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# A message from the Mayor

**Dear residents,**

All of us have been affected in some way by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. I acknowledge there is much fear and worry in the community, but remember almost all of us will get through this without serious harm, especially if we take all due precautions.

Council's number one priority during this time is the safety of our community, visitors, and staff.

As you probably know, public access to our popular facilities, including the libraries, neighbourhood centres and the outdoor pool has been suspended – although you can still borrow library e-books via our website.

Despite this, the basic role of Council remains the same. We aim to provide services that support the social, environmental, and economic needs of residents, businesses and visitors.

How we deliver those services, and to what extent, has temporarily changed. Council and staff are committed to supporting you. We are exploring innovative ways of delivering online programs and maintaining contact with our community, particularly those who are isolated and vulnerable.

Most importantly, we want you to take care of yourselves and your loved ones. Remember to visit the City of Marion website to access services online, or 'live chat' with staff from Customer Service. Alternatively, call us on 8375 6600. We're here for you.

Regards,

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# Podcast brings neighbourhood centres to life

**SHARING STORIES**  
Sharleen Pereira has recorded interviews with a diverse range of people.

**A new podcast is bringing to life the classes, characters, and stories from Marion's neighbourhood centres.**

Even though access to the centres is temporarily suspended, we thought you'd like to read about this podcast.

*Guess What I Learnt from My Community* is the brainchild of Sharleen Pereira who volunteered on the reception desk at Cooida Neighbourhood Centre when not working as a media coordinator and makeup artist for film and television.

The series follows Sharleen as she drops into the centres to hear about the activities people enjoy and listen to hilarious and moving stories.

Sharleen said she wants to build a picture of what the centres offer.

"Many people are isolated and lonely and would benefit from classes at neighbourhood centres," Sharleen said.

"The podcast brings to life programs like yoga, men's wellbeing, cooking, and computing. You hear the voices of participants, volunteers, and staff.

"I want to share the stories of the people of all ages and diverse cultural backgrounds who visit the centres."

*Guess What I Learnt from My Community* is available on most podcast channels and online at [marion.sa.gov.au/community-podcast](http://marion.sa.gov.au/community-podcast)

The podcast is funded by the City of Marion.



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Staff from the Positive Ageing and Inclusion and Customer Service teams.

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# We're here for you

**Marion Council will stand beside its residents during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to deliver vital services to the community, CEO Adrian Skull said.**

The Council has activated its Incident Management Plan and is managing the ever-changing challenges that the virus presents. Mr Skull said he wanted to reassure the community they were not alone.

"We're working hard to manage the constant changes brought about by COVID-19," Mr Skull said.

"We have taken a whole of business approach to ensure we continue to manage critical functions.

"Nonetheless, we have had to progressively suspend public access to facilities to protect our residents, visitors, and staff.

"Although people cannot visit our venues for activities and events at present, as the information on the page opposite shows, they can still access services."

Council suspended access to its public facilities prior to the Federal Government's direction as a precaution to protect vulnerable members of the community.

Mr Skull said it was essential to follow the advice of Federal and State authorities.

"I've been deeply moved by the care our staff have for our customers, particularly people who are aged and frail," he said.

"Staff are doing what they can to limit the spread of the coronavirus at work, and at home.

"We are providing information that is as up-to-date as possible about the changes coronavirus has on our facilities and services. Additionally, we are working on new ways to deliver services during this challenging time."

As you know, the situation is constantly changing, so please visit [marion.sa.gov.au](http://marion.sa.gov.au)/coronavirus to stay in touch with the latest developments about Council facilities and services.

You can still call staff for information on anything from development applications to social support.

**If you're not sure who to speak to, please call Customer Service on 8375 6600.**

## \$110,000 relief package for clubs, businesses

**Marion Council has signed off on an \$110,000 relief package for sports and community clubs and businesses that lease its venues to ease the financial impacts caused by COVID-19**

Clubs and businesses could also have utilities/power costs waived.

Council owns and operates almost 100 sites across the City of Marion.

Further consideration will be given to the needs of leaseholders after three months.

The package includes \$85,000 rent relief and \$25,000 utilities relief.

