



GEOFF EATON – THALASSA WARD COUNCILLOR – AUGUST 2025 -NEWSLETTER

My community activities during July included:

- Special Council meeting.
- Elected Members Session – Open Space Strategic Management Plan.
- Mayor’s NAIDOC reception/march – Christies Beach.
- On Tree per Child Planting event – Morphett Vale.
- Site meeting with resident and staff Piggott Range Road and Easton Road regarding road safety issues – Clarendon.
- One Tree per Child Planting event – Happy Valley.
- Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust monthly morning tea gathering – Coromandel Valley.
- Attended Mayor’s Cup Football Event, with mayor and Crs Fisher and Davis – Magain Oval Noarlunga.
- Morphett Vale RSL Committee meeting – Morphett Vale.
- Southern Districts Base Ball Club committee meeting – Morphett Vale.
- Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust monthly committee meeting – Coromandel Valley.
- Ironbank Cherry Gardens Recreation Ground committee meeting – Cherry Gardens.
- CEO Performance Committee – Noarlunga Centre.
- Healthy Cities Onkaparinga/Food Security Collaborative monthly meeting – online.
- Citizenship Ceremony, with Mayor and Crs Davis, Bell and Yoemans.
- Cherry Gardens Garden Club, monthly meeting – Cherry Gardens.
- Clarendon Over 50s Club committee meeting – Clarendon.
- Aberfoyle Park Monthly Men’s Breakfast – Aberfoyle Park Community Centre.
- Aberfoyle Park Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch meeting – Aberfoyle Park Community Centre.
- Confidential Elected Members Session – Noarlunga Centre.
- Elected Members Session, Advocacy Plan and Home Strategy – Noarlunga Centre.
- Flagstaff Hill Oval Community Centre board meeting with Cr Themeliotis – Flagstaff Hill.
- Coromandel Valley Community Centre Information Session with Cr Themeliotis.

Community Activities Unable to Attend:

- Coromandel Valley Monthly Men’s Breakfast.
- Clarendon Agriculture Bureau meeting.
- Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall committee meeting.
- Happy Valley Recreation and Sport Park Board meeting.
- Cherry Gardens Community Association/Cherry Chatter Newsletter committee meeting.
- Coromandel Valley Community Centre board meeting.

Council Response to Algal Boom

Hundreds of community members came together for an algal bloom community information session at Port Noarlunga’s Arts Centre and online last Thursday 7 August and you can now [watch the full video.](#)

Like many coastal communities across South Australia, Onkaparinga is facing the serious impacts of [a harmful algal bloom](#), which is affecting the health of our beaches and marine life.

The council-hosted forum featured presentations from leading ecologists and representatives from OzFish and Restored Connections, followed by a panel session with state government representatives, including Deputy Premier Susan Close.

A key aim of the session was to clarify the roles and responsibilities in the response, and it also covered health and safety advice for residents and pet owners, environmental impacts, the role of climate change, current response efforts and how the community can help.

The state government is leading the overall response to the algal bloom, with the council supporting that response where directed.

Our role includes sharing accurate information, monitoring the coastline, assisting with clean-up efforts when nature can't take its course, and supporting local businesses impacted by the event. Our general approach to deceased marine animals that wash up on the beach is, "If it comes in on the tide, it goes out on the tide". But when large numbers wash up and nature can't take its course, we steps in.

We also support climate action through our [Climate Change Response Plan](#) and [Coastal Adaptation Plan](#).

The response to the community information meeting was enormous, and the level of engagement from the community reflects both the deep concern and genuine interest in understanding this complex environmental issue.

Watch the video online and stay up to date about the algal bloom via [the state government's algalbloom.sa.gov.au website](#), [the council's website](#) and the [Sustainable Onkaparinga Facebook page](#).

How can you help?

Please don't collect dead marine life – but do keep an eye out and report what you see:

- For individual marine deaths:
 - Report via [iNaturalist](#) or
 - Call FISHWATCH on 1800 065 522
- For large groups of deceased marine life:
 - Use our [Deceased Animal Removal Request Form](#) or
 - Call 8384 0666

You can also:

- Join the OzFish Seeds for Snapper program
<https://ozfish.org.au/projects/seeds-for-snapper-fleurieu-peninsula-south-australia/>
- Apply to be a Green Adelaide Ambassador in 2026 www.greenadelaide.sa.gov.au

Join the iNaturalist movement <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/sa-marine-mortality-events-2025>

South Australian Living Artists Festival

The City of Onkaparinga is hosting free exhibitions for this year's annual SALA Festival – the South Australian Living Artists Festival. The exhibitions feature local artists – from aspiring to established, from younger to older – at our arts venues, libraries, community centres and youth centres.

