

## **GEOFF EATON – THALASSA WARD COUNCILLOR – JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER**

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### **Consultation City of Onkaparinga Draft Business Plan and Budget 2022/23**

The draft City of Onkaparinga Business Plan and budget for 2022/23 was approved for community consultation at the Special Council meeting held on Tuesday 31 May. Please have your say on the plan and budget, which includes:

- an overview of insights from our community survey 2021
- our long term objectives, expressed as outcomes in the Community Plan 2030
- our key activities for 2022–23 aligned to the Community Plan 2030
- how we measure and monitor our progress
- the financial requirements of council.

Your feedback will help the City of Onkaparinga plan for the future and deliver the services and facilities our city needs. To view the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-23 and to have your say, please visit the [Your Say page](#). Consultation closes at 5pm, 23 June 2022.

### **Local Government Elections**

2022 has been the year of elections. First it was the State Government elections, followed by the Federal Government elections and now we are getting ready for the Local Government elections that will be held in November.

Key dates as follows:

- Council voters roll closure - Friday 29 July
- Nominations open - Tuesday 23 August
- Nominations close - 12 noon Tuesday 6 September
- Caretaker period – 6 September to close of election
- Mail out of voting material - 14 to 20 October
- Close of voting - 5pm Thursday 10 November

In the lead up to the upcoming council election the City of Onkaparinga will be running a promotional campaign in conjunction with the Local Government Association to raise awareness of the elections and encourage participation.

### **Caretaker Period Policy**

The caretaker period for the current Council commences at midday on Tuesday 6 September and remains in force until the close of the elections in November. At the Council meeting of 17 May a revised Caretaker Policy for 2022 was approved. Under section 91A of the Local Government (*Elections*) Act 1999 prohibits Council from making designated decisions and prohibits the use of council resources for the advantage of a particular candidate or group of candidates during this period. There are three designated decisions that are prohibited by the Act.

These include:

- A decision relating to the employment or remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer, or to appoint an acting CEO or to suspend the CEO for serious and wilful misconduct.
- A decision to terminate the appointed CEO,

- A decision to enter into a contract, arrangement or understanding (other than for road works, road maintenance and drainage works) where the total value exceeds 1% of the Council's revenue from rates, in the proceeding financial year, which is \$1.38 million for the City of Onkaparinga, although there are exceptions.

Should you require further information on the Caretaker Policy please go to agenda item number 9.13 Caretaker Policy 2022 – Council meeting 17 May.

### **City of Onkaparinga Youth Recognition Awards 2022**

On Monday 16 May I had the pleasure of attending the City of Onkaparinga Youth Recognition Awards presentations at the Port Noarlunga Arts Centre. Annually the Onkaparinga Youth Committee (OYC) delivers these awards where young people (between 12 – 25 years of age) in our community are recognised and celebrated for their outstanding achievements and contribution to the community. Acting Mayor Simon McMahon made the presentations to the recipients.

Awards are made under the following categories and numbers awarded:

- Learning Success – 22.
- Contribution to Community – 38.
- Personal Achievement – 17.
- Business & Enterprise – 5
- Youth Worker of the Year - 9

### **Pine Reserve Aberfoyle Park Upgrade**

Council will soon begin community consultation on planned upgrades to Pine Reserve in Aberfoyle Park. A concept design has been developed that looks to retain the unique appeal that Pine Reserve. It incorporates various play elements including giant swings, cableway, bouldering, rope play and canopy viewing hammocks. The existing playground within the fenced area will remain. There are a limited number of radiata pine trees identified for removal due to damage that has been caused to those tree trunks by the playground chains currently attached. This damage is impacting the pine trees overall health. For each of the pine trees removed, 10 new trees will be planted within the wider reserve.

A community information session will be held at the reserve to provide an opportunity for residents to discuss the concept plan, provide any feedback and have any questions they may have answered.

**Day:** Saturday 26 June 2022

**Time:** 9-11am

**Location:** Pine Reserve – Pine Drive, Aberfoyle Park

The upgrade is expected to be undertaken within the 2022-23 financial year using Federal stimulus funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program as well as funding through Council's Project and Capital Works program.

Community consultation will be going live from Tuesday 14 June 2022 when residents will receive notification letters and the [Your Say page](#) will be available that same day

### **SA Parks Community Welcomes RV Program**

Signage provided by SA Parks has now been installed following Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) approval, recognising our tourism townships participating in the program (initiative endorsed by council). Participating townships include Aldinga, Christies Beach, McLaren Vale, Old Reynella and Willunga.

The SA Parks program is designed for metropolitan and regional townships and targets all recreational vehicles including caravans, camper trailers, motor homes and campervans (100% of the RV market). The program utilises the existing caravan park and designated bush camping networks (i.e. not requiring additional overnight stay sites).

Participating townships are promoted by SA Parks including:

- Community Welcomes RV advert including a map in the 2022 South Australian Caravan and Camping Guide
- [Township profile](#) on the program's website
- Let's Go newsletter (350,000 members/subscribers)
- Social media (Facebook and Instagram)

The City of Onkaparinga continues to work with SA Parks to promote our townships participating in the program and provide a review of the program in a report to Council in September 2022.

