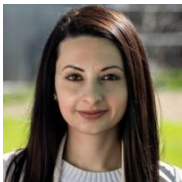


# Thalassa Ward Councillor Report



JUNE 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.



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**Road Signage  
Update at  
Happy Valley  
Sports Park**

Following a recent review, council have confirmed that most of the existing signage remains appropriate and effective for the site. However, one area has been identified for improvement to enhance traffic direction clarity.

**What’s Changing?**

To support clearer traffic direction, we will be replacing the existing “One Way” sign located at the culvert crossing with a larger version. This upgrade aims to improve visibility and driver compliance.

**Current Signage Status**

The existing “Give Way” signage is considered to be suitably located and in good condition. Therefore, no further changes are proposed at this time.

Council is committed to ensuring the safety and efficiency of our park's traffic management.

**BREAKING  
NEWS! LONG-  
TERM LEASE  
LOCKED IN**




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A huge congratulations to [Flagstaff Community Centre](#) and [Happy Valley Sports Park](#) , your long-term leases are officially secured!  
But I'm not done yet... BRING ON the long-term leases for all of our incredible multi-user clubs!






This is a major win for our sporting community – and it's just the beginning.

We have worked hard to deliver long-term lease opportunities that give clubs the confidence to grow, plan and invest. As current leases expire, discussions will begin to extend this support right across the city.

 Next in line for long-term lease discussions:

Christies Beach Sports & Social Club  
Port Noarlunga Football and Social Club  
Morphett Vale Football and Social Club  
Reynella Sport and Social Club  
Happy Valley Sports Park  
Aldinga Football Club  
Hackham Football Club  
Noarlunga Sports and Social Club  
O'Sullivan's Beach Sport and Community Centre  
Flagstaff Community Centre  
Kangarilla Recreation Ground  
McLaren Flat Recreation

 Why long-term leases matter:

-  Security of Tenure
-  Sponsorship & Funding Access
-  Stronger Club Identity & Growth
-  Long-Term Facility Investment
-  More Volunteer Engagement & New Programs

This is about securing the future of local sport and backing our clubs to be strong, inclusive, and sustainable for generations to come

**Traffic  
Management  
Update – Light  
Rd, Coromandel  
Valley**



27 May 2025  
Our ref: 6763614/KC  
Your Ref: 2025COOW06

Catherine Hutchesson MP  
Member for Waite  
[Waite@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:Waite@parliament.sa.gov.au)

Dear Ms Hutchesson

Thank you for your letter dated 7 May 2025 on behalf of a constituent regarding traffic management on Light Road, Coromandel Valley. I can advise that your request has been investigated.

In line with standard traffic management practices, traffic classifiers are typically installed approximately one metre apart at mid-block locations, rather than near intersections or bends, as vehicle speeds naturally decrease in those areas due to turning movements and road geometry.

To ensure accurate and representative data collection, we requested our traffic contractor to install classifiers outside 29 Light Road. This location was selected as it is situated mid-block between Anne and Neville Streets, an area where vehicle speeds are expected to be more consistent and potentially at their highest.

The traffic survey conducted at this location recorded an average vehicle speed of 44 km/h and an 85th percentile speed of 53 km/h. The 85th percentile speed is the speed that 85% of motorists travel at or below and is used to determine whether any traffic management interventions are required.

The data also recorded an average daily traffic volume of 377 vehicles, which is considered appropriate for a local residential street. According to our Road Network Plan, urban local roads with volumes under 1,000 vehicles per day are operating within acceptable limits.

The data shows that vehicles traveling north recorded an average speed of 44.3 km/h and an 85th percentile speed of 53 km/h, while vehicles traveling south recorded an average speed of 43.5 km/h and an 85th percentile speed of 52 km/h. These speeds are consistent with the mid-block location, where northbound vehicles are less likely to slow down as they do not approach an intersection, while southbound vehicles tend to reduce speed in anticipation of the nearby intersection.

Although the data indicates that some vehicles are exceeding the 50 km/h default speed limit, the speeds remain within a moderate range that does not necessitate additional traffic management interventions.

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Any potential traffic calming works would be subject to prioritisation against other streets that have been identified as requiring traffic calming throughout the City of Onkaparinga. The prioritisation of potential traffic calming works must be conducted in accordance with Council's Resource Prioritisation Document for Traffic Management – New and Significant Upgrades, which considers attributes such as 85th percentile speeds and traffic volumes to prioritise the allocation of funds.

Council's Project and Capital Works program currently has a number of proposed traffic calming projects on streets which have 85th percentile speeds in the range of 55-60km/h, and considerably higher traffic volumes.

Given the findings from the traffic assessment, which indicate moderate speeds and acceptable volumes, further traffic calming measures on Light Road are not deemed necessary at this stage.

