

Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

HISTORY OF THE CHERRY GARDENS MEMORIAL HALL

CHERRY GARDENS MEMORIAL HALL FOR HIRE

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At a public meeting in August 1945, the community of Cherry Gardens decided to erect a public hall as a Memorial to those who served in the 1939 – 1945 war. Land was donated by Mr and Mrs K J Edwards, who lived on land bordering what was then Main Road, now Cherry Gardens Road.



The Hall was constructed of a steel framework, walls of reinforced concrete blocks, galvanized iron roof and a jarrah floor. Local residents donated much of the material used, and also provided the labour free of charge to construct the Hall under the guidance of a bricklayer and a carpenter.

The opening of the Memorial Hall was performed by the then Premier of South Australia, the Hon Thomas Playford (later Sir) on Saturday March 26th 1956.

Later the Hall was extended and a foyer, toilets and verandah were added, again by local labour, and with monies raised by the community. Later the kitchen area was extended and fully equipped to meet modern standards.

A more recent addition to the Hall is the pergola, which was partially funded by a grant from the Premier, Mr John Olsen in 2001/2002. This was again constructed by voluntary help from members of the Table Tennis Club, members of the Hall and the committee with supervision (whose time was donated) of a licensed builder.

Even more recently, the Committee received a grant from the Onkaparinga Council to add a storage room attached to the back of the hall. Most of the technical work was carried out by local retired builder Peter Tree, who also donated his time, and the Hall Committee worked under his direction on the project. The attached photos show the removal of the old attachment, which was in poor condition.



Removing the old attachment.

Over recent years the committee has also had the roof replaced, which was the original 1956 roof, replaced the refrigeration and had the jarrah floor resurfaced.



Replacing the roof

The Hall belongs to the Community of Cherry Gardens, and is one of only a small number of Halls in the Onkaparinga Council area which is not Council owned. This means the Committee, comprised of local people, is responsible for the maintenance, upgrade, insurance and all other aspects of ensuring the hall is available for hire or for other uses. The Onkaparinga Council provides an annual Maintenance Grant to assist with these costs. The Hall is made available for the Anzac Day Breakfast, and the Cherry Church Christmas Carols.



The Anzac Day Breakfast at the Hall

The Committee organises a number of functions during the year to provide an opportunity for the community to come together. Although Covid has affected these over recent times, we hope to again arrange the Community mid-year dinner and continue the Community Campfire. Over recent months we have started a monthly Community Happy Hour, held on the last Sunday of each month from 4:30pm, on a BYO basis. The photo attached is the group who attended our first such function in March.



The first Community Happy Hour group

We encourage locals to attend this monthly event, meet other locals, and have a look at our beautiful Hall. The front room has a number of photographs of the construction of the Hall, as well as a host of photos showing the history of the district and its people.

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CHERRY CHATTER COMMITTEE MEETING – JUNE 2023

OPEN MEETING

The June meeting of the Cherry Gardens Community Association will be an OPEN MEETING where anyone is welcome to attend.

It will be held at the Recreation Ground Clubrooms on Wednesday 7th of June at 7.30pm.

Please bring something to drink, a plate of nibbles and come and meet your current committee.

For more information, please email cherrychatternews@gmail.com

CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL MARCH

Rainfall for April 2023	70.8 mm
Rainfall for April 2022	20.0
Average rainfall for April	71.0

Rainfall to the end of April 2023	186.1
Rainfall to the end of April 2022	87.2
Average rainfall to the end April	166.9

Number days of rain for April 2023	16
Number days of rain for April 2022	7

ANZAC DAY 2023

The ANZAC Day ceremony held at the Cherry Gardens Soldiers Memorial Gardens at 8.30am on the 25th of April, 2023 was well attended with an estimated 120+ people there. We were blessed with a perfect morning, with mild temperatures, full sun, little breeze and no motorbikes zooming by during the service.



Kerry Hughes officiated, with Brandan Chaplin presenting a very emotional reading.



Wreaths were laid by Sue Rudall, on behalf of Rebekha Sharkie, Geoff Eaton on behalf of City of Onkaparinga, the local Moore family's children laid a wreath on behalf of the Cherry Gardens community and Peter Macks laid a wreath on behalf of the Cherry Gardens Community Association. Margaret Jacobs had made her beautiful memorial cross, which she has done for the service every year for many years.

