

May 2023

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# Cherry Chatter

Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

## Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade Open Day Sunday 21st May 2023

If you would like more information or a visit to the station, please contact Lawrie Lingood on 0400 285 697.



Ever wondered how a CFS brigade operates, or what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter? Looking for information on how to prepare your property for bushfires and other emergencies? Do you live in Cherry Gardens, Coromandel East, Chandlers Hill, or the eastern side of Aberfoyle Park and want to give back to your community?

Come along on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of May and speak to members of our brigade about the SA Country Fire Service, what it takes to be bushfire ready, and how you can join up and help.

The station will be open from 1:00PM until 4:00PM with a sausage sizzle to keep you fed, equipment and fire truck displays, and plenty of friendly faces to chat to.

Please share to get the word out amongst our community, and we hope to see you there!



## FIRE MANAGEMENT 2023

The fire danger season in the Mount Lofty Ranges and Adelaide Metropolitan Fire District areas commences on 1 December 2022 and will run until 30 April 2023.

During the fire danger season burning in the open (vegetation pile burning) is not permitted.

<https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Services/Permits/Fire-Management-fire-danger-season> for more information.

# CHERRY GARDENS MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

## CHERRY GARDENS MEMORIAL HALL FOR HIRE

Available for hire for all functions, meetings and social occasions. Very reasonable rates. For bookings and more information phone 0414 824 110

**Full kitchen facilities available**



Thanks to all the locals who came to our first Happy Hour / "Kick the Sunday Blues" / Community Drinks on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>. We were very happy with the turnout, 23 in all, particularly as the weather was not the best.

We intend to make this a regular event, and extend an open invitation to locals to attend on the last Sunday of each month from 4:30pm. The hall will be open for fridges, toilets or in case of inclement weather. As you will see from the photos of the first event, everyone was happy to be outside in the alcove, but as winter approaches, I suspect indoors will be popular. Bring your own drinks and snacks and please join us. At time of writing the next event will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, the May event will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.



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## CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL MARCH

Rainfall for March 2023	56.0 mm
Rainfall for March 2022	16.2
Average rainfall for March	37.5

Rainfall to the end of March 2023	115.3
Rainfall to the end of March 2022	67.2
Average rainfall to the end March	95.9

Number days of rain for March 2023	15
Number days of rain for March 2022	6

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Cherry Gardens: Michael (Mike) Deare  
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We can offer advice with all wildlife enquires and provide support for you. Call Bev on 0422 938 439 or Glenn on 8270 1169. Happy to assist where we can.  
[www.mintonfarm.org](http://www.mintonfarm.org)

## CHERRY GARDENS CFS

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Blackwood Golf Club is open daily for lunch between 12.00 – 2.00pm and very much welcomes visitors. Bookings are recommended on 8388-2313.

See more news of what our club has to offer in our advertisement at the back of your newsletter.

[www.blackwoodgolf.com.au](http://www.blackwoodgolf.com.au)

## CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

Meetings are held in the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church meeting room at 7.30pm on the second Monday from February to November

President - Darryl Parslow 0408 847 293

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Secretary - Jan Ball 0432550274

### NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Mike Quamby guest speaker – Bush Tucker

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Karen Coombe-Smith guest speaker – Biodiversity

Tonight will be our Pumpkin Challenge!

### GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS for MAY 2023

- Prepare beds for roses and deciduous ornamental and fruit trees. Dig soil to fork depth and add compost or well-rotted manure. Shop early for the best selection of trees or roses.
- Add fallen leaves to your compost heap/tumbler, always maintain a balance of wet and dry materials. Cover your heap with plastic if a lot of rain is forecast. Use home-made compost to make your

own liquid fertiliser by adding a shovel-full to a bucket of water and using it to keep winter vegies growing

- Now that the leaves have fallen from Prunus species it is easy to see mummified fruit hanging on the trees. If you grow apricot, cherry, peach, nectarine or plum either for fruit or flower, don't neglect this sign of the brown rot fungus disease.
- Keep on top of winter weeds or they may out-compete with plants for light and nutrients.
- Tidy up your agapanthus – flower stems should have been removed but now is a good time to split and plant out crowded clumps to encourage future flowering.



