



# Cherry Chatter

Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

## HORSE RIDING IN CHERRY GARDENS

Cherry Gardens is a wonderful community to live in, and I feel fortunate to live in such a beautiful area. There are quite a few horse owners in the area too.

Unfortunately, we have a lot of through traffic and some of these drivers are not familiar with the number of horse riders along our roads.

A friend was recently riding her horse along Ackland Hill Road and a driver came alongside her and tooted their horn. Luckily the horse was relatively quiet (although she has been known to have her unpredictable 'mad moments'), so she didn't react very much, however not all horses are as quiet as her, and if she hadn't been as steady as she was on that particular day, a real disaster could have occurred. The horse and/or rider could have been very badly injured, if not killed.



Riding a horse isn't like riding a bicycle. Horses are highly sensitive prey animals, and they are VERY quick on their feet. When threatened, their first instinct is to flee. In some instances, horses have been known to turn and flee INTO oncoming traffic, as happened to a friend of mine a few years ago. The 'attack' may be coming from a bicycle or an E-bike coming up silently behind them, a car tooting its horn, or driving too close to the

horse and rider, motor cyclists who rev their engines as they speed past, or even a runner on the side of the road. Horses don't have the knowledge we have, they are only conditioned by their experiences, and repetition. However, repetition doesn't make it any easier for a horse to accept dangerous situations each and every time.

Unfortunately, Cherry Gardens and Ackland Hill Roads don't have a very wide verge so at times they must ride quite close to the road edge. Fortunately, the majority of motorists will slow down and move as far away as safely possible when passing horses. There are a few (thankfully only a very few) who will speed up, sound their horn, or rev their engine as they drive past. I had an instance of a driver who came so close to my horse he crossed the white line on the edge of the road in what seemed as an attempt to scare my horse, and myself. It worked. Unfortunately, I was so busy trying to get my horse under control I didn't have time to take a photo or get his number.

Having said all that, the majority of motorists are wonderful and understand, and abide by the rules, and as a horse rider, and we horse riders appreciate that very much.

For those who are unfamiliar with the actual rules, below are the Horse-Riding Road Rules from [www.mylicense.sa.gov.au](http://www.mylicense.sa.gov.au)

*Under the Australian Road Rules, a horse is considered a vehicle and therefore is permitted to be ridden on the road. If you see a horse and rider on or near a road you should:*

- *treat the horse as a potential hazard*
- *slow down and, when safe, pass with care*
- *stop your vehicle on the left side of the road and turn off the engine if the horse is unsettled or the rider signals this to you*
- *not accelerate or rev your engine near a horse*
- *not sound your horn or make unnecessary noise*
- *not throw objects or shout at a horse or rider.*

So please watch out for horse riders? They have just as much right to enjoy leisure activities as the rest of you do. Unfortunately sometimes the only place to ride is on the road verge but if everyone follows the rules, we will all be kept safe, and alive. Maybe you can share this information with any friends that drive on country roads and may come across horse riders.

Just in case you were wondering about the rules for giving way on shared use trails. The Give Way rules are:

- bikes give way to horses and walkers
- walkers give way to horses.

Below is a diagram put out by the Horse SA in the Horse Trail Infrastructure Guidelines, and applicable to all shared use trails in South Australia.



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## CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT AUGUST 2021

Rainfall for August 2021	96.4 mm
Rainfall for August 2020	108.4
Average rainfall for August	117.8

Rainfall to the end of August 2021	701.6
Rainfall to the end of August 2020	730.4
Average rainfall to the end of August	659.9

Number days of rain for August 2021	18
Number days of rain for August 2020	20

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### CHERRY GARDENS

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## Cherry Gardens Hall Community Campfire

The Hall committee held the Community Campfire on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> this year, not held last year due to Covid restrictions. We were unsure whether to hold it this year, but decided that we could cancel on short notice if we needed to.

The weather was a bit doubtful, and a shower about 4:30 was not a good sign, but that cleared and we had a cool, dry night thereafter. The Campfire runs from 5pm to 8pm so that people can drop in if they wish, and still have the rest of the evening free.



