

December 2021 #329



*Christmas
Greetings*
from a bunch of
GOOD AUSTRALIANS

The Cherry Chatter Crew

Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

SACFS CHERRY GARDENS



After another year with the challenges that COVID-19 presented, it is great to arrive at December with all the activities and time with family and friends that normally occur. We have had a relatively quiet year since the local fires last January and the Brigade is in a good position this summer to deal with such an event again if required. No doubt a lot of learnings – both good and unexpected – came from those couple of days last January.

During the 2015 Sampson Flat fires, data was accumulated from the residents who were impacted by this event. Being actual observations made by people in the affected communities gives a meaningful insight into what to expect if another full-scale fire were to impact Cherry Gardens. Here is a summary of what was learned under various headings –

What worked? CFS attendance and assistance on the ground and in the air/ Having a Bushfire Survival Plan and doing the preparation work required/ Having lots of fire fighting water /Having a defensible space/ Help from neighbours/ Having a good fire pump/ Having a generator/ Protecting important infrastructure like tanks, pumps, pipes, hoses etc.

What didn't work Relying on electric pumps when the power failed/ Not checking fire fighting equipment pre-season/ Leaving cars close to buildings and not in a clear space/ Having wood piles close to sheds etc./ Pipes and fittings melting which had not been buried.

Oh # moments Inability to refill storage water tanks/ Seeing a spot fire start/ Seeing embers falling all around and on everything/ Forgetting how things worked/ Power dropped out due to fire melting an outside power point/ Running out of fuel/ Realizing melted pipes etc. had compromised my ability to defend the property/ Wind changes/ Realizing there was too much to do at once.

How did you feel during/about the fire? Scared (before and during the fire)/ Tired/ Emotionally exhausted/ Wondering when it all would end/ Frustration at not being able to return home/ Terrible week after the fire with shortages of water, food, phone, power and continuing flare ups and spot fires/ Surprised at the noise/roar of the approaching fire.

Hopefully the above is an insight of issues faced during a fire. To stay and defend is a major decision and it is vital you have the proper resources, emotional strength and have fully prepared your property.

Thank you for all the support this year, Cherry Gardens is a great community. Special thanks go to the Cherry Chatter who have helped with upgrading equipment and all those who donate cans and bottles. The recycle really makes a difference – this year we have again been

able to fund improvements to our equipment and resources.

We hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas with family and friends. As always, if needed the Brigade will be around to assist (just call 000)

See you all next year!

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

See last page for images of Cherry fires January 2021

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CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT OCTOBER 2021

Rainfall for October 2021	75.0 mm
Rainfall for October 2020	95.6
Average rainfall for October	71.7
Rainfall to the end of October 2021	843.6
Rainfall to the end of October 2020	937.6
Average rainfall to the end of October	831.4
Number days of rain for October 2021	15
Number days of rain for October 2020	13



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3 - 5 yrs 10:30am - 11:30am

FRIDAYS:

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.

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CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

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

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

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

Meeting held 11th October 2021

Our guest speaker was Megan Bekesi from East Waste whose area of expertise is recycling. Megan came well supplied with plenty of free copies of several leaflets, stickers and magnets to hand out, giving us important information about recycling.

Megan stressed the environments critical need for us to Avoid, Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Compost and clarified many queries which I for one have had about recycling. One of the best ways to reduce the ridiculous amount of plastic food packaging is to write letters of complaint to the manufacturers

- **Ratepayers are having to pay \$24,000,000 per year through their rates to dispose of broken glass, incorrectly placed in yellow topped recycle bins!** The only solution appears to be a 10c deposit on every glass container so diverting glass to the bottle depots before it gets broken.
- **We all know recycling is critically important for the environment, but isn't it more expensive for Councils to recycle waste than to send it to landfill?** Just the opposite is true in fact. Thousands of dollars involved in ever increasing landfill dumping fees, can be saved by councils when they divert waste to recycling firms, thus avoiding some of the necessity to keep increasing council rates.
- **What is the meaning of the triangular symbols containing a range of numbers which appear on many plastic containers?** Rate payers should not rely entirely on the symbols numbered 1 to 7, which merely indicate the type of plastic used in manufacturing an item, to guide the firms re-using the plastic. Some of them bear no relation to whether they are intended to be placed into the yellow recycling bin at all. Consumers should refer to council guidelines in relation to whether or not to place them in their yellow recycling bin.