*Agapanthus*

- Sedums should be cut down to ground level, do this in a staged manner so you leave the short segments of stem to provide ground cover.
- Hydrangeas need some attention now – stems that flowered need to be cut down by about two thirds – look for strong healthy buds and cut just above them. For stems that did not flower I suggest you only take off about one third.
- Sow & plant onion, radish, peas, broccoli, broad beans in the vegie patch.
- Some flowers could include carnation, alyssum, pansy, poppy, stock, hollyhock, and cornflower

### PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT

There were sighs and exclamations of admiration, recognition and realisation when our speaker Michael Perkins, President of the SA Carnivorous Plant society, displayed a selection of magnificent carnivorous plant specimens and shared his vast knowledge with us.

Michael has been interested in these plants since he was eleven. He brought some familiar looking plants and many other interesting and less familiar plants.

Carnivory involves morphological features associated with the attraction, retention, trapping, killing and digestion of animals and absorption of their nutrients. There are myriad types of carnivorous plants from all regions of the world.

Pitfall Traps, Flypaper Traps, Snap Traps, Bladder Traps, Lobster



*Pitfall Trap*

Carnivorous plants tend to inhabit similar environments; high moisture, high light and low nutrient.

The most important thing to remember when caring for carnivorous plants is that they are a plant and photosynthesis is paramount to their survival. They can not be permanently grown indoors.



*Flypaper Trap*

They are found in Southern Australia, native bushland, June-Nov (eg Adelaide Hills, Monarto; plants die back to tubers in summer) SW Western Australia is a centre of diversity and some swamplands all year round. Northern Australia mainly in wet season.

We had a garden preserves and produce auction which was very well provided for and very well received. Supper ladies excelled themselves with dietary needs well provided for.

## OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

So much to do in Autumn- last month we covered rugs and

bedding. To enlarge on the topic of bedding, there are many types of materials which can be used. This can vary according to the area in which the horse is kept, the horse's health and of course the owner's pocket. There are pros and cons for all products so the owner needs to decide which works best for them and their horse.

Most owners in the hills tend to use sawdust or shavings. Advantages are that it is relatively cheap, usually clean, is nice and soft, easy to clean out and horses tend not to eat it. Disadvantages include maybe foreign objects in it (need a reliable supplier), becomes dusty over time (maybe not the best for a horse with respiratory problems), and it is flammable.

For coastal owners, sand may be a cheaper option, so price can be a factor. Can be clean, but again may have foreign objects in it. Relatively easy to clean out. On the down side, horses may ingest the sand when eating, so there is a risk of colic. Feeding on a large heavy rubber mat can reduce this risk, but it is still there. Sand does tend to compact a bit and it is cold in the winter. On the plus side, it is not flammable.

Straw can also be used. This is a lovely bedding, but can be costly. When laid out correctly in a stable this is a soft and warm bedding. It is not easy to clean out and there is a lot of wastage (unless you know a mushroom grower who will pay you for it). Some horses will tend to eat it (I'm sure I would!), and it is also flammable.

Other products on the market include treated shredded paper, which is probably expensive and I'm not sure how flammable it would be and rubber matting (also expensive) and possibly not that comfortable for lying down. Probably excellent for short term stabling.

Whatever material is used, cleanliness and safety are paramount. The other factor is the horse's temperament. Stabling in the hills during winter can be very convenient as far as keeping the horse clean and maintaining the health of the paddocks goes, but when we are removing a horse from his natural environment where he can free range, we are changing his whole life. Some horses will adjust to this quite happily, others will stress. Stabling overnight and out in the paddock during the day (this is called medium density management) probably is the best compromise. Light density is when the horse can free roam all the time. Heavy density is when the horse is fully stabled and this is when his welfare needs to be carefully monitored. For the horse's well-being mentally and for his gut health, he needs to be out of the stable to graze and/or worked for a minimum of one hour a day, preferably more. Every horse is different and needs to be treated as an individual, so there is no 'one size fits all' rule.