Staff are contacting leaseholders.

**Leaseholders of Council venues can contact Unit Manager Sport and Recreation Facilities James O'Hanlon on 0466 432 894 or [James.O'Hanlon@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:James.O'Hanlon@marion.sa.gov.au)**

### ON CALL

Customer Service Consultant Sue.



## COVID-19 and Council services – what you need to know

The health of our community, visitors, and staff is our number one priority.

**Our response to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is being guided by the latest advice from Commonwealth and State authorities.**

This page contains details of changes to Council's facilities and services brought about by the coronavirus.

We expect the suspensions stay in place until we are told it is safe to re-open.

Stay informed about changes to Council's facilities and services at [marion.sa.gov.au/coronavirus](http://marion.sa.gov.au/coronavirus)

### Which facilities has public access been suspended to?

- › Three public libraries
- › Four Neighbourhood Centres
- › Marion Cultural Centre
- › Marion Outdoor Pool
- › Living Kaurna Cultural Centre
- › Marion Heritage Research Centre

### Which services have been suspended?

#### Justice of the Peace

To find a JP [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) (search find a JP)

#### Positive Ageing and Inclusion

Community Bus, social outings, assisted shopping suspended. Staff and volunteers are supporting frail and elderly residents with shopping support, meal deliveries, checking on their welfare. This will be ramped up in the days and weeks ahead.

Contact 8375 6649, email [PositiveAgeingInclusionTeam@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:PositiveAgeingInclusionTeam@marion.sa.gov.au)

#### Collection of cat cages

### What about libraries, neighbourhood centres and other venues?

#### Libraries

- › The digital catalogue, e-books and online services are available at [www.marion.sa.gov.au/libraries](http://www.marion.sa.gov.au/libraries)
- › Loans have been extended for six weeks
- › Library @ Home service will continue and expand
- › Free Canopy movie streaming.

#### Neighbourhood centres

We are exploring innovative ways to deliver online programs and maintain contact with our community, particularly people who are isolated and vulnerable.

Staff are looking at ways of supporting people socially while being physically distanced.

Stay connected via email [communityhubs@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:communityhubs@marion.sa.gov.au) or Marion Neighbourhood Centres Facebook page. Call our centres if you need help connecting with us.

#### Living Kaurna Cultural Centre

Call 8357 5900 or email anytime [LKCC@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:LKCC@marion.sa.gov.au) or general enquiries, student queries.

#### Marion Heritage Research Centre

Call 7420 6455 or email any time [hertiage@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:hertiage@marion.sa.gov.au) Monday to Wednesday for research queries

**Will refunds be available for classes, performances and activities at the pool that have been paid for?**

Yes – staff are in the process of working through refunds and will contact people directly.

### What about venue hires that have been paid for?

All venue hire will be either cancelled or rescheduled – staff will contact hirers directly.

### Access services online

#### Customer Service

**The Administration Centre at 245 Sturt Rd, Sturt remains open** – please access services online, including:

- › Payments, including for rates, fines
- › Booking a hard rubbish collection
- › Lodging and tracking Development Applications
- › Ordering items from libraries
- › Request graffiti removal products
- › Submitting feedback or a complaint
- › Dog registrations visit [dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://dogsandcatsonline.com.au)

**Find out more and book a service** [marion.sa.gov.au/services-we-offer/online-services](http://marion.sa.gov.au/services-we-offer/online-services)

Call Customer Service 8375 6600 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

### What about Development Services?

Face-to-face meetings between Development staff and customers at the Administration Centre are suspended.

**Contact Development Services staff with planning, building, and compliance queries on 8375 6600 or email [council@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@marion.sa.gov.au)**

**Please note:** services may change based on latest health advice.

## COVID-19 PREVENTION



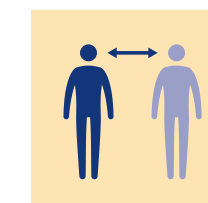
WASH HANDS WITH WATER AND SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS



COUGH OR SNEEZE INTO YOUR ELBOW OR A TISSUE



BIN THE TISSUE



PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING

**Together we can help stop the spread and stay healthy.**

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au)



# Better bin service as collection days unchanged

By Craig Clarke

**Marion Council will have a new kerbside waste collection service from 1 May – but there will be no changes to when bins are collected.**

In a new era for kerbside collection, a \$100 million contract has been awarded to Cleanaway to collect waste, recycling and organic bins from 168,000 households across Adelaide.