Through diverse mediums including collage, photography, painting and electronic sculpture, the artists explore themes ranging from emotional wellbeing and multiculturalism to family and vibrant ageing.

In addition to council events, there's an overflowing program of community-led events by local artists, including by students from Christies Beach High School and the Willunga Waldorf School.

SALA – the South Australian Living Artists Festival – is the state’s annual celebration of living SA artists and runs from 1 August to 31 August.

Council events are listed on our website (www.onkaparingacity.com) – search for SALA 2025.

Alternatively, you can head to salafestival.com and see all the events happening in Onkaparinga and the broader Fleurieu Peninsula.

Council SALA event highlights include:

Bloom Brighter

1–31 August

Library hours, Monday to Saturday

Seaford library, 586 Grand Blvd, Seaford

By All Saints Catholic Primary School’s Year 5 students, this exhibition showcases vibrant collages inspired by Japanese contemporary artist Yayoi Kusama and explore emotional wellbeing.

Grow Bolder

1–30 August

Library hours, Monday to Saturday

Noarlunga library, Hannah Rd, Noarlunga Centre

In this photographic exhibition, emerging artist Callum Docherty showcases diverse, vibrant and inspiring lives of older people in our community as he challenges ageism.

Our Shared Story

8 August to 15 September

10am–4pm weekdays, 1pm–4pm Saturdays

Arts Centre, 22 Gawler St, Port Noarlunga

The exhibition showcases the works of Onkaparinga Youth’s SALA Mentorship Program participants Cedar Beaubois, Mickey Jean, Parker Warren, Ruby Ryan and Violet Pitcher-Ovenden. In various mediums, the artists explore identity, mental health, disability and our impact on nature.

Churning the Ocean

9 August to 20 September

Various times, Wednesday to Saturday

Sauerbier House, 21 Wearing St, Port Noarlunga

The electronic sculptures that comprise this exhibition by Orlando Mee, with accompanying text by Roy Ananda, are built from e-waste and illuminate the personal histories of a multicultural family.

Orlando Lee: artist talk

Saturday 23 August

2.30pm to 3.30pm

Sauerbier House, 21 Wearing St, Port Noarlunga

In this talk, Churning the Ocean artist Orlando Mee speaks to the topic ‘A mythopoesis of waste’, examining the connections between family, culture and technology through poetic mythmaking.

Through My Eyes

11–29 August

Library hours, Sunday to Friday

Woodcroft Community Centre, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale

The exhibition by ACH Group community and residents presents the artists’ individual perspectives and personal narratives through a range of artistic media.

Onkaparinga Dementia Friendly Alliance of South Australia Session – Seeds Church

The number of people living with dementia, and those caring for them, continues to rise. It can be a lonely and confusing time, with many not knowing where to go or who to connect with. Seeds Church - Aberfoyle Park, is hosting a Dementia Awareness Session on the 18th of September at 2pm, led by Onkaparinga Dementia Friendly Alliance of South Australia Inc. It’ll be a great opportunity to

increase awareness around dementia and learn more about the support available for those living with it and their carers. There'll be a few short videos, space for discussion and questions and tea and coffee provided. Visit <https://bit.ly/45kyZ0O> to register or call the church office on 8370 6472.

Revised Open Space Strategic Management Plan – Community Feedback

The City of Onkaparinga has adopted a revised Open Space Strategic Management Plan (OSSMP) at their July meeting. The revised OSSMP Plan reflects feedback from the community and local members of parliament, ensuring a smarter, more sustainable investment in parks, reserves and play spaces across the city.

In response to feedback, the council reduced the access distance to play spaces from a proposed one kilometre to 750 metres, so most households will have a play space within easy reach. The 750-metre model balances good access with long-term financial responsibility.

The council also responded to strong support for greener, more climate-resilient spaces. As a result, sites where small play spaces are not renewed will not be lost. They will be reimaged with trees, irrigated grass, biodiversity plantings and even community gardens.

Other key updates based on feedback include:

- aligning footpath and open space projects to improve access
- retaining irrigation to support greener reimaged sites
- a clear commitment to ongoing community engagement as renewals and projects progress.