Any changes to a horse's routine should be done gradually and monitored (don't worry he will tell if he is not happy). If not sure how to cope with the changes for your horse do seek expert, qualified advice. Even get a second opinion to be super sure!

Plenty to think about there!

Until next month  
Happy Hamish!

## FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



Anyone wanting to learn more about what we do and how you can help us with our restoration work, or simply wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, can contact us on [info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](mailto:info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au) or visit our website [www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](http://www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au). You can also follow us on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp) where you will find up to date information about our activities, including photos of the park's diverse flora and fauna.

## CHERRY CHURCH



**Cherry Gardens Uniting Church**  
87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens  
Services held on Sundays at 9.30am – all are welcome

At church on Easter Sunday we played a brief game of 'word association'. Sometimes played as a game, sometimes used as a psychological test, this is when you are asked what word first comes to your mind when you hear ... For example: Jack and ...; sweet and ...; oranges and ...; B1 and ...; Waltzing ...; hot and ... And as a variation: *Who* do you think of when you hear ...? So, for example, *who* do you think of when you hear the words 'fake news'?

The expression 'fake news', which we have heard so often in recent years, is not in fact new: it was first used in the 1890s. But sadly, the practice of spreading 'fake news' is as old as humanity; people who make-up facts and/or distort the truth have always been with us. And now that we live in a digital era there are new technologies that can be used to spread false information. Who do you believe? How do you know who to believe?

Is the Bible account of Jesus' death and resurrection 'fake news' or is it 'good news'? Christians believe that it is definitely good news, great news! No fake news here. At Easter, Christians celebrate that Jesus who was executed on a cross has risen from the dead! In the Bible, there are multiple records of Jesus appearing to people *after* he had been crucified. For many of these people, their life was turned upside down – in the best possible way. But more important for Christians today is the fact that Jesus still reaches out to people, still invites people to believe in him, to receive forgiveness for all their wrongs, and to live their life with him.

Because Jesus showed that he has power even over

death, then for us life never has to be the same again. Our world is often a broken place. For those who believe in Jesus, despair can be replaced by hope; darkness can be replaced by light; sorrow can be replaced by joy; grief can be replaced by peace; death can be replaced by life.

And that's good news!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## CONNECT RECOVER

Cherry Gardens Ironbank

Connect Recover are about supporting local families to understand disaster risk and being prepared. They meet each month to discuss and act on solutions relating to local disasters in line with the National Disaster Recovery Principles. If you would like to know more, please use the QR code below.



The City of Onkaparinga provides support to the group through South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission. Contact Priah Dean – Community Connections Officer (Resilience) on (08) 8384 0666



CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

From Cr GEOFF EATON



## Coromandel Valley Institute Building

Residents have been asking why the scaffolding at the front of the Institute Building had been up for such a long time. It was put in place to facilitate facade works to be undertaken on the building, but due to the continued wet weather it was necessary for the building's facade to dry out so that the work could be undertaken. A report is to go before Council later in the year regarding the future of this lovely old building that was the centre of the Coromandel Valley community in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

## Main Road Coromandel Valley Pedestrian Crossing

Following discussions with community members a Motion on Notice at the February Council meeting was put forward by Cr Themeliotis regarding pedestrian crossings on Main Road, Coromandel Valley Mayor Moira Were has written to the Chief Executive Officer for the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) identifying the lack of this infrastructure (particularly in the vicinity of the Coromandel Valley Community Centre/Weymouth Oval and seeking an assessment be undertaken. Main Road is a DIT road, although council maintains the footpaths along the road it is important for them to align with any proposed pedestrian crossings.

