



OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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Annual Barbecue

Arrangements are well in hand for our 37th annual residents' barbecue on

Sunday 2nd April from 12 noon

We are hoping to see our regular attendees as well as lots of new faces. Fingers crossed for fine weather!

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. In keeping with new protocols as a result of Covid, designated Committee Members will be serving food so no sharing of utensils will occur.



Invited guests who will celebrate this occasion with us include Federal Member for Boothby Louise Miller-Frost, State Member for Gibson Sarah Andrews and Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna.

It is interesting to note that there was a request from residents at the Association's Annual General Meeting in 1985 for an "annual get together" of residents and the very first of these was held in January 1986 at the Ben Pethick Reserve as an evening meal.



Foxes

Reports of foxes seen roaming the Estate was mentioned in our last newsletter. Thanks to input from one of our residents it was established that fox dens were located in the Warradale Army Barracks.

Contact was made with Coordinator Biodiversity at City of Marion who raised the matter with Environmental Officers at the Barracks. Abandoned fox holes were located and filled in. The team will work to ensure Warradale Barracks is not a place that foxes would deem suitable for ongoing shelter.

At a meeting of representatives from various Councils late last year the topic of foxes roaming the metropolitan area was raised. It is hoped Green Adelaide will assist Councils to manage foxes through supplying technical advice and control methods.

Stobie Pole Art Project

The Committee is working towards identifying suitable poles for placement of additional artworks following the successful completion of the initial project last year.

If you would like to make any suggestions in regard to artworks or suitable poles please get in touch with us as we'd love your feedback.

Annual Subscriptions

Committee Members are currently out and about collecting annual subscriptions (\$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 for your support!

Whilst doing some research through old records recently I noted the annual subscription was \$1 per household in 1985.

Clean Up Australia Day

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Clean Up of the Estate on 5th March. This is the 9th continuous year of OERA participation.



Our enthusiastic group (photographed above registering) collected many bags of rubbish mainly from Minchinbury Terrace railway verge. Fantastic effort!

A special thanks goes to our Treasurer Mike Windows who has co-ordinated Clean Up for the Association for all nine years. He is retiring from this role and a new recruit needs to be identified. It is not a pre-requisite to be a Member of the Committee, so if you have a little bit of time to spare each year and a desire to help our area please get in touch.

It was distressing to note the large piles of tree prunings dumped along the railway line fence as well as building rubble. Contact has been made with Marion Council seeking their assistance in doing a clean up along the verge...it is in the worst condition seen for many years due to the build up of bark and branches dropping from the trees.

You've probably noticed the graffiti on the railway bridge in this photo and when you drive through – this has also been reported to Trans Adelaide (again).

Meeting with our new Ward Councillor

It was good to be able to welcome Matt Taylor our new Ward Councillor to our January Committee meeting to discuss several local issues - we sincerely thank him for his time and look forward to his ongoing support.



GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Don't forget if you see any graffiti around the Estate our Committee Member Murray Hutchinson is happy to arrange removal. Just send us details by e-Mail info@oaklandsestate.org.au

Chambers Street Development

Feedback is being received regularly from many residents expressing concerns in relation to car parking at the Park Holme Shopping Centre. Many parks are being taken each day by tradespeople working on the 19 units which are due to be completed in late April (latest estimate) and it is envisaged the number of vehicles parking there after completion will increase even more. This will be monitored and the situation raised with Council as appropriate.

The Early Days

Not many current residents of Oaklands Estate would realise that in 1953 there were few roads, gravel pathways and only a single train line to Noarlunga. The area was considered rural. During the 1950's and 1960's residents planted trees every Sunday morning and had a watering programme to ensure their survival. Every year submissions were made to the Council until all the streets had footpaths.

Over the ensuing years issues taken up on behalf of residents with Council and Government Departments included street lighting, street tree maintenance (often undertaken by residents), installation of a telephone box and a post office box, fire hydrant visibility, drainage, establishment of the kindergarten, burning off of vacant blocks and garbage collection just to name a few.

So in closing I'd like to encourage you all to continue to provide input to the Committee on any issues which you feel need to be addressed or followed up on behalf of all of our residents to ensure we continue to enjoy the hidden treasure which is the Oaklands Estate.

Robert Riggs Vice-President

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In 1995 this Association submitted an item to the then Marion Bulletin (now the City Limits magazine) which took the form of documenting observations of our Estate. As you read I am sure the content, 28 years after it was written by Robert Riggs, will resonate as being very close to what we still have today. This was the start of the push towards achieving what we currently have – the Wetlands.



“It is a Sunday. A band can be heard playing in the Oaklands Estate Reserve. As I walk, I observe the car park is full. From the top of the Road Safety Centre hill I can see people walking. People are cooking a barbecue lunch.

The trees dominate the landscape. The grapevines are starting to shoot. People can be seen walking along the linear park. History is visible in the old, tall palms of the original homestead that once graced the area.

Children are out in force. Some are roller blading in the Road Safety Centre skid pan. Others are under the watchful eye of parents picnicking on the Centre’s lawns while they are free to ride in a safe environment.

It is a peaceful, tranquil area and quite unique. And, I can thank the Oaklands Estate Residents’ Association and the many people who have been associated with it. The Association had a vision in the 1950’s of a treed Estate that would be distinctive. They wanted the unique beauty of the area that was dominated by the Sturt River and its majestic River Reds retained and enhanced.

Over the decades there have been battles too. We have lost some, but we have won many also. While we wouldn’t have it any other way there are others out there not in tune with this areas virtues.

It is easy to be complacent. If this Association had not been, this City would not have a park as beautiful as it is today.”

NEW RESIDENTS

There have been many older homes on the Estate demolished in recent years with modern rebuilds. Currently there are five new homes about to be constructed and several others recently completed or about to be completed. It therefore seems an appropriate time to restate the objects of this Association from our Constitution:

1. Preservation of “Oaklands Estate” as a Residential “Character” Zoned Area or the equivalent

2. Preservation of the natural flora

3. Fostering, care and concern for trees in the area

4. Improvements of roadways, footpaths and public utilities

5. The consideration and advancement of matters likely to be of benefit to Residents of “Oaklands Estate”



6. To do all such other things as may be incidental to the attainment of such objects.



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Autumn Market Update

Team Paton has definitely had a positive start to 2023! With a 100% auction clearance rate, we are bound to achieve many more great results throughout the coming year.

The market in Marion is continuing to show positive signs, with the median house price last quarter \$702,000 and the median rental price \$520 per week, while the median unit price was \$450,000 and median rental price for units \$392 per week.

If you are having any thoughts of moving, or wonder what the current market conditions mean for the value of your home, please feel welcome to contact me for a free, no-obligation appraisal of your property.



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