Attendance was a bit down on previous years, but considering the weather, the Power playing a final and the netball function at the recreation ground, we were happy with the roll up.

For those who were not able to attend, you missed delicious soups made by Adrian, this year a Thai chicken and a cauliflower cheese. Terry made his usual crusty damper to complement the soups. We also had a sausage sizzle, and red and white wine available. Thanks to Body and Tim and the rest of the CFS team who turned up, and brought one of the trucks to the delight of our young attendees. Toasting marshmallows is also always a fun part of the event.



*The CFS truck is always popular.*



*Adrian serving the soup.*



*Terry preparing the damper.*

All things being equal, the Campfire will be an annual event at the hall, and we hope we are also able to hold the Community Dinner about June/July next year. We

have not held the dinner for 2 years. Thanks to those who supported the Hall by attending the Campfire, and we hope to see you at the event next year.

## Laughing Llama Dance and Drama

This group is holding classes at the Hall, and they are going well. Check our Facebook page for more information.



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WEDNESDAYS:  
Little Llamas Ballet:  
20 months - 3.5 yrs 9:40am - 10:25am  
3 - 5 yrs 10:30am - 11:30am  
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Little Llamas Creative Lab (Dance/Drama) 3 - 5 yrs 3:45 - 4:45pm  
[www.laughingllamadanceanddrama.com.au](http://www.laughingllamadanceanddrama.com.au)

## SACFS CHERRY GARDENS

If you would like more information or a visit to the station, please contact Nola (0407 370 002) or Bill (0433 656 803).



Much preparation was recently carried out for a multi-agency training scenario, which was held on a Monday night at the end of August. It was the largest training night the brigade has held and involved Blackwood Country Fire Service (who specialize in road crash rescue for the Sturt Group) and St John Ambulance | SA volunteers. For those that travel past the station you would have noticed a blue car which was used during the training – which certainly looked in poor condition the next morning.

The training scenario was a multi casualty incident between a car and a bus. Cherry Gardens CFS is lucky to have some keen bus collectors in its ranks, so we were able to access the real deal – the bus was probably older than many of the volunteers involved in the training!

The scenario allowed our members to practice their first arrival and vehicle accident response skills, and how to effectively assist a rescue crew with extrication of injured and entrapped persons.

We always prepare for how we would handle a real call out during such an extensive training event. Purely by coincidence, we were paged to a real motor vehicle accident just as the training scenario was unfolding. This necessitated re-stowing the appliances, resetting the

crews and responding, which we did within a few minutes.

Members not required for this call out remained at the station and continued with the training.

The night also gave St John Ambulance volunteers an opportunity to practice triage, patient handling, and first aid in an emergency road crash environment, something that is outside of their usual field of practice.

With a dozen casualties, multiple vehicles, and simulated injuries ranging from cuts and scrapes to spinal injuries and broken bones, there was plenty for everyone to get involved with.



## SACFS AIR OPERATIONS

### Region 1 Air Operations Brigade

**This is the third instalment of the Region 1 Air Operations Brigade history.**

**We have lots of gaps to fill in. Any contributions would be gratefully received, particularly about the period from 2001 onwards.**

**Please email [lenkidd2@internode.on.net](mailto:lenkidd2@internode.on.net) with information or to arrange a discussion.**

In the early days, there was no formal training available. The airbase crews developed and, over time, improved their own procedures.

If the Fire Danger Index was high enough, the aircraft, ordinarily based at Woodside, would be deployed to other airstrips, including Cherry Gardens. The aircraft owners/ operators were primarily responsible for refuelling the aircraft and they would send tankers to the airstrip, usually with only one person to do the refuelling. The airbase crews would assist where necessary in order to reduce turnaround times so the crews became assistant refuellers as well as fire suppressant loaders!

After-dark operations were also conducted occasionally. Brian Geue recalls that, in 1989, the bombers worked into the night to help to control a fire at Scott Creek. A car was positioned at each end of the airstrip to provide take-off and landing lights for the pilots.

