

Onkaparinga Council Report



SEPTEMBER 2021

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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<p>Main Road Coromandel Valley</p>	<p>The following information has been provided by the City Operations Division. For further follow-up information on this matter, please contact Morgan Ellingham, Manager Assets and Technical Services.</p> <p>We have written to the Department for Infrastructure of Transport (DIT) on several occasions to raise concerns with pedestrian safety on Main Road at Coromandel Valley with the most recent correspondence being in July 2021.</p> <p>Further to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport’s letter (21MTR1219), we have contacted DIT by phone as recently as the 19 August 2021. It was discussed that in light of their review of Main Road, between Rowlands Hill Road and The Walk conducted in July 2020, whether they are able to provide any information on the locations where infrastructure could be implemented improving pedestrian access and whether any of the proposed future works have been costed or budgeted for.</p> <p>DIT advised that they are unable to provide us with this information at this time. We have followed up our discussion with an email to DIT reiterating our request and the importance of improving pedestrian safety in locations such as Coromandel Valley. We will continue to advocate to DIT for improved pedestrian facilities on behalf of the community.</p>
<p>Flagstaff Community centre development</p>	<p>This response has been provided by the City Operations division. For further follow-up information on this matter, please contact Matt Buckell, Manager Construction and Projects.</p> <p>This is a priority project which is proceeding as quickly as possible in order to achieve key project milestones.</p> <p>After a significant and concerted focus over recent weeks we are pleased to advise that detailed designs are expected to be finalised and released to tender in September. This follows a series of important meetings to engage with club representatives to refine and agree on design details.</p> <p>Whilst an open tender process typically takes up to three months to complete we will continue to push hard to finalise and have a contractor on site as early as possible.</p>

	<p>It's important to note though, that the construction sector is experiencing considerable market volatility in recent months. Ultimately and unfortunately, the market response, contractor and building material availability will have a significant bearing on construction timing.</p>
<p>Proposed childcare facility at 66 and 68 Bolton Court</p>	<p>The following information has been provided by the Planning & Regulatory Services Division. For further follow-up information on this matter, please contact Ben Victory, Manager Planning.</p> <p>DA 21021587 for a child care facility at 66-68 Bolton Court, Flagstaff Hill was lodged on 5 August and is currently under assessment.</p> <p>The progress can be tracked on the PlanSA portal, and once we've completed our initial assessment and discussions with the applicant, it will be publicly notified. Residents can then view the plans and reports online and lodge a written representation and if desired, be heard by the Council Assessment Panel.</p> <p>In the meantime, the plans can be viewed at our Noarlunga office if desired. We'll note their letter in our file for information, however they would still need to lodge a separate representation during the notification period to be valid. We are aware of the grey box trees here and will consider that as part of the assessment and discussions, with referrals to the relevant council staff for advice.</p> <p>Link - Development application register PlanSA</p>
<p>Bike path connectivity in Aberfoyle Park / Flagstaff Hill</p>	<p>The following information has been provided by the City Operations Division. For further follow-up information on this matter, please contact Morgan Ellingham, Manager Assets and Technical Services.</p> <p>We are committed to the delivery of safe pedestrian and cycle networks throughout the city. Accordingly, we provide approximately 120km of existing off-road shared use paths with a replacement value of \$21m as well as an extensive network of footpaths which are also able to be cycled under the Road Traffic Act.</p> <p>In June 2017, after extensive research and community engagement, our Trails and Cycling Strategic Management Plan (TCSMP) was endorsed. It identifies our on and off road cycling/path vision and can be viewed on our website.</p> <p>The TCSMP not only identified our vision, but also our network gaps including east/west connections and sections with missing links; the following which have also been highlighted by Mr Mackay. Minkarra Central: in line with the Minkarra Park Concept Plan, a staged upgrade to Minkarra Park, Happy Valley has been undertaken. Stage 1 and 2 of the park's development have delivered a network of off road trails in the north and south of the park in addition to skate facility, BMX mounds, playground and fitness equipment, public toilet, car park and dog park in the southern part of the park.</p> <p>Stage 3 is the final stage that proposes public access through a portion of the privately owned Flagstaff Hill Golf Course land linking the existing north (Black Road) and south (Manning Road) Flagstaff Rotary Walk trails to form a single continuous shared use off road trail which can be used for pedestrian and cycling purposes. Through engagement with the Flagstaff Hill Golf Club, stage 3 designs have been completed with construction costs estimated to exceed \$900,000.</p>

Due to this cost, significant external Federal and/or State Government funding would need to be secured to enable stage 3 construction works in the future.