The only difference for Marion Council residents will be a new telephone number to report a missed bin or to order a new bin. (See separate panel.)

Mayor Kris Hanna said: “About 43,000 households in Marion will benefit from a greener, more efficient kerbside collection service that increases the focus on our community”.

Among the benefits:

- › New environmentally - friendly garbage trucks with enhanced technology (including the trialling of electric trucks) will deliver the services.
- › Increased waste and recycling education to residents in a bid to reduce contamination levels, and the volume of waste going to landfill.
- › Introduction of an online portal for residents to request services along with new contact details to report a missed bin collection and for other queries.
- › Better tracking of garbage trucks to minimise the chance of not collecting bins.
- › Collection routes designed to cross council boundaries to make it more efficient to collect bins.

Other Councils involved include Charles Sturt, Adelaide and Port Adelaide Enfield.

Mayor Hanna said: “The changes to the waste and related contracts are the most significant in years. This demonstrates what can be achieved when councils work together”.

Contracts have also been awarded for bulk bin, hard waste, street litter bin collections, along with organic waste processing.

Until 30 April call Solo (7am to 6pm) on T: 8295 5077 E: [adelaide.ops@solo.com.au](mailto:adelaide.ops@solo.com.au)

From 1 May call Cleanaway (7am to 6pm) on T: 1800 777 844 E: [marion@cleanaway.com.au](mailto:marion@cleanaway.com.au)

Waste and recycling information [marion.sa.gov.au/services-we-offer/waste-and-recycling](http://marion.sa.gov.au/services-we-offer/waste-and-recycling)



**CLEANING AWAY**  
Glandore resident Warren Wilson.

# Coastal Walkway reopens

By Richard Watson  
Photography Simon Stanbury

**Marion Council has reopened 2kms of the Coastal Walkway, completing the latest stage of repairs in February.**

This follows months of engineering work to the bulk of a 2.5km section of the boardwalk which was forced to close following safety concerns.

The only stretches of the 8km walkway that remain closed are Kurnabinna and Grey Road gullies in Hallett Cove, which is about 500 metres. Diversions are in place around these sections.

Mayor Kris Hanna said Council is seeking to deliver a plan to further improve the 20-year-old structure.

“The completion of the latest stage of repairs is great news for the thousands of locals and visitors who use the walkway,” Mayor Hanna said.

“We are now seeking State Government funding to deliver a \$4.8 million plan to fix the gullies and connect the walkway between Heron Way Reserve and the Field River.

“We have committed \$2.44 million, and are asking State Government to contribute a matching amount.”

Council temporarily closed 2.5kms of the walkway as a safety precaution in June on the recommendation of a structural engineering report.

The report concluded the coastal cliffs are a fragile environment for the walkway. Stormwater runoff combined with erosion have had an extreme impact on the structures’ footings.

Repairs have cost about \$238,000 and included geotechnical investigations, assessing the condition of about 560 footings, improving stability by installing new timber bracing and metal rods.

The Council has a 10-year plan to renew the walkway, which could cost an estimated \$14.5 million

**GREAT VIEW**  
*Kate enjoys the Coastal Walkway.*



# Council green lights \$13m sports upgrades

By Richard Watson

**The \$12.8 million construction of new soccer and BMX facilities in Marion’s south has moved a step closer after Council gave the green light for both projects to move to the design stage.**

The Cove Football (soccer) Club will have a new \$7 million home with three turf pitches, floodlighting, fencing, clubrooms, and car parking for more than 200 vehicles.

The Sam Willoughby International BMX track will cost \$5.8 million and be home to The Cove and Happy Valley BMX clubs and include clubrooms, landscaping, and car parking.

Mayor Kris Hanna said both facilities will be built on Majors Road.