- **What is considered as contamination of recyclable products?** Megan stressed that the most serious contamination is actually food or other liquid contamination which can occur if an uncapped, unwashed container which still contains tomato sauce, dishwashing liquid, cooking oil or other household substances is thrown in the recycling bin.
- **What happens when a bin load of contaminated recycled material then contaminates a whole truckload of recycling?** The rest of the items can become coated with tomato sauce either in transit or during the tumbling sorting process. This results in the whole truckload having to be sent to landfill.
- **Are the containers which hold Almond milk, long life milk, stock and other liquids recyclable?** Megan said they are not accepted by East Waste however Onkaparinga Council literature states that UHT containers can be placed in the Onkaparinga recycle bins.

As usual a variety of plants, fruit, vegetables and some eggs were sold for good prices on the members donated plants auction.

NEXT MEETING

Sunday 5th December - Christmas Lunch 11am
Coromandel Community Centre.

Meetings will resume next year on the second Monday of February

George's Gardening Suggestions for December 2021

- Stone fruit harvesting time is just around the corner and the birds and possums know this, so a net over your fruit trees will protect what you have anxiously waited for. There is a move to finer wild-life friendly netting with a mesh size of less than 5x5mm, so if you are in the market for a new net seek out the finer variety (I believe it has become law in Victoria)
- Continue to give those fruit trees a good soak once a week to plump up the fruit.
- Tomatoes and pumpkins need feeding with organic pellet type fertilizer and in addition will benefit from fortnightly applications of a soil activator to get those microbes working for you.
- If you would like some late season tomatoes give Burnley Bounty a try, it is a late season heirloom variety producing medium to large fruit of excellent flavour.
- Sweet corn can still be planted in a block rather than a row to aid pollination. It does best in a sunny open position, and it too responds well to fertilizing and plenty of water.
- Dead head your roses, petunias and daisies to prolong flowering.
- Lawn grubs can be active at this time of the year so watch for dieback and treat with an insecticide specifically for lawns.

- With the festive season upon us often our potted plants are neglected so don't forget to water on a regular basis and to liquid feed as well. If you find some have been neglected, they should be soaked in a bucket of water with a seaweed plant tonic added. Some may need to be moved to a cooler spot for the summer.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Here we are moving into summer. Very variable weather, cold, warm, windy and rainy. Weeds and grasses thriving. Hay to be cut and shedded. Paddocks to be

slashed, out with the whipper snipper and maybe the sprays. Mostly rugs are off, cleaned and stored and then there is a cold snap. Horse owners are always busy! Many weeds can be hand pulled, but as the ground dries out this becomes a soul-destroying task. There is always another way. An old chaff bag, a pair of secateurs and you can at least cut the heads of weeds such as dock so that they don't come to seed. Slashing is another option. Cross grazing works too, it all depends on the personal situation, lifestyle and time available (usually not enough!). If the paddocks are in a really bad state, then the long-term solution may be to agist in the meantime, poison the paddock, get a soil test done and completely reseed. It sounds pretty drastic, but it is a long-term solution and the inconvenience does pay off.

The sudden growth of grasses also means keeping an eye on the horses' weight, especially in the hills. Strip grazing, cross grazing and supplementing with good quality meadow hay are all methods which can be used. If a horse really needs to be restricted, then absolute ad lib access to dry hay is essential. Fresh water, a companion and regular exercise are also essential. On the hotter days, access to shade will also be needed. Don't forget too, if the horse is restricted, to keep his smaller area clean from manure. In the natural situation, horses will not choose to eat over and over in the same area. They move on to unused grasses, thus reducing risk of worms and keeping up their need for movement. It doesn't take long for a small area to become covered in manure, so keeping it clean is good horse management. My new paddock mate has not done much at all in the last few weeks. The hoof trimmer was a bit too enthusiastic and she has been quite sore. She is a thoroughbred and although she has quite nice hooves, they are not that robust. That combined with all the other farm chores has been ideal for giving her a break anyway. For myself, still keeping that weight under

control and having some light regular exercise ensures my quality of life.

Clean water, clean paddocks, adequate good quality feed and paddock mates – what more could a good horse want? I am a happy boy.