Manning Road: High level concept work for a shared path in the Manning Road northern verge between Happy Valley Drive and Black Road has been completed and the estimated construction cost would exceed \$700,000. More detailed design work to refine the concept and construction cost is expected to commence in the next few years. Due to this cost, significant external Federal and/or State Government funding would need to be secured for the delivery of this project.

Field River Trail: The TCSMP does propose a continuation of the Field River Trail between the Happy Valley Sports Park to the Happy Valley Drive Trail (Happy Valley Drive Trail currently under construction). Similarly, the TCSMP also identifies a future connection adjacent Sandpiper Crescent between Park Avenue and Windebanks Road. While these projects are part of our future network, the planning for these projects has not commenced.

Powerline Precinct: The Powerline Precinct encompass a series of linear reserves between Homestead Drive and Daveys Road. While no constructed shared use path is identified in the TCSMP in this location, it does identify this as part of the Tom Roberts Horse Trail which extends to Cherry Gardens and Clarendon.

The TCSMP recognises that the footpaths and local road networks also support cycling and walking. In relation to the Road Traffic Act amendments which allow individuals of all ages to legally cycle on the footpath. Prior to this, only those 12 years and younger were legally allowed to cycle on footpaths.

We provide an extensive footpath network in Aberfoyle Park and Flagstaff Hill. This combined with the State Governments Cycle Instead Journey Planner (formally known as Bike direct) network, which provides a strategic network of bicycle routes across the Adelaide metropolitan area, provide extensive cycling opportunities within and beyond these suburbs.

Consequently, there are no plans to construct dedicated 3m wide shared use paths for some of the smaller connections suggested. In relation to the north-south connection suggested within the Happy Valley Reservoir, this is part of the Glenthorne Farm National Park and managed by the National Parks and Wildlife within the South Australian Government. Further information relating to Glenthorne Farm National Park and the master plan can be viewed on the state government website.

COVID-19 support for community sporting clubs

9.7 COVID-19 support for community sporting clubs

Cr Greaves left her seat in the Chamber at 8.06pm.

MOVED Cr Olsen.

- 1. That Council, in response to recent and future activity restrictions and lockdowns that prevent clubs from operating, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to approve lease and rent waivers for community and sporting clubs in council owned facilities, and turfied playing field maintenance cost reductions for community owned sporting clubs, based on the number of weeks the restrictions are in place.*
- 2. That such waivers be limited in scope to payments relating to usage periods up to and including 30 June 2022.*

Seconded by Cr McMahon.

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Letter to DIT of
behalf of
community
regarding road
accessibility at
Southern Cross
Drive/Chandlers
Hill Road, Happy
Valley.



From the office of the Mayor
City of Onkaparinga

Our Reference: 5541270/sl

10 August 2021

Mr Tony Braxton-Smith
Chief Executive Officer
Department for Infrastructure and Transport
GPO Box 1533
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Mr Braxton-Smith

I write to you on behalf of local community members who have expressed concerns to council regarding road accessibility at Southern Cross Drive which intersects with Chandlers Hill Road, Happy Valley.

Southern Cross Drive is the sole access road catering for a residential catchment of around 500 dwellings, including the Hillside Retirement Village.

Over the years, there have been numerous requests for a new road connection between McHarg Road and Education Road to provide an additional emergency access option to Southern Cross Drive in the event of a bushfire or other critical situations. Detailed investigations by council into this proposal indicates that construction of this proposed new road link is not feasible due to the existing topography of the area and the likely road safety impacts of providing this new road. To alleviate community concerns regarding emergency access, council constructed a shared pathway in 2014 connecting McHarg Road with Education Road that was built to be able to withstand informal access for vehicles if required, including fire appliances.

Due to requests for construction of the McHarg Road extension recently being raised again by community members, it is understood that residents' concerns relate to existing accessibility issues on the surrounding road network given council has now provided an alternative emergency access. In particular, the intersection of Southern Cross Drive with Chandlers Hill Road may be challenging for residents to negotiate due to increasing volumes on this state-controlled road combined with the likelihood of vehicles travelling above the signposted speed limit of 60km/h, especially downhill.

I would therefore request that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport consider upgrading the intersection of Chandlers Hill Road and Southern Cross Drive to improve safety for motorists turning in and out of this intersection.

