



OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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AGM WELCOME.

This is the last newsletter before our AGM in October. We will report on our year's activities and you will have the opportunity to talk to our Federal MP Louise Miller-Frost, State MP Sarah Andrews, our Mayor Kris Hanna and our Ward Councillors Matt Taylor and Nathan Prior. I hope to see you there.

WATER AND WETLANDS

At our last Committee meeting Glynn Ricketts, Water Resource Coordinator, City of Marion, reported on developments with the Wetlands which have been operating for 10 years now. The Wetlands is an aquifer water filtration and storage system where water is taken from Sturt River, cleaned through reed beds and pumped over 100 metres underground. The water is drawn out during summer and pumped to large scale users throughout the district.

The key is that Adelaide's drinking water is no longer being used to water sports grounds. This includes the use of 4 water trucks to tend to roadside trees.

The storage structure is set for a large increase soon. There are 12 kms of pipelines being added and 3 new wells will soon save an extra 150 mega litres of water on top of the 250 mega litres at present.

The Wetlands are drained regularly and when water is low native water creatures such as tortoises, native fish and yabbies are removed and placed in tanks. Pest species such as carp and mosquito fish are then removed. Would you believe that some people actually dump their goldfish in the ponds? The native species are then returned to the ponds after refilling.

We thanked Glynn for his work and for his report.

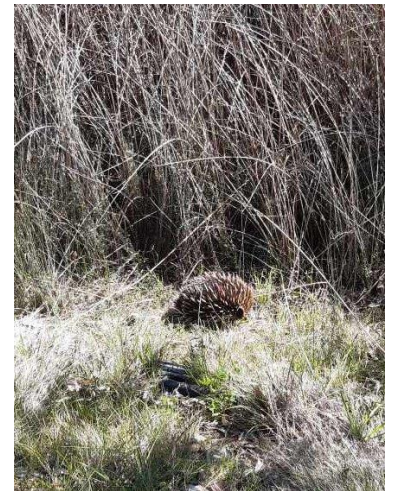
WATER PRESSURE

During Glynn's talk about water he commented on the effect that urban infill was having on house water supply. He noted that SA Water only guarantees a supply of clean drinking water. They do not make any promises about the water pressure at our taps.

It was noted that the Oaklands Estate was suffering from low water pressure overall. Our district is old and we have old pipes that would be likely to burst if over pressured so SA Water manages our supply carefully. The Committee has discussed the possibility of buying a water pressure meter and taking a survey of the Estate. If there is a proven case we may be able to lobby SA Water for some remediation.

ECHIDNA

For a while now we have received reports of an echidna wandering the area. Little Prickles was seen along The Parade and then wandering up Coolah to Pethick. Latest report is a sighting in the Wetlands. This is the first time we have seen one here and hopefully they can establish themselves in the Estate. The recommendation from wildlife authorities is to leave the animal alone unless it appears to be in danger. The greatest threats to echidnas are dogs and cars.



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

COOLAH - PROGRAMMED MAINTENANCE

Coolah Terrace was recently re-bitumised under the City of Marion's planned maintenance programme. Although the street looked as if it did not need this work the Council has to plan and arrange these events well in advance as it impacts on their allocation of money. I think we all appreciate the speedy job and the smooth results.

SOFT PLASTICS

The return of soft plastics to collection depots ceased some time ago. There are large dumps of leftover plastic in storage depots around Australia with only a few facilities using any of it. Much of the rest of it goes into landfill.

The City of Holdfast Bay has a collection system and the soft plastics are burnt to make electricity that is used in local industry. This removes the plastic but it is not recycled, just destroyed. Unfortunately, this is the only plant of its kind in Adelaide and it cannot take all of our soft plastics from across Adelaide. The core problem is the amount of soft plastic becoming waste that needs to be disposed of vastly outweighing sustainable options for managing it.

The City of Marion looks to avoid and reduce waste primarily, and treat waste via incineration and landfill as a last resort. Our Elected Members want to see the return of soft plastic recycling and the City of Marion is advocating to State Government for developing recycling markets for soft plastics coupled with a levy or tax for packaging producers, like product stewardship schemes for paint, electrical waste and tyres, where

there is greater responsibility at the point of manufacture, and a levy goes into funding more sustainable waste management.

There are some promising technologies interstate by companies which are melting soft plastic down into oil and then re-making it into soft plastic packaging again. City of Marion is working on these and other longer-term solutions. City of Marion encourages you to raise this issue with your MP as the South Australian Parliament is soon considering this matter based on their Select Committee Inquiry.

City of Marion's submission is being considered at the General Council Meeting this week for Council endorsement and submission to Parliament from the Mayor. www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Bews/2023/07/00/46/Select-Committee-on-Recycling-of-Soft-Plastics-and-Other-Recyclable-Material.

WEEDS

Weed management by City of Marion has been more successful this year. Poisoning of weeds has been done prior to seed formation and if this timed programming continues, we should see fewer weed patches in future.

ROADS AND DRIVING

The streets of the Oaklands Estate are 50 kph zones. However, you would have noted that there are many pedestrians and cyclists using the roads, particularly on weekends and before and after school hours. We suggest that 40 kph is sufficient to keep everyone safe but request that everyone keep to the listed limit at least.

Fred Hill, President

In our last newsletter we were able to include an informative update from our State Member of Parliament, Sarah Andrews and had hoped to include news this time from Federal Member for Boothby Louise-Miller Frost - unfortunately space does not permit. We have uploaded the update supplied by Louise to our website under the Current Affairs tab so please take a few minutes to read at www.oaklandsestate.org.au

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association extends to all residents of the Estate an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Social Hall, rear Christian New Church, **287 Oaklands Road**, Marion on

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting, 24th October 2022
3. Business Arising from Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report
6. President's Report
7. Election of Office Bearers
8. General Business

All Offices will be declared vacant and residents are encouraged to nominate to fill positions on the Committee. This will be an opportunity for residents to become involved in the activities of the Association and to have their say on issues that affect the maintenance of the Estate and its facilities.

Offices to be filled:

President
Treasurer

Vice President
Committee Members (5)

Secretary
Auditor

Note: Only financial members of the Association are eligible to vote or nominate for office. Notices of motions for formal voting at the meeting must be submitted well prior to the meeting. Please forward completed nomination form to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Lyn Roberts, SECRETARY

NOMINATION FORM - 2023

To: The Secretary, Oaklands Estate Residents' Association Inc., PO Box 259, Park Holme, 5043 or e-Mail info@oaklandsestate.org.au

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Just like that, the Spring selling season is upon us!

New listings grew 9.4 percent across Australia in August, with many sellers getting organised early for the spring season. As the weather warms up, we expect to see an influx of property hitting the market in the coming months.

Part of the reason why listing numbers have increased is due to the return to price growth, making sellers far more confident. The Adelaide property market is moving the quickest in Australia, with prices up over 5 per cent over the past 12 months.

If you are contemplating a move this spring or summer, please get in contact with me on the details below to arrange a free, no-obligation appraisal of your property.

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