Thank you David Martin for raising the flag.

Thank you to those Cherry Chatter committee members who provided the sound equipment and generator, Anzac biscuits and port.

From comments made on the day, we realise that a few of you were expecting the Anzac Day breakfast at the Hall this year, but unfortunately that was not the case, however we are preparing to get back into the breakfasts again following the 2024 ANZAC Day service.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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CHERRY GARDENS CFS

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



With winter now well and truly in place, we hope everyone is enjoying the colder weather. (Remember Billy Connelly's advice -"There is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes"). Things have been quiet in the Brigade this month, winter is a time for us to consolidate our training, carry out improvements to our capabilities and enjoy a few social functions.

We are a real cross section of the community and this is a good opportunity to show off our 2023 Brigade

photograph. We have many combined skills amongst us, including a Fire and Rescue Professional, Bus Driver, Nurses, Retirees, Office worker, Small Business Owners, Apprentices, Electrician, Dental Professional, Police Officer, Helicopter Maintenance Engineer, Accounts Manager, Musicians, (wannabe Musicians!) Medical Professor, Carpenters and Builders, TAFE Lecturer, IT Professional, Ops Flinders Leader, Priest, paid CFS Officer, Volunteers in a range of other areas, Science Researcher, Tertiary Students, Mums, Dads and Grandparents.



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 June 19th Karan Coombe-Smith is our Guest Speaker, Biodiversity is her topic.

Monday July 10th – Jan Ball our Secretary will talk about Townsville Gardens.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNE 2023

- Weeds are always a problem at this time of the year, poison can be one solution but can have detrimental effects especially near plants that are susceptible to even a sniff of poison. A more environmental solution is to deprive them of sunlight with a mulch, this can be in many forms from sheets of newspaper or cardboard, chopped straw, to woodchips. All of these materials will break down over time but will draw nitrogen from the soil which needs to be replenished in the form of fertiliser applied before you mulch.
- Snails come out in force during winter, I find it quite satisfying to walk around the garden after a shower of rain and squash them all as they slowly move about. Snail bait can be placed inside a piece of pipe where they can find it but is out of reach to pets and native fauna.
- Garden tools can be given some maintenance now, be sure they are quite dry before you sand and oil any wooden handles. Blades can be cleaned with fine steel wool to remove dried sap and then given a coat of lubricating oil, cutting edges may need a sharpen with an abrasive stone.
- If you garden in heavy soil dahlia bulbs should have been lifted after the foliage has died and stored under cover in a dry medium such as sawdust or straw until spring when they can be divided as soon as shoots appear.
- Feed winter greens every fortnight with a soluble fertiliser to keep them moving.
- Copper spray for your stone fruit trees on a calm warm day without the forecast of rain if you can find one!

Garden Club Meeting Notes - 15th April

Our club was invited to the April Kangarilla Garden Club meeting. There is a very strong group of floral artists in their club so we were treated to an hour's entertaining and inspiring floral art demonstration. Monika was amazing to watch.

Monika's forethought, creativity and artistic ability certainly shone through her work. Planning ahead and creating her arrangements visually shows leads to perfection. She continually collects interesting materials such as artistically shaped bark, branches, driftwood, dead Strelitzia leaves, and sea weed. Monika uses

pottery, glass and porcelain containers, some sourced in op shops, and recycling to complement her floral arrangements. Oasis, scrunched wire netting, pin weight holders all assist in placing, shaping and holding the components as she creates unusual forms, shapes and effects. It is most effective to also tie the colours in a pottery vase to the shades or colours of the bark, flowers or leaves. The one which was most effective was Singapore orchids dyed azure to tie in with a swirl of azure in the interestingly shaped pottery vase.

We enjoyed an amazing bring and share supper with such variety due to the higher number of members from the combined clubs. The plant trading table provided a wide choice of plants, and an especially wide variety of unusual bulbs, corms and tubers, ready to be planted in our Autumn gardens.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

In recent years, there has been an increasing awareness of climate change. It affects everyone, even our animals. In previous articles I have discussed rugging, including reasons, types etc. What climate change means (the scientists say) is to expect more dramatic weather events, hotter, drier summers, heavier falls of rain and so on.

Perhaps we need to look more closely how our horses are being rugged and how it affects them. The modern rug is synthetic, light and warm; too warm in many cases. Where this can have a detrimental effect on the horse if when he/she is rugged unnecessarily.

