

Thalassa Ward Councillor Report



November 2025

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What's on Councils Agenda

What's on Council tomorrow - Tue 11 Nov, 6:30pm, Council Chambers, Noarlunga Centre.



Key Items:

- 🥕 Community Food Hub (Seaford): proposal for a social supermarket.
- 🏡 Community Facilities Development Fund: update + next steps.
- 🟡 Commemorating Helen Oxenham OAM: options to honour her legacy.
- ⚽ Sporting Clubs: introducing a single enquiry/triage pathway.
- 💧 ESCOSA Water Framework Submission + 🌱 State Public Health Plan Response.

Finance & Governance:

- 📊 Draft 2024–25 Financial Statements
- 📘 Draft Annual Report
- 💻 SRWRA Annual Report
- 💰 Budget Review 1

Planning & Land:

- 🏡 Noarlunga Downs land update
- 🌳 Onkaparinga Heights Reserve revocation/disposal (final report)
- 🚧 Peel Creek Drive road closure
- 🏗 Port Stanvac Mixed Use Code Amendment (submission)
- gMaps Boundary realignment: Noarlunga Downs / Port Noarlunga

Questions on Notice:

- 🚲 Bike Jumps Policy
- weathermap Environmental impact of fake “spider web” decorations
- 👤 Safer & Respectful Community workshop progress
- 🏗 WM Hunt development update

Motions:

- 🤝 Shared services support model for clubs
- 🏡 Coromandel Valley Community Centre upgrades
- gMaps Presentation from Green Adelaide & Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Boards

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •  Moana SLSC <p>Petitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 David Terrace, Morphett Vale • St Ninians Road, Clarendon <p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •  Core Values Award – Community Vision Journey
<p> HAVE YOUR SAY – COMMUNITY LAND REVOCATION PROPOSAL ABERFOYLE PARK </p>	<p>Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal to revoke community land at Allotment 195 Woodlea Drive, Aberfoyle Park for possible disposal to the adjacent landowner.</p> <p>The request relates to a small section of screening buffer reserve (around 146sqm) located next to private property.</p> <p> At the 14 October 2025 Council Meeting, Council resolved to begin the land revocation process, which means we are now formally seeking community input before any decision is made.</p> <p> Your views matter.</p> <p>If you live nearby, use the reserve, or have an interest in how community land is managed, we encourage you to have your say.</p> <p> View the meeting agenda and minutes</p> <p> Provide feedback on the proposal</p> <p> Links in comments below.</p> <p>The land parcel under consideration is shown outlined in red on the map.</p> <p>Thank you for taking a moment to be involved community consultation ensures decisions are made with transparency and local insight. </p> <p>Community land revocation proposal Woodlea Drive Aberfoyle Park Your Say Onkaparinga</p>
<p> Sam Willoughby BMX Track – Community Update </p>	<p>Early last month, we received further detail from the City of Marion on the scope and timing of repairs. Based on the latest information, the following works are proposed:</p> <p> Track Works Planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full remediation of Straight 1, including the removal of an additional 2m of Keswick clay • Reshaping and re-bitumising Berms 1 and 2 • Sealing the batters across the track • Soil removal and adjustments east of Straight 1 <p>City of Marion is now engaging the required consultants and contractors to progress these works. Once the construction schedule is finalised, they have committed to provide further detail to the club and community.</p> <p> At this stage, works are expected to be completed by April 2026.</p> <p> We will continue to work closely with the City of Marion to ensure riders, families, and clubs are kept informed. This includes discussions around extending the current licence at the Happy Valley Sports Park while works are underway.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for your ongoing patience, advocacy, and support for our BMX community. </p>



Congratulations Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten! 🎉

Your hard work and love for nature have bloomed beautifully 🌸, taking out Best Native Garden at the 2025 Mayor's Garden Competition! 🌻🌿
A wonderful recognition of how small hands can make a big difference for our environment.



Thinking of removing a tree? Know the rules before you do!

Did you know the state government has changed the laws around removing trees from your property? 🌸

As of May 2024, you'll now need development approval to remove any tree with a trunk circumference greater than 1 metre.

🌿 Trees 1m or more = Regulated tree

🌳 Trees 2m or more = Significant tree

💰 Penalties for removing or destroying protected trees are steep up to \$120,000 for individuals or \$600,000 for companies.

These changes aim to protect Adelaide's urban tree canopy, cool our suburbs, and provide vital habitat for wildlife. ☀️🐦

If you're unsure whether you can remove a tree, it's always best to check first:

✉️ applications@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

📞 8384 0666

You can also apply for a rebate of up to \$150 to help with arborist assessment costs. Let's work together to keep Onkaparinga green, every tree makes a difference. 🌸

New laws for South Australia! 🛍️

Abandoned shopping trolleys could soon be a thing of the past 🙌

Under new 'chain of responsibility' laws, retailers must:

✓ Label their trolleys

✓ Include a QR code or contact info so people can easily report dumped trolleys

✓ Collect any abandoned trolleys within 3 days



SA Environment Minister Lucy Hood told 891 ABC Radio Adelaide's Breakfast with Sonya & Jules all about what this means for shoppers and retailers.