We will continue to monitor motorist behaviour along this roadway and, in the interest of road safety, the public are encouraged to contact SA Police Traffic Watch on 131 444 to report any poor driver behaviour or speeding motorists.

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](mailto:mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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

Moira Were AM  
Mayor

Copy to Thalassa Ward Councillors

## STORM CLEAN-UP UPDATE

I want to keep our community informed as clean-up efforts continue following recent storms across our coast.



CLOSED for safety:

Port Noarlunga Jetty – damaged and closed for engineering inspections.

Witton Bluff Base Trail Boardwalk – closed.

South Port Pedestrian Bridge – closed.

Jubilee Adventure Playground – inundated by storm tides, remains closed.

Saltfleet Street (state road) – SAPOL temporarily closed due to overtopping.

Wearing Street aquatics precinct and Port Noarlunga Oval – minor flooding.

Moana SLSC – water ingress despite sandbagging efforts.

Woodcroft Library – significant water damage but has reopened

Aldinga Community Centre – minor damage, now reopened.

Traffic controls in place at River Road, Port Noarlunga & Nashwauk Crescent, Moana.

Tree crews are out responding to wind-related incidents across 31km of coastline.

Please be patient – assessments and repairs take time. Closures are in place for your safety.

Huge thanks to SES, SAPOL, and our amazing council crews – and to all the residents lending a hand.



To report damage to council infrastructure, call 8384 0666.

More wild weather is forecast – we remain on alert and ready to respond.

Stay safe, everyone and please do not hesitate to contact me if you see anything council should address!

## Storm Damage? Fallen Tree or Branch? Here's What to Do!

If a tree or large branch has fallen in your area, it is important to stay safe and follow the right steps:

**1** Stay Safe: Avoid approaching or touching fallen trees or branches, especially if they're near power lines or on roadways.

**2** Report It: Contact the City of Onkaparinga Council to report the fallen tree or branch. You can:

 Call: 08 8384 0666 during business hours or 08 8384 0622 after hours

 Email: [mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)

**3** For Emergencies: If the situation is dangerous or causing immediate hazards, call 000 for emergency services.

**4** For Storm & Flood Response: Contact the State Emergency Service (SES) at 132 500 for assistance with storm and flood emergencies.


**5** For Fire Emergencies: Contact the Country Fire Service (CFS) at 132 500 for fire-related emergencies.

**6** Do Not Attempt Removal: Only qualified professionals should handle fallen trees.

**7** Stay Informed: Keep an eye on local news and council's website for updates on storm impacts and recovery efforts.

<b>SUPPORTING FOOD SECURITY &amp; REDUCING WASTE</b>	<p><b>SUPPORTING FOOD SECURITY &amp; REDUCING WASTE</b></p> <p>At last week’s Council meeting, I successfully moved a Notice of Motion to explore a new partnership program that would see surplus edible food from local supermarkets, cafés and restaurants delivered to community pantries across Onkaparinga</p> <p>What this means:          Helping those doing it tough          Reducing food waste          Strengthening local partnerships</p> <p>A report will come to Council in January 2026 outlining how we can make this initiative a reality</p> <p>Let’s keep working together for a more caring and sustainable community          Thank you to my fellow Councillors for your support.</p>
<b>Need help with online forms or accessing local services?</b>	<p>Come to Woodcroft Library on Mondays between 1–4pm and meet Sai and Ola, your friendly social workers! They’re here to assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✅ Completing online forms (passport applications, Centrelink, NDIS, and more)</li> <li>✅ Navigating government websites</li> <li>✅ Connecting with local services (employment, housing, legal aid, and more)</li> </ul> <p>This free service is open to all ages, and no bookings are required. Just pop in and say hello!</p> <p>📍 Location: *Woodcroft Library, 175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale</p> <p>🕒 When: Mondays, 1–4pm</p> <p>In partnership with: Woodcroft-Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre</p>
<b>Intersection Update: Easton &amp; Piggott Range Roads</b>	<p>We understand and appreciate the continued concerns raised by residents about safety at this intersection and want to share the following update:</p> <p><b>Intersection Project work &amp; Scope:</b></p> <p>The works focused on reshaping curves on either side of the Easton Road intersection reconstructing around 700m of road – and included a protected right-turn lane into Easton Road from Piggott Range Road.</p> <p><b>Tree Removal &amp; Community Feedback:</b></p> <p>The project required approval from the Native Vegetation Council to remove roadside trees, which delayed the process. During community engagement (April–May 2023), concerns about tree loss were strongly voiced and carefully considered.</p> <p>⚖️ <b>Balancing Safety and Environmental Protections:</b></p> <p>Council must balance safety needs with legislative requirements under the Native Vegetation Act. Although the road crest south of the intersection was not lowered, the changes still deliver a safer outcome than previous conditions especially given the low number of right-turning vehicles from Easton Road.</p>