The Cherry Gardens crew was the only mobile crew in South Australia. They had mixing and loading equipment permanently at the airstrip and another trailer-mounted set of equipment with which they travelled all over the State, sometimes to provide bomber support for specific fires at which no local crews were available and sometimes to train local crews in bomber support techniques.

This became something of a problem in that the Cherry Gardens Airstrip was under-resourced while the crew was occupied elsewhere. Brian Geue, as Airbase Manager, arranged for Coromandel Valley State Emergency Service to step in to fill the gap. There was some opposition to this but the Coromandel Valley SES leader supported the idea and organized for some SES personnel to be trained in bomber support. The SES team was able to work as a stand-alone unit after a while but still under the general direction of the Cherry Gardens Airbase Manager. On occasions they were sent to Kangaroo Island with Cherry Gardens airbase's mobile equipment to assist with fire control there. The arrangement operated successfully for several years.

The Cherry Gardens crew was also represented in the South Australian team sent to Indonesia in October 1997 as an AusAID Mission to "detect, contain and extinguish all uncontrolled wildfires within a 70 km radius of Kampung on the island of Sumatra." Alexander Downer, then Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs said of the Mission "The Government will be using the South Australian Country Fire Service as the lead agency to deliver this aerial water bombing assistance package. The South Australians have the capacity to mobilise and deploy quickly. They will also provide a comprehensive services package which incorporates essential control/command and support functions, along with actual water bombing aircraft and other required material." Cherry Gardens mobile equipment also went with the mission and local Indonesian firefighters were trained in its use.

## CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

**Contact Ray Wise – President 0405 273 003 or 8383-6011**

*Garden Club Meetings 7.30 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month unless it is a public holiday, in which case it will then be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.*

*Meetings will be held at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall for the remainder of 2021.*

The August Meeting of CGGC was our Annual General Meeting with an excellent turn out, in spite of it being a really cold and misty night. Very pleasingly, the capable



and popular President was re-elected along with the officers and majority of the existing committee. Our equally popular Vice President Melva Bruce stood down to be succeeded by Michelle Walker and our prior Treasurer, Glen Brown stood down from the committee. The evenings display plants were beautiful camellias and an unusual coral coloured Japonica. As per tradition we did not have a speaker but enjoyed a very lively, competitive and interesting garden and plant related quiz. The committee drew up the program and the questions. I for one certainly learnt some interesting facts. Tables of four with interesting and innovative names competed and Team Winter won the quiz by a good margin. Each team member of the winning team received a gift voucher sponsored by either Karkoo Nursery at Blackwood or Sanderson's at Coromandel Valley.

A nice surprise was that in lieu of our pre-Covid suppers, which have been conspicuous by their absence due to Covid regulations, we had a bowl of interesting, sealed, pre-packaged treats placed on each quiz table to be enjoyed whilst seated.

As usual the monthly plant auction featured a good variety of bulbs, herbs, vegetables, annuals and shrub seedlings grown by members. These were sold at ridiculously cheap prices.

### NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. – Megan Bekesi from East Waste will talk on recycling

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. – Prof Chris Daniels will talk on native wildlife. Kangarilla Floral Art and Garden Club will join us on this evening.

### GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2021

It's the middle of spring, the ground is still damp, soil temperatures are rising, and everything just wants to get growing. Now is the time to plant sub-tropical plants like citrus, hibiscus and passionfruit into well prepared soil.

Citrus in particular will benefit from being planted on a raised section of your garden so they don't have to endure soggy conditions through a wet winter. Don't add any fertilizer until they are well established by summer.

Some shrubs you can plant now are camellias, fuchsias, lavenders, viburnums and roses.

For a splash of colour in the summer, old favourites of petunias, asters, celosias, are all reliable.



*Hibiscus*



*Sunflowers*

Sunflowers make a great statement in the summer and need good rich soil and plenty of water to be at their best. There are several varieties you can choose from or take pot luck from seeds found in bird seed.

If you stagger planting of summer veggies you will increase the harvest period considerably and avoid a problem of how to deal with masses of them. Tomatoes are an exception as you can make sauce, preserve or freeze them. Tomato planting can be delayed until the end of the month by nursing them along after potting them into 125mm pots. This will give you time to prepare an excellent site. You can deal with your pumpkins in a similar manner.