The OSSMP is not about cutting costs – our overall play space budget is not being reduced. We are investing more wisely, putting more into bigger, better play spaces that serve more people, and reimaging smaller spaces to benefit the environment and neighbourhoods.

The council will continue engaging with residents as individual play spaces are identified for renewal. Visit [Your Say Onkaparinga](#) for updates and upcoming opportunities to get involved.

Expanded Sustainability Rebates on Offer

The City of Onkaparinga's Sustainability Rebates program has returned for 2025–26, with even more rebate categories to help you reduce your environmental impact.

Rebates are available for 13 categories, including 4 new rebates for:

- purchase of e-bikes
- purchase of non-electric cargo bikes
- double-glazing installation
- an initial arborist assessment of regulated and significant trees.

Rebates are available across the year to Onkaparinga residents until the allocated funding is used up. The 13 categories cover personal care, home improvements, gardens and transport.

Personal Care

- Reusable cloth nappies (50% up to a maximum \$100)
- Reusable sanitary and incontinence items (50% up to a maximum \$100)

Home improvements

- Switching from dark to light roof (up to \$150)
- Housing insulation (up to \$150)
- Double glazing installation (up to \$200)
- Switching gas appliances to electric (50% up to \$200)

- Home energy assessment (up to \$100)

Gardens

- Indigenous plants (50% up to \$50)
- Arborist assessment for significant or regulated trees (50% up to \$150)
- Rainwater tank (up to \$150)

Transport

- EV charging station (up to \$200)
- E-bike (up to \$200)
- Non-electric cargo bike (up to \$200).

The program was on hold in 2024-25 during the council's review of its grants programs.

Redesigned Disposal Guide Helps Reduce Landfill

We have just released a redesigned A-Z Disposal Guide.

The new guide makes it easier than ever to put the right item in the right bin – and reduce Onkaparinga's landfill.

To address this, the new guide has:

- single sheets people can print out and place near there inside bins – or even on the outside bins if they're laminated
- a colour-coded reference guide for quick reference.

The guide is available online (search for 'disposal guide') and in hard copy from council offices, libraries, community centres and youth centres.

Which bin?

The council collects waste in three bins: green organics, recyclables and waste to landfill.

The green organics bin is for plants, food scraps, approved compostable items like wooden cutlery, tissues and paper towels, and items like disposable cups and plates that carry the compostable logo. Even pet poo can go in the green bin – provided it's in compostable packaging.

The recycling bin takes hard plastics like bottles and other rigid plastic containers, glass, paper, cardboard, and metal tins and cans.

The waste-to-landfill bin is for soft plastic packaging such as plastic bags and wrappers, household crockery and toys, foam and polystyrene, and small plastic lids.

What happens to waste?

Food scraps and garden waste in green organics bins are commercially composted locally to create high-grade compost.

Recycling is separated and sorted at the Southern Materials Recovery Facility located in Seaford Heights before being dispatched for recycling.

The facility is the largest of its kind in South Australia with the capacity to process 60,000 tonnes of recyclables each year. It is a joint initiative of Re.Group and the Southern Region Waste Recycling Authority, a joint subsidiary of the Cities of Onkaparinga, Holdfast Bay and Marion.

Over the past 5 years, Onkaparinga has seen less waste produced per household and last year the council diverted 51.5 per cent of household waste from landfill via the recycling and organics bins.

New bin-sorting game?

Another great innovation to help you get the right thing in the right bin is our new bin-sorting game. The game is free and online. It's a great resource for schools or clubs – or even cold, wet days at home with the children. The game takes just 40 seconds and asks you to sort 99 common household items. All you have to do is go to our website (www.onkaparingacity.com), search for 'Think you know your bins?' and start playing.

Community Bus Service

A reminder that the council operates a community bus service. The fleet of buses operates every weekday morning in most areas. Passengers are collected between 8.30am and 11am with varying return times.

The buses provide transport to residents who are aged, isolated, living with disabilities, or are 'transport disadvantaged' with limited access to private or public transport.

The service helps passengers get to their nearest shopping centre, community centre, library or social club.

The service is run by our amazing volunteers.

A gold coin donation per journey is encouraged and bookings are required.

To learn more about the council's community transport service, including eligibility, call the council's Active Ageing team on 1300 365 729 or visit our website (www.onkaparingacity.com) and search for 'community transport'.