All animals have what is called a thermoneutral zone. This is a temperature range where the animal can maintain its normal temperature without have to expend too much energy. For a human this temperature range ranges between 25-30 deg. Celsius. In horses, this range varies between 5-25 deg. Celsius. It's quite a difference and what this means is that a human will feel the cold well before a horse does. Conversely he/she will feel hot well before the human. If you want to find out if your horse is feeling hot, place your hand just behind the withers (not ears or legs).

When the horse is hot, it affects him physiologically as he struggles to keep cool.

If your horse is overweight, he will struggle to cope with the heat. An underweight horse will struggle more in the cold weather (especially with a chill factor).

Like humans, horses sweat to keep cool. Cooling by evaporation occurs when there is a breeze present (like evaporative air conditioning!). Even a light summer rug will block this natural way of keeping cool, which will increase the horse's core temperature.



The process of digesting food (especially roughage such as hay) produces heat and keeps the horse warm. This can take the place of a rug and is more natural for the horse. So on a colder day, some extra hay will do the job. Going without a rug on a cold, wet and windy day, even with extra hay will mean that extra shelter will be needed. Natural shelters such as trees, shrubs and valleys work well. Man-made shelters work too, although a horse will often choose not use it. It will often be seen that a horse not using a man-made shelter is out there in the weather - but what is he doing? Eating of course, to keep warm.

The older horse such as my good self may struggle in both hot and cold weather, so of course extra rugging may be required in the cold and a gentle hose down on the hotter days.

Don't forget as evaporation causes cooling, there's no need to scrape off the excess water after hosing down!

Remember these are just guidelines, as each horse should be treated as an individual and preferably checked daily for signs of any physical or emotional changes, especially in the older horse.

That's all for this month everyone.

Yours warmly, Hamish

CHERRY CHURCH



Cherry Gardens Uniting Church

87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens

Services held on Sundays at 9.30am – all are welcome

For as long as I can remember, the second Monday in June has been the 'Queen's Birthday' public holiday. We all know that this was not her actual birth date. So does that mean that we will simply keep the same system and call it the 'King's Birthday' public holiday? Perhaps one thing is certain: most people won't greatly care what date it is, as long as we don't lose a public holiday!

Unlike Kings in previous millennia and centuries, King Charles III does not actually have much power or authority. I assume that he would readily acknowledge this. The only power and authority he has is whatever is granted to him by the British Parliament.

In contrast, Christians believe that God is King, that he really is King - 'King over all kings', as it says in the Bible. He has absolute power and authority. He has the

power and *authority* rightly belonging to the *author*, the creator of all.

When people want to know what God is like, one option is simply to look at the marvels of creation - God's creation. But an even better option is to look at Jesus, to consider his life; Jesus shows us what God is like. In the Bible, we see that Jesus had power and authority - power and authority to heal people who were ill, to free people who were spiritually afflicted, even to restore to life people who had died. In his life, and then in his own death and resurrection, Jesus demonstrated God's love for us all and, again, his power even over death.

Surely the only appropriate response from us is to worship God, and to honour him in every aspect of our life.

If you know Handel's 'Messiah', the following words may be familiar to you.

Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he will reign for ever and ever.

King of kings, and Lord of Lords! Hallelujah!

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TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

Cherry Gardens has a team in the Hills Table Tennis Association, playing against other teams from towns in the hills.

The 2023 Table tennis season has started, and the Cherry Gardens team, playing in Division 4, got off to a good start for the first match on 11th May, defeating one of the Basket Range teams (they have 2 teams in our Division) by 8 rubbers to 4.

The promising start may be due to a number of pre-season practice sessions, organised by our team captain, Edie Brooks.

Anyone interested in playing, please contact Edie on 0407 798 418. It is also a great way to warm up on a cold Winter night!