“The new facilities will transform soccer and BMX in the region,” Mayor Hanna said.

“Local sports people will train and compete in better conditions. Spectators will benefit from improved parking and clubrooms.

“I thank the State Government for joining us to help fund these exciting projects.”

Marion Council will provide \$4.5 million of funding for the Southern Football Facility and the State Government \$2.5 million.

The BMX facility will be funded by \$1.75 million from Marion Council, \$3.3 million from Sate Government and \$750,000 from Onkaparinga Council.

A total of 85 jobs are expected to be created during construction.

Council is exploring the opportunity to deliver both projects under one construction contract to maximise value for money for ratepayers.

Council has also endorsed the construction of a second outdoor sports court at the Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club as part of the upgrade.

It will add an extra \$175,000 to the \$15 million project, with work to occur in 2021/22.





#### GETTING INTO GEAR

Paul Vine behind the wheel of the 1955 Volkswagen Kombi which he is converting into an electric vehicle.

## Spare parts business drives recycling

By Richard Watson  
Photography Brenton Edwards

**A business in Edwardstown is leading the recycling drive by packaging products using wooden pallets, newspapers, and cardboard discarded from neighbouring companies.**

VDL Adelaide Spare Parts Store dismantles wrecked vehicles, salvaging everything from seats, engines, bumpers, electronics, gear sticks and dials before selling them online.

Owner Paul Vine is also on a mission to convert the remnants of a 1955 Volkswagen Kombi into an electric vehicle.

The former accountant who turned his back on the corporate world a year ago said his business combines two of his passions.

"Reusing packaging salvaged from local businesses saves us money, reduces our environmental footprint, and the waste disposal costs for businesses that provide it to us," Mr Vine said.

"I'm passionate about creating an environmentally sound operation, and have always been a car fanatic.

**"My aim is to use solar energy to run the workshop, power the forklift, and eventually the Kombi."**

Mr Vine moved his business from his home in Glenelg to a workshop in Edwardstown last year.

He recently installed solar panels at the workshop thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Marion Council.

"We distribute about 200 parts each month, 25 per cent of which are sent to Europe for cars like Volkswagen, Audi and Mercedes," Mr Vine said.

"Edwardstown is accessible, and an ideal place to do business."

## Cooler, greener Edwardstown

**Marion Council will begin planting 100 mature trees, installing 75 tree inlets (to divert rainwater to tree roots), and educational signs in May as part of a plan to revitalise the area.**

The Edwardstown Green Infrastructure Project seeks to improve the appearance of streets and provide shade and habitat for wildlife while reducing the impact of heat.

Work will be undertaken on Woodlands Terrace, Furness Avenue, Deloraine Road, Dunorlan Avenue and adjoining streets.

The project will cost \$169,964. Council is funding 50 per cent of work, and the State Government the balance with a grant from the Department of Environment and Water.

**Stay updated at with the Edwardstown Green Infrastructure Project at [makingmarion.com.au](https://makingmarion.com.au)**

## OAM for environmental volunteer

**A local volunteer of almost 30 years has been recognised with a medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for exceptional achievement in environment and conservation.**

Chair of the Friends of Warriparinga Bruce Wilson leads a group of 15 volunteers who have restored a 1km stretch of the Sturt River close to its pre-European settlement condition.

The group has planted countless indigenous plants associated with the local environment, including Acacia, River Red Gums, reeds, and grasses.

They continue to remove weeds that are brought down the river.

Mr Wilson said he was proud to be recognised for being involved with such a passionate group of volunteers.

"The stretch of river we maintain runs from South Rd to Sturt Rd and is the last piece of unmodified natural river anywhere in the City of Marion," Mr Wilson, 70, said.

"It's rewarding to see how flora and fauna is flourishing compared to when we began.

There are more blue fairy wrens, thornbills, wood ducks, skinks, and blue tongue lizards.

"Warriparinga is a sanctuary in suburbia."

The Friends of Warriparinga usually meet on site each Thursday from 10am to 2pm.

Mr Wilson said the group worked with Council staff to protect the environment.

"The Friends of Warriparinga are the 'eye' of the river," he said.