Port Noarlunga Jetty Repairs

Jetty repairs started onsite on 30 June.

The works are progressing well and are still tracking towards an end-of-August completion, subject to weather and any unforeseen site issues. We will open the jetty to the public as soon as the repair works are complete.

Official Opening Second Stage Witton Bluff Base Trail

The seawall repair works at Christies Beach are now complete, which is a key milestone for the project. Supported by Federal and State Government funding and delivered by Buttrose Earthmovers, the works have strengthened coastal defences to protect against erosion and the impacts of future climate events.

Neo Infrastructure is now delivering the final stage of the trail, which includes asphalt surfacing, fencing, and solar lighting. Temporary fencing and exclusion zones remain in place during construction to ensure public safety.

An official opening event is being planned for 23 August 2025 at 11.00 am to celebrate completion of the new link from Christies Beach to Port Noarlunga, on the Christies Beach side, so please if you have the time drop in and experience the walk from Christies Beach to Port Noarlunga (along the base of the cliffs) for the first time.

The public art element of the project is currently being manufactured off-site and is expected to be installed later this year.

Happy Valley Oval Road Signage

In response to discussions with the Happy Valley Oval board, Council reviewed traffic signage at Happy Valley Sports Park earlier this year particularly around concerns about vehicles turning right from the oval area. As a result, we'll be replacing the existing one-way sign at the culvert crossing with a larger, more visible version to help improve driver awareness and safety. Installation is set to be completed by 30 September 2025.

Council will monitor how effective the new signage is before deciding whether pavement arrow markings are needed. This step-by-step approach helps ensure the right solution without over-marking the area.

We appreciate the community's patience and will continue to monitor traffic behaviour at the site to keep everyone safe.

Craigburn Central Reserve Playground, Flagstaff Hill Update

Craigburn Central Reserve (often referred to by locals as the Swallow Drive Reserve) is north of Swallow Drive and east of Kingfisher Circuit at Flagstaff Hill and is designated as a Local Passive reserve under Council's Open Space Strategic Management Plan 2025-30 (OSSMP).

The recent adoption of new play space service levels through our completed OSSMP review, identifies this playground as a 3R site and would therefore not be renewed when it becomes unsafe/unable to be maintained and/or no longer fit for purpose. In repurposing the site, we would engage with the local community to determine the future use and amenity which may include natural bushwalks, habitat areas, revegetation and retention of the irrigated turf, enhancing both the environmental, recreational and social value of the space. This would also include discussions on the future use of the existing barbeques.

The OSSMP also proposes a new family neighbourhood playground be developed in the open space near Sturt Approach and Swallow Drive, Flagstaff Hill. This location offers improved pedestrian, cycle, and vehicle access, and greater visibility, enhancing safety and increasing its appeal to the wider neighbourhood. Subject to community engagement, it may include cognitive, social and physical play opportunities through equipment and intuitive exploration areas as well as supporting infrastructure such as shade shelters and seating to encourage longer, more comfortable visits.

Our current modelling and present-day costings forecasts that delivery of the reimagined open space (estimated at \$50,000) and the development of a new neighbourhood level playground (estimated at \$350,000) will occur in 2029-30, subject to Council's budget process. Planning and community engagement will occur prior to this date.

Council would welcome the support in exploring potential State and Federal grant funding opportunities for both locations as it could potentially help accelerate delivery of these improvements and ensure we can meet growing community expectations for safe, accessible, and inclusive open spaces.

New Rules for E-Scooters and Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) – Now in Effect

Effective 13 July 2025, South Australia has introduced new statewide regulations for e-scooters and other personal mobility devices (PMDs) and they represent a major shift in how these devices can be used in public spaces.

Key Highlights:

- Riders aged 16+ can now legally use PMDs on footpaths, shared paths, bike lanes, and many local roads
- Helmet use is mandatory, and riders must display a flashing light at night or in low light

Speed limits apply:

- 0km/h on footpaths and shared paths
- 25km/h on roads \leq 50km/h or bike lanes \leq 60km/h
- No licence or registration required.

Where PMDs are not allowed:

- Areas with ‘no bicycle’ or ‘no wheeled recreational devices’ signage
- Public transport (Local councils may apply to restrict PMDs in specific areas if safety concerns are identified.)

Council’s Role:

While SA Police will enforce the new laws, councils remain responsible for managing where PMDs and fleet-operated e-scooters can operate within their boundaries.

