## Onkaparinga Council Report



#### **APRIL 2025**

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Council appreciates the efforts of local residents in helping keep our community clean, and we thank you for the suggestion to install a public litter bin along the southern side of Chandlers Hill Road, Happy Valley

In response, we'll be trialling a public litter bin starting the week of 31 March 2025 (this week). It will be placed approximately 20 metres past the bus stop on the southern side of the road.

This spot previously had a bin, but it was removed due to ongoing misuse by nearby businesses. This new trial will be closely monitored to assess its effectiveness and help determine if a permanent bin can be reinstated.

Coromandel
Valley War
Memorial Staircase
Update

The timber staircase linking the Coromandel Valley War Memorial to the lower car park has reached the end of its useful life and is now temporarily blocked off for safety. An assessment has shown there is an existing pedestrian desire line east of the staircase, providing the same connection. To improve accessibility for all, including those with mobility aids, we are replacing the staircase with a new paved footpath. Project details include:

- Installation of a 1.2m wide paved footpath between the War Memorial and the lower carpark.
- A handrail for pedestrian assistance <.</p>
- Kerb ramp for easy access for those using mobility aids \$\frac{1}{4}\$.
- Removal of the old staircase and reinstatement of the embankment 3.
- Minor vegetation pruning \(^{\cap5}\).

Consultation was completed with the Coromandel Valley Community Precinct in early March, and feedback was gathered. The project is on track to be completed before ANZAC Day, ensuring no disruption to planned events.

#### Intersection at **Easton and Piggott** Range Roads

appreciate the concerns raised by residents regarding safety at this recently upgraded intersection.



This upgrade was undertaken in response to multiple community concerns and the history of crashes along this section of Piggott Range Road — some tragically resulting in the loss of life.

A recent sight assessment confirmed the need for a STOP sign and holding line pavement marking for drivers turning right from Easton Road onto Piggott Range Road. These safety measures have now been installed.

Council have also identified that the southern sight line could be further improved through minor vegetation removal, which we anticipate completing by end of June 2025. Your safety is our priority, and we thank you for continuing to share your feedback. 🎎 💴

NEW **PEDESTRIAN** CROSSING | Main South Rd & Chandlers Hill. A huge thank you to Erin Thompson MP, working with local residents to secure this much-needed upgrade! 🙏

This upgrade will improve safety for pedestrians, especially school kids, crossing to the bus stop on the western side and accessing the Reservoir on the northern side.  $\Psi$ Works are set to be completed by the end of the year!



Coromandel Valley War **Memorial Repairs** Update 🌞

I am happy to share an update on the Coromandel Valley War Memorial. 耶

- Pressure cleaning of the paved surfaces is scheduled to be completed before Anzac Day.
- Council will also give the area a clean-up to enhance its presentation!

Council are in discussions with the Blackwood & District RSL regarding the marble memorials, which require an acid wash, and the plaque replacements. If the RSL supports this work, we will prioritise it, aiming for completion before Anzac Day, but due to the specialised nature of the tasks, it may take longer.

Thank you for your patience and continued support! 🗯



#### Improving

Pedestrian Safety in have heard ongoing concerns from the community about pedestrian safety along Main Coromandel Valley Road, Coromandel Valley, especially near the Coromandel Community Centre and Bus Stop 40.

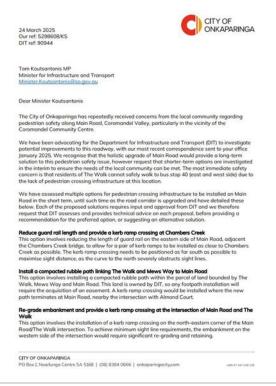
> To address this, the City of Onkaparinga has formally requested that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) assess a range of short-term safety improvements, while we continue advocating for a long-term upgrade to the entire road corridor.

- Proposed short-term options include:
  - Installing kerb ramps near Chambers Creek
  - Creating a new footpath between The Walk and Mews Way
  - Upgrading the crossing at The Walk/Main Road
  - Sealing the road shoulder for safer walking surfaces

I am committed to working with DIT to ensure safer access for all residents. Thank you to everyone who has raised their concerns — your voices are being heard.

Stay tuned for updates as we progress.





Seal the road shoulder along Main Road This option involves sealing the road shoulder on the eastern side of Main Road, immediately south of The Walk, to provide a more walkable surface at this location. Crossing infrastructure would not be provided vio this option, however it would still improve the road environment for pedestrians who are already crossing the road at this location in existing circumstances. Please see enclosed location map and photos of the existing road environment for your information We look forward to working collaboratively with DIT to deliver these critical safety upgrades for the local Coromandel Valley community. Maria Were Copy to Location map and photos Member for Waite Community Our Waste Services team attended the site on 24 March 2025 and cleared the area, making the path safe and accessible for everyone. Update **Coromandel Valley,** A request has also been submitted for a skidsteer to remove the remaining posts, Almond Court timber, and vegetation. **Waste Services &** √ Footpath sweeping is prioritised in areas with known hazards or high foot traffic. **Footpath** See something that needs attention? Let us know! Contact our friendly Customer Maintenance Relations team at 8384 0666 or visit \*\*City of Onkaparinga - Contact Us Thanks for helping us keep our city safe and clean! 🙌 Many groups have asked me about land-owner consent. If you're a lessee (like a Planning a new project on Council community group, club, or organisation) and you're looking to build, upgrade, or even land? install a new sign on council-owned land — you'll need landowner consent from the City of Onkaparinga first! This applies to things like: / Facility upgrades MNew signage Landscaping changes Building works or major improvements Head over to <u>https://www.onkaparingacity.com/.../Lessee-landowner-consent</u> for the full info and to submit your request online! Let's work together to make sure your plans support the community and follow the right steps The Operations Division has provided the following update: Ash Trees An officer has inspected the trees following the request received on 15 January 2025. pruning at  $^{
m iny Pruning}$  works are now scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2025. Waymouth Oval Thank you for your patience!

