



# OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS ' ASSOCIATION INC.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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## DECEMBER 2023

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

2023 seems to have passed very quickly and it is hard to comprehend Christmas is again fast approaching. The Committee Members and I send our best wishes to all residents for a happy and relaxed holiday season.

I note that there are several of our residents who are lighting up their homes for the holiday. Thank you for brightening this festive season. I look forward to a walk around the Estate to view the displays.

### AGM

Our AGM held in October was an excellent opportunity for residents to meet and speak with Federal MP Louise Miller-Frost, State MP Sarah Andrews, our Mayor Kris Hanna and our Ward Councillors Matt Taylor and Nathan Prior.

A new Committee was elected and your representatives for the next year are:

President: Fred Hill

Vice-President: Robert Riggs

Treasurer: Sue Oliver

Secretary: Lyn Roberts

Committee: Lesley Applebee, Mike Windows, Murray Hutchinson, Gemma Reeve and Lyn Gordge.

Several issues were raised at the AGM and have since been followed up on our behalf by Mayor Hanna. This Association very much appreciates Mayor Hanna's efforts to intercede on our behalf to achieve a satisfactory outcome. An update on some of these:

Two seats were removed from **Ben Pethick Reserve** as they were old and presented a safety risk. One aluminium seat was left in place and now a second seat will be returned to the Reserve, prior to irrigation works being carried out.

Vehicles entering **Minchinbury Terrace** via the cycle path at the Marion Road entrance will now be prevented from doing so with strategic placement of logs by Council staff.

Parking concerns in Chambers Street were raised and following the Mayor's follow up and our contact with McGees who manage the Park Holme Shopping Centre, the 2 hour parking restriction signs will be reinstated. Hopefully this will make it easier for everyone trying to get a park.

### WATER PRESSURE

The Association has purchased a water pressure meter and currently Committee Members are undertaking tests three times in a day with readings being collated. Once a comparison is made between the standard and the actual, contact will be made with SA Water to ascertain what action can be taken to improve the water flow for all of us on the Estate.

If you would like to borrow the meter, do a test at your home and share the results with us please e-Mail us at [info@oaklandsestate.org.au](mailto:info@oaklandsestate.org.au) with your address and a contact phone number so that it can be arranged.

### WANTED

After 9 years co-ordinating Clean Up Australia Day for our Association, Mike Windows has stepped down from this role and a volunteer to take over is needed. It is not an onerous job and only requires about five hours work over a couple of days in February/early March. If you are interested, please e-Mail us and we can provide more detailed information.

## **OPEN SPACE HEATING**

Research on news articles has shown that some New South Wales Councils have reacted to increases in temperatures in their jurisdictions.

Cumberland Council has recorded temperatures of above 50C in some of their carparks. They are experimenting with trellises over the parks with vines growing to establish shade.

A report to the combined Councils of Blacktown, Campbelltown and Parramatta showed that in many their open spaces (carparks) temperatures up to 60C were being recorded. To counter this they are experimenting with painting the areas with heat reflective paint. They have achieved drops of 15C with this attempt.

We should thank our lucky stars that we have the advantage of tree canopy that is already doing this job for us. Hopefully we will continue to see the benefit of this and work to maintain and even increase this canopy.

The State Government has recognised the need and there was a recent publication of an interim report on The Urban Forest.

Of course, the Urban Development Institute of Australia (South Australia Division) has already commented that the need to maintain a liveable environment using trees will affect the availability of housing in the State. I wonder how many of the UDIA officials are planning to move to Oodnadatta to enjoy the summer comforts.

## **TRAFFIC**

Traffic density seems to be increasing immensely lately. Marion Road and Oaklands Road intersection seems to be very heavy especially at morning and afternoon school times. Getting out of our Estate takes longer especially as the traffic seems to be synchronised to keep us waiting more.

While working at the front of my house lately I have seen a number of cars rapidly travelling down The Parade and entering the blind end of the street after missing the sign for 'No Through Road'.