CONNECT RECOVER

Cherry Gardens Ironbank

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



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

ONKAPARINGA COUNCIL REPORT



CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

From Cr GEOFF EATON

ANZAC Day

I attended the Anzac Day Youth Vigil at Morphett Vale on the evening of Monday 24 April with the mayor and fellow councillors and then officiated at the Flagstaff Hill Anzac Day Service run by the Flagstaff Hill Scout Group at Regarno Reserve. It was then off to the Cherry Gardens War Memorial for their Anzac Day Memorial Service, then dropped into the Coromandel Valley Service (which Cr Marion Themeliotis officiated at) on my way to the Clarendon service. There was a large attendance at all these services, and it was great to mix with such a broad range of residents. In reflection on Anzac Day my wife Sue and I attended the Dawn Service at Gallipoli in 2015, one hundred years to the minute that the ANZACs landed on those sacred shores which is an Australian and New Zealander pilgrimage. To walk from Anzac Cove to Lone Pine is another experience as you tread that sacred path on your left and

right are manned Turkish gun emplacements and as you walk past them the soldiers give you a “thumbs-up” demonstrating the respect that has evolved within our three countries.

Free sustainability webinars

A new series of free webinars helping you to live more sustainably will kick off soon, offering tips on improving the energy efficiency of your home in winter (whether you're a renter, homeowner or landlord), buying an electric car, transitioning away from gas and more. The five online events are presented by Renew Australia—a national not-for-profit that inspires, enables and advocates for people to live sustainably in their homes and communities—on behalf of the City of Onkaparinga and 19 other South Australian councils through our regional climate partnerships.

The first free webinar delves into Winter Comfort for Renters on Tuesday 16 May, with the other four webinars being presented from May to July. Each session takes place online in the evening from 6:30pm to 8pm, followed by 30 minutes of question time for the presenters.

Go to www.onkaparingacity.com/sustainable to find a link to upcoming events where you can register for the free webinars, and find a range of other presentations, resources and free and low-cost workshops on a range of topics held across our council region to help you become a little greener.

YOUR SAY - Open Engagements

O'Sullivan Beach Boat Ramp Upgrade (State Govt project, open until works complete)
Port Noarlunga Jetty Maintenance Works (jetty closed 1 May, open until works complete)
Bushfire Preparedness and Resilience (closing June 2024)
McLaren Vale Regional Water Security Strategy – SA Gov project (series of workshops from 1 Feb to Dec 2023)
Go to www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay for more information.

Grant Opportunities are currently available for sharing with your networks.
Please refer to our website.

Disclaimer

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

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From Cr MARION THEMELIOTIS

Helipad - 291 Ackland Hill Rd, Coromandel Valley

The following information has been provided by Planning and Regulatory Services.

Council's Development Compliance officers have conducted a number of site inspections of the unapproved works at 291 Ackland Hill Rd, Coromandel Valley and can confirm that the structures are not complete. Further inspections are scheduled to ensure that occupation is not occurring.

The owners of the property have lodged a retrospective development application (application number 23000021) for assessment by council's planning and building officers and I can confirm that no development approval has been granted for the use of the land for tourist accommodation purposes.

On progression of the application, public notification will be undertaken and residents will therefore have the opportunity to review the development proposal and submit a representation advising of their concerns.

Council rates – Have your say

YOUR COUNCIL RATES – How inflation and property values affect them

www.onkaparingacity.com/yourrates

Do you own a property in the City of Onkaparinga?

Each year, the capital value of your property is set by the state government through the Office of the Valuer General.

We recognise that significant increases in property valuations have had an effect on the amount of rates paid by some residents.

Please visit our website to find out how inflation and your property value affects your council rates. And learn more about our rate capping rebate for residential properties.

All feedback lodged on our Your Say website will be included in a report to the decision makers at council before our annual business plan and budget is finalised.

Community consultation is open until midnight on Monday 15 May 2023.

Find out more and complete our survey www.onkaparingacity.com/yourrates

IMPORTANT

If you're experiencing financial hardship please visit www.onkaparingacity.com/Services/Rates/Rebates

Some people and organisations may be eligible for rate rebates and some seniors may be eligible to postpone payment of rates.

