



OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Established 1952

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CELEBRATING



This year we celebrate 70 years since the formation of our Association at our annual barbecue for residents on

Sunday 3rd April 2022 from 12 noon

Location: Oaklands Estate Reserve under 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! Oh, and there will be cake!!

Invited guests who will celebrate this occasion with us include Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna, our Ward Councillors Bruce Hull and Nathan Prior and CEO of City of Marion, Tony Harrison.

Keep your fingers crossed for fine weather!!

We can't positively claim to be the longest formed and continuously operating Residents Association in Australia serving our community but are pretty sure there are no rivals. (There is the Paddington Society in Sydney but they only formed in 1964).

Stobie Pole Art Project

After many hours of work this project is almost completed. You will soon see artworks affixed to both sides of three stobie poles along Oaklands Road, one on the corner of Whittier Avenue and Chambers Street, and one in Minchinbury Terrace opposite the railway station.

These artworks showcase aspects of life here on the Estate and we hope you will love them as much as we do.

Our sincere thanks to SA Power Networks for granting approval, to City of Marion for approval and financial assistance to complete a project that grew and to our resident Dez Clark who has been instrumental in bringing our initial vision to life.

We will showcase photos of the works in our next newsletter.

Corellas

At the moment there is an influx of Little Corellas in the trees along The Parade and the wetlands. These birds feed on the juicy grass stems and can be seen digging the lawns of the wetlands for food.

They are notorious for a desire to use their beaks to just chew stuff. The trees along The Parade have suffered a severe pruning and the street is littered with the twigs and leaves.

Once the rains return and other food becomes available they will move on, travelling north to breed.



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



Garage Sale for the Estate

Don't forget to mark Saturday 3rd September – 8 am to 12 noon in your diaries. We're promoting our second annual garage sale day.

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 info@oaklandsestate.org.au or telephone 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 the wider community as well.

Clean Up Australia Day

For the 8th consecutive year residents of the Oaklands Estate participated in the annual Clean Up Australia Day event on Sunday 6th March.



Some of the volunteers helping Clean Up

An enthusiastic group filled several bags with rubbish just from Minchinbury Terrace railway verge. As you can see from the photo the trailer was full and everyone happy with their contribution to a cleaner environment.

Thank you to all who participated.

What was pleasing to note was that there was about a 50% reduction in the amount of rubbish collected this year. This would indicate fewer people ready to toss their refuse onto the roadside and we congratulate everyone for their efforts to maintain a clean environment.

Date for your Diaries

Annual General Meeting is being held on **Monday 24th October 2021** at 7.30 p.m.

Dogs

Anyone who has ever had a dog will tell you how much their dog means to them

Dogs are a pack animal and will fit into a family, relating to the humans in their group. They depend on their family for interaction.

Unfortunately, the family often has to leave the dog home while it attends to daily business.

How does a dog spend its time under these circumstances? Often it stands not just at a back fence barking "Where are you? Come back and talk to me. I'm lonely, I'm bored."

What does this do for the neighbours? They get annoyed but often feel unable to do more than mutter to other neighbours about the noise.

Is your dog the centre of such a situation?

Our Heritage Houses

When this district, then named Oaklands Estate, was opened in 1952, there were already 15 houses present.

It is pleasing to note that there are still 9 of these houses present in the district. They form a backbone of heritage builds that few people in our district are aware of.

If you are able to come to the barbecue there will be a display related to these houses.



2 Minchinbury Terrace

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

70 YEARS ON THE OAKLANDS ESTATE

On Sunday 16th March 1952 a meeting of forty-three residents living in the newly established area known as the Oaklands Estate was held.

At this meeting residents were advised that Marion Council and the SA Housing Trust proposed to remove 34 of the native gum trees in the area and a protest which was lodged against this destruction had not been effective. So began a journey for residents to “have some control over the future development of the area” with the formation of the Oaklands Estate Residents’ Association.

A Committee was established and 70 years on the Association’s Committee continues to meet regularly to monitor issues affecting residents in the suburb now known as Marion.

In those early days, representations by the Committee addressed issues such as:

- installation of a public telephone (on corner of Bassi Street)
- obtaining a post office box
- contacting the Electricity Trust to install a condenser in the area to boost power
- street lighting
- sealing of roads
- establishment of footpaths and gutters
- stormwater issues
- planting of street trees with a plan ratified by Council
- lack of public transport servicing the Estate with inadequate MTT bus services and calls for a railway station to be built
- establishing a kindergarten
- installation of street names



Reading the minutes of those early meetings is taking a step back in time. Some of the items mentioned were:

- recreation areas being urgently needed as “child population is increasing rapidly”
- not all residents had “received their gravel for their footpath”
- Oaklands Road not able to be widened “until the bridge over the Sturt Creek was completed”
- Calls for garbage collection to be more complete with “streets littered with debris falling from the back of the cart”

Some of the larger issues over the years addressed by the Committee include opposition to the proposed establishment of the Dover Gardens Dog Club at the Oaklands Estate Reserve (now happily located in Quick Road), retention of large house blocks and no flats and successfully opposing installation of billboards on the Marion Road railway overpass.

By far the biggest and best accomplishment in all those years is the successful liaison with Council and State Government for the establishment of the Oaklands Wetlands which is a magnificent facility for everyone. Some people would not be aware over the years there were plans to build a hospital on the site and through the MATS plan a road. Whilst everyone was sad to see the demise of the Road Safety Centre if it had to be replaced with anything, the Wetlands was by far the best outcome.

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March 2022 Property Update

We have had an incredibly busy start to 2022! The most common question we are being asked is "are property prices still going well?" and the answer is yes.

The market has remained strong with the number of buyers still at an all time high. There is a shortage of properties for sale which is creating strong competition, resulting in some great property sales.

Homes in the Oaklands Estate are in high demand. If you are thinking of selling, or would like to get an update on your property value, please feel free to contact Sam on the details below.

We are looking forward to seeing what the property market has in store for 2022!

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