Until next month, Hamish

CHERRY CHURCH

Cherry Gardens Church
87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens

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



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9: 6 NIV

For many in Australia, their earliest childhood memories revolve around Christmas – lessons and carols; family gatherings; the giving of presents; and food. These celebrations have been enjoyed by countless generations. As wonderful as these memories are, Christmas offers us far more.

The birth of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection are, for Christians, the centrepiece of all history. For them, Christmas is more than just a holiday, or a family festival, it is a time to thank God for humbling himself by taking on the clothing of humanity and bringing people forgiveness for their wrongs and a path to true freedom.

And Christmas is also a time to think of others in the world who don't share in our very fortunate culture – for those who have suffered under the long-running effects of covid-19; for those in countries split by war; for those who have been affected by natural disasters; and for those in our own land who live in dire poverty.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for the many mercies God has given us in Australia and enjoy Him to the full.

We plan to offer to the community a Family Carol Service in the week or so prior to Christmas to which all are welcome. Further details on these Carols will be available in the next few weeks. We would love to see you there! See flyer below.

The service on Christmas Day will be held at 9.30am. Please note that we will not be having a service on Sunday 26 December.

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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FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

With the really good news of Christmas for everyone Kids & others



(Dai Woolridge & Emma Randall, *The Really Good News of Christmas*, The Bible Society)

**To be held in the Cherry Gardens
Church grounds
Tuesday, 21 December 7 – 8 pm**

*Everyone is welcome.
Please bring your own chairs and rugs to sit on.
We would love to see you there.*

**FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK
CONSERVATION PARK**



Our AGM was held at Cherry Gardens CFS in November, and following a brief overview of the last twelve months, we were treated to a talk by Jason Tyndall, General Manager of Nature Play SA, about his time with the Friends group and his book *Where the Birds Sing and Wildflowers Dance*. Jason dedicated the book to our inaugural president, Tom Hands, who was an important inspiration to his life working in conservation and the environment.

We remind people that the park east of Dorset Vale Road is still closed to the general public, but the Friends group has received special permission to undertake their scheduled activities in the burnt area.

Replacement of damaged fencing and other infrastructure is taking place at present, and will hopefully be completed by December. Check the National Parks and Wildlife Service South Australia website for up to date information on the park closure <https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/scott-creek-conservation-park>.

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 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.

December

Sat, Sun 4, 5	Bird banding
Tue 7	Bushcare
Sun 12	Bushcare
Sat, Sun 18, 19	Bird banding
Sat 25	Christmas



A Southern Brown Bandicoot in the park near the edge of the January fire.



GEOFF EATON – THALASSA WARD COUNCILLOR
UPDATE NOVEMBER 2021

City of Onkaparinga Bushfire Preparation Activity

With the bushfire season approaching, Onkaparinga residents are being urged by the SA Country Fire Service to prepare their homes, properties and families before it's too late. Find out more here:

<https://www.onkaparinganow.com/News-listing/bushfire-ready-october>

I had the pleasure of attending the CFS Bushfire Ready information session at the Ironbank Cherry Gardens oval on Sunday 31 October 2021. A very informative event and I congratulate the CFS for putting this event on. To the residents of this area, you reside in a lovely part of our region but there are significant risks that can be mitigated through the process of understanding those risks and mitigating them through being responsible residents. Having your plan and acting early in all situations.

Community Survey 2021 Scheduled to Go Live

Since 2009 the City of Onkaparinga has regularly

surveyed our community to understand what you think about living in the region, and obtain valuable insights into your wellbeing. These insights help inform our important strategic documents, such as our Community Plan and Annual Business Plan. It collects demographic information and asks questions on a series of topics to gather longitudinal data. Each time this survey is conducted we try to keep the questions as similar as possible to previous surveys, with a few exceptions, which are designed to inform our strategic planning. This year, questions about climate change, waste and libraries have been included. Council are also keen to understand the local impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across all topics in the survey, and whether this has significantly changed what is important to our community. While there won't be specific questions on COVID 19 impacts it is hope to measure things such as attendance at parks, playgrounds, reserves and usage of our community services.