"I'm honoured to be awarded for the work we all do in the friends group. My partner Julia is a huge support."

The group is supported by Trees for Life who oversee volunteering at Council's conservation sites.

Warriparinga Wetlands is located on a 3.5 hectare reserve on the corner of Sturt and Marion Roads, Sturt (commonly known as Laffer's Triangle).

For more information about the Friends of Warriparinga visit [https://sacommunity.org/org/203965-Friends\\_of\\_Warriparinga\\_Laffers\\_Triangle](https://sacommunity.org/org/203965-Friends_of_Warriparinga_Laffers_Triangle)

#### IN THE THICK OF IT

Bruce Wilson OAM at Warriparinga.



## Kevin Hodgson OAM JP

**14.1.1937 to 18.2.2020**

**Former Marion Mayor Kevin Hodgson passed away in February.**

Mr Hodgson served on Council from 1969 to 1991, including as Mayor between 1985 and 1991.

Mr Hodgson opened the former Hallett Cove Library in 1989, and the current Administration Centre on Sturt Road in 1990.

He was an active member of the community and volunteered as the first Superintendent of the Marion Division of St John in 1965.

Mr Hodgson went to volunteer as a Justice of the Peace for the City of Marion from 2011 until late 2019.

The thoughts of the Mayor, Councillors, and staff are with his family.

## \$3.7m sports and community club redevelopment

**The \$3.7 million redevelopment of Morphetville Park Sports and Community Club is set to be completed in April.**

The ageing clubrooms have been demolished and replaced with a modern, larger facility with four change rooms, a kitchen, bar, umpires' rooms, and community function area for up to 200 people.

Additionally, the oval has been realigned and widened.

The new 1150 sq m clubrooms meet AFL guidelines and include two female change rooms.

Marion Council provided \$3.223 million of funding, the Office of Recreation and Sport and Racing \$500,000, and the SANFL \$50,000.

Building work was undertaken by South Australian company Sarah Constructions.

Mayor Kris Hanna said until the upgrade would cater for the needs of the growing club.

"The new Morphetville Park Sports Club is a facility footballers, cricketers, and local residents can be proud of," Mayor Hanna said.

"The clubrooms have more than doubled in size. Previously, there hadn't been any female changing rooms for the club's 160 female Australian rules footballers, or visiting players.

"I thank the State Government for helping us to build this exciting new facility".



COASTAL WARD

Marino, Seacliff Park (part), Hallett Cove



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Dear readers,

We as a community are indeed in times of challenge where thoughtfulness and looking out for others, especially children and the elderly and infirm, is all-important. This is a time for strategic action and sensitive communication.

We must take the instruction of our leaders extremely seriously and to the letter, whilst adjusting to unusual times with healthy activities, whilst mindful of safety precautions. Let's adopt positive frames of mind, as the principles of 'mind over matter' are extraordinarily powerful.

In stressful times a magical, world-class asset like the Coastal Walkway is a great place for both mind and body. The enormous repair project involved well over 500 physical checks. The Walkway is not and will not be closed other than for repairs in one remaining section. Most of its course has reopened, other than the complex area of deep gullies in Hallett Cove, where a detour is plotted until a satisfactory and major engineering solution is developed.

In Coastal Ward we have increased pace each year with our greening catch-up as we expand the City's tree canopy swiftly and strategically.. and the pace is to quicken even more. If you have a case for more trees in any street, just let your local councillors or management know and consideration can be made in the tree planting programme.

Four important Hallett Cove reserves, Pavana (northern end beautification with native species), Nannigai/Capella Reserve precinct and Central Avenue Reserve (new larger scale shaded playground), are all heading for uplifts as part of open space planning. Central Avenue Reserve improvements, in particular, are well overdue as a younger local population evolves.

On a grander scale, as Council strives for better balances in planning and design regulation, we're in turn conveying these to State Government, as a new Code is being brought into place this year. In the Marino sector of Coastal Ward we must be particularly mindful of the range of topographical considerations as these new regulations evolve.