Listen here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n82w8kh>

 **Speed Concerns – Sunnymeade Drive, Aberfoyle Park**

Thank you to residents who have contacted me about speeding concerns along Sunnymeade Drive. Council has reviewed traffic data collected between September 2024 and September 2025 using new connected-vehicle technology that monitors average travel speeds across our road network.

 The results show:

- Average speed – 52 km/h
- 85th percentile speed – 58 km/h (meaning 85% of drivers travel at or below this speed)

These results are consistent with earlier tube-count surveys, and Council has already installed a “Remember 50” sign to help remind drivers.

 Following the recent State Government announcement on new 40 km/h school-zone speed limits, Council is now investigating 40 km/h signage at the pedestrian crossings on Sunnymeade and Hub Drive to help reduce speeds even further. Once installed, Council will continue to monitor driver behaviour and share data with SAPOL if speeding remains an issue.

A big thank-you to everyone who continues to raise local safety concerns, your feedback helps us keep our community safer 

 Read more about the 40 km/h school-zone changes here:
<https://dit.sa.gov.au/news?a=1544393>

 **FREE Boat Launching at O’Sullivan Beach!** 

You can now, launch your boat for free at the O’Sullivan Beach boat ramp, no permits needed! 

This state government-funded initiative (running until 30 November 2026) is part of the Algal Bloom Fish Recovery Plan, supporting:

-  Local businesses
-  Recreational fishers
-  Healthy fish stocks

 The City of Onkaparinga is proud to partner with the state government on this initiative to support our ocean-loving community during a challenging time.

- No cost for ramp users
- No impact to ratepayers
- Supporting recovery for our coast and community

The council will update signage and website info soon to make sure the transition is smooth for everyone.

For the latest updates on the harmful algal bloom, visit  algalbloom.sa.gov.au

Building Safer,
More Respectful
Communities

Respect Community
Action Group and
Zonta Club of
Adelaide Flinders



Invitation to community forum

You are invited to attend a free community forum to hear from

The Hon. Katrine Hildyard MP

Minister for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence

Minister for Women

The Minister will share key insights from the Royal Commission
into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.

Moira Were AM

Mayor, City of Onkaparinga

will also speak about the commitments the City of Onkaparinga is
prepared to make in response to the outcomes of the Royal
Commission.

The forum is aimed at community members and service providers to raise
awareness, build capacity and discuss best practice in supporting
individuals and families.

Tuesday 18 November 2025
6pm-8pm

Aberfoyle Community Centre
1 Jessica Street, Aberfoyle Park
Tea and coffee provided



<https://www.trybooking.com/DGVCZ>



**Hopgood
Theatre re-
opening**

Thanks to our amazing community the doors of Hopgood Theatre are open once again! 🎉
Councillors couldn't wait to celebrate!



CEO Update

MEDIA RELEASE

Onkaparinga CEO to take on new leadership opportunity in Victoria

The City of Onkaparinga's Chief Executive Officer, Phu Nguyen, has announced his intention to step down in January 2026 to take up the CEO position at the City of Hobsons Bay in Victoria.

Phu said the decision was a difficult one, made after careful consideration.

"It's been a privilege to lead this organisation and work alongside such passionate and dedicated people who deliver so much for our community," Phu said.

"I'm incredibly proud of what we've achieved together over the past two years – from strengthening our financial position, building a more connected, trusted and high-performing organisation and delivering a shared vision for our community.

"While I hadn't anticipated leaving so soon, this opportunity allows me to return closer to family.

"The City of Onkaparinga will always hold a special place for me, and I'm confident the organisation is in strong hands and well positioned for continued success," he said.

Mayor Moira Were said she is incredibly sad to see Phu leave.

"I will miss Phu and I'm sure I will not be alone. We had an effective working relationship, but I understand and respect that Phu is putting his family first," Mayor Were said.

"Phu has navigated us out of financial sustainability concerns and supported organisational culture change so the organisation can deliver the best outcomes for our community. He will be missed."

Recruitment for a new CEO will commence immediately to ensure a smooth transition.

Pedestrian Safety Improvements – Coromandel Valley

Thank you to everyone who has raised concerns about the pedestrian crossing infrastructure at the Rowlands Hill Road and Main Road intersection. I am pleased to share that this location has been included in Council's 2026–27 Footpaths New and Significant Upgrade program, which focuses on improving kerb ramps and accessibility across our network.