### Bin collection Happy Valley Bowls club

Dear Cr Themeliotis,

In relation to your Elected Member Enquiry, Reference REQ2025-37420, we'd like to advise the following Final Response.

I can confirm that the recycling bins were emptied 26 March, and the general waste bins were collected 27 March 2025. No formal request was lodged for the recycling collection on this occasion, though the service was completed as part of our routine follow-up.

In October our contractor missed some collections at the Happy Valley Sports Complex due to a new driver being unaware that the area required servicing. We reported the issue to our contactor, who investigated and subsequently provided guidance to their drivers to prevent similar oversights.

Since November, there has been only one reported instance of a missed organics collection; however, upon investigation, the truck had visited the site and documented that the bin was not presented for collection. Another report in January regarding missed waste was also investigated and the bins were collected the following day.

The most recent report was lodged on 19 March 2025, and the bins were collected the following day, 20 March 2025. Prompts have now been added to the property record across all waste streams (red, yellow, and green) to notify the driver and help prevent future missed collections. Our contractor has also been made aware of the issue and have followed the same steps as us to prevent further missed collections.

We will continue to monitor the area closely. In the event of any further missed bins, we encourage reporting them within two business days to our Customer Relations team on 8384 0666 or online via our Report an Issue with Your

Bin<https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Services/Waste-and-recycling/Report-an-issue-with-your-bin



#### Report an issue with your bin - City of Onkag

Please note: these collection issues must be days of your usual collection day. Make sure so our team can access it. If the bin is not at request will be marked as completed/resolvewww.onkaparingacity.com

to ensure timely investigation and action.

Thank you.

Civic Governance Team

### Questions – Tree removal Flagstaff Golf Club

Dear Cr Themeliotis,

Thank you for your Elected Member Enquiries, Reference REQ2025-30732, REQ2025-30747, REQ2025-30765 & REQ2025-30781 regarding 'Living Choice Expanded Development' - Development application - 24031179: 24 Fairlie Dr Flagstaff Hill and tree protection on behalf of various residents.

The following responses have been provided by Development Services.

## 1. REQ2025-30732: What consideration was to the koalas and other animals that live in the trees that are proposed to be removed for Flagstaff Golf Club development?

The application was assessed under the Planning & Design Code (the Code), which include the Regulated and Significant Tree Overlay. Under this Overlay there is contained policy against which development including tree damaging activity including removal must be assessed against including 'Performance outcomes (POs). Those relevant include the following:

- PO 1.1 states that regulated trees are retained where they (c) provide an important habitat for native fauna
- PO 1.2 states that significant trees are retained where they (c) represent an important habitat for native fauna, (d) are part of a wildlife corridor of a remnant area of native vegetation (e) are important to the maintenance of biodiversity in the local environment.

Consideration was given to the impact of tree loss upon fauna. The applicant submitted an Ecological Tree Value Assessment which reviewed the ecological value of each tree and outlined if there was evidence of nest or hollows or suitable food (such as nectar) for local fauna such as mammals, reptiles, invertebrates, and avian fauna.

The independent review of the trees by Symatree (on behalf of council) found that there was no evidence of hollows or cavities which would be considered important for habitat value for each tree.

# 2. REQ2025-30747: Flagstaff Golf Club and Goldsmith Dr development - do developers need to plant double the amount of trees then they remove? If not, could this be included?

Under the Code there is an option for an applicant to replant or pay into the urban tree fund. The applicant chose to replant and has provided a site plan demonstrating the replanting within the development site and elsewhere within the golf course.

There is a condition of approval which requires that the replacement trees be planted within 12 months of the completion of the development.

The applicant must plant the following:

- 2 trees to replace each regulated tree removed.
- 3 trees to replace each significant tree removed.

In this instance a total of 27 trees are to be planted, 20 within the development site and 7 elsewhere within the golf course.

Replacement trees cannot be within a <u>species specified</u> under regulation 3F(4)(b) of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017, and cannot be planted within 3 metres of an existing dwelling or inground swimming pool.

3. REQ2025-30765: Appeal rights - what options are there for residents re objection to Flagstaff Golf Club development? Where can they share concern re removal of trees? The application was not subject to public notification under the Code. Council planning staff cannot choose to publicly notify an application which is specifically listed as being excluded (Table 5 in the Code).

No rights of appeal to the Environment, Resources and Development Court apply for neighbours or interested parties, given the changes to the state planning legislation in 2021 – the City of Onkaparinga has consistently and repeatedly advocated for the reinstatement of these appeal rights, without success to date. However, general rights of review and appeal exist for the applicant in relation to any assessment, request, direction or act of a relevant authority in relation to the determination of this application, including conditions.

## 4. REQ2025-30781: If council had a tree policy, would it hold any weight when the CAP is considering developments in our council area?

Development applications are assessed against the provisions of the Planning & Design Code which sits under state government legislation *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

Council cannot create policy that would conflict with existing state policy and/or legislation (in this case the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016) with respect to planning assessment including when an application must be/must not be notified. Accordingly, a council specific tree policy would not be considered by the CAP as it is outside of and potentially inconsistent with the Planning & Design Code and PDI Act. Council endorsed a Tree Management Policy at its meeting 10 December 2024 and is available at <a href="https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Council/Council-and-committees/Agendas-and-Minutes/Council-and-special-council-meetings/Council-10-December-2024">https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Council/Council-and-council-meetings/Council-10-December-2024</a>. This policy applies to trees on public land and furthermore cannot override the provisions of the *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

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Thank you.

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