

Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

THE GREAT DOG POO SAGA

at the Cherry Gardens Ironbank Oval

I find it hard to believe that it comes down to this.....

During COVID we saw an incredible increase in locals and visitors using the oval to meet, chat, exercise and of course take their dogs for a run and play. What a great use of this wonderful community facility.

During football season the oval is used pretty well every day either for training or for games and even for Auskick sessions. In the summer it is of course used for cricket.

Imagine your kids or friends out there on the oval and treading or falling onto a dog poo that some irresponsible owner has not picked up.

How upset would you be?

So why does this not happen you may ask?

Well, it is because we have amazing volunteers who spend their time checking the oval before training or games to pick up those forgotten dog poos.

So why should they have to do that?

Yes, a very good question that those volunteers have been asking for a long time, but they keep doing it until now! Recently one of the volunteers was abused by a local dog owner who was asked to pick up their dog's poo and this has created a difficult situation for the committee, who have to manage the oval on behalf of our community.

What options are available to prevent this situation?

Well dogs could be banned from the oval (no-one really wants that), dogs have to be kept on a leash at all times (that is not much fun for the dogs), maybe owners need to get permits in order to use the oval (that sounds like a government solution) or how about owners be responsible for their dogs and pick up their dog's poo.

Really the only reason we have this problem is because of **IRRESPONSIBLE OWNERS!**

Maybe they get distracted talking to others, or more than likely talking/playing on their phone.

So here is a solution – <u>watch your dog at all times if the dog is off the lead</u>. How hard is that? <u>When they poo - PICK IT UP!</u> (There are bags supplied at the Recreation Ground for this very purpose).

If owners don't pick up their game, then there is a very real chance that no dogs will be allowed and for those people that are responsible dog owners that is a very sad situation. Those responsible dog owners can help by taking down details of any owners that they see not acting responsibly, so the committee can discuss with them, and try to solve this problem for the future.

We all want community space to enjoy but we must be responsible for our actions! Please do the right thing?

Remember that it is a **community facility** and not owned by the council. Our community owns the place and volunteers run it and pay for everything. If something gets broken, then the community has to pay for it. Volunteers clean and maintain everything – noone gets paid for cleaning the toilets, fixing the driveways, repairing fences, picking up dog poo and keeping the place in order, so please help us keep our community facility free of dog poo?

If any of our readers have any suggestions or thoughts on how this situation could be resolved please write to us or send a message to our Facebook page. It is in all our interests to retain our community facilities for everyone, so please be a part of the solution if you can?



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CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL MAY

Rainfall for May 2023	155.2 mm			
Rainfall for May 2022	132.4			
Average rainfall for May	115.7			
Rainfall to the end of May 2023	341.3			
Rainfall to the end of May 2022	219.6			
Average rainfall to the end May	282.6			
Number days of rain for May 2023	22			
Number days of rain for May 2022	19			



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SOLAR PANELS

The Hall Committee is currently assessing the possibility of a subsidy to install solar panels on the Hall roof. We do this for a two main reasons:

Firstly, power prices are set to significantly increase, and we hope to minimise that cost increase.

Secondly, we are also looking at the possibility of installing air conditioning in the hall, and generating our own power would minimise the running costs.

Solar panels could, of course, also provide a source of income for the Hall, as daytime use is not high, so much of what is generated would be fed back into the grid, although the rebates for that are not as attractive as they once were.

Replacing our remaining fluro lights with LED is also a project currently under review, and we hope to have that completed over the next month or two.

We will keep you informed as we proceed.

COMMUNITY "HAPPY HOUR"

We have been encouraged by the attendance at the monthly Happy Hour, held at the Hall on the last Sunday of each month. At time of writing, the next one will be on June 25th, then on July 30th, August 27th and September 24th. Hope to see you there.

Why not "Like Us" on Facebook to keep up to date with coming events

www.facebook.com/cherrygardens/

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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JP Services are available Mon-Fri 9-5

JP's work at no charge, so please CALL FIRST to book an appointment.

CHERRY GARDENS CFS

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



This month the Brigade has

assisted in a few motor vehicle accidents, a tree down over Cherry Gardens Road and the Bulk Water carrier was deployed to Clarendon for a major house fire. We have also held an end of season social function, hosted a full chain saw training course for some of our members and the wider CFS, held a very successful open day and carried out yearly chain saw reaccreditation for our own chain saw operators. Over two consecutive training nights we built up how we would deal with a major structure fire and put these skills into practice on a member's house in the area.