Other vegetables to plant include zucchinis, beans, sweet corn, radish, cucumber, capsicum, and lettuce.

### OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Spring is almost here, isn't it great? Much shedding of coats, which means lots of grooming and we all love that! It also means lots more weeds coming through and

lovely, tasty grass. Do be looking out for any signs of founder (laminitis), and heat, too much standing around (more than is normal) and paying attention to how the horse is standing. If he is standing with the front slightly in front, that is a sure sign that he is trying to take the weight of the front. The old remedy was to starve the horse, but we now know how important it is to keep the gut ticking over, so it is far better to alter the feed to good quality plain hay. To ensure there is a minimum of sugars in the hay, soaking it for an hour or so will remove that. Make sure the hay is well drained before feeding. Keeping the horse off the green stuff is very important, as it can only take a matter of an hour or two before it has a dangerous effect. A holding area is ideal as long as the horse has company nearby, otherwise he may stress and try to move around too much. Keeping the feet trimmed every two weeks is very helpful to help alleviate pressure. Call the vet too, for medical advice re anti-inflammatories in the early onset.

Early treatment is vital for a quicker recovery.

My other news is the new paddock mate has arrived. In the last month as I predicted I was put in with her first at the end of the first week. We got on very well. Another week in and Oli was introduced (without me present). That also went surprisingly well! Another week went by before we introduced the other mare, as she had been showing a lot of aggression over the fence. But it was well worth the wait, because it was all calm and peaceful, and now all 4 are together in harmony.

Next Bella (a shortening of her race name) was treated by our chiro. Everything was pretty good, except for some sore areas towards her loins. She took the treatment very well and my owners have some ongoing exercise to do with her in the meantime. Next were her teeth. Both front upper molars had old hooks on them which needed to be smoothed off. The upper left molar had a wolf tooth in front of it which was wobbly and tender, so that was removed. This would have caused her some discomfort under saddle, when bridled. Next we checked her vaccinations with the previous owner. Luckily she was up to date with Tata us and strangles and only needed a booster. Have begun some work in hand checking stop, go, slowing, lengthening and park.

Things we have learnt in the last month about her – she has, like many TB's, extreme separation anxiety. This will be an ongoing work in progress as we gradually habituate her to movement of other horses (especially away from her). In the beginning she was difficult to catch, she now walks up to us. For the first 3 days she refused a carrot. That has changed! She is good to tie up and have her feet handled (the trimmer is due next week), she loves a groom which helps in the bonding process. She was very good to worm. We used Equest on all of them. Not the ideal time of year to worm, but better than not at all, as we will be getting a worm count done as well. Another plus is that she appears (so far) to have a lovely quiet temperament.

That's all for now, my dinner is on its way!