At this site, two new kerb ramps will be installed along with minor civil works such as retaining and footpath tie-ins. In addition, a new kerb ramp will be added at the Rowlands Hill Road and Barbara Crescent intersection to improve pedestrian safety and access. Council staff are now progressing design, community engagement, and cultural heritage assessments to ensure the project is ready for delivery in the 2026–27 financial year, subject to budget approval.

Heart Celebrating
Clarendon's own
Laurel Jared, at
last night's Every
Generation
Awards. Heart

From the Girl Guides to our Uniting Church, Historical Hall, CFS, and local agricultural and senior citizens groups, Laurel has devoted her life to serving others. Even in her 80s, she remains actively involved, mentoring young musicians and volunteering as a Justice of the Peace. Her warmth, energy, and selfless commitment make her a beloved role model and a familiar face in Clarendon. Thank you, Laurel, for all that you do for our community.



**Seventh Street
shopping Centre
– Community
Update, Flagstaff
Hill / Flagstaff
Pines**

14 October 2025
Our ref: 7928438



Chief Executive Officer
Adelaide Development Company

Dear Mr Marker

I write to you on behalf of the community of Flagstaff Hill and surrounds – in particular the residents of Flagstaff Pines – in relation to the 'Seventh St Neighbourhood Centre' development at Allotment 901 Scotch Avenue, Flagstaff Hill.

I note that development application 145/1735/2013 for a shopping centre and associated works originally received Development Plan Consent on 27 May 2014. As you are aware, a number of 'extension of time requests' have since been made with the last extension granted by council in June 2022 to enable Building Consent to occur by 23 May 2024.

I have been informed that to date, Building Consent has not been granted and therefore the Development Plan Consent status has lapsed.

Given the continuing community interest in the site, Council at its meeting held [16 September 2025](#) moved the following Notice of Motion:

1. *That the Mayor write to the Adelaide Development Company (ADC) to:*
 - request an update on the previously proposed Seventh Street Shopping Development;*
 - seek advice on any future plans for the site and indicative timeframes; and*
 - outline any constraints currently preventing redevelopment.*
2. *That the response, once received, be included in the Mayor's Report to the next appropriate Council Meeting.*

On this basis, I would appreciate if Adelaide Development Company could please respond to the 3 dot points in item one above to enable Council to keep the community informed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Matthew Manager Development Services

Yours sincerely

Moira Were AM
Mayor

Update from the Minister – Main Road, Coromandel Valley

Council has received an update from the Minister regarding the ongoing concerns about Main Road, Coromandel Valley.

This issue continues to be of great concern to local residents, with many raising questions about traffic safety, road conditions, and long-term plans for this important route.

I, along with my co-councillor will continue to advocate strongly for our community to ensure Main Road receives the attention and investment it deserves.

 Our residents deserve a safe, well-maintained road network that supports both local families and visitors to the valley.

Attachment 7



Government
of South Australia

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP

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Dear Mayor Were

Thank you for your letters about pedestrian safety and infrastructure on Main Road, Coromandel Valley, particularly in the vicinity of the Coromandel Community Centre.

I understand that you have also corresponded with Mr Jon Whelan, Chief Executive, Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department), about this matter, and I understand that Mr Whelan responded to you on 2 May 2025.

The Department advises that in February 2025, a meeting was held with Mr Brett Williams, Traffic Engineer, City of Onkaparinga, to discuss this matter further, including Council's proposed footpath program for Main Road.

The Department further advises that following the meeting, Council provided the Department with an information sheet and map that outlined its proposals for footpaths, pedestrian crossings, and indented bus stops along Main Road, from Black Road to Magarey Road.

The Department recognises that pedestrian safety and the provision of safe road crossings is important and will continue to work with Council on the prioritisation and assessment of practical locations for pedestrian crossings and footpaths based on sight lines, impacts to trees, community needs, and pedestrian demands.

I am advised that the Department is progressing pedestrian safety improvements along Main Road, Coromandel Valley, including:

- A new Pedestrian Actuated Crossing at Coromandel Primary School, which will replace the existing Koala Crossing. While there are some design constraints to work through, such as restricted sight distance and nearby driveways, this project is progressing.
- Investigating reducing the speed limit on Main Road to 50km/h.
- Investigating a proposed pedestrian refuge near the Coromandel Shopping Centre (at the bakery and Oakdene Crescent).

While the Department appreciates that additional fundamental changes to the road environment are important to Council, the Department is not considering works that would include alteration of the horizontal road alignment, steep embankments, narrow verges, or tree removal at this time.

Yours sincerely


Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

8 / 9 / 2025

Southern Volunteering

Southern Suburbs Sports Clubs, groups and associations – 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!

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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>