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



CLARENDON UNITING CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

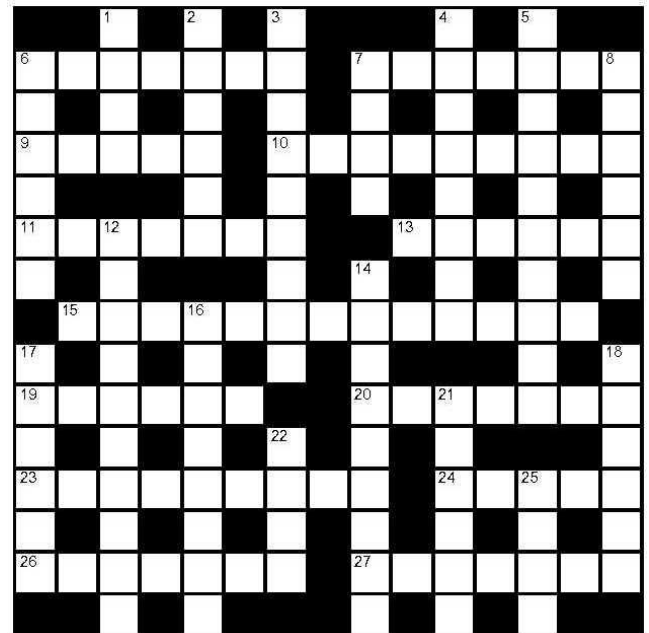
Clarendon Youth Group has finally arrived!
Are you interested in a fun time, games, discussion, videos, food and drinks? Do you want to mix with other youth? Then this get-together might interest you and your friends.
Held monthly on a Sunday night at the Clarendon Church Hall. The Church is the big white building in the main street. No need to bring a thing except enthusiasm.
First meeting will be on Sunday 11th June – 7pm to 8pm
Age group would be for 12 – 19 year olds.
For further information, phone Di on 0437 173 869

MONTHLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

MAY SOLUTION

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JUNE CROSSWORD



Across

- 6 Lack of worldliness (7)
- 7 A monosaccharide sugar (7)
- 9 Farewell (5)
- 10 In a hazardous or delicate situation (informal) (2,4,3)
- 11 Arouse or excite feelings and passions (7)
- 13 A flock (e.g. of geese) (6)
- 15 A clear appearance (13)
- 19 Contaminate with a disease (6)
- 20 A group of four (7)
- 23 The pedal beside the accelerator in your car (4,5)
- 24 Remove the pins from (5)
- 26 (To) go back inside (2-5)
- 27 The unsinkable ocean liner (7)

Down

- 1 Native of New Zealand (informal) (4)
- 2 Expensive caviar (6)
- 3 Something surprising and revealing (3,6)
- 4 Something used to fumigate (8)
- 5 Perhaps the cheapest vehicle for travel on water (6,4)
- 6 A B vitamin (6)
- 7 A movable barrier in a fence or wall (4)
- 8 A cricket team, perhaps (6)
- 12 Unprepared and unable to react quickly (4-6)
- 14 Rules governing socially acceptable behaviour (9)
- 16 Grow under conditions that promote development (8)
- 17 To steal in small quantities (6)
- 18 Foreign or exotic (6)
- 21 A quick and penetrating intelligence (6)
- 22 Free from favouritism or self-interest or bias or deception (4)
- 25 A sharp high-pitched resonant sound (4)

Onkaparinga Now



Finding purpose through service

Bob Shaw may not be a household name, but in the southern community he is a beloved figure.

When he first volunteered for his local community centre in 2002, he had no idea he'd still be helping bring the community together more than 20 years later.

In recognition of this outstanding effort, the 77-year-old retiree was recently presented with the Community Knowledge Broker Award at the Community Centres SA Sector Awards.

The award is designed to celebrate individuals or groups who actively get to know their community and help strengthen it—a description that is certainly fitting.

Bob's journey as a volunteer began after moving to the area to care for his elderly mother. Feeling the need to connect, he attended the Hackham West Community

Centre and thoroughly enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie it offered.

Quickly identifying a need to establish more relaxed and informal spaces where men could go to connect with other men in their community and, drawing on his background as a chef, Bob approached the Seaford Community Centre with an idea.

This is when the Men's Breakfast was born.

Since then, he has been an active ambassador of the program, handling everything from scheduling the monthly breakfasts to ordering stock, cooking the barbecue, arranging guest speakers and the odd excursion, and even washing dishes.

For Bob, volunteering is more than just a way to give back to the community; it's a way of life.

"I've genuinely loved every minute of my time at the community centre," he said.

"It's like an extended family, and thoroughly enjoyable—a joy, never a drag! Plus, you get to meet so many new and interesting people—they're a great bunch!"

Officially retiring from his career as a chef in 2005, Bob found that he had more time and energy to dedicate to volunteering. This not only benefitted the community but also had a positive impact on Bob himself.