We also held a motor vehicle accident scenario on a local property. This training is designed to be as realistic as possible, the crews attending only have a description of the location and need to find, make safe and assist as we would for a real incident. Those that set the training up may have added casualties, both in the vehicle or somewhere in the surrounding area and other such hazards and challenges that we face in reality. This gives us a chance to not only simulate an actual event but also to pause if needed and discuss what we are doing and why and whether another course of action may be more appropriate. In this way we are better equipped to cope with real life situations and keep current with CFS procedures. Below are some pictures from this training night –





We are privileged to have the opportunity to volunteer in the CFS and are always looking for new members both in firefighting and communication roles. We train every Monday night and would love to see you.

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.



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

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 July 10^{th} – Karan Coombe-Smith talking on biodiversity

Monday August 14th – AGM - a 6.30 start for pizza and soup – tonight is our Camellia Challenge!

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR JULY 2023

You can fine tune the shaping of deciduous fruit trees whilst they are dormant but leave major shaping for a summer prune immediately after harvest.

- Prune roses late this month and be careful to remove all prunings and fallen leaves to the green bin.
- Think about soil improvement ready for spring plantings.
- Watch out for caterpillars on leafy vegetables spray weekly with Dipel for friendly biological control.
- Liquid feed winter vegetables and flowering annuals to keep them moving.
- You could try a tomato plant or two at this time to give you tomatoes before Christmas. They will need TLC – a sunny spot with protection from cold winds. A large pot (40-50cm) with good potting mix could be the answer as you can move them to the most suitable position
- July is the last chance you have to plant strawberries

 on a raised mound about 30-40cm apart and in rows 40-50cm apart, mulch well to keep weeds at bay and liquid feed fortnightly

MEETING NOTES for JUNE

We were privileged on 8th June to be part of an enthralling discussion and presentation when Mike and Gayle Quarmby shared their journey from 2001 founding the Outback Pride Project, which created a network of native food production sites for remote communities providing Indigenous development training for the growing Indigenous food industry. We journeyed fascinated, right through to their retirement in 2018 when they handed the three businesses into Indigenous ownership. At that time they were hand picking 1 tonne of fresh produce a week and shipping to 800 chefs, manufacturers and caterers across Australia. Between 2001 and 2018 they developed a mulch and irrigation laying machine at Amata in the APY lands and travelled around 8,000kms every month. They promoted Mark Olive's Book @Outback Café which is sold in 38 countries around the world. Featured in 4 ABCTV Landline Shows, Mike has saved 6 Native food plants from extinction. There are around 2,500 native food plants in Australia. They made a food log of the 150 types of tomatoes in Australia, many of which are poisonous. A friend, Dr Peter Latz who grew up in Hermannsburg, authored Bushfires & Bushtucker, and supported the project.

1 native berry (Kutjera - Native Tomato) provides 4 X the Vitamin C of a normal orange. An APY lands bus driver once told them that "the best way to find the local kids is to go to the bush tucker food plot".

There are many types of native herbs and fruit. They encouraged us to plant plants such as Pepper berry, Native Oregano, Muntries and Saltbush, which our Secretary Jan Ball has planted in her garden. Other members grow and eat Warrigal greens which are a drought tolerant, tough in nature but tender to eat,

delicious and nutritious spinach of the Indigenous people of New Zealand, New South Wales and some other Australian States as well. It is so very well suited to perennial growth and harvesting in our extreme South Australian climate.

Now internationally famous and still passionate about the relevance of ethical and environmentally sustainable Australian Native Foods they have converted their back yard into a native plant production space, as well as continuing to mentor Aboriginal organisations and supply Aussie Food Plants to select nurseries. They have grown 50-60 million trees for the environment and head out in winter every 6 years into the Tanami Desert. They have mentored 3,000 young Aboriginal people, and write a lot.

On the night, they handed around samples of edible plants discussing their history/uses etc., while we sniffed, tasted remarked and resolved to purchase some plants to grow, harvest and enjoy at home, as well as sourcing the plants in the market. The Quarmby's enthusiasm and commitment was infectious and we couldn't help feeling encouraged, hopeful and very curious about buying, growing and eating native food plants ourselves. Many questions were answered. We thanked the Quarmby's for travelling from way up in the hills to share with us and then face a long journey home in the dark.