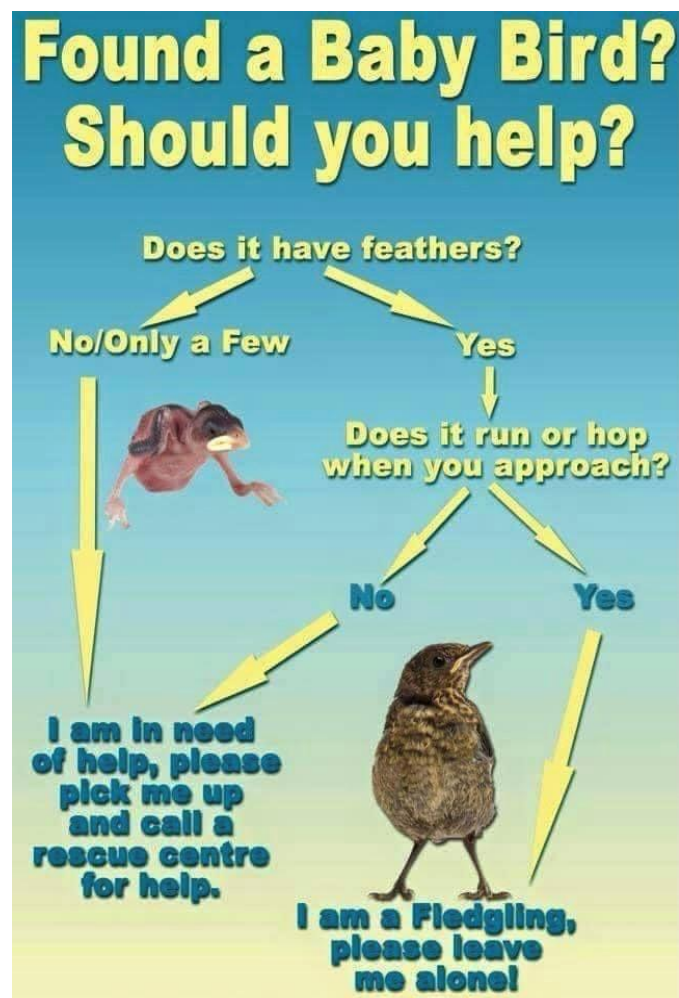
Safe riding everyone, Hamish

Have you found a baby bird? Here's some good advice with regard to some species that spend time on the ground after leaving the nest. Particularly magpie, blackbird, turtle dove and minor fledglings. Most are 'pest' species except the magpies.

Parrots, honey eaters and lorikeets don't spend time on the ground at this stage so if they are down they have an injury or are unwell and need assistance. Minton Farm can assist you to rehab birds and return them back to their homes if appropriate.

We can offer advice with all wildlife enquires and provide support for you. Call Bev on 0422938439 or Glenn on 8270 1169. Happy to assist where.  
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Are you and your loved ones ready for the fire season?



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**Bradbury CFS, Ironbank CFS, Cherry Gardens CFS and Mylor CFS**  
invite you to attend a free  
**FAMILY BUSHFIRE READY COMMUNITY DAY**

At Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground,  
658 Ackland Hill Road Cherry Gardens  
*(corner of Ironbank & Cherry Gardens Road)*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 from 11.00 – 2.00pm**

We welcome you and your family to attend our  
Be Bushfire Ready Day and say hello to your local Brigades

- 5 Minute Bushfire Survival Plan
- Emotional preparedness
- How to use a fire extinguisher & fire blanket
- Learn about pumps & maintenance
- Bushfire Survival Kits
- Farm Firefighting Units
- What is a bushfire safer place
- What you can do on a high fire danger day

Enter the free raffle to win – a Bushfire Survival Kit  
Enjoy a **free** sausage sizzle, drinks for purchase at the Clubrooms  
Kids activities & Smokey the Koala

Use camera to scan



For further information contact: Natasha Huber SACFS Community Engagement Officer  
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South Australian  
**COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE**



# CHERRY CHURCH

Cherry Gardens Church  
87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens

Services held on Sundays at 9.30am  
Chairperson: Rob Linn 0407971650



*'See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.'*

Matthew 6: 28-29

Spring is an amazing time. It is as though the natural world is determined to be seen after months of dormancy. Buds and blossoms appear and, in garden beds, bulbs throw up a brilliant array of shapes and colours.

All around us are reminders of the resurgence of life. Even in the midst of most difficult situations, the flowing sap and new growth is irrepressible.

Throughout the Bible there are many references to the natural world and the emergence of new life. They are often given as reminders that out of difficulty and dark times God provides a renewal of hope and love. That is the central story of the death and resurrection of Jesus – a renewal of hope, love and life for all people.

As a place of Christian worship, the Cherry Church and its lively congregation welcomes everyone to drop in. Sunday morning worship is held each week at 9.30 am, followed by a cup of tea. Please come and join us, we'd love to see you.

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## FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



The Friends group is running to a pretty regular routine again now post-fire, with activities split between the burnt and unburnt sections of the park.

We have targeted specific parts of the burnt area, where we know that there will be follow-up required after mature plants have been treated by our volunteers in the past, and we have never been short of a weed to pull out. These visits have been mixed in with activities back in the unburnt western part of the park, where we mustn't forget to keep on top of weeds growing there.