The survey will be open from 16 November to 7 December and will be supported by a comprehensive promotional campaign including social media, roadside banners, posters at council facilities and direct emails to stakeholders such as businesses, community groups and schools. Key findings will be provided to the community early next year via YourSay

Shellfish Reef

The marine environment off our coast will get a significant boost and there will be more local tourism and recreational opportunities, with O'Sullivan Beach confirmed as the location for Adelaide's second metropolitan shellfish reef (following Glenelg). Construction of the five-hectare native shellfish reef will be about 500 metres off O'Sullivan Beach, and is expected to begin in late 2021. The Onkaparinga shellfish reef restoration project is a partnership between the state and federal governments, The Nature Conservancy Australia and the City of Onkaparinga and it's a big win for the community. Our community's unwavering support for a shellfish reef in Onkaparinga played a key role in bringing it to O'Sullivan Beach, and it will be a fantastic addition to Onkaparinga's iconic 31-kilometre coastline.

This is a project about ensuring our region's natural environment thrives, and I'm also excited about the recreational benefits and job opportunities associated with the reef.

The new shellfish reef will be more than twice the size of Adelaide Oval and will boost local tourism, grow fish stocks and improve water quality.

It will be constructed using a limestone reef base, with hatchery-raised Australian Flat Oysters to create a flourishing marine environment. "Shellfish reefs provide significant environmental benefits including creating habitat for fish and improved water quality, but they can also provide new recreational and economic opportunities. Shellfish reefs are part of South Australia's natural heritage and were once common

along our coastlines, however, from the late 1800s to mid-1900s the reefs suffered from the impact of overfishing, dredging, water pollution and disease.

This project is part of The Nature Conservancy's larger national shellfish restoration program that aims to rebuild 60 shellfish ecosystems across Australia. If achieved, Australia will be the first nation in the world to have recovered a critically endangered marine ecosystem.

City of Onkaparinga Grant Approvals

August/September/October have been very busy with my participation on our community grant assessment panels. It has taken quite a lot of time but I find it a great experience in gaining a greater knowledge of what is occurring across the council area. This is the third year I have participated on these assessment panels and I encourage community groups/businesses in Thalassa ward to apply when future rounds occur:

Below is a list of the grants and which elected member participated on them.

- Major Festivals - Cr Eaton
- Community Events – Cr Eaton
- Small Equipment Purchases – Cr Eaton
- Community Development Programs – Cr Eaton
- Community Land and Facility Improvements – Cr de Graaf
- Environment and Sustainability – Cr Brown
- On Business – Cr Eaton
- Arts – Crs de Graaf & Eaton.

For further details in respect to which groups sought grants please go to the Council meeting website agenda for the Strategic Directions Committee for Tuesday 2 November.

Port Noarlunga Jetty 100-Year Celebrations Program

A three-day celebration is to be held by the Port Noarlunga Business and Tourism Association between 10-12 December to commemorate the jetty's centenary. The colourful events across the festival, supported by the City of Onkaparinga, will showcase how the community has used the jetty through the decades. The event is greatly supported by community involvement with spirit and love for the jetty. It will be a great event to attend with family and friends so please put it in your calendar and for those of us in the north of our City, please "Go south as it is local".

Disclaimer

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

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FOOTBALL CLUB

On the 9th of November we had a successful AGM. We heard some great reports from the various key people in our Footy Club. The following reports were presented:

Moddies Report

- Junior Teams Report
- Senior Women's Report
- Senior Men's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report

We also had the Election of our Committee. Our Committee for 2022 is below:

- President - Brandon Chaplin
- Vice President - Don Watton
- Secretary - Bec Wilson
- Treasurer - Julia Deed
- Football Director Women's - Yuri Obushak
- Football Director Men's - Craig Lidstone
- Junior Teams Director - Rob Keen
- Moddies Director - Kerry Hughes
- Social Media - Fern Van Loon
- Social Events - Josh Rosman
- General Committee - Daryl Sowerby
- General Committee - Bernie Hegarty

We believe we have a great Committee with a great mix of ages and gender.

Special Thanks to Nigel Downes for his outstanding service as Treasurer for the past 5 years.

We also discussed the need for Trainers for all of our Teams - Men, Women, Juniors.... Footy is a brutal sport and injuries do occur. We need our people to help out to encourage injury prevention as well as provide assistance, wisdom, and care in certain situations. It is vital work and it is very rewarding to help out one of our own when injury strikes.

If you think you could help - the Club will cover the costs for getting the training you need to become a Trainer. No doubt becoming a trainer requires some sacrifices but there are plenty of benefits in being a key part in the action of a Footy match.

There are specific training courses available, and the club will pay for these courses.

Finally, keep your eyes and ears open for news about Sponsorship for 2022, Season Launches and pre-season Training!