We all enjoyed, and many benefitted from our regular member donated plant and produce auction and delicious supper.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

In Australia we are very fortunate to have a large range of choice when it comes to buying a horse. Not only that, but costs are reasonable compared to

those overseas. Our basically temperate climate also makes for less complicated care. Of course this doesn't mean that our horses can be treated like a car, to be parked in the garage and brought out when needed. Ownership of a horse is a big responsibility, both for the owner, for the horse and for those other members of the public who come into contact with said horse.

In France, a law has been passed that a potential horse owner has to show certification of skills indicating proficiency in the care and horse master-ship of their equine. I understand that the level of skill would be similar to the Australian Pony Club C certificate. This seems to definitely be in the interests of the welfare of the horse. Here, anyone off the street can purchase a horse if they so desire, with absolutely no knowledge of the care, costs, maintenance or even how to ride, let alone having an understanding of how a horse learns.

Without this knowledge, many horses become subject to abuse and neglect and potentially finish down a slippery slope to the knackery.

Yes they are a beautiful animal, but they are also a creature of prey, with highly developed senses of change, body language, smell, sight and hearing. These are all life preserving senses which help to keep the horse from being lunch for another animal higher up the food chain.

Being aware of these traits will serve a horse owner in good stead and will facilitate a relaxed and confident bond. Horses are 'hard wired' to move (as they would in the wild to find water and to forage). They are also 'hard wired' to chew (up to 40,000 chews per day!) and they are also 'hard wired' to be in a herd. When these attributes are interfered with, some horses do not always adapt very well. To be able to cope they may develop 'coping mechanisms'.

For example, when a thoroughbred horse which is generally considered to be sensitive and highly strung is kept in a restricted environment where movement is limited, this horse may start to track up and down a fence line. This repetitive behaviour is a coping mechanism for lack of freedom to move. Horses whose feed times are restricted can resort to wind sucking and crib biting, chewing fence posts etc. Horses are highly social and when isolated from their kind may fence walk, crib bite, call out, ignore their feed, develop ulcers etc. Where possible, it is in the horse's interest to have freedom to move, freedom of access to good quality roughage (80%) of their diet and definitely access to fellow equines.



Horses allogrooming (grooming each other)

This access actually means being able to allogroom with another horse, not just see one in the paddock next door. The owner's responsibility is therefore quite large, so being able to recognise when the horse is not coping well is very beneficial to the horse in the long run. If in doubt at any time that your horse is just not quite the same as normal, no matter how small that difference is, then either contact your vet or at the very least monitor the horse over the ensuing 24 hours.

This might sound all doom and gloom, but it is doable by keeping up to date with the latest in scientific research and following through.

All the best from Hamish

CHERRY CHURCH



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

It's a 'given' in our society that fashions come and go. Something that is in fashion at one time will likely, in another time, be out of fashion. Flares, sometimes known as bell-bottoms, were the height of fashion in the 1970's and 1980's. If that was your era, did you wear flares back then? Would you wear flares today? Probably not; they're not in fashion in 2023. For men, sideburns were 'in' in the 1960's and 1970's. If that was your era, did you grow sideburns then? Would you grow sideburns now? Presumably not; they're not fashionable in 2023.

Similarly, songs can go out of fashion, for any number of reasons. For example, if the singer has had a significant fall from grace, or if the theme or vocabulary of the song are not acceptable in the current community.

It seems that everybody these days knows the Christian hymn 'Amazing Grace', the tune at least, if not the words. How many of us have choked up on hearing the hymn played on bagpipes, at a funeral for instance? It seems that fashions come and go in hymns as well as in clothing. I was surprised to hear recently that at one stage last century the hymn 'Amazing Grace' seems to have been out of favour, out of fashion. The Methodist Hymn Book published in 1933 contained 1,035 hymns, but 'Amazing Grace' was not one of them.

But in 1972, a recording (vinyl, of course) of 'Amazing Grace' was issued by the Pipes and Drums and the Military Band of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. This recording was #1 in the Australian secular hit parade for 5 weeks! Whether the direct result of the popularity of that record or not, we'll never know; but the Australian Hymn Book, published 5 years later in 1977, included 'Amazing Grace'! And these days we can't imagine not having the hymn available.