## Murray Valley Encephalitis

SA Health have notified us that surveillance indicates an increased risk of serious mosquito borne disease circulating throughout South Australia, including within our council area. In response to the possible detection of Murray Valley encephalitis virus (MVEV) SA Health have asked us to increase public health messaging using their supplied resources.

SA Health have requested our assistance to place signage in outdoor recreation areas throughout the McLaren Vale and McLaren Flat areas, such as camping grounds, caravan parks, sporting grounds and walking trails.

The usual mosquito personal protection measures such as covering up and wearing a DEET containing repellent; as well as eliminating potential mosquito breeding sites in the environment, are important strategies to prevent serious mosquito borne illnesses.

Preventing mosquito bite advice has been circulated by SA Health throughout Summer and is being shared on our Social Media platforms. Once a media alert has been released, this will also be shared on our Social Media Platforms.

Further information on mosquito control is available on the SA Health website

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/healthy+living/protecting+your+health/yourself/fight+the+bite>

## YOUR SAY

### Open Engagements

Bushfire Preparedness and Resilience (closing June 2024)  
McLaren Vale Regional Water Security Strategy – SA Gov project (series of workshops from 1 Feb to Dec 2023)  
Go to [www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay) for more information.

### Grant Opportunities

Grant opportunities are currently available for sharing with your networks.

Please refer to our website at <https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Home> for further information.

### Disclaimer

The views expressed in this article are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of Council.

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## From Cr MARION THEMELIOTIS

### Coromandel Valley Institute Building

Coromandel Valley Institute located at 404b Main Road Coromandel Valley is a heritage listed building currently vacant approved for commercial use. As at its meeting 17 May 2022 Council approved the commencement of an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to sound the market for commercial interests wanting to invest private funds into the heritage asset in exchange for a long-term lease over the Coromandel

Valley Institute, resulting in a financially sustainable and responsible commercial outcome for Council.

The EOI process was delayed while scheduled maintenance works were completed to the building, these works were to replace a gutter on the south side, installing bird spikes above the front door and minor re-pointing – which was delayed due to the unseasonable wet weather late 2022. New security locks have also been installed on all exterior doors.

The Expression of Interest process is now ready to be undertaken and will open on 11 April 2023 for a period of thirty (30) days.

### **Cherry Gardens Road – Guard Rail**

We received comprehensive feedback regarding the guard railing upgrades and the existing Tom Roberts Horse trail at Cherry Gardens Road from residents.

The feedback is valuable to us and we provided responses to the feedback on Friday 24 March. Below is a summary of the responses which were provided to the specific concerns. We have encouraged these residents to provide further feedback after the suggested additional works are completed.

#### **Guard railing**

Guard railing is provided to protect vehicle occupants from hazards they may strike due to loss of control events that may occur because of inattention, mechanical failure, medical episode or irresponsible behaviour.

Guard railing has been most commonly provided on the outside of bends. However, due to the complex mechanics of vehicle crashes you will often find guard rail installed on the inside of a corner or a straight section of road.

To identify the locations where we installed guard railing, we acknowledged that a crash can happen anywhere and calculated the risk of injury at various locations. To calculate this risk, we identified the roadside hazards and their distance from the road, on Cherry Gardens Road these risks included trees, fenceposts and changes in road camber and/or verge angle.

To be effective at absorbing the energy from an errant vehicle a guard rail is required to be a minimum of 70m in length and this precludes the use of guard rail in some locations.

#### **Trail alignment**

The Tom Roberts Horse Trail (TRHT) which is a natural surface trail utilising on-road linkages, road verges and unmade road reserves which broadly spans from Cherry Gardens in the north, to Kangarilla in the south and Woodcroft in the west. Accordingly, its alignment is not

constructed and predominantly on one side of the road (either with or against traffic) with users directed by wayfinding markers.

Horses are classified as a vehicle under the SA Road Traffic Act. As a horse rider you have the option to ride on the road (between the white lines) as a vehicle. In these situations, other traffic is required to give way to you as they would with any other vehicle. Alternatively, riders can utilise off road trails. When riding on an off-road trail, riders in both directions would be expected to ride along the verge on the same side of the road (either with or against traffic) depending on the riding direction.

