



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 38th annual residents' barbecue on

Sunday 24th March from 12 noon

We look forward to seeing regular attendees as well as lots of new faces. Fine weather for the day would be awesome....but not guaranteed.

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 importantly 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.



Invitations to attend have been extended to our Federal Member for Boothby Louise Miller-Frost, State Member for Gibson Sarah Andrews and Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna, Ward Councillors Matt Taylor and Nathan Prior.

Marion Council Works

A new seat has been installed in Ben Pethick Reserve and also under the oak tree in the Reserve near The Parade.

An entry path into the Wetlands is to be built at the Coolah Terrace/The Parade intersection.

Council is continuing to redevelop footpaths in the Estate. Larger street crossing entries continue to be built. You will have noticed some markings on footpaths noting trip hazards and some have temporary asphalt filling. As time goes on these are to be repaired.

WATER PRESSURE

Thank you to everyone who has taken water pressure readings at their homes. This information has been collated and the result is as expected – our flow rates are very poor. A representation to SA Water is underway and we will keep you informed as to developments.

If you would like still 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 with your address and a contact phone number we are happy to arrange and add data to our spreadsheet.

Garage Sale

As previously advised our bi-annual garage sales will take place on **Saturday 31st August** from 8 am to 12 noon (unless you have sold out prior). If you are interested in participating please let us know. If there are insufficient participants we will not go ahead. Our first two sales went very well. We're sure many of you have lots of items for which you would like to find a new home.

All participants will be provided balloons for front of your house to easily identify you as a seller and lists of addresses of participants so that you can give these to persons coming to your house first. Ring Lyn for more information 0411 483 428 to register or e-Mail us at info@oaklandsestate.org.au



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

An enthusiastic group participated in our 10th Clean Up of the Oaklands Estate on Sunday 3rd March. The trailer was heavily loaded with a variety of rubbish including a car tyre, a child's scooter and cans/bottles.



Pruning overhanging shrubs and trees

Recently we were alerted to a couple walking along our footpaths and trimming back shrub and tree branches overhanging the footpath. One of these persons has a vision impairment and overhangs hit him in the face when traversing the paths. If you have a couple of minutes to check in front of your home to trim back any foliage, this would be very much appreciated by pedestrians.

Bike Paths

Our Estate is well supplied with pedestrian/cycle paths. Sadly, it has been noted there is the occasional motor vehicle observed using these paths.

This could be disastrous for an oncoming cyclist or walker and we ask everyone to be ready to take a close look at vehicles doing this. Please present vehicle details and times to Police.

We are trying to have Council design anti-vehicle controls to sections of these paths.



Information for Cat Owners

As members of our community, cats bring joy and companionship to our lives. To ensure harmony within our neighbourhoods, please note the following fairly recent regulations apply to the City of Marion:



Microchipping: All cats must be microchipped, providing a reliable form of identification.

Desexing: Cats born after July 1, 2018, must be desexed.

Residence Limit: Each household is limited to two cats, unless approved otherwise.

Nuisance Control: Cats must not disturb neighbours. This includes aggressive behaviour, excessive noise, or damage to property.

Curfew: Cats must remain on your property between 8pm and 7am.

Stay informed, stay responsible. Let's keep Marion a feline-friendly place for all. Visit marion.sa.gov.au for more information.

DATE FOR YOUR 2024 CALENDAR

Monday 28th October - Annual General Meeting

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!

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

Fred Hill, President

HYDROLOGY PROJECT

Recently Committee Members met with Associate Professor in Hydrology, Huade Guan, from Flinders University. He presented of his three-year project which aims to equip residential houses for stormwater harvesting and heat mitigation.

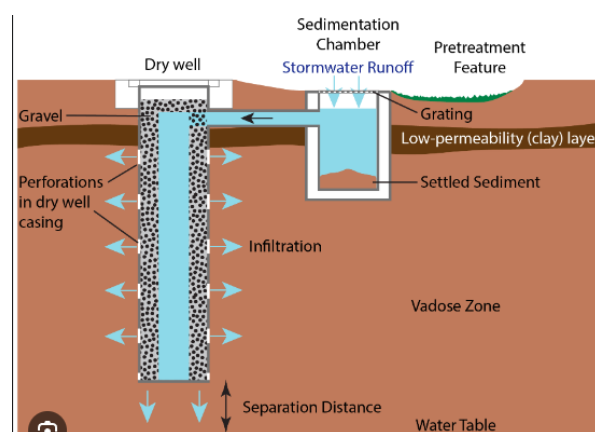
In the first year there will be a collection of baseline data in soil and trees, including a ground benchmark point. In the second year a drywell will be installed and collection of soil and tree data will continue. In the third year a small rainwater tank and slow drainage cistern will be installed and there will be a continuation of collecting soil and tree data. He wants to use a home from Oaklands Estate to use as one of his testing bases.

The aim is to harvest stormwater, reduce flood risks and support trees which can produce a cooler environment. Professor Guan explained that in modern housing developments a large proportion of land is impermeable therefore trees do not produce as much cool air.

Several Councils are embarking on installation of kerbside inlets to drain water into the roots of trees and improve verge trees. This in effect is a surface aquifer to water the trees.

Private dwellings in the Adelaide area possess huge potential in stormwater harvesting and retention. Less than 4% of roof catchment is currently utilised in metropolitan Adelaide.

Professor Huade is seeking a home with front garden facing north, has space with an evergreen tree established and a resident who is interested in participating in the water seepage test. He is also seeking ten homes from our Estate for soil inspection to take a one-off core earth sample. If you are interested in either project, please let us know info@oaklandsestate.org.au and we will put you in contact with Professor Huade.



Open Space

The Estate has a lot of open space available to it. Most obvious are the parkland open spaces of the Wetlands, the Oaklands Estate Reserve and Ben Pethick Reserve.

As well as these areas we have the street verge strips along the rail corridor (Minchinbury Terrace) and along The Parade. These latter two strips are not maintained in a parkland state but left as more natural, less maintained areas. At times some residents have worked to re-develop sections of these strips.

The Committee is interested in how residents would like these strips maintained. What do you want? E-Mail us at info@oaklandsestate.org.au

Right: Vines in the Reserve with harvest not far away.





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The property market has continued to produce strong results in 2024. Property in Marion is in high demand! Over the last two months, we have seen some great sale results in the suburb:

- 11 Douglas Street: sold at auction with 18 registered bidders for \$970,000
- 30 Minchinbury Terrace: sold after 14 days on market for \$875,000
- 1D Shelley Avenue: sold after 14 days on market, with 76 groups viewing the property and 9 offers for \$1,250,000

If you are considering selling, or interested to know what these sales mean for the value of your home, please get in contact with me on the details below.



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