

Onkaparinga Council Report



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

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.



Mobile: 0413 747 351

Email: marion.themeliotis@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077458014215>

**Childcare
center Bolton
Court Flagstaff
Hill**

Dear Cr Themeliotis,

Thank you for your Elected Member Enquiry, Reference REQ2025-01010 regarding issues relating to the Edge Early Learning Centre located in Bolton Court Flagstaff Hill.

The following response has been provided by Development Services.

Our Development Compliance Team has investigated your questions and provide the following information.

When will council's worksite signage be removed.

As the development is now largely completed and the area along Ridgway Drive is no longer required for deliveries of materials and equipment, request reference number REQ2025-03808 has been created for the signs to be removed, we expect this to occur shortly.

I understand only 1 childcare signage was approved as part of the DA. Could I please understand why there are two edge childcare signs.

A review of Development Applications show that only one sign has been approved but that a second Development Application (DA24029407) was lodged with council and was granted Planning Consent for the second sign, but this was withdrawn by the private certifier.

The developer has been contacted to lodge a new Development Application which they have confirmed that they will do to seek retrospective approval for the sign.

Is there any way to have the carpark lighting turned off at night. It is very bright.

Conversations with the developer indicate that the lights are on a timer and are on between 6am and 9am as well as 6pm and 9pm on days when the centre is operating to enable the drop off and pick up of children as well as for the safety of cleaning contractors after opening hours.

Council considers this to be reasonable but should lights stay on outside of these hours, please ask residents to create a request with council by emailing mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au or by creating a service request through our website at www.onkaparingacity.com.

**Happy Valley
Bowls**

Dear Cr Themeliotis,

In relation to your Elected Member Enquiry, Reference REQ2025-11839, we'd like to advise the following response.

The following information has been provided by the Operations Division. For further follow-up information on this matter, please contact Joshua Rose, Manager Fleet, Civil and Waste Operations (Acting).

Bins

In October, our contractor missed some collections at the Happy Valley Sports Complex as the new driver was unaware that they needed to enter that area. We reported the issue to Solo, who investigated and provided guidance to their new drivers to prevent similar oversights in the future.

Since November, there has been one reported instance of a missed organics collection. However, upon investigation, the truck did visit the site and documented that the organics bin was not placed out for collection. Another report was lodged in January for waste which was reported and collected the following day. We will continue to monitor the area closely.

If there are any instances where the bins are missed it can be reported, within 2 business days, to our Customer Relations team on 8384 0666 or online at [Report a missed collection](#) for investigation and action.

Sweeping

Our investigation shows that the car park was last swept on January 23, 2025, but was missed during the previous cycle, with the last recorded sweep before that occurring in September.

To address this, we have communicated with our team, including key personnel, to raise awareness of the issue and provide guidance on preventing future oversights. Staff will be reminded of their responsibility to clean and monitor all car parks within the Happy Valley complex to maintain a high standard of cleanliness.


We recommend that hazards be reported to our Customer Relations team on 8384 0666 or emailed to mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au for investigation.

**TREES DURING
CONTINUED DRY &
HOT WEATHER**



 TREES DURING CONTINUED DRY & HOT WEATHER 

As the heat continues, even healthy trees can become stressed. During these extreme conditions, large branches may suddenly break and fall—without warning.

 What we need to know :

 Trees can drop limbs as a stress response to intense summer heat. This is unpredictable and can happen to healthy trees without any obvious signs of stress.

Please be cautious when spending time under tree canopies during these hot weather periods. Stay safe and mindful of your surroundings!

 What to do if you notice a fallen limb 

Contact info:

Phone: 8384 0666

After hours emergency: 08 8384 0622

Email: mail@onkapinga.sa.gov.au

Online contact form:

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

Your safety is important! Let's work together to keep our community safe and informed.

**Grand opening –
Aberfoyle
Community
centre**

🎉 You've seen the transformation... now come celebrate with us! 🎉 Join us for the official opening of our **Aberfoyle Community Centre**. Let's come together and enjoy the new space we've worked so hard to create for our community. 🏡

📅 Saturday 15th February ⌚ 11am-2:00pm 📍 1 Jessica Street, Aberfoyle Park.
Thank you to our local MP **Erin Thompson MP** for making this happen.
We can't wait to see you there!

**GRAND
OPENING
EVENT**

**SATURDAY 15TH
FEBRUARY
11AM - 2PM**

Aberfoyle Community Centre
1 Jessica St, Aberfoyle Park

Join us for a FREE
fun-filled family open day to
celebrate the official opening of
the New Building Expansion!

Refreshments and a sausage
sizzle will be provided.

For more information please contact 8488 2035
aberfoylecc.info@onkapinga.sa.gov.au

- Pottery workshops
- Interactive sessions - contemporary dance with Restless Dance Theatre, ukulele with Music Eternal, Zumba, Line Dancing
- Face Painting
- VR Experiences
- Craft Table
- Bumbles the Magician

Government of South Australia

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

🌳 The draft Open Space Strategic Management Plan is here! 🌳
Engagement now extended until 23 February!

We're planning the future of our parks and playgrounds across Onkaparinga, and we want YOUR feedback! We have over 250 playgrounds and 800 reserves, but some smaller playgrounds aren't being used as much. Based on community feedback, we're proposing to focus on larger, better-maintained parks instead.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

This engagement is important! Think about what you want to see from our open spaces and playgrounds, what is quality? what does it mean to have to commute or travel further to a playground, How this may impact you, a family or a mother with her children, what does it mean for accessibility!

💬 Review the draft plan and share your thoughts by 23 February 2025! Your input will help shape the open spaces of tomorrow.