### **City of Onkaparinga Grants**

Just a reminder that the City of Onkaparinga grants open on Monday 11 July and close at midnight on Monday 22 August, 2022.

- Community Grants – Small equipment purchases.
- Community Grants – Community Development Program.
- Environmental and Sustainability.
- Onkaparinga Business Grants.
- Community Grants – Community events.
- Community Grants – Community Land and Facility Improvements.
- Major Festivals.

If your organisation is considering applying for a grant then please start to plan your initiative, visit our website to research our grants policy and their conditions and obtain the necessary quotations that may be required. Council does provide information sessions on the preparation of grant applications that are completed online.

### **Community Groups Updates**

The following material has been provided by the various community groups operating within Thalassa Ward and beyond and have asked me to share their activities with my monthly newsletter network.

#### **Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill**

From the two Election BBQ's held at Bunnings the Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill (RCFH) wish to donate all proceeds towards a 100,000 litre Fire Water Tank at Cherry Gardens so that the CFS have ready access to fire water as there are Rotary club of Flagstaff Hill have been extremely busy over the running two election BBQ's and a current issues with the mains water supply as experienced in the January 2021 Fire. Seven other Rotary clubs are helping with this important community project. The RCFH wish to thank the generosity of the Flagstaff Hill community and thank Flagstaff Hill Primary Administration for allowing them to use the school facilities.

Over the past several years the RCFH have been involved with growing 600 plants a year for Trees for Life. The seventh focus area of Rotary is caring for the Environment and Trees for Life are a very important part of our club's response. Tim and Annabelle Dairy Farmers from Meningie recently collected their 2022 trees from the club.

The Onkaparinga Council and the RCFH have been working together on two community projects. The Restoration of the seats in Minkarra Park North & South and the Rotary Anzac Walk at the corner of Black Road and Ridgeway Drive. The club appreciate the help given to them by the Council and the opportunity to be part of the landscaping rejuvenation at Black Road & Ridgeway Drive. Your efforts are much appreciated by this community

#### **Aberfoyle Park – Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch**

Neighbourhood Watch 491, Aberfoyle Park-Happy Valley area, hosted a speaker on May 16 who was both enlightening and entertaining. Kate Edge from RAA up skilled the gathering on basic road rules, where the attendance of mainly senior aged local citizens were surprised by some of the results. As Kate revealed, she has never had instances of 100pc correct responses to the series of questions posed at various gatherings.

The attendance for this mid-May meeting was encouraging, considering the wet, wild windy weather on offer that evening. NHW491 is hoping for better weather for the next meeting, on Monday, July 18. Guest speaker is the new State Member for Davenport Erin Thompson. This will be a meet and greet where people have the chance to hear updates on local issues from Erin, and the chance to raise any valid points.

As always, anyone is welcome to these Neighbourhood Watch meetings - starting 7.30pm at the Aberfoyle Community Centre. A light supper is offered during the evening.

### **Clarendon Museum**

The Clarendon Museum holds an open day at the Clarendon Historic Hall, Grants Gully Road, Clarendon on the last Sunday of each month between 1.00 and 4.00 pm. It is a great location to attend with a group of enthusiastic volunteers. So if you would like to immerse yourself in some local history then please visit. The next open afternoon will be Sunday 26 June.

### **National Trust Coromandel Valley and Districts Morning Tea**

The next morning tea to be held at the Watchman House, Main Road, Coromandel Valley will be Saturday 4 June at 9.00 am so if you are driving past drop in and enjoy the atmosphere and buy some of their tasty marmalade. These morning teas are held on the first Saturday of the month, so please put them in your calendar as it is a great opportunity to catch-up socially with other residents. If you miss this Saturday's morning tea then try and get along to the one being held on Saturday 2 July.

### **Have Your Say**

#### *Open Engagements*

- Draft City of Onkaparinga Business Plan and Budget 2022-23 (closing 23 June)
- Proposal to rename the Arts Centre, port Noarlunga \*NEW (closing 20 June)
- Knox Park Athletics and Multi-Use Sports Park \*NEW (closing 22 June)
- Rowley and Quinliven Road Roundabout and landscaping upgrade Aldinga \*NEW (closing 22 June)
- Tangari Park Furniture, Woodcroft (closing 24 June)
- Aldinga Soldiers Monument Relocation and War Memorial Development (closing 6 June)
- Future Use of Frank Smith Park (closing 6 June)
- Coastal Adaptation Study (1<sup>st</sup> phase of engagement - inform)

#### *Closed Engagements*

- Oleander Road Maslin Beach road condition improvements
- Beach Road, Esplanade and Saltfleet Street speed limit changes
- By law 7 Dogs Review
- Clarendon Recreation Ground Upgrade
- Naming options for a park in Seaford
- Sandow Crescent Coromandel Valley road reconstruction (road closed until early May)
- Regency Road Happy Valley road and footpath improvements
- Peace Pole McLaren Vale installation proposal
- Reynella Neighbourhood Centre Mural Project

Go to [www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay) for more information.

### **Grant Opportunities**

Grant opportunities are currently available for sharing with your networks.

Please click [here](#) (PDF, 236KB) for further information.

[Please refer to our website.](#)

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