It looks as if many people do not want to wait for the traffic at Marion Road intersection and are looking for a short cut. Quite a few use the shopping centre car park but some are trying to rush down Minchinbury Terrace and along The Parade in the hope of getting out quickly.

I am sure they will not make this detour too often.

## **DATES FOR YOUR 2024 CALENDAR**



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Clean Up Australia Day**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Residents Barbecue**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Community Garage Sale**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Annual General Meeting**

**DID YOU KNOW** contact can be made with Marion Council via their website

[mymarion.sa.gov.au](http://mymarion.sa.gov.au)

to report issues including junk left on the side of the road, trees and vegetation such as fallen branches on Council land and matters pertaining to roads/ footpaths/verges.

A reminder too that all residents have a choice of two kerbside pickups each financial year (1 cubic metre) or the option of two Tip Tickets where you can take your hard rubbish to their tip and dispose at no cost. Size restriction does apply so check the website for more details.

## **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](mailto:info@oaklandsestate.org.au)

**Fred Hill, President**

# VERGE GARDENS

Have you have noticed the plantings along the Minchinbury Terrace railway line? Thanks to the hard work of resident Rick Charlesworth this verge has come back to life.

Rick moved to the Estate in December 1973 when there were poplar trees and lawns along the railway line verge. Later drought came and the lawns were replaced by native shrubs. Weeds proliferated and Rick spent time with his Whipper Snipper clearing them. Whilst out riding his bicycle he happened upon the vegetation flourishing next to the Croydon Train Station on the Woodville line thanks to a very enthusiastic group of residents and he decided to replicate their work.

After a cycling accident in 2020 Rick had been restricted with many of his activities so he set to and propagated some natives. He started planting and weeding and the plants now cover a large area of the verge.



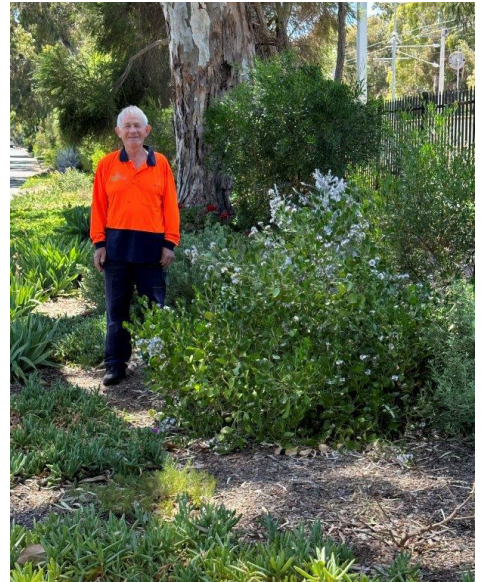
Ground covers were brought back to life and good rains over last winter helped them to flourish. The birds, bees and butterflies are making themselves at home amongst the many and varied plants established by Rick.

Other residents of Minchinbury Terrace have also commenced contributing to plantings and maintenance. All are grateful for provision of mulch by Marion Council to help keep moisture in the ground. Rick can be seen out with his cart/water containers each week encouraging new plants to get established.

A recent visit from a Rail Care staff member has resulted in provision of gloves, watering cans, hats and hi-vis long sleeve shirts to assist with safety on site. In addition, an order for plants from the Belair Nursery will be provided in planting season next year.

If you'd like to become involved in helping with this exciting vegetation project assisting Rick, Bernice, Jan, Rick and Adrian please e-Mail us at [info@oaklandsestate.org.au](mailto:info@oaklandsestate.org.au) and we can put you in touch.

Rick has been a member of the OERA Committee, acted as Treasurer and is currently our Auditor.





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Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!

A big thank you to all our new and existing clients who supported us in 2023. We look forward to continuing to service the Oaklands Estate in 2024.

Being prepared is the key! If you plan to sell in early 2024 and want to get the best possible price, you need to get organised now. A rush of property will likely hit the market early to mid February and these properties will be your competition in getting a high price.

If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact us on the details below.

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