



OAKLANDS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year seems to be going more quickly than last with the Association's Annual General Meeting fast approaching. Details are on page 3 and I hope you will be able to attend.

Please note we will meet at Oaklands Estate Kindergarten due to the Church Hall on Oaklands Road not being available to us this year.

Invitations to attend have been extended to the Mayor of Marion and our Ward Councillors as well as our State Member for Gibson and Federal Member for Boothby. All will be given the opportunity to speak and update residents on local issues. We are conscious of their busy schedules and appreciate their attendance when possible.

New Committee Members Needed

Three of our long-standing Committee Members will be stepping down at the AGM on 28th October. They have given many years' service for which we are immensely grateful. It is not always easy to keep an active Committee in any organisation but this Association has done so since 1952 – remarkable. We have two residents nominated to fill these vacancies and need one more.

So, if you are interested in joining and helping to be a voice for your community, find out more about joining the Committee by contacting Secretary Lyn on 0411 483 428 or at info@oaklandsestate.org.au

Stobie Pole Art

Students at Westminster School have accepted an invitation to design and paint some art for mounting on additional stobie poles on the Estate. Permission has been given by SA Power Networks and once Marion Council approves the designs they will be put in place.

Vehicles Exiting the Estate

There has been much discussion amongst residents on the increasing difficulties being experienced whilst trying to safely turn right from Melanto Terrace, Pethick Terrace and Beauford Avenue on to Oaklands Road. This situation is worse during peak hour.



Correspondence has been entered into with the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, supported by Member for Gibson Sarah Andrews, with suggested road changes.

Firstly, a "Keep Clear" zone at the Melanto Terrace exit would allow vehicles to turn both left and right when traffic is stopped at the Hendrie Street lights heading east. To assist further, a middle of the road slip lane would allow vehicles to cross and prepare to enter easterly traffic along Oaklands Rd.

The traffic light sequence was changed at the Marion Road/Oaklands Road/Daws Road intersection some time ago and the situation now is vehicles oncoming from the right and none on the left, then vehicles on the left coming and none on the right. Suggestion has been made to DIT that a change to the Hendrie Street traffic light sequence could very likely improve right hand turning traffic flow. The addition of the extra exit from Park Holme Shopping Centre has also impacted right hand turning, particularly from Beauford Avenue.

Once response has been received from the Department a further update will be provided.

Marion Council Strategic Plan 2024 - 2034

Council has recently set out its Strategic Plan for the next ten years. I am sure you will agree that these are values we all can embrace.

Liveable – We will create and maintain safe, attractive and accessible public places and facilities.

Sustainable – We will connect with, protect and restore the natural environment, building resilience to climate change.....OR.....We value nature and

build resilience to climate change.
(*community advice requested*)

Community – We are a friendly, inclusive and connected community where everyone belongs.

Our Organisation – We listen to our community and partner for the benefit of our community. We deliver high quality, cost effective services, reliably and innovatively.

You can access more information regarding this at the web address
<https://www.makingmarion.com.au/toward-2040>

Street Changes

The Oaklands Estate is slowly changing even though we have more strict building requirements. Our streets are being used more for parking and this will see less driving space as our population grows.

A recent change will appear along The Parade soon. The roadway is too narrow for parking along both sides and a yellow line will mark the western side for No Parking. This will ensure easier transition for drivers as well as emergency vehicles.

This sort of street change is appearing in other suburbs also. Unley Council is moving towards 40kph speed limits in their secondary streets. Most drivers are already moving slower as streets become more congested. I note driving up Sixth Avenue to Bunnings as an example.

Will we be looking towards this in the future?

Wetlands Grass

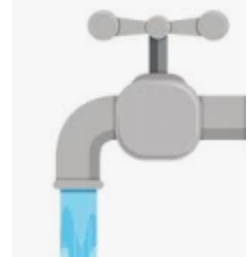
For some time, I have been concerned with the standard of the grass surface on the wetlands next to The Parade West. I contacted Council citing the sparse grass and the hard uneven surface.

The response was not altogether re-assuring. Apparently, the large numbers of ducks and pigeons are preventing a deep grassy surface being developed.

I am not sure this is correct and I am experimenting with patches of top dressing and have taken core samples. Once I am sure of my facts, I will broach the issue again.

Water Pressure Update

Results of testing water pressure at various homes around the Estate were presented to SA Water who subsequently undertook their own testing. Their advice was SA Water is only responsible up to the SA Water meter and beyond that point is the private pipework of the property and is the responsibility of the property owner. SA Water requires a minimum water flow at the meter to be at least 27 litres per minute. Their acceptable measured tap pressures are between 240 kPa (35 psi) and 300kPa (43.5 psi). Their conclusion was that this was being met.



Recent second checks at The Parade showed only 30 psi. As a result, further re-testing is being undertaken and a paper being prepared for presenting to Member for Gibson seeking her assistance in taking the matter further as water pressure is still deemed by residents to be borderline acceptable.

Footpaths

The weather is now changing and all plants on footpath verges are growing rapidly. This Estate hosts many walkers and we ask all residents to mow and tend grass along paths and gutter edges and to also trim bushes and overhanging branches. This will allow walkers to easily use the footpaths.

If you have a new tree on your verge, drop a bucket of water onto it. I know that Council is committed to watering but with the new trees being planted throughout Marion, they may become a bit irregular.

The OERA is in the process of checking the standard of pavement in the district as we are aware of a number of trip hazards being present. If you have a large gap in the pavement outside your home, please drop us an e-mail with your address.

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

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 at Oaklands Estate Kindergarten, 16 Pethick Terrace, Marion on

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting, 23rd October 2023
3. Business Arising from Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Briefings from Invited Guests
7. President's Report
8. Election of Office Bearers
9. 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 10 days prior to the meeting. Please forward completed nomination form to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Lyn Roberts, SECRETARY

NOMINATION FORM - 2024

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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Spring into Action!

Adelaide's property market remains solid in 2024, continuing to grow even after the record highs seen across Australia in recent years. While some major capital cities have experienced price falls, Adelaide has bucked the trend, with prices still on the rise and demand remaining strong. This stability is expected to continue, making spring the perfect time to sell your home.

If you've been considering selling, now is the time to act. With more foot traffic and strong demand, your property has a great chance to stand out and sell quickly.

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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