#### **Trees and woody weeds**

We will remove overhanging vegetation at key trail locations and have programmed brush cutting works along the TRHT adjacent Cherry Gardens Road between Boko Road and township. Additionally, we have commenced woody weed removal for the TRHT between Dorset Vale Road and Weymouth Road. We anticipate all works will be complete by 30 June 2023.

#### **Native wildlife**

Native wildlife was considered and the installation of guard rail was not considered a hazard for them. Small mammals including koalas can squeeze under the rail, while kangaroos can clear the rail in a bound. Further with the exception of a short section near Jacobs Road any animal that is up against the guard rail attempting to flee from traffic, will be clear of the travel lane.

#### **CFS access to paddocks**

It is standard practice for council to only consider property access where there is a formed crossover or evidence of vehicle use. Council staff have been advised by the CFS, in the event of a fire, crews shouldn't enter property directly into paddocks or at locations other than those formed for vehicles. This reduces the risk of crews becoming stranded or striking hidden obstacles.

#### **Property access**

The only specific complaint we have received related to the inability to pull left while a gate was opened. The road width where guard railing has been constructed has never provided enough width for legal parking. To safely and legally park, no part of a vehicle may be within 3m of the solid road centreline. In the case of Cherry Gardens Road this requires vehicles to be positioned to the left of the white edge line. During construction our officers made every effort to ensure that property accesses weren't blocked. In order to balance the required safety outcomes, we acknowledge that the entrance to properties may need to be taken

slower. For this specific location identified alternative solutions for access were recommended.

### **Use of Cherry Gardens by tractors**

Vehicles heavier than 4.5 tonnes, including tractors, operate under the rules for operating a heavy vehicle. The installation of guard rail has not impacted the ability to operate a heavy vehicle according to the regulations. Motorists are required to share rural roads with slow, agricultural vehicles.

### **Steep embankment immediately west of Orchard Road**

We do acknowledge that the TRHT adjacent 97 and 111 Cherry Gardens Road (west of Orchard Road) is currently difficult to access. We will organise the vegetation behind the guard rail, at the bottom of the batter to be pruned with the aim to improve access to users. We will also organise the on-ground leaf litter to be removed and a small digger to scrape and clarify the trail tread at the bottom of the batter. We currently do not have a timeline for this work but will look to schedule it in the new financial year, subject to available resources.

### **The intersection of Cherry Gardens and adjacent Dorset Vale Road**

Shortening the guard rail to the previously intended crossing point would expose a substantial portion of the roadside hazard, verge drop, to traffic. We will relocate the trail road crossing east approximately 15m. This relocation will enable the crossing to be perpendicular to the road which provides the safest and shortest route across the road. We will also complete vegetation pruning to help improve the trail user sightlines in this location. We will also install warning signage on all three approaches to this intersection and install crossing posts.

### **Intersection of Orchard and Cherry Gardens Roads**

Our traffic team identified that the guard rail on the inside of the bend here has the potential to obstruct sightlines. We will modify the linemarking to bring the holding traffic further forward. We will reinstall and install additional pavement bars to reduce drivers tendency to cut the corners. Due to the constraints of the site we were unable to gain any further road width ruling out the installation of a roundabout. We are aware that Orchard Road takes a few large truck movements on weekdays and we will continue monitor the impacts of the proposed changes on safety at the intersection and truck activity.

### **Guard rail on the inside of the bend east of the memorial gardens**

The specific hazard we are protecting motorists from at this location is trees. We will be installing motorbike railing on the guardrail. We will also construct a clear trail for walking/riding behind the guard rail.

### **Intersection of Ackland Hill Road and Cherry Gardens Road**

The current T-junction arrangement is compliant with the Australian standards and while it is less common in rural areas the requirement for left turning drivers to give way when they are negotiating a slip lane is well documented in the road rules. There is insufficient space in the current paved area to install a roundabout.