Brandon Chaplin

OUR ROAD TRIP TO DARWIN

Our long-awaited family road trip to Darwin finally happened at the start of September and despite all the COVID-19 chaos and with half the country in lock down we were so fortunate to finally hit the road.

Our adventure began when we picked up our large motorhome from Croydon, packed the van with enough supplies to go around Australia twice and then started heading north.

First stop Port Augusta where we spent our first night in our (surprisingly) comfortable motorhome then up early and off to Coober Pedy. Our first bucket list item was ticked off when we stayed in an under-ground house then off to the obligatory Opal Mine.

Next stop the SA / NT border - which was a relief to cross after all the border restrictions - and then an overnight stay at Kulgera.

Off we went to tick off the next bucket list item - Uluru - which was just spectacular and everything we imagined it to be. A few days spent there to enjoy the sunset, a sun rise and all the culture that goes with it and where hubby and son learned to play the diggerdoo. Just amazing!

Then we were off to Kings Canyon which had beautiful views and a great road house / pub before heading to Alice Springs. This was a big reason for our trip actually as we finally got to go to the Red Centre Nats - which was perfect timing for hubby's birthday and Father's Day. This has been on our wish-list for a very long time and for all the rev heads out there it was definitely worth the trip.



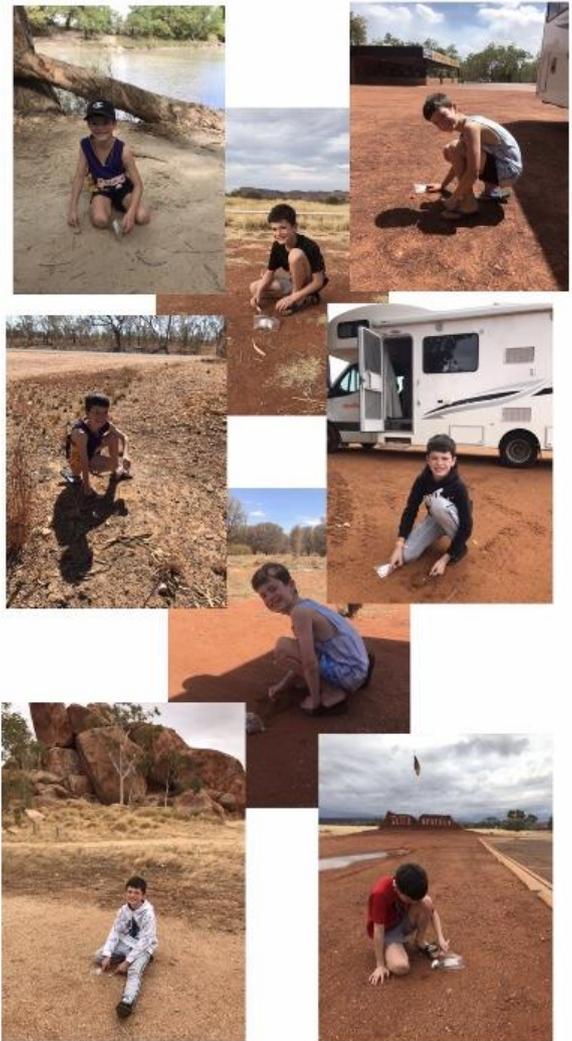
The next couple of days were spent driving and visiting Tennant Creek (eek!), Devils Marbles, Banka Banka and Daly Waters (which has an awesome pub) and where we finally got our first taste of some warmer weather.

Then on to beautiful Mataranka and Bitter Springs to tick off the next bucket list item - swimming in a natural thermal pool. Just stunning and an experience of a lifetime.

We continued our drive north and saw Katherine, Pine Creek (which has an amazing caravan park) and Jabiru before arriving at Kakadu. Seeing crocodiles in the wild at Cahill's Crossing was a real highlight.

Off to Cooroboree for the night, then Humpty Doo for a pub lunch before arriving in Darwin. We finally made it and were lucky enough to spend the next week there with family friends where we enjoyed every bit that Darwin had to offer. More swimming in natural pools and under waterfalls, seeing crocodiles, visiting the

Aviation Museum, witnessing the amazing Mindil Beach sunset and markets.....and a *heap* of shopping.



So, after 3 weeks, travelling almost 4,500kms, enjoying several caravan parks and pubs along the way it was sadly time to come home. We flew out of Darwin airport at 2am with plenty of excess baggage, some sunburn, thousands of photos and every intention of going back.