Here are some of the lyrics.

Amazing Grace (how sweet the sound) That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come:
Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Grace: God's offer of love to us all; God's offer of forgiveness to us all; God's offer to us all of life with him, in this life and in the life to come. Amazing Grace!

Worth reflecting on, perhaps?

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



Back in the 90's the big thing was how people communicated with each other. There was a study that went viral throughout the training education scene. It was quoted in tertiary courses, made its way as evidence into text-books on communication, and seemed to have a dominant place in journals and magazines. That's the build-up. What was discovered (and 'proven') in a university study was that 91% of communication between people is non-verbal. That is: the words don't really contain the message – it is all in body language (53%) and tone of voice (38%) with the actual words conveying only 9% of meaning.

All the touchy-feely people loved it. You could swan around mumbling and humming and everyone was supposed to know exactly what you meant, because meaning is communicated non-verbally. Really? Some people obviously liked the idea because it made it into degree courses...but wait. Little by little it just did not make sense. But there was evidence – right? Well, yes there was.

When in doubt, check your sources. The original study was conducted in a small university somewhere in the USA, (wait, don't get cynical) and it was briefly done this way. Six university students, one by one, spoke one word – 'maybe', in a room that was soundproofed from observers who guessed what was said. The conclusion was that in this experiment the 53%, 38%, 9% rule applied.

For the cynical amongst us, the researchers never said that this was about ALL communication – just what was revealed in these six people. Less discriminating people just ran away with the idea.

Application. When we are quoted "the evidence says that what we do for the environment is causing greater harm than leaving it alone", then we can pleasantly thank the observer and then together check the original for: who said it?, who paid for it?, what was the research model?, can it be replicated here?

When we have done that exercise, then we may still be in a scientific muddle. Because contrary to popularist thinking, science is not about making one-off discoveries that apply for all time. We keep discovering new bits of information that modify and challenge 'accepted wisdom'.

In the end, there is a lot of good common sense to be had in just going about making a difference and learning as we go. We should not however be disheartened by those who troll offensively without providing reliable information about their 'evidence'.

Jim Spiker - President FoSCCP

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 or visit our website www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au. You can also follow us on our Facebook page 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.

July
Sat, Sun1, 2
Bird banding
Tue 4
Bushcare
Sun 9
Bushcare
Sat, Sun15, 16
Bird banding
Sat 22
Bushcare



The park is alive with lots of different fungi during winter.



Montpellier Broom (Genista monspessulana) is a declared plant in South Australia, and one of Australia's Weeds of National Significance. Here it is being removed from Bushrat Creek in Scott Creek CP – this weed is fire-responsive, meaning it benefits from fire with mass germination of its seed from the soil seedbank. It can quickly grow to out compete the local native vegetation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

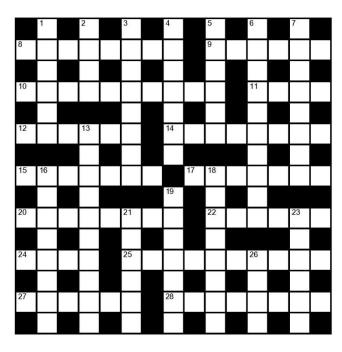
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MONTHLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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JULY CROSSWORD



Across

- 8 They used to be called sandshoes (8)
- 9 Lens culinaris (6)
- 10 Improper intimate activity between two people (5,5)
- 11 Intense dislike (4)
- 12 Spanish money unit, as was (6)
- 14 A drug used by Sherlock Holmes (8)
- 15 Edge of a road or path (7)
- 17 A member of the English gentry ranking just below a knight (7)
- 20 A type of neuralgia (8)
- 22 Make very wet (6)
- 24 (To) steal (informal) (4)
- 25 Someone who is definitely not in the Liberal Party (4-6)
- 27 Eccentricity that is not easily explained (6)
- 28 Think five rings of different colours (8)

Down

- 1 Think ONJ and JT in a 1978 movie (6)
- 2 Twist suddenly so as to sprain (4)
- 3 Secretly and carefully planned (4-4)
- 4 Very big, very wet, and very dangerous (7)
- 5 A theatrical performer (6)
- **6** Free and provided by the management (2,3,5)
- 7 One who listens, perhaps (8)
- 13 Formerly a kingdom in eastern England (4,6)
- **16** A high award, honour or praise publicly given (8)
- 18 Toward or on one side (8)
- 19 Sustenance for feline pets (3,4)
- 21 Things inserted or imbedded (6)
- 23 (To) compel (6)
- 26 Back side of the neck (4)

