

# Onkaparinga Council Report



July 2024

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## Clarendon Community Op- Shop

Can you help the [Clarendon Community Op-Shop](#) find other groups in need of clothing!  
Read more below: We need your help!!

If you guys could share this post far and wide, Southern Adelaide and surrounding districts, it would be appreciated.

Does anyone know of any groups/centres etc. that need adult clothes?

As you may already know, we don't sell Kmart, Best and Less, cheap online store clothing and a few others, we only sell quality brands of clothing.

We currently give our ANKO and other brands to a couple of remote and local groups but we need more outlets.....

We give to Treasure Boxes all the kids (up to 16) and babies clothes we have in excess.

If you know of a hospital department, charity, community centre etc. that are buying clothing from Kmart or OpShops for community use, please send us their details we would love to give some clothes to them, it can be a one off top up or an ongoing stream.

As always landfill is our absolute last resort for any item that is donated to us 😊

Thanks in advance

[opshop@clarendon.org.au](mailto:opshop@clarendon.org.au)

## Cat Management in SA

 Now is your time to have a say on Cat Management in SA.

The State Government want hear your thoughts. Be sure to use the comment boxes to give your thoughts on cat containment in SA.

Have you say here: <https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/cat-management>

**Branches**

🌳 Thank you to the residents who have contacted me with regards to overhanging tree branches along the northern side of Black Road, between Murrays Hill Road and Lotus Drive.

UPDATE from council is below:

In relation to your Elected Member Enquiry, Reference REQ2024-63221, we'd like to advise the following response.

We have visited the walkway, on the northern side of Black Road, between Murrays Hill Road and Lotus Drive.

Generally, the trees within this area present in fair condition and are without any features that present an 'unacceptable' level of risk. A few 'hanging' branches were observed and with some 'maintenance' pruning throughout, we will ensure risks are being managed as low as reasonably practical.

The works will require specialist machinery for reach as well as traffic management and therefore will be bundled with other work requiring the same specialist machinery.

These works will be completed before the end of September 2024.

**Aberfoyle  
Community Centre  
development on  
track**



It's been a hive of activity this week with the start of internal electrical, some external plumbing work and steel for both the veranda and connecting walkway being installed.



**Flooding Malvern  
Court, Aberfoyle  
Park**

Thank you to the residents of Malvern Court, Aberfoyle Park who contacted me with regards to flooding in the area.

Council staff have advised that:

Thank you for bringing to our attention the road stormwater movement at the intersection of Malvern Court and Mount Malvern Road.

	<p>The upgrade to the stormwater infrastructure at this intersection will be constructed early in the upcoming 2024-25 financial year.</p> <p>Engagement information on the planned works was issued to residents earlier this year and our Construction team will notify affected residents two to four weeks before the planned works commence.</p> <p>In the meantime, our maintenance team will monitor the sandbagging on site to help minimise stormwater jumping the kerb.</p> <p>I trust that council will be in touch with residents soon.</p>
<p><b>UPDATE: Current status and next steps Hub Gymnastics</b></p>	<p>The Paul Murray Recreation Centre redevelopment continues to progress. Works are continuing with the focus to date on building demolition, new footings, stormwater and electrical infrastructure, and preparation of the expanded car park.</p> <p>Council have been closely monitoring progress and are aware the builder has experienced delays due to steelwork manufacturing and trade availability which has impacted their program. In response, we recently escalated discussions about project delays to the Managing Director of the company seeking commitment to improvements to meet project timeframes. This was a positive discussion, and we are optimistic of significant advancement with the imminent arrival of steel to site.</p> <p>This is an important milestone that allows the builder to complete the final concrete pours and begin erecting the building structure.</p> <p>With the arrival of the steel, construction will shift to framing the building including the installation of external brickwork, cladding, windows, and roofing. Simultaneously, the car park will be remodelled and expanded, featuring solar lighting, improved kerbing, bitumen and line marking.</p> <p>Council will continue to actively collaborate with the builder to address any potential delays and maintain the project schedule. At this stage work remains on track for completion by the end of December 2024!</p>
<p><b>Important update: Organics drop-off service changes for 2024-25</b></p>	<p>Starting this Monday 1 July 2024, we are implementing a new process for our bulky organics drop-off service for all rateable residential properties in the City of Onkaparinga. Residents are eligible, even if you are renting. There are no changes to your fortnightly roadside organics collection service.</p> <p><b>WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ We are implementing a new token system based on fee-for-service because only 4 per cent of households currently use the bulky organics drop-off service.</li> <li>◆ This Sunday 30 June, is the last and only day we will be accepting waste at 22-26 Lacey Drive, Aldinga Beach from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Not available on Saturday.</li> <li>◆ Your existing drop-off vouchers will be invalid after 3pm on Sunday 30 June 2024.</li> </ul>

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◆ From this Monday 1 July 2024, the Aldinga Beach drop-off location will permanently close and the service will only be available at All Bulk Waste, 12 Christie Road, Lonsdale from 9am to 2pm during the first seven days of each month.

