



OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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Council Services Portal

Recently I began using the City of Marion portal to request services for this district. I have submitted over a dozen in the last fortnight which has made it worthwhile logging in to the system permanently.

The system is not perfect and there can be confusion when there are multiple reports in the same local area of a street but the one thing that does occur is you have a list of all the reports you have made with continual updates on progress.

If you see anything that needs to be addressed by Council I recommend you use the portal to log the job.

Trees

When my house was built in the early 1950s there were two large Morton Bay fig trees on the block next door. They had been planted before 1900 and even at that stage they dominated the area. Move on to 2022 and they were even larger.

My new neighbour, who recently bought the house, rightly decided to have them removed. The trees were having a powerful effect on the two houses that were now mere metres from the large buttress roots.

My observations at this stage are that I had become accustomed to all the tree litter that fell into my yard. Leaves and mushy fruit clogged gutters and littered the grounds. Tree roots grew under the house and back up into the fish pond, sucking water. Bat, bird and possum faeces were everywhere.

Now the trees are gone, instead of a daily clean-up, it is a small one, once a week. A huge positive.

On the other hand, the back yard now experiences direct sun with a large temperature increase, even with the new pergola, and there is summer glare in the house. Fewer birds visit my garden and the possums, experiencing food shortage, have taken to decimating other plants.

The skyline looks barren. However, the negatives will be short term only.

I have come to the conclusion that having trees on your property is a good lifestyle choice but urban environments need careful planting of species that complement and can fit within the surroundings long term without overpowering them. For this reason, there are 7 new trees planted that in time should compensate and I can hardly wait to have a new skyline, shade in summer, birds back and a cool, fresh environment again. I have also evaluated my own tree stock and one does not pass the long term test. It has to go and will be replaced with a smaller one. It is part of living in this great district.

Wetlands Fence

A few of you may be wondering why there is a fence erected on the east edge of the wetlands near Coolah Terrace.

Another stage in the re-lining of the stormwater drain down Coolah and under the lake are to begin. However, I suspect the spray coating is a bit difficult to install when the drain is running with water and this has delayed progress on the job.

Garage Sale for the Estate

After the amazing success of our 2021 Garage Sales don't forget to mark Saturday 3rd September – 8 am to 12 noon in your diaries.

You need to start working 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 letterboxed a few days prior. 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.

Slow Down

Recent enquiries made in regard to speeds for vehicles on the Estate have revealed a long hard process to establish a lower speed zone. Enquiries are now being made to establish whether "Remember 50" signage can be placed strategically as there is an increasing number of vehicles exceeding the limit. Travelling the length of Melanto Terrace at 50 kmph instead of 40 only gets you there 9 seconds earlier.

Need for Vigilance

Unfortunately, there has been yet another theft of copper pipe from a home on the Estate. These are becoming far too regular and residents are urged to watch and note unusual behaviours/activities.

Community Garden

The City of Marion is working with a group called Greenfingers with the intent to develop a community garden in the east of the Oaklands Estate Reserve.

It is still only early stages of this development and there is still a lot of work to do in developing a proposal. Once a proposal is presented the City of Marion will contact all of the people and groups that will have a direct interest in the project.

Graffiti Removal

Just a reminder if you see graffiti anywhere on the Estate to contact us. Murray (at 12 Melanto Terrace) from our Committee is an expert at removing these unsightly images.

Annual Subscriptions

Committee Members are out and about collecting annual subscriptions (still only \$5) 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!

Date for your Diaries

Annual General Meeting is being held on **Monday 24th October 2022 at 7.30 p.m**

Friends of Sturt River Tree Day at Marion



31st July from 10 a.m. at Oaklands Reserve friendsofsturtcreek@gmail.com to reserve your spot for participation on their very beneficial planting morning.

Fred Hill President

70th Birthday Celebrations

Our annual barbecue this year was a special occasion to celebrate the OERA's 70th year and the weather was perfect. Our first Committee met on 16th March 1952 and there has been a



Committee every year since. It was a pleasure to have the Mayor of Marion, Kris Hanna, attend and cut the cake which was enjoyed by everyone attending. We also welcomed our new State Government Member of Parliament, Sarah Andrews, who was immediately hands on helping serve the salads.

Special thanks to Justin Tiller from Patritti Wines who came along with samples!! Unfortunately our Local Ward Councillors were out of action due to Covid. Committee



Members as always did a great job of the catering and it was wonderful to see so many residents in attendance...with an appetite.

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STOBIE POLE ART

We have had such lovely feedback on the designs of our stobie pole art. The 18 month lead in time from idea to finished product seemed like forever to the Committee however the wait has been worth it. The designs depict life on the Estate showcasing our birdlife, trees, activities and the Wetlands. The designs were brought to life by Dez Clark who lived on the Estate and had an artistic background. Thank you Dez for your patience – there was lots of input and changes along the way!



Special thanks also go to our President Fred Hill and Vice-President Robert Riggs for volunteering their valuable time to undertake the installations.

There are five designs in all and they have been positioned at the entrances to the Estate - (Melanto Terrace, Pethick Terrace, Beauford Avenue, Chambers Street/Whittier Avenue and also in Minchinbury Terrace (corner of Bassi Street) opposite the railway station with a different design on each side of the poles.

A couple of residents have indicated they would like to see more artworks created for additional stobie poles within the Estate and have put forward the idea of donating monies towards further panels. The Association is not financial enough at this time to undertake another round of panels so this may be a way of adding to our current artworks. Let us know if you would be interested in contributing.



Each panel has a QR code and when a mobile device is placed against the code it brings up the OERA website.





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Mid Year Property Market Update

The market has continued to stay strong in the first half of 2022, however market conditions are becoming more complex as we head towards the second half of the year.

With the interest rates on the move, as well as increased difficulty in getting finance, the experts are predicting we're entering the next stage of the housing cycle. When markets enter a new cycle, there are traditionally less properties for sale as sellers are more cautious. This lack of stock makes it difficult for buyers to find quality property. For these reasons, highly desirable properties are well sought after and will often exceed expectations; therefore, I firmly believe that now is a good time to sell.

If you would like to know what the changing market conditions mean for your property, please feel free to contact me on the details below.



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