Meanwhile the development of the unsightly 12 hectares vacant Seacliff Park site at Scholefield Road has moved a major step closer as the two Councils sharing the site lodge their joint Development Plan Amendment to Government following public consultation.

Finally, BMX and football (soccer) facilities on Majors Road are well progressed in planning and due for completion in 2021. These will be a boon for many South Australians, particularly those in our southern suburbs.

See you on our Coastal Walk..keep fit and well and above all play safe !!

MULLAWIRRA WARD

Glengowrie, Morphetville, Park Holme, Plympton Park



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As a major emergency has been declared in South Australia, the way City of Marion Services are delivered are changing on a daily basis. Please visit [www.marion.sa.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.marion.sa.gov.au/coronavirus) for rolling updates.

Marion Council will continue to do its best to provide services and keep our community connected wherever possible.

As the unemployment rate rapidly increases, some ratepayers will experience financial hardship. If you are one of these people, please contact Customer Service to discuss options for alternative payment arrangements. Such requests are treated confidentially.

As we face both a health and economic crisis, it may now be time to reconsider Council's long term business plan, and what projects had been prioritised. Now is not the time to be extending the scope of some existing projects (which is currently being considered by Elected Members). And it is certainly not the time to be introducing any new major projects or unfunded works.



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The global health crisis has required a shift in the focus and services council provides. Things change by the day and the main goal is to keep people safe and minimize transmission.

As things are constantly changing it's best keep an eye on our website, or call someone who can check the website on your behalf.

The community teams will be stepping up their phone contact with the more isolated and vulnerable members of our community.

It's a time be vigilant for our health and for our loved ones. It is also important as our interactions shift online and over the phone that we are vigilant and watch out for scams.

Be careful if you get calls from people saying they are from government departments or utilities companies etc. asking for your details. Don't ever correct a potential scammer (for example "I am a pensioner so don't need to lodge a tax return") as this will help make their next scam call more believable. Say nothing and hang up.

The coming weeks and months will be challenging, but its' an opportunity to bring out the best in us, being kindness and consideration. We have to be there for each other and look out for those who need help.

SOUTHERN HILLS WARD

Seaview Downs, O'Halloran Hill (part), Trott Park, Sheidow Park, Seacliff Park (part)



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This is a joint column from Councillors Matthew Shilling and Maggie Duncan

Even though it is April we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and we hope your 2020 is a successful year.

During the 2018 election, residents of Seaview Downs regularly raised why Mitchell St Reserve was not irrigated, why the playground was removed and what was going to happen to the site in the future. The playground was removed as it had reached the end of useful life and there are other playgrounds within walking distance. We have also investigated irrigation, the system currently installed at the site is old and not fit for purpose. However in last year's budget Council endorsed a Native Landscape Budget. Both Cr Duncan and I agreed that native landscaping would be a great alternative for this reserve. Our understanding is that a consultation will be occurring soon and we would encourage you to respond. We would also welcome you contacting us regarding the reserve.

Council have constructed a path from Berrima Rd through a number of smaller reserves to Woodend Primary School. This project was funded by the State Government and delivered by Council. It is a great new addition to Sheidow Park and being utilised by many families. During the design and build process we were contacted by many residents with concerns about the entry point to the school from Franklin Court. This area seems to be working well and we are currently working with residents about some parking concerns. If you have issues around this path please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We are now drawing close to the end of the Financial Year, which means the budget process will begin. We will always fight for Southern Hills and ensure that we get our fair share, we will also strive to continue to keep rates low. Council has adopted a 10-year financial plan which forecasts an average residential rate rise of 1.8 per cent. Last financial year, Marion's average rate rise of 1.8 percent was the lowest of any suburban Council in Adelaide. We would, however, like to see if we can take this lower.

If you have any concerns or would like to raise ideas with us, please do not hesitate to contact us.

WARRACOWIE WARD

Warradale, Oaklands Park, Dover Gardens, Seacombe Gardens, Marion (part)



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Recently, I again introduced a Climate Change Emergency Declaration motion to a Council meeting. Unfortunately, the motion again failed to be adopted. I would really like to thank Cr Telfer and Cr Clancy for supporting me with that motion.