Fleet e-scooter operators must now apply for permits to continue or expand services with councils setting clear conditions on where and how they operate.

What’s next:

- The State Government will review the new laws within 12 months
- The LGA will consult councils on the real-world impact especially around pedestrian safety
- Our Council will stay engaged and keep you updated on any changes or local impacts

Learn more and watch SA Police’s explainer video: sa.gov.au

Read the full fact sheets and updates on PMDs and e-bikes via THINK! Road Safety

As this space continues to evolve, Council will remain committed to designing and managing safe, inclusive, and future ready infrastructure for everyone.

Clarendon Road Safety Updates

Mayor Were recently wrote to the secretary of the Clarendon Community Association following a few road safety issues being raised through a community petition the Clarendon area and I can provide the following details.

Council will continue to collaborate with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) on implementing some of the treatments proposed in the Clarendon Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Assessment undertaken by council last year, with an initial focus on potential treatments that typically involve shorter lead times.

In response to the queries received by council in the email dated 8 June 2025, we provide the following information:

Responses from DIT and emergency services

In response to the petition and our representations, DIT’s CEO and Executive Director visited council in January 2025 to discuss the concerns raised by the Clarendon Community Association with CEO Phu Nguyen, myself and council staff. DIT were broadly receptive to the ideas presented in our Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Assessment.

Staff subsequently met with DIT in February 2025 for a site visit within the Clarendon township to discuss potential treatment options. This prompted immediate action involving DIT’s Way2Go school safety team who has undertaken some minor upgrades to the pedestrian crossing point on Grants Gully Road just north-west of Potter Road to enhance the prominence of this crossing. In terms of feedback from emergency services, we did receive a response from the Country Fire Service (CFS) who noted that they have attended crashes and vehicle fires along Grants Gully Road in the previous two years.

Vegetation obstructing school zone signs and sight distance

We understand that the vegetation obstructing the school zone signage on Grants Gully Road may have been pruned after your letter, however this has been raised with DIT and they are considering whether it would be more suitable to relocate the signs so that they will no longer be obstructed by the tree.

Regarding the vegetation at the intersection of St Ninians Road and Potter Road, we have lodged a customer request (REQ2025-85727) to be reviewed and actioned by council's Urban Forest team.DIT traffic data

We have raised this request with DIT and they have programmed the collection of new data at a number of sites along Grants Gully Road within the Clarendon township to determine the volume and speed of vehicles along with the number of heavy vehicles moving through the area. It is expected that this data will be collected in August 2025.

Pedestrian safety along Grants Gully Road

A detailed description of pedestrian activity as well as suggested locations for pedestrian crossing locations was provided by the association and this is very helpful as it will inform the investigation and design of potential future treatments. Pavement markings allowing overtaking The provision of pavement markings such as central dividing lines are guided by the Australian Standards along with DIT requirements. As Grants Gully Road is a state-controlled road, DIT is the relevant authority responsible for considering a potential change to the central dividing line to prohibit overtaking.

In our experience DIT would be unlikely to consider prohibiting overtaking where it is warranted in the Australian Standards, as this could result in other unintended consequences, such as removing a legitimate ability to (safely) overtake very slow-moving vehicles, as well as potentially prohibiting vehicles from turning right into or out of driveways.

Adjoining local roads feeding into Grants Gully Road

Any potential changes to speed limits within Clarendon need to be considered holistically on all roads, noting that DIT are the responsible authority to consider and approve speed limit amendments on all roads within South Australia.

We have also referred your concerns to DIT regarding the transition from the 80km/h zone to 50km/h for northbound vehicles approaching from Kangarilla. They have subsequently advised that:

- A review was undertaken of the speed limits when entering Clarendon. AHEAD signs are generally installed when there is a speed limit difference of at least 30km/h.
- As the speed reduces from 80km/h to 50km/h for traffic entering from the south, the Department will install AHEAD signage for this direction of travel.
- As the speed differential for vehicles coming from the north is 20km/h, this does not meet the requirements for AHEAD signage and existing signage is considered sufficient to advise drivers of the 50km/h speed limit.
- It is anticipated that the AHEAD signage for northbound traffic will be installed by end of October 2025, subject to other priorities on the arteria road network.