In addition, I also request consideration of measures to control vehicle speeds on Chandlers Hill Road through Happy Valley, especially the portion between Happy Valley Drive and Mount Malvern Road where there are numerous intersections and residential driveways.



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We look forward to hearing your response.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Morgan Ellingham, Manager Assets and Technical Services on 8384 0666 or mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Erin Thompson
Mayor

Response from
the Minister
regarding Main
Road Cherry
Gardens upgrade.



Hon Corey Wingard MP

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Ms Erin Thompson
Mayor
City of Onkaparinga

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Attachment 2



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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence received on 11 June 2021 regarding Main Road, Cherry Gardens.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for advice about this matter.

The Marshall Liberal government is improving road safety across our state with the delivery of \$373 million in vital road maintenance and upgrade works. This is part of our record \$17.9 billion investment in South Australia's infrastructure over the next four years, which is more than any other four-year period in the state's history and will help us to address the massive \$750 million road maintenance backlog that was left behind by the former Labor government.

As you have noted, a safety assessment of Main Road between Black Road and Chandlers Hill Road, Cherry Gardens has been undertaken by DIT.

I understand DIT is now in the process of engaging a consultant to undertake concept planning for potential improvements to Main Road. The concept design will clearly define the scope of works required which is likely to include widening of the road corridor, installing roadside safety barriers, modifying embankments, additional widening on curves, improving signs and delineation, rehabilitating the pavement, and removal of roadside hazards such as trees close to the road.

The concept planning will be used to help further design works which may be considered in future when assessing projects.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Hon Corey Wingard MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

22 July 2021

Response from
the Minister
regarding road
safety Main South
Road, Seaford.



Hon Corey Wingard MP

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Your ref: 5342306/KS

Ms Erin Thompson
Mayor
City of Onkaparinga

By email: erin.thompson@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Dear Mayor 

Thank you for your recent correspondence on behalf the Seaford District Residents Association (SDRA) regarding road safety on Main South Road between the Southern Expressway and Victor Harbor Road.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for advice about this matter.

I am advised that DIT has searched its records for correspondence from the SDRA during December 2020 regarding this matter but unfortunately have not been able to locate any record of delivery. However, the SDRA wrote to me in November 2020 to which I responded in December 2020.

DIT advised a technical review of this section of Main South Road was undertaken which included an analysis of the road layout, traffic volumes, crash statistics and existing speed limits.

Speed limits are determined and applied in accordance with the Speed Limit Guidelines for South Australia. As such, the current change in speed limit coincides with the change in roadside development, with the 60km/h speed limit being applied on the approach to a more developed area. In order to emphasize the change in speed limit, as well as allowing drivers to see the speed signs from a further distance, DIT has installed extra-large 60km/h speed signs on the northern Main South Road approach to Seaford Road.

Regarding the installation of '60 AHEAD' signs, I am advised that the reduction of the speed limit on this section of Main South Road does not meet the technical requirements for a speed limit ahead sign as the Speed Limit Guidelines state that these signs can only be used for speed limit changes of 30km/h or more.

It is also observed that this section of Main South Road straightens and has suitable sightlines to the upcoming intersection. Therefore, it is considered by DIT that drivers are able to navigate and safely reduce their speed along this section of road.

Subsequently, DIT considers that this section of Main South Road is operating satisfactorily and there are no plans to make changes to signage at this time.

I am assured though that DIT will continue to monitor traffic movements at this location and should the need for change become evident the appropriate action will be taken in the interests of road safety.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Hon Corey Wingard MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

17/7/2021

Attachment 1



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Flagstaff Hill sports upgrades unveiled!

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- ✔ AUSCO Changerooms
- ✔ Cricket Nets
- ✔ Tennis Courts
- ✔ Playground

Congratulations [Flagstaff Community Centre](#), your years of hard work has paid off.

This is a great win for our community, that would not have happened without significant investment from [Steve Murray MP, Member for Davenport](#), Thank you.



Cat desexing

🐱 FREE CAT DESEXING FOR ONKAPARINGA RESIDENTS 🐱

Goal: 60 cats per day for the week of 9–14 September *

Book online now www.rspcasa.org.au/the-issues/desexing-program

The Lonsdale RSPCA vet team, supported by volunteers, is aiming to desex at least 60 cats per day for the week of 9–14 September. This is the first time they have offered a full week of free desexing as part of this program.

*Note: The September appointments won't open until later this month. In the meantime, jump on the waiting list to be notified when new appointments open. ▶

<https://v2.waitwhile.com/l/catdesexmicrochipwai/list-view>

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