Bird banding has been quite variable too, with generally lower numbers banded within the fire scar, which is to be expected. There have, however, been some pleasant

surprises, like netting a Superb Fairy-wren close to the centre of the burn area near Mount Bold Road, which had previously been banded there the year before. Where this little bird managed to find cover to survive the fire is a real puzzle.

We also ran one of our most successful bird banding days in the unburnt part of the park near Frith Road, netting 53 birds on the Saturday, but with only three the following day. The highlight was 28 Red-browed Finches flying into one of the nets all at the same time.

The Friends group has special permission from NPWS to run our activities in the eastern burnt sections of the park, but these still remain closed to the public, with walking now permitted in the unburnt part of the park west of Dorset Vale Road.

Anyone wanting to find out more or help out, 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.

### October

Tue 5	Bushcare
Sun 10	Bushcare
Sat, Sun16, 17	Bird banding
Sat 23	Bushcare
Sat, Sun30, 31	Bird banding



*Volunteers hand weeding Montpellier Broom seedlings in one of the burn areas.*



*Red-browed Finch, 28 of these little birds flew into one of our nets at bird banding at the same time.*



## PETITION

Regarding the condition of Main Road between Black Road and Cherry Gardens Road.

Recently the Mayor of Onkaparinga Council, Erin Thompson, held a public meeting at the Hall regarding the condition of the road surface and safety for users of Main Road between Cherry Gardens and Black Road. Cherry Chatter has brought this issue up in previous editions of the newsletter.

Some residents along Main Road have asked Cherry Chatter to assist with a petition. In the last week we have received a draft of the petition from the mayor and are currently ensuring it will meet the requirements for presentation to the state parliament.

Stay tuned and if you want to sign the petition it should be out and about soon.

The Editor

## CHERRY GARDENS HISTORY PHOTOS



*Cherry Gardens Cricket Team circa 1893*



*Cherry Gardens Cricket Team*

*Premiers in Hills Cricket Association A Grade (1950's)*

*Back row: Malcolm Dunn, Reg Frith, Ross Coats, Fred Makin (Capt),*

*Andy Frith, Gilbert Stone, John Lewis*

*Front row: Ray Dunn, John Coats, Ron Brumby, Bevan Mahar, Max Ricks*

## CITY OF ONKAPARINGA – GEOFF EATON - THALASSA WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2021

City of Onkaparinga Australia Day Awards  
Nominations

These annual awards recognise local individuals and groups who have made significant and/or outstanding contributions to our community.

Citizen of the Year  
Young Citizen of the Year  
Little Hero of the Year  
Sportsperson of the Year  
Community Event of the Year  
Active Citizenship

The awards will be presented on Australia Day, 26 January 2022.

Nomination forms (including eligibility criteria) will be available at our council offices, libraries and online at [www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com)

Nomination forms should be forwarded to:  
Australia Day Awards  
City of Onkaparinga  
PO Box 1  
Noarlunga Centre SA 5168  
or by email to [mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au).

Nominations close on **Friday 19 November 2021**.

## Mayor's - Design Our Christmas Competition

Design our Christmas card and show us what Christmas in the City of Onkaparinga means to you.

Primary school students are invited to enter the Mayor's Christmas Card competition for a chance to win \$100 in art supplies with the winning designs featuring on our 2021 City of Onkaparinga Christmas Cards.

Entries are open to primary school students in the following categories:

Reception – Year 1  
Years 2-3  
Years 4-7

Entry forms are available at libraries, community centres and on our website:

<https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Council/Awards-and-competitions/Mayors-Christmas-Card-Competition>

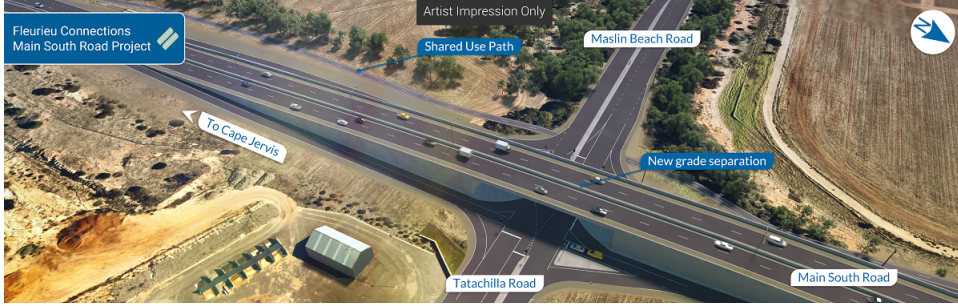


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## DESIGNS REVEALED FOR MAIN SOUTH AND VICTOR HARBOR ROAD DUPLICATIONS