Clarendon Bridge

As Clarendon Bridge is a DIT asset, we have referred your query to them for consideration. DIT have since responded to note that the bridge is currently gazetted to allow a maximum vehicle size of 19m semi-trailers with a 'Higher Mass Limit' of up to 45.5t, which is slightly greater than the 'General Mass Limit' of 42.5t that heavy vehicles must comply with to travel on the road network without the need for a permit.

DIT therefore considers that the bridge is capable of operating without the need to consider a load limit to protect its structure.

It is important to maintain accessibility wherever possible as banning trucks from parts of the road network can have a considerable impact to the productivity and operations of heavy vehicle operators and the industries they support.

Next steps

Council will continue to work with DIT to agree on a shortlist of potential measures, with a focus on short term, low cost treatments. We can then present these options to the Clarendon Community Association for consideration, which could potentially involve a meeting with council. We would also invite DIT to participate in any such consultation.

The Great Unwaste

The Great Unwaste is coming to Onkaparinga to help you reduce food waste, save money and help the planet. The Great Unwaste is a nationwide campaign to reduce the amount of food that goes into landfill, converting it instead into valuable products like compost and energy.

The campaign comes to Onkaparinga in a series of [free council-led workshops](#) starting 20 August. Households lose around \$2,500 a year on food that is dumped in the bin, while food waste costs Australia \$36.6 billion each year.

For the environment, the cost is potentially greater. Food waste is responsible for 10 per cent of greenhouse gases created across the entire food supply chain. The vast majority of this comes from households – not wholesalers, supermarkets or restaurants.

Halving food waste across the whole supply chain can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50 million tonnes by 2030.

For households, the benefits of not wasting food are not just environmental – they're also financial. And it's not hard. Proper storage, flexible meal planning, eating leftovers and sticking to the grocery list, these are simple steps we can all take. Purchasing less food is a good place to start. Buy less, waste less, and save money.

You can also donate in-date food rather than keeping it for too long and then throwing it out. thegreatunwaste.com.au has a host of tools and tips to follow, including a 6-week challenge to review what you're wasting and improve habits to better manage food in your household.

Onkaparinga's series of 3 workshops help you get started on wasting less food and saving on the household budget. Repeat sessions are available for each workshop.

[Affordable Onkaparinga](#) is also hosting an interactive community forum where participants can share practical tips and solutions to reduce food waste.

You're invited to any or all of the workshop sessions. For more information or to book your free attendance for the workshops and/or forum head to our [website](#).

Mayor's Garden Competition

It is that time of year again, where we celebrate our city's keen and passionate gardeners. Entries are now open for the 2025 Mayor's Garden Competition. The 2025 Mayor's Garden Competition encourages community interest in local gardens which enhances the presentation and liveability of our city.

The competition is open to all City of Onkaparinga residents, community groups, businesses, schools, and budding young gardeners in the following categories, with prizes on offer:

- Community
- School
- Urban Residential
- Native
- Rural

Nominations will be submitted electronically via email. Entry forms are available at our libraries, council offices and on [council's website](#). Nominations close on Friday 19 September 2025 with judging to take place **21 & 23 October**.



Link - [Mayor's Garden Competition City of Onkaparinga](#)

Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust Watchman House

In the first Saturday of the month from 9.00 am the Coromandel valley and Districts Branch of the National Trust volunteers will be on hand to guide families or groups through the Watchman House, sharing its stories as well as those of other local landmarks, including Winns Bakehouse, the Shepley House, Craigie and the former Government Experimental Orchard.

Located adjacent to the Sturt River Linear Park and the Winns Road intersection, the Watchman House is a disability friendly venue. Delicious, homemade morning teas are on offer for \$5pp. The welcome mat and, for four legged visitors, a refreshing bowl of water will be on the veranda. Lovers of Coromandel Marmalade and Hills Honey are welcome to call in to restock their pantries.

Trucks on Tour in Onkaparinga

The City of Onkaparinga's Trucks on Tour event will be occurring on Friday 10 October between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm at the Wilfred Taylor Reserve, Morphett Vale. This is a free school holiday event, and no bookings are required. Just turn up with the children or grandchildren and enjoy the experience. I took Tessa our Dalmatian along to last year's event and even she enjoyed the day.





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Club of Reynella

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US !!



Reynella Kiwanis local projects include food distribution to disadvantaged families and creative ways to serve the needs of Children in our community. A recent major Service Project was the Kids Fun Day held at Noarlunga Centre Cinema with 200 children attending.