ONKA COUNCIL NEWS

Onkaparinga's New CEO

Following a rigorous independent selection process and nation-wide search, Phu Nguyen has been appointed as the City of Onkaparinga's new CEO. Phu has over 20 years' experience in councils in both Victoria and NSW—most recently as Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Director of City Governance at Campbelltown City Council in NSW. In his time at Campbelltown City Council, Phu held leadership roles across a broad range of positions including corporate, community services and city operations. Prior to that, he served as Chief Financial Officer at the City of Melbourne for more than eight years. Phu's experience in change management and engagement was impressive and he demonstrated strong skills in leading and developing high performing teams. He will commence his duties in July.

Onkaparinga Northern Community Forum

The Onkaparinga Northern Community Forum provides an opportunity for residents to receive updates on local issues and speak with State and Federal Members of Parliament and ward councillors for Thalassa and Pimpala wards. All meetings are held at the Aberfoyle Community Centre and run from 7.30pm to 9pm. Their AGM is held in August each year, when the positions of chairperson, secretary and treasurer are declared vacant. This year the chairperson, John Photakis, and Secretary Jonette Thorsteinsen, will not be seeking re-election so I encourage interested residents to seek election to these roles. If you have an interest in building community relationships and have the available time please consider nominating for one the positions. Should you want to seek further information please text Jonette on her mobile 0427 99749 and she arrange to speak with you.

Future meeting dates for 2023 are:

Monday 21 August AGM: Guest Speaker – Mayor Moira Were

Monday 16 October – Guest Speaker - Minister for Health and Wellbeing - Chris Picton

Federal Government South Australian Disaster Mitigation Projects

This is an area of great interest of mine as it is about building community preparedness and resilience to the impact of disasters. The Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA SA) has welcomed the Federal Government's announcement to fund 23 disaster mitigation projects across South Australia to the tune of \$47 million. LGA President, Dean Johnson, thanked the Federal Government for the funding injection through the Disaster Ready Fund, which aims to reduce the impact of natural disasters on communities and improve their resilience.

"Funding for South Australian projects will go toward long-term mitigation efforts and through this latest round will improve data and monitoring, coastal protection measures, regional climate resilience, bushfire preparedness and will support critical infrastructure such as flood levees and stormwater catchments," said President Johnson.

"Councils plays a key role in emergencies and with the increasing intensity and frequency of extreme weather events, these projects are a step forward to help protect communities.

"Like other parts of the country, South Australia has continued to experience natural disasters including floods, bushfires and storms which impact our communities and result in significant clean-up costs.

"This first round of projects will help metropolitan and regional councils right across the state with mitigation activities and help combat the severity and cost of natural hazards.

"Keeping communities safe is front and centre in disaster mitigation, but there is also a financial and economic cost that cannot be forgotten – putting the focus on risk reduction and resilience is important to alleviate the burden and impact that natural disasters can have."

The Association said it looks forward to continued dialogue with the Federal Government to ensure future rounds are allocated to areas where they will have the greatest impact.

South Australian projects funded under Round One of the Disaster Ready Fund can be found on the <u>National Emergency Management Agency website</u>.

National Trust Coromandel Valley and Districts Morning Tea

If you like the history of our area and enjoy just sitting down with locals and participate in an enjoyable morning tea, please get along to the Watchman House, Main Road Coromandel Valley for their morning tea which is held on the first Saturday of the month commencing at 9.00am. The next one is Saturday 1 July. Also don't forget their delicious marmalade jam that is on sale there.

Disclaimer

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

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Onka Council news continued:

Tree - 401 Main Rd Coromandel Valley

₱TREE SAVED ₱

UPDATE - The tree removal application 401 Main Rd Coromandel Valley.

The application for removal of the council tree adjacent the Coromandel Valley shopping centre has been refused.

The arborist advised that the tree does not meet the criteria for removal under the Planning and Design Code for the following reasons:

- The tree does not have a short life expectancy.
- The tree is notable and offers an important contribution to the character and amenity of the
- area.
- The tree is causing damage to the car park surface however this surface is not classified as
- a substantial structure of value.
- The tree does not represent unacceptable levels of risk to public safety.
- Pruning options are available to maintain low levels of risk for the foreseeable future.
- A range of reasonable alternative options to tree removal to remediate the car park appear to be readily available.