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◆ How does the new token system work?

- You'll need one token for each load of bulky green organic material you drop off at Lonsdale.
- Residents are eligible for up to 15 tokens per annum.
- A token is equivalent to one cubic metre load (standard 6x4 trailer).

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◆ How much will each token cost?

Each token will cost \$24. Payment will be made upfront and your token can be used for up to one year from the date of purchase.

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◆ Why do I have to pay now when it has been free for so long?

To ensure fairness and equity for all ratepayers, it's now a fee-for-service system since only about 4 per cent of households use it. Previously, all ratepayers covered the cost of delivering the service through general rates. Now, only those that need it will pay for it.

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◆ Where can I purchase tokens?

Tokens can be purchased on our website

<https://www.onkapingacity.com/.../Green-organics-drop-off>

OR

Tokens can be purchased in person at one of our Customer Service offices.

<https://www.onkapingacity.com/Council/Contact-us>

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◆ What happens if I move house? Can I take my unused vouchers with me?

If you move within the City of Onkapinga, please notify our customer relations team so your vouchers can be reallocated to your new property. If you move outside of the City of Onkapinga, your remaining tokens can be transferred to the new owner or resident.

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◆ Won't this increase illegal dumping of organics?

Illegal dumping is a widespread problem across Australia. It costs everyone money and harms our community. We ask residents to help watch out for and report illegal dumping to the council, including any details that can help stop this behaviour.

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❗ Please visit our website for further information and answers to frequently asked questions:

<https://www.onkapingacity.com/.../Green-organics-drop-off>

We understand that changes can be challenging, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we make these adjustments.

Our goal is to continue providing a high-quality service that meets the needs of our community in a sustainable way.  
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**Councils Budget outcome**

*MOVED Cr Platten.*

**6. Adopt the budget**

*In accordance with Section 123 of the Act and Regulation 7 of the Financial Management Regulations that Council adopts the budget for 2024–25, as detailed in appendices 1 to 7 to the Annual Business Plan and tabled before Council at this meeting, comprising:*

- *A general rate revenue increase of 6.8%*
- *A growth component in relation to general rates included in the budget at 0.8%, relating to growth in the number of rateable properties.*
- *An overall cash budget of \$231,276,017 including loan and reserve movements, which includes:*
  - *Total operating expenditure of \$218,110,910 (including depreciation)*
  - *Total operating income from all sources of \$221,620,745*
  - *Total gross capital expenditure of \$53,079,683*
  - *Total capital income of \$11,205,915*

**7. Revision of the budget**

*That Council notes that the budget will be reviewed in accordance with Regulation 9 of the Financial Management Regulations effective for the periods ended:*

- *30 September 2024*
- *31 December 2024*
- *31 March 2025*
- *30 June 2025 (as part of our end of financial year processes).*

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**8. Authorise the budgeted borrowings**

- *In accordance with Section 123(7a) of the Act and in addition to the budgeted borrowings included in the 2024–25 budget, Council authorises additional borrowings with lending authorities for additional loan facilities of up to \$3,781,374, which together with the budgeted borrowings included in the 2024–25 budget represents authorisation for total maximum borrowings of \$126,000,190.*
- *That the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute any relevant documentation in relation to the borrowings for and on behalf of Council and affix the Council's common seal thereto.*

*Seconded by Cr Greaves*

*CARRIED*

*Cr Themeliotis called a DIVISION and the decision was set aside.*

*For:*

<i>Cr Wilkes</i>	<i>Cr Jew</i>	<i>Cr Fisher</i>	<i>Cr Bell</i>	<i>Cr Yeomans</i>
<i>Cr Greaves</i>	<i>Cr Pritchard</i>	<i>Cr Davis</i>	<i>Cr Eaton</i>	<i>Cr Stafford</i>
<i>Cr Platten</i>				

*Against:*

<i>Cr Themeliotis</i>				
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**Hopgood Theatre Refurbishment**

UPDATE - Hopgood Theatre Refurbishment project undertaken by Council and roof replacement undertaken by TAFE SA.