It was most certainly the trip of a lifetime and one that we'll remember forever; so if you haven't done the trip up through the red centre then definitely put it on your bucket list as we couldn't recommend it enough.....and for those that have been I hope this brings back some great memories.



... and as for the pictures this is the result of my son Jayden's travel project where he collected some dirt or sand at every location we travelled to. It's just beautiful and this along with the travel journal he kept is a reminder of all the wonderful places we went to and the memories we made.

Kerry Hughes



SA'S LARGEST RECYCLING FACILITY OPENS IN ONKAPARINGA



The City of Onkaparinga is now home to South Australia's largest yellow-bin recycling facility.

Onkaparinga's recycling trucks no longer have to drive far once they've picked up your yellow bin.

South Australia's largest household recyclables facility was officially opened at Seaford Heights in November, with the Southern Materials Recovery Facility (SMRF) now able to process 60,000 tonnes of yellow-bin recyclables each year.

This means the recycling from more than 360,000 residents across southern Adelaide is now being processed locally, benefiting ratepayers, the local economy and the environment.

The state-of-the-art 4400m² SMRF deploys world-leading advanced screening and optical sorting technologies for cardboard, plastic and glass, and has been designed to meet the highest standards of recycling purity to ensure nothing goes to waste.

The facility employs 18 full-time staff with senior employees requiring advanced

manufacturing skills to use its cutting-edge technologies.

The SMRF is Australia's first major materials recycling facility designed to meet the Council of Australian Government's Export Ban requirements, ensuring waste is processed and reused in Australia rather than being shipped overseas.

It's a joint initiative of Australian recycling specialist Re.Group and the Southern Region Waste Recycling Authority (SRWRA)—a joint subsidiary of Onkaparinga, Holdfast Bay and Marion councils.

The joint venture makes this the first Australian materials recycling facility to be developed through this type of public-private partnership.

A \$5.35 million federal government Community Development Grant allows the facility to not only process recycling from the three councils, but also service neighbouring councils and commercial businesses.

City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson said the facility's opening was a historic day for Southern Adelaide residents and the South Australian recycling sector.

"Having a local facility to process recyclables is a far cry from the volatile landscape of a few years ago, when councils were reliant on

external recycling companies and overseas buyers," she said.

"More than 360,000 residents in SA now have the confidence that their yellow-bin recyclables are being processed locally—bringing down costs, creating jobs and, when the facility's capability increases, being reused in council projects.

"They can also be confident we're closer to achieving our vision for a recycling circular economy, and tackling the challenges of climate change head-on."

The SMRF joins a renewable energy hub next door at SRWRA's emission-neutral landfill site, which combines solar power and bio-gas to generate enough electricity annually to power more than 4400 local homes.

A second stage of the SMRF will be built soon thanks to \$3.14 million in joint South Australian and Australian Government funding via the Recycling Modernisation Fund.

This will help install additional innovative optical and robotic sorting systems to further improve the quality of recovered materials, with the potential for recycled glass to be used in council road and civil construction projects.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPERATING HOURS

Our services and availability will be temporarily affected from Friday 24 December to Monday 3 January. For all closure details visit onkaparingacity.com/christmas





YOUR SAY

WHAT SHOULD THE FUTURE OF ONKAPARINGA LOOK LIKE?

The City of Onkaparinga's community survey is now open, and all residents are encouraged to have their say about what's important to them. The survey covers a wide range of topics including parks and reserves, sport and recreation, the environment, arts, cultural diversity and heritage, health services and community connections.

The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete and your responses will provide valuable insights that will help us to plan for the future of our region.

SURVEY CLOSING TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER

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Make Christmas special for children living in our city by donating to the

ONKAPARINGA Christmas Tree

Donate at any of these locations:

- Noarlunga Council Office • Aldinga Library
- Aberfoyle Hub Library • Woodcroft Community Centre



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9 December**

For more information phone 8384 0666 or email mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

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CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

Show your support for our local Onkaparinga businesses and find a gift for a friend or loved one in our guide. Check out the special offers and discounts today!



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#GoSouthGoLocal

ONKAPARINGA Summer

City of Onkaparinga's annual celebration of summer is back, with pop-up events happening along Onkaparinga's foreshore and coastal areas.

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