To read the full story, visit onkaparinganow.com

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
15-21 MAY 2023
THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

In May we celebrated National Volunteer Week to acknowledge the generous contributions that volunteers make - thank you for being a change maker in your community.

Interested in volunteering? Visit onkaparingacity.com/volunteer



MEET YOUR COUNCIL

South Coast Ward

City of Onkaparinga's South Coast Ward is represented by councillors, Lauren Jew and Paul Yeomans 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?

LAUREN: I love the environment, local people and the diversity of opportunities in our southern community. To be able to influence decisions and protect and advocate for our region motivated me to become an elected member. I have a background in stakeholder engagement and have worked and lived in the South Coast Ward for more than 15 years. I feel I have a good understanding of the strengths, concerns and aspirations of local people.

PAUL: Since retiring, I found it interesting speaking with residents of my community in Maslin Beach about local concerns that I hadn't previously thought about, and decided it was time to put my hand up. Working for SA Police for more than 40 years was experience I thought may serve me well in my aspiration to serve the local community. I also considered my experience working as a detective for most of my career, particularly the last 13 years in management, (I retired as a detective superintendent) provided me with skills in leadership, fiscal management, governance and decision making—all relevant for elected members.

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

LAUREN: My greatest priority is to ensure the voices of our local community are represented and that decisions made are always evidence-based and have the interests of the region at the heart of the outcome. I believe my priorities need to be

in line with local residents' expectations. I've had many discussions with local people about playgrounds, waste, equitable services and infrastructure, footpaths, planning, the environment and transparency. My areas of interest are inclusion, participation, quality services and facilities, sustainability and innovation.

PAUL: I'd like members of our local community to be more aware of the influence our local council has on their daily lives. When you take a walk around the block or visit your local reserve, most of what you see is influenced by local council. I'm also keen for the community to have their say on relevant projects that are designed to improve their living environment, whether that be new or upgraded footpaths, reserves, community centres or roads. The council has considerable debt, and one of my priorities is helping to identify efficiencies and opportunities to reduce spending.

O NOW: Tell us a bit about yourself, your connection to the region, and your passions outside of work.

LAUREN: When I'm not working or performing my council responsibilities, I'm chasing after my three-year-old. I love travelling, and also discovering new places in our region—there are so many. I've always been drawn to volunteering and working in roles to create a more equitable society. I'm a Fellow of the Governor's Leadership Foundation and have been on a number of boards. I want to utilise my knowledge and skills for the benefit of our area.

PAUL: I've been retired for a couple of years now and have lived in Maslin Beach

for more than 20 years. I continue to enjoy swimming, working out in the gym, playing golf and fishing. I think I'm a down-to-earth person, pragmatic, and I look for solutions to problems. I enjoy catching up with friends and visiting wineries, breweries, cafes and restaurants in the region with my partner, Rose. I have three adult children—my eldest is 36, so I'm showing my age—and four grandchildren who are growing up ever so quickly before my eyes.

O NOW: What do you want to hear about from local residents?

LAUREN: I like to think I'm approachable, a connector and responsive. I'm happy for residents, local clubs and groups to contact me on any matter. The more I'm connected with the local community, the better positioned I'll be to fulfil this role.

PAUL: I'm keen to hear the good and the bad. Reflecting on my career, I was always pleased to hear about one of the patrols or investigators doing a good job and I was even more pleased to pass that message on. I'm prepared to advocate on behalf of concerns from the community, particularly if those concerns arise from a public safety perspective or where the use of council resources could be improved. I always adopted an 'open door policy' at work and as such, I will always prefer to hear a grievance from a local resident than not hear about it and let the issue potentially fester.

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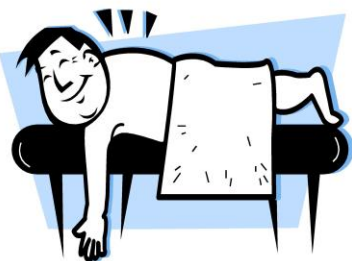
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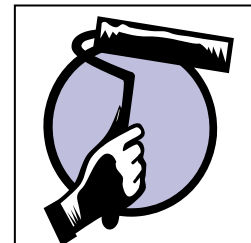
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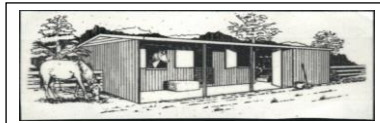


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