Final designs for the duplication of Main South and Victor Harbor Roads have been revealed, with the project aiming to boost road safety and tourism, and cut travel times.

The \$560 million Fleurieu Connections project, jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments, will be completed in two stages, with works expected to begin by the end of the year and due to be completed in 2024.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) says the project will result in safer and faster journeys for motorists and provide a vital boost for local tourism, communities and support hundreds of jobs each year during construction.

### A ‘welcome investment’

“We welcome this investment in our region to improve safety along Main South Road and Victor Harbor Road, and the upcoming planning study for more works along Victor Harbor Road,” said City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson.

“The grade separations at the intersections of Tatachilla Road/Maslin Beach Road and Main South Road/Port Road are big wins for our communities and will improve road safety and congestion at these increasingly used intersections.

“The final design solutions provide opportunities to integrate with City of Onkaparinga’s diverse trail network, benefiting cyclists, walkers and other users of these fantastic spaces, whether for commuting, recreation or tourism.

“We’ll continue working with DIT and the community as the additional stages and

design work progresses, to improve road safety, congestion and travel times, and to ensure a coordinated approach to road and transport planning with the Renewal SA development in Aldinga.”

Mayor Thompson also said there were areas of the project that needed continued focus and consideration, including:

- balancing the need for safety with the operations of the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority and Resource Co
- an underpass for shared use trail users at Flour Mill Road, Aldinga, which would improve safety for trail users, who’ll be forced to cross Main South Road
- the realignment and connection of Aldinga Beach Road and Aldinga Road to create a single intersection, which may provide another opportunity for DIT to improve road safety
- consideration for ratepayers on the costs to renew and maintain council infrastructure, including connecting roads, that may be impacted by this project
- development of Stage 2 of the Main South Road upgrade to ensure it meets the needs of the southern communities including Sellicks Beach
- accessibility impacts for motorists who currently turn right at Aldinga Beach Road to head south on Main South Road.

### More information

Go to [dit.sa.gov.au/fleurieu\\_connections](http://dit.sa.gov.au/fleurieu_connections)

### Main South Road – Stage 1

Stage 1 focuses on the duplication of Main South Road, from Seaford to Aldinga, including a grade separation (overpass) at the intersection of Tatachilla Road and Maslin Beach Road, a grade separation at the intersection of Port Road, and a dual lane roundabout at the Main South Road and Aldinga Road junction.

### Main South Road – Stage 2

Stage 2 of the upgrade will be from Aldinga to Sellicks Beach, with a ‘2+1’ lane road layout and associated road treatments that address safety issues and future capacity of Main South Road. A ‘2+1’ lane road layout consists of two lanes in one direction and one lane in the other, alternating every few kilometres.

Further design work will be undertaken over the coming months to develop the design for Stage 2. There will be an opportunity for community to provide input once the design has been developed.

### Victor Harbor Road

Victor Harbor Road, between Main South Road and the McLaren Vale turn off, will be duplicated with additional safety treatments along Victor Harbor Road (including an overtaking lane at Hindmarsh Valley).

In addition, a planning study to investigate the preferred solution for Victor Harbor Road between Main Road, McLaren Vale and Tatachilla Road and to Willunga Hill will be undertaken.

### Information sessions

Meet the project team, learn more about the detailed design and ask any questions at the upcoming drop-in, community information sessions.

- Wednesday 6 October  
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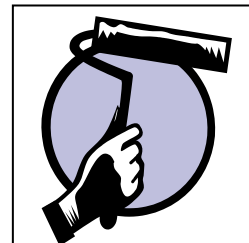
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