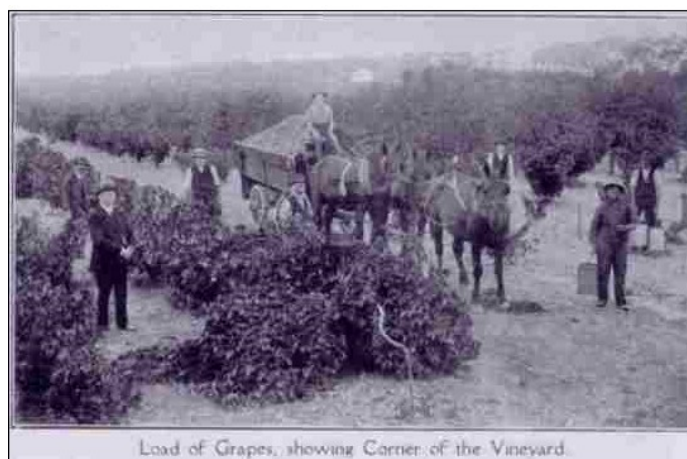


Vintage 2021 brings even greater excitement. The season has been very good for grape growing and we expect to have a vintage of good quantity and excellent quality. On the 17th February we undertook the first commercial pick of the Warriparinga Vineyard in over 50 years. We picked around 2 tonnes of Pedro Ximinez and Palomino grapes from which we will make a dry white wine. The Grenache and Shiraz from the Marion Vineyard will be picked around the first week of March.

Finally we will also be picking the bush vine muscat grapes in Oaklands Estate Reserve – again the first commercial harvest in living memory. Netting was applied to these vineyards to keep the birds out and the plan is to make a traditional Italian Grappa from these grapes.

This new Patritti Urban Vineyard project is so exciting for us and we feel humbled and honoured to be able to tend to these historic vineyard and make wines for you to enjoy. We have some very interesting and exciting ideas for wines and events that will showcase these precious vineyards and bring to life the rich growing history of the Marion area. We look forward to sharing the journey (and the fruits of our labour) with you – our local community.

If you would like to know more about the Patritti Urban Vineyard Project including opportunities to taste the wines and attend events, I encourage you to sign up to our mailing list so that we can keep you in touch and most importantly, you will have first access to events and new wine releases. Please visit www.patritti.com.au to join our database.





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Ray White has an Auction day clearance rate of 84.6%, with an average of 8.3 registered bidders per property. Now is the perfect time to sell, as the total number of available listings for sale are down 6.3 percent compared to this time last year and 27.8 percent compared to the year before.

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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