👉 Link to draft OSSMP: <https://yoursay.onkaparinga.sa.gov.au/open-space...>

👉 Video here:
<https://shorturl.at/NOs1H>

Jessica Street Signage

Good afternoon Cr Themeliotis

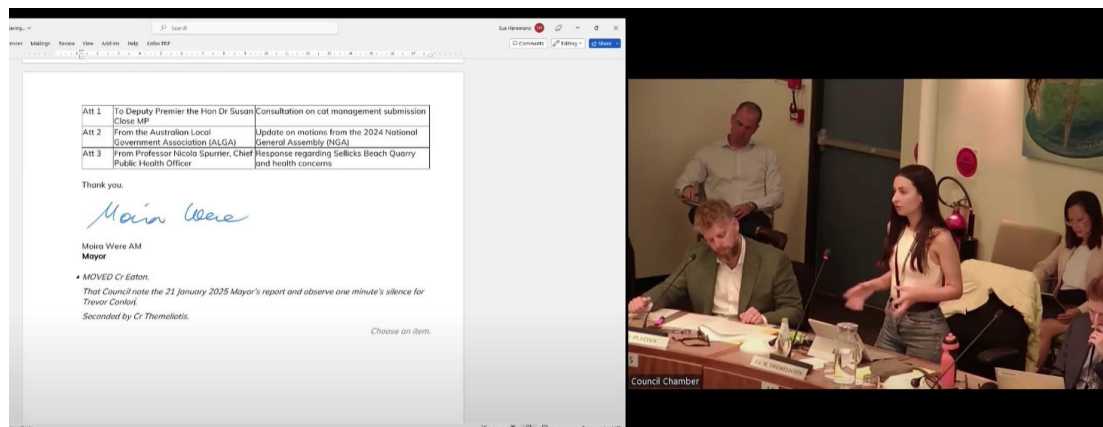
Request for service REQ2025-11854 was created for your enquiry below and I provide the following response;

The Jessica Street sign will be replaced as part of our Program Maintenance Cycle in the week commencing 10 February.


Missing street signs can be reported via our [website](#) or by contacting our Customer Relations team on 8384 0666.

Honoring Trevor Conlon


At our last Council meeting, Cr Eaton and I had the privilege of leading a minute's silence in honor of community advocate and friend Trevor Conlon. His passion and service to our community will always be remembered. My thoughts are with his wife Maxine, his family, friends, and the entire Coromandel Valley community.



 **Urgent
Advocacy for
Upgrades to Main
Road, Coromandel
Valley** 

 Safety First! The current conditions of Main Road in Coromandel Valley are in desperate need of attention. We are calling for immediate upgrades to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community.

! Whether it's improving visibility or safer pedestrian access and crossing, now is the time to act!

 Let's come together to advocate for safer roads and a better future for Coromandel Valley residents. Share your thoughts, experiences, and let's push for action!

21 January 2025
Our ref: 5298608/KS
DIT ref: 90944



Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Minister.Koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister Koutsantonis

The City of Onkaparinga continues to receive concerns from the local community regarding pedestrian safety along Main Road, Coromandel Valley, particularly in the vicinity of the Coromandel Community Centre. We have been strongly advocating for the Department to investigate potential improvements to this roadway for the safety of all road users.

The narrow road alignment and restricted sight lines in this location result in pedestrians and other road users being limited in their ability to safely cross the road. In addition, the footpath network along many sections of Main Road is segmented, forcing pedestrians to cross Main Road multiple times to traverse this area. Due to the restrictive road environment, we are unable to complete the footpath network at this location unless changes to the road corridor are made by the Department.

Following a Notice of Motion presented at the 10 December 2024 Council meeting, we are now formally requesting that the Department completes a study of Main Road, Coromandel Valley, which assesses pedestrian safety and opportunities for improvements along this road corridor.

We recommend this study contains concept plans for future upgrades, including the potential for safety barriers to be installed, indicative costs for works and the priority of such works. We request that the Department work with the City of Onkaparinga in scoping this study to ensure future Council projects, such as the installation of footpaths along Main Road, can be planned as appropriate.

We would be pleased to work collaboratively with the Department to deliver critical safety upgrades for the local Coromandel Valley community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Moira Were'.

Moira Were AM
Mayor

Copy to Member for Waite
 Elected Members

**Flags Flagstaff
roundabout**



Dear Cr Themeliotis,

In relation to your Elected Member Enquiry, Reference REQ2025-00387, we'd like to advise the following Final Response.

The following information has been provided by the Operations Division. For further follow-up information on this matter, please contact Daryl Sowerby, Manager Parks and Facility Operations.

We become aware that the Aboriginal flag was flying without the Australian flag through our after-hours service and as such, took down the flag so we were not breaching any protocols.

Unfortunately, the Australian flag had been vandalised, and we were unable to locate it.

These flags were both replaced on 2 January 2025.

Thank you.

Civic Governance Team

HAVE YOUR SAY

Local heritage listing of places is an important part of heritage conservation and helps to ensure that our past is preserved to tell the story to our future generations. We want your feedback on the Local Heritage Code Amendment affecting 89 local heritage places across the City of Onkaparinga.

You can view places and share your feedback on our Your Say page  <https://yoursay.onkaparinga.sa.gov.au/local-heritage-code...>

If you'd like to receive project updates by email, please click the '+Follow' button. Engagement is open until 5pm on Monday 17 March 2025.

**Get up to date
information on
Facebook**



Keep up to date with everything happening at Council, through my new Facebook page.

You can follow the page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077458014215>