A safety treatment/roundabout for this intersection will be investigated, however, we won't install a roundabout with the primary intent to deter hoon behaviour. If hoon behaviour is observed, we encourage this activity to be reported to SAPOL on 131 444 for enforcement.

### **Lack of guard railing near the CFS and community hall**

The pine tree on northern side of the road that we understand was hit has been removed as part of development. The remaining hazards at this location are generally further from the roadside giving drivers more time to react in an emergency. We were unable to reach 70m between driveways to install an effective barrier. This precludes the use of guard rail at this location.

### **Guard rail along the primarily straight section of road East of Orchard Road**

Most of the previous crashes that were reported on Cherry Gardens Road occurred on straight sections of road. Along this section of road there are many trees that are very close to the edge of the road. For these reasons we installed the guard rail at this location.

Prepared by Thalassa Ward Cr Marion Themeliotis. If you have any local issues, you would like me to follow up on or require any assistance with Council, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# MONTHLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## APRIL SOLUTION

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### Across

- 9 A carriage for hire (by Sherlock Holmes, or later) (7,8)
- 10 Cilium (7)
- 12 Relating to water (7)
- 13 A public declaration of intentions (9)
- 14 Unit of magnetic flux density (5)
- 15 Caused to be quiet or not talking (7)
- 18 Pompous or pretentious talk (7)
- 21 Vomit (5)
- 23 Not of major importance (9)
- 25 Medical social worker (7)
- 26 Masses of ice and snow that permanently cover large areas of land (7)
- 29 A perennial plant of the genus *Ornithogalum* having star-shaped flowers (4-2-9)

## APRIL CROSSWORD

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### Down

- 1 Clarified butter (4)
- 2 A persistent dull pain (4)
- 3 Forbidden by law (8)
- 4 An acute infections disease (6)
- 5 Underground cemetery (8)
- 6 Enter uninvited (6)
- 7 A musical composition of a free form (8)
- 8 A retail trader (8)
- 11 A commercial leavening agent (5)
- 15 Brown algae forming dense floating masses (8)
- 16 Pertaining to an isthmus (8)
- 17 To give an account of (8)
- 19 Socially correct in behaviour (8)
- 20 Share certificates (5)
- 22 A light two-wheeled horse-drawn cab (6)
- 24 A brightly printed and glazed cotton fabric (6)
- 27 Of a light grey (4)
- 28 Not all (4)

# Onkaparinga Now



## Have your say on Cherry Gardens safety upgrade

The state government is proposing to upgrade a section of Main Road, Cherry Gardens to improve safety, and it wants your feedback.

Detailed feedback received from the community during the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's (DIT) first phase of consultation informed the new concept designs, which you can view and provide feedback on until Sunday 14 May.

The community's initial feedback indicated the section between Black Road and Chandlers Hill Road is narrow, with many tight curves and has dense vegetation that restricts visibility in some areas.

DIT says consultation also demonstrated a desire for the road surface quality to be improved and safety upgrades, such as road widening and safety barriers, to be made. Following this consultation, the state government's proposed upgrades for this section of Main Road, include:

- road and curve widening – to provide greater separation between vehicles and cyclists, allow two trucks to safely pass while travelling in opposite directions, and improve sight distances.
- a new road surface – removal of existing surface and replacement with new asphalt to improve skid resistance and road safety.

DIT says tree and vegetation impacts will be required to achieve the critical safety upgrades, and its preliminary investigations have identified up to 70 trees within the immediate project area.

You can now have your say on DIT's proposed upgrades at its website until Sunday 14 May, or email or call using the details provided on the site.

The state government will also host a series of community information sessions at Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall, so you can view the high-level designs and provide your feedback.