	<p><b>Alternative Route:</b> A safer alternative route is available by turning onto Grants Gully Road to reach Piggott Range Road. While this route may be around 1.6km longer, the travel time impact is minimal.</p> <p><b>Speed Limit Reduction:</b> In December 2023, the speed limit on Piggott Range Road (between Bains Road and Grants Gully Road) was reduced to 70km/h to further enhance safety.</p> <p><b>Next Steps:</b> Council will be removing additional vegetation to improve sightlines by end of June 2025 and will also be approaching Archery Park about relocating signage at the corner to improve visibility.</p> <p>Thank you to all residents for your continued engagement we remain committed to improving road safety while balancing environmental and community concerns.</p>
<p><b>Footpath Request:</b> <b>Shepherd Court,</b> <b>Coromandel Valley</b></p>	<p>Thank you to the residents of Shepherd Court who have raised the installation of new footpaths in the area.</p> <p>After investigation, Council can confirm that your request has been reviewed as part of Council's long-term plan to complete our citywide footpath network.</p> <p>✅ Currently, 70% of the network has been built, and the remaining gaps are being prioritised using key criteria, including pedestrian demand, safety, and network connections.</p> <p>🏞️ Footpaths along Main Road near Shepherd Court are included in our Project and Capital Works program and rank as a medium priority. However, these are on hold until the road is upgraded by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) due to safety and design limitations such as narrow corridors, poor sightlines, and challenging topography.</p> <p>We continue to advocate strongly to DIT for pedestrian improvements along Main Road, including crossing points to access key local destinations like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coromandel Valley Primary School</li> <li>Coromandel Valley Shopping Centre</li> <li>Weymouth Recreation Ground</li> <li>Numerous bus stops</li> </ul> <p>In the meantime, we remind residents:</p> <p>A pedestrian crossing exists just south of Oakdene Crescent</p> <p>Pedestrians can access the Sturt River Linear Trail, which connects directly to Shepherd Court.</p> <p>The eastern side of Main Road also has an existing footpath</p> <p>We'll keep pushing for improved pedestrian infrastructure and will continue to keep the community informed of any progress.</p>

<b>Noarlunga Aquatic Centre Renewal – Project Update</b>	<p>Exciting upgrades at the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre, with works set to begin in July 2025!</p> <p>Here's the latest:</p> <p><b>Contract Awarded</b> Following a competitive tender process, we're pleased to announce that Mossop Construction + Interiors has been awarded the contract.</p> <p><b>Funding Secured</b> A \$5.4 million Thriving Suburbs Grant from the Australian Government is locked in and will go toward the upgrades.</p> <p> <b>What's Included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New pool liner</li> <li>• Roof and ceiling replacement</li> <li>• New solar system</li> <li>• Upgraded water filtration and disinfection plant</li> <li>• Lagoon pool separated from the main pool</li> <li>• Cosmetic upgrades and new paint</li> <li>• New accessibility ramp</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed Additional Upgrades (Pending Budget Approval):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pool concourse safety improvements</li> <li>• Emissions reduction upgrades:</li> </ul> <p>Electrified air and water heating Improved building thermal efficiency</p> <p><b>Closure Details:</b> The centre (including the gym) will close at 8pm on Friday, 4 July 2025 for approximately 12 months.</p> <p>We're working with swimming clubs and users to support alternative arrangements during this time.</p> <p>This is a major investment in local sport and recreation, and we'll continue advocating for additional funding to expand the scope further.</p>
<b>Keep up to date</b>	<p>Stay informed about decisions shaping our community! The City of Onkaparinga publishes agendas and minutes for all Council and Committee meetings online. You can access these documents, view meeting schedules, and watch recordings of past sessions at <a href="https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Council/Council-and-committees/Agendas-and-Minutes">https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Council/Council-and-committees/Agendas-and-Minutes</a></p>



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Volunteering**

Southern Suburbs Sports Clubs, groups and assocations– I am Talking to YOU!

Are you looking for VOLUNTEERS to help your club thrive?

- ◆ Groundskeeper
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Board Members
- ◆ Bar Staff
- ◆ Facility Volunteers

Then Southern Volunteering SA Inc is here for YOU!

Become a member – it's FREE!

Link: <https://svsa.org.au/i-need-volunteers/>

Southern Volunteering has already helped local clubs and groups fill vital positions and connect our clubs with the right volunteers.

Get in touch today – and don't forget to mention Cr Marion Themeliotis sent you!

The Southern Volunteering team is ready to help!

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