Council will schedule minor tree maintenance in the next 24 months, but otherwise the tree is in good health.

Helipad Ackland Hill Road, Coromandel East

Residents might be interested to know that an application was made by a resident to install a Helipad just up from Weymouth Road along Ackland Hill Road. The following information has been provided by Planning and Regulatory Services. Council's Development Compliance team have been actively investigating the matters raised by concerned residents. A Notice pursuant to s213 of the Planning Development & Infrastructure Act 2016 has been issued, directing that use of unapproved structures cease and that no further works be undertaken until all relevant approvals are in place.

Officers attended the site Thursday 8 June 2023 and confirmed that no additional works have been undertaken since the Notice was issued. Please note that some works may not require development approval (garden beds, small sheds etc) and construction of these may continue.

A retrospective application has been lodged in the PlanSA portal and the assessment of the application is underway. Please note that this application will not be visible on the PlanSA public register (https://plan.sa.gov.au/development application registe r) until lodgement fees are paid by the applicant.

The application will be assessed against the provisions of the Planning and Design Code, noting the property is in the Hills Face zone. The commencement date of the public notification period has not yet been set. When this period commences, all neighbours within 60m of the property boundaries will be notified via letter and any person may put forward a representation in relation to the proposed development.

To assist Council it would be appreciated that, if concerned, adjoining residents could document the construction or commercial activities (not private) that are occurring on the land by taking photos and /or video footage. These can be forwarded to

<u>mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au</u> and marked 'Attention Development Compliance'.

Please note that concerns regarding the use of firearms should be reported to SAPOL.

Future use of Frank Smith Park - change of Community Land Management classification

This decision followed extensive community engagement and research on the future use of Frank Smith Park for low impact sport and a successful trial in 2022 of winter club soccer use.

The rest of Frank Smith Park will remain 'Developed Reserve'. High impact sport or supporting infrastructure such as clubrooms is not proposed or being considered for the park.

Amending the classification of the oval area from 'Developed Reserve' to 'Sportsground' in our Community Land Management Plan formalises existing use and allows for increased use for low impact organised sports.

A Sportsground (External link) in council's Sportsground Community Land Management Plan is defined as an area providing for structured, result focused, competitive recreation involving physical activity. Sporting activities include both training and competition and may be undertaken either individually or as a team

Management of the park will be implemented through conditioned permits, while ensuring that no changes or additional infrastructure are proposed.

You can find out more about Community Land Management Plan designations and how council plans to mitigate the concerns raised in the previous consultation in the Frequently Asked Questions document.

Have your say. We would like to hear your views on the proposal to designate the oval area of Frank Smith Park to 'Sportsground'. Just click on the Feedback button below to have your say.

Consultation is open until 10 July 2023.

Find out more here: <u>Future use of Frank Smith Park</u> - <u>change of Community Land Management classification</u> <u>| Your Say Onkaparinga</u>

Onkaparinga Now

Onkaparinga announces new CEO

Following a rigorous independent selection process and nation-wide search, Phu Nguyen has been appointed as the City of Onkaparinga's new CEO.



"Phu has over 20 years' experience in local government in both Victoria and NSW—most recently as Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Director of City Governance at Campbelltown City Council in NSW," said Onkaparinga Mayor Moira Were.

"In his time at Campbelltown City Council, Phu held leadership roles across a broad range of positions including corporate, community services and city operations. Prior to that, he served as Chief Financial Officer at the City of Melbourne for more than eight years.

"Phu's experience in change management and engagement was impressive and he demonstrated strong skills in leading and developing high performing teams.

"In his presentation to elected members at a special meeting of Council in May, Phu's personable and supportive approach was clearly evident.

"He clearly articulated how his strategic mindset and depth of experience in large local government organisations could benefit the City of Onkaparinga.

"Phu offers both a strong community focus and a balanced economic perspective, that together will help to position us strongly and ensure Onkaparinga is recognised as a leading local government authority in Australia, for its services, job opportunities, economy, and enviable lifestyle.

"I look forward to welcoming Phu to our organisation in July.

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to Julia Grant who has served admirably as Acting CEO since May 2022.