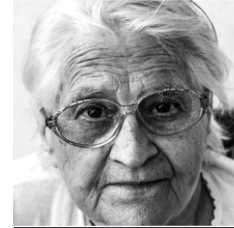
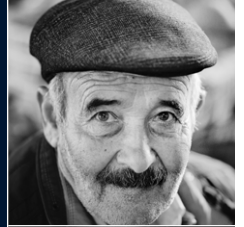
The concept design is the first to be released as part of the \$150 million Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety (PRS) package, which is jointly funded with the Australian Government contributing \$120 million and the South Australian Government \$30 million.

City of Onkaparinga had advocated for DIT to upgrade Main Road, Coromandel Valley through to at least Black Road and Cherry Gardens Road as part of council's 2021–22 Advocacy Plan due to residents' ongoing safety concerns.

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# Young achievers celebrated

Four inspiring local young people and a much-loved youth worker honoured.

The awards, held on 27 March, recognise, celebrate and honour young people for their outstanding actions in improving themselves and their communities, and for securing their futures—were delivered by the Onkaparinga Youth Committee and presented at the Port Noarlunga Arts Centre as part of SA Youth Week.

More than 70 nominations were received for this year's awards across the five categories, and the recipients below were honoured following performances from All Saints Catholic Primary School and Carclew's Expressway Arts, and a greeting to Country from Yellaka's Karl Winda Telfer, who spoke of the importance of recognising young people and their achievements.

Selected entries to the Youth Recognition Awards art competition—which saw a huge increase in submissions this year—were also on display, with three winners (Charlotte Balmforth, Charlotte Searle and Sage Barwick) receiving a SALA Mentorship with Onkaparinga Youth Arts Officer, Carly Snoswell, which includes an accompanying exhibition at the festival in August.

### 2023 Youth Recognition Award winners

- Learning Success – Molly-Eve Day
- Business, Employment and Social Enterprise – Alexa Seidel
- Personal Achievement – Aella Kilgannon
- Contribution to Community – Mia Weston (pictured above)
- Youth Worker of the Year – Matt Peters



## MEET YOUR COUNCIL

# Southern Vales Ward

City of Onkaparinga's Southern Vales Ward is represented by councillors, Marisa Bell and Jordan Pritchard, who are ready to listen and advocate on your behalf on the local issues important to you.

Onkaparinga Now has launched a series of articles to help you to better get to know your new elected members, and Southern Vales is the first ward to feature, following our recent interview with Mayor Moira Were.

Stay tuned for more Meet Your Council articles soon as we delve into the rest of City of Onkaparinga wards' elected members.

**ONKAPARINGA NOW (O NOW):** What made you want to become an elected member and what do you bring to the role?

**MARISA:** I've advocated and represented the broader community from the frontline as a health professional for 35 years and had desire to also serve the community in a different space. I want to make a difference to people's lives and play a part in initiatives to improve quality of life for all in our community. I'm committed and passionate about protecting, promoting,

and progressing public health. I care equally about our environment, and the sustainability of our agricultural and tourism industry. I'd like to see increased education and employment options and more local opportunities for our young people.

**JORDAN:** We've been living in the McLaren Vale community for 17 years since my wife became a teacher in the area. In that time, I've engaged with the community through the CFS (into my 15th year), and committees and coaching at McLaren Vale Tennis Club, McLaren Districts Soccer Club, and Southern Tigers Basketball Club. The opportunity to apply as a councillor came at a fortunate time with my career because I was available to take on extra commitments and I had great support from friends and family. I'm a qualified engineer with several years of operational, business development and project management experience, so I felt these skills may offer a different background to others.

To read the rest of the interviews, and stay up-to-date with the latest elected member interviews, visit [onkaparinganow.com](http://onkaparinganow.com)



## YOUR SAY

### Have your say on council's by-law review

Council is reviewing five existing by-laws to be effective from 1 January 2024: By-law 1 Permits and penalties; By-law 2 Movable signs; By-law 3 Roads; By-law 4 Local Government land; and By-law 6 Foreshore

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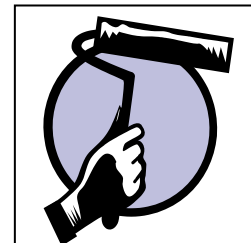
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