Detailed design of our planned Theatre refurbishment is now complete. Within the next week Council will release a tender to secure a contractor to deliver our planned refurbishment works.

TAFE SA have advised that the State Government-led project to replace the Theatre roof (and associated works) will now commence on 29 July 2024.

This work will trigger a closure of the Theatre for the duration of both the State and Council works.

TAFE SA has advised that the estimated construction period for the roof is four months including a contingency for inclement weather.

The Council-led theatre refurbishment will commence after completion of the roof works.

	<p>The total theatre closure period will be determined following the outcome of our tender process.</p>
<p>Interested to know which roads are managed by council and which by the State?</p>	<p>Check out <a href="http://location.sa.gov.au/viewer">location.sa.gov.au/viewer</a></p> 
<p><b>UPDATE - Thalassa Park Master Plan, Aberfoyle Park.</b></p>	<p>A draft Master Plan was presented to the Thalassa Park and Gardens Trust last year for discussion and feedback.</p> <p>The Trust supported this work which allowed us to proceed to the next phase of refining the plan and developing cost estimates for the proposed upgrades. This process has also resulted in consideration of the short, medium and long-term priorities for the park.</p> <p>These plans are being developed to guide the trust in their forward budgeting for future investment in the park, as well as to support the pursuit of grant funding and advocacy efforts.</p> <p>These documents are intended to set the strategic framework to support the park planning and guide future works.</p> <p>Council are in the process of finalising these documents to present to the trust.</p>
<p><b>Main Road, Cherry Gardens.</b></p>	<p>UPDATE - upgrade works on Main Road, Cherry Gardens.</p> <p>The next round of night works are programmed to occur from Monday 24 June to Friday 26 July weather permitting, with no works being undertaken on Saturday or Sunday nights.</p> <p>Local access for residents will be maintained by onsite traffic controllers.</p>

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### What's happening

We previously wrote to you to advise road widening and drainage installation activities are currently underway and safety barrier installation and asphaltting works will start soon.

Traffic arrangements and working hours will change throughout the project to suit construction activities and ensure the safety of workers and the community.

### How this affects you

**Works will continue to be undertaken both during the day and at night.** Changed traffic conditions will be in place throughout the work area. We ask that you take care when travelling through the work zone.

#### Day works detour

**During day works,** Main Road between Black Road and Cherry Gardens Road will be temporarily closed, with detours in place.

#### When

Ongoing until late August 2024

#### Hours of operation

**Day works ongoing**  
Monday to Friday  
7am to 5pm

#### Night works

From Monday 24 June 2024 to Friday 26 July 2024 weather permitting

No works will be undertaken Saturday or Sunday nights.


7pm to 6am, weather permitting.

#### Where

Along Main Road between Black Road and Chandlers Hill Road



## Volunteering





 Join the Green Revolution! Become a Tree and Propagation Seed Nursery Volunteer!



Do you have a green thumb and a heart that beats for the environment? Join our volunteer team in nurturing the City of Onkaparinga's future at the Tree and Propagation Seed Nursery, where every seedling is a step towards a greener, more vibrant Onkaparinga!

Since 2010, our Nature Conservation Nursery has been a beacon of sustainability, growing over 50,000 local native seedlings annually. With the dedication of volunteers, we've successfully propagated over 100 species, including rare and uncommon understory plants.

#### Key Tasks:

-  Collecting, cleaning, storing, and cataloguing native seeds
-  Sowing seeds, taking cuttings, potting up, and nurturing seedlings
-  Maintaining juvenile trees for street trees
-  Ensuring the nursery infrastructure is clean and functional

Benefits:

- 🌱 Gain valuable skills in native plant propagation and nursery maintenance
- 🌱 Access training and development in native vegetation management
- 🌱 Connect with like-minded people passionate about conservation.

Who We're Looking For:

- 🌱 Experience in nursery plant production
- 🌱 Knowledge of biodiversity principles and local native plants

Time Commitment: Operational hours are weekdays, 7 am - 4 pm. Current vacancies are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with a maximum of 15 hours per week.

Ready to plant the future? Apply now to be part of something extraordinary!

<https://www.onkaparingacity.com/volunteering> or contact us by email at [volunteermanagement@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:volunteermanagement@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au) or phone (08) 8301 7243.

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