"Julia has provided sound, consistent and highly respected leadership to the organisation and I greatly appreciate her willingness to step up and ensure the organisation could continue delivering for our community.

"We will be finalising the transition plans over the coming weeks and will provide further updates in due course.

"In the interim, Julia will continue to act as CEO and on behalf of the organisation I again sincerely thank her for her commitment to the City of Onkaparinga and our community."





MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Thalassa Ward





City of Onkaparinga's Thalassa Ward is represented by councillors, Geoff Eaton and Marion Themeliotis, who are ready to listen and advocate on your behalf on the local issues important to you.

ONKAPARINGA NOW (O NOW):

What made you want to become an elected member and what do you bring to the role?

GEOFF: I initially took the opportunity to seek election in 2018 due to the unfortunate negative publicity our council had received some years before, with my focus on public sector governance, debt management, council rates, community safety and resilience, and environmental issues. My election provided an opportunity to extend my interest in public sector management, having worked at all three levels of government, and to continue to serve a community I've been part of for over 49 years. I've served on the Audit Risk Committee, Finance Working Group, most community/business grants assessment panels, each year's Australia Day Awards Committee and the Mayor's Christmas Lights Judging Panel. It's a pleasure to be able to continue to represent residents not only in our northern areas but across the whole of the city. I have met the many enthusiastic staff who are committed to their role of delivering services to our community.

MARION: We live in the best community in SA and, with you, I want to make it even better. Thalassa has brought me great opportunities, friendships, education, shared values, liveability and a strong sense of safety and community. I have a long-term commitment to our

community. Through advocacy and being your voice in the Council chamber, my focus is to best represent you on issues that matter. Local government provides me with the opportunity to utilise my knowledge of what matters in our ward, as well as my strong connection to community, to make a real difference for you.

O NOW: What are your key priorities and things you want to achieve as a councillor?

GEOFF: My priorities include listening to and representing residents, improving services, our environment, community safety and wellbeing, prudent public sector financial management and governance, rate capping, our senior residents, my grandkids and their friends, recreation and sporting facilities, footpaths and economic development. I enjoy working with our community, ensuring Thalassa Ward is represented. I'm aware of the need for footpaths in various parts of Aberfoyle Park, Flagstaff Hill and Coromandel Valley, areas that were developed 50 years ago and that are still waiting for this infrastructure. My strong interest in community safety/wellbeing continues and I'd like to see more work undertaken to assist residents in the prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery phases of emergency incidents from an all-hazards approach, as well as informing residents of the various services provided by the

three tiers of government, and road safety. I'm committed to changes in the Development Code to ensure we have a suitable framework to consider community concerns. I would also like to see the state government install a speed/red light camera at Flagstaff Hill Primary School on Black Road to increase the safety of the children.

MARION: Together we've achieved great outcomes for Thalassa including upgrading Flagstaff Community Centre and Happy Valley Sports Park; securing funding for our Northern Forum; progressing the Clarendon Recreation Ground Master Plan, upgrading the Paul Murray Recreation Centre; upgrading lighting, pathways and crossings; and saving our Happy Valley BMX track. But, we have more to achieve together including advocating for upgrades/ crossing at Main Road, Coromandel Valley; continuing the cat containment discussion to protect local wildlife; expanding Coromandel Community Centre; and advocating for further pathway and reserve upgrades.

To continue reading the rest of the interview with Geoff and Marion, visit onkaparinganow.com

Meet Your Council is a series of articles to help you get to know your elected members.





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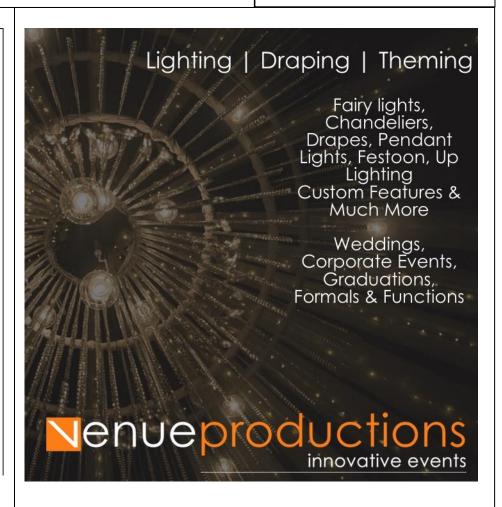
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