They assist the City of Onkaparinga with volunteers to marshal at the Christmas Pageant and provide support at other community events, such as the Beachside Food and Wine Festival at Christies Beach

Fundraising assists charities including Heart Kids, Childhood Cancer, and Riding for the Disabled and Kiwanis Camp Amity for girls with disabilities.

Meeting date : 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month
 Time : 6pm for 6.30pm
 Venue : Christies Beach Hotel Function Room

 Contact : Bob Koster President 0408 838 875
 Howard Humby Secretary 0419 502 332
 email - reynella@kiwanis.org.au
 Club Facebook page: www.facebook.com/reynellakiwanis

Young at Heart Art and Craft Exhibition

The up-and-coming Young at Heart Art and Craft Exhibition is being held in October this year. The exhibition is a long-standing event in the City of Onkaparinga and supports the many senior artists and craftsmen and women in our community to display their artistic skills to their community. For many, it is their only opportunity to show their work.

The exhibition is a community event run by volunteers all over the aged of 50. The exhibition began over 30 years ago with Edith Gilbert as the driving force.

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Young at Heart
Art and Craft Exhibition
October 5th - 11th
Sun 12-4pm
Mon-Sat 10am to 4pm

Noarlunga Downs Primary School Gymnasium

Canterbury Cres. (off Liguria Cres) Noarlunga Downs
 Bus Stop 70, Bus Route 747 or 745 Seaford Loop.

Entry form now available

Celebrating Positive Ageing and
 Creative Skills of Seniors

New exhibitors welcome

Enquiries: 0412 600034
 seniorsart@optusnet.com.au
 theseniorexhibition@gmail.com



City of Onkaparinga Northern Community Forum Meeting Dates

The meeting schedule for the 2025 Northern Community Forum's meetings is:

- Monday 18 August (AGM).
- Monday 20 October.
- Monday 8 December.

Meetings are held at the Aberfoyle Community Centre starting at 7.30 pm.

Neighbourhood Watch Meetings Schedule

Flagstaff Hill Neighbourhood Watch Area 453

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday 10 September.
- Wednesday 10 December 2025– Christmas Dinner.

Meetings commence at 6.30 pm at the Flagstaff Hill Golf Club (temporary restaurant) where a light supper is provided.

Aberfoyle Park Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch Area 491

- Monday 15 September (AGM).
- Monday 17 November.
- Monday 19 January 2026.
- Monday 16 March.
- Monday 18 May.

Meetings commence at 7.30pm at Aberfoyle Park Community Centre where a light supper is provided.

Reynella Neighbourhood Watch Area 048/146

Meetings are scheduled to be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday 17 September.
- Wednesday 17 December.

Meetings commence at 7.00 pm at the Reynella Football Club 1 Oval Road, Old Reynella

Woodcroft Neighbourhood Watch Area 406

Meetings are scheduled to be held on the following dates for 2025:

- Tuesday 11 November 2025 AGM.

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm at the Woodcroft Heights Children Centre, 25 Investigator Drive Woodcroft.

Have Your Say

As always, there are some live engagements at our Your Say Onkaparinga website if you're looking to get more involved in your community.

Your Say Onkaparinga is our online platform designed to give the opportunity to provide your feedback on important issues.

Go to onkaparingacity.com/yoursay to have your say but also to see updates on our projects.

Right now, you can have your say on:

- a proposal for the council to establish a **community food hub** in the Seaford area – in response to cost-of-living pressures – with funding from the Department for Human Services
- a planned upgrade to the **Symonds Reserve** at Aldinga Beach, including construction of new, fenced playground to replace 2 smaller playgrounds that have reach the end of their lives
- the council's draft **Economic Growth and Tourism Strategic Plan 2025-30**. Endorsed by the council at our meeting of 15 July, the draft plan sets our direction for building a stronger local economy and a thriving visitor destination over the next five years
- naming the upgraded **playground on the esplanade at Port Noarlunga South** – you can vote for one of 4 names that have been selected through the first stage of community engagement:
 - Seaford and Districts Lions Park – in recognition of the ongoing contributions of a local service club in the area
 - Little Rincon Park – Little Rincon is the name of the local surf break located adjacent to this park
 - Little Captains Park – reflects the nautical theme of the park with the play equipment including a boat
 - Tiny Treasures Park – reflects the nautical theme of the park and the smaller children who will use the park.

Grant Opportunities

Please refer to the attachment, or [Please refer to our website](#).

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