Apart from my Council volunteering, I've been volunteering with the CFS for the past 11 years. In that time I've noted how much longer our fire seasons have become, and how fire behaviour has become much more unpredictable.

Yes, I do agree with the many former Fire Chiefs that Climate Change is contributing to the increasingly longer and worsening fire danger for us all. I believe all levels of Government need to act quickly on Climate Change and demonstrate stewardship and advocacy for business and communities to also act.

We must do more as a community than to simply adapt and mitigate. I've not set out to be some hysterical alarmist, I simply respect the science and evidence based outlook to Climate Change that I find to be palpable. To coin an old phrase, "we should think global and act local."

With all I have said, we must not be selfish. To get through what currently challenges us, we must work together.



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In this column, usually I talk about the great things that Marion Council are doing. This time I have two public acknowledgements to make.

Firstly, the consultation period for the State Government's new Planning and Design Code has concluded (28th Feb). I was amazed (and impressed) that we had over 600 written representations from residents which were attached to the Council's submission. This has clearly demonstrated to Minister Knoll that our residents are very interested in the outcomes and I know that this has made our message much stronger. Thank you, and well done to everyone who took the time to add to our submission. Secondly, as someone who used to drive across the Oaklands Crossing twice a day (often spending up to 10 minutes admiring the Aquatic Centre), I have to say congratulations to all involved in the process of upgrading this area.

From the people campaigning to acquire funding, to those building the infrastructure – and let's not forget all the locals (both residents and businesses) who put up with the disturbance during construction. This solution works beautifully and the council is now left to upgrade Dwyer Road Reserve and finish this project off. Stay tuned for that one.

WARRIPARINGA WARD

Bedford Park (part), Clovelly Park (part) Mitchell Park (part), Seacombe Heights,



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Many happy returns for 2020!  
The last few months have delivered significant challenges for our country cousins. You will be pleased to know that City of Marion staff have been involved in the fire recovery efforts, in particular our arborists, who have assisted in the assessment of trees following the bush fires. We thank them for their willingness to do so.

An area of consideration for the council has been the State Planning Reforms; particularly regarding how the reforms revert the significant structural changes which came into effect late last year. In February you would have received an information leaflet from council pertaining to this.

A consideration we need to balance is to enable residents, if they so choose, to age in place and stay in their suburb, with the community they know and love. In other words, ensuring owners have the ability to redevelop their large blocks and high maintenance homes into something more manageable. Additionally, urban renewal also delivers environmental benefits include: greater energy efficiency, rainwater retention and reuse, and reducing the metropolitan urban sprawl. I have, and will continue to be, an advocate of home owners' ability to undertake reasonable, measured redevelopment of their property.

Warm regards, Luke.

Darlington, Marion (part), Sturt, Tonsley



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We are all stunned by the spread of the COVID virus, suddenly changing our lives. Councillors decided to close our facilities quickly to keep our ratepayers and staff safe. My heart aches for those so heavily affected and impacted by this virus.

In previous meetings this year, Council considered climate change actions. Lower than average rainfall and hotter temperatures created perfect conditions for fires on Kangaroo Island and at Cudlee Creek. To respond to climate change, Council aims to become carbon neutral and sustainable in our operations by 2030. Financial and resource implications will be included in financial planning.

I cycle, maintain a low energy house, drive a hybrid car, grow native plants, and minimize my waste so my footprint on this earth is smaller. Council has installed LED street lights, is placing solar cells on facilities, improving recycling, and growing trees to absorb carbon. What can we do to consume less and help keep temperatures lower?

If there are now matters that you believe I might help you while I am home, please send an email Raelene.telfer@marion.sa.gov.au or SMS message to 046653670.

With concern as we support each other through this challenging time,  
Raelene

WOODLANDS WARD

South Plympton, Glandore, Ascot Park, Edwardstown, Mitchell Park (part), Clovelly Park (part)



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As a representative of the Ward I have worked hard and am committed to putting the Ward first and delivering the infrastructure needed to support the individuals, families, our local small businesses, and keeping our City of Marion liveable and beautiful.

I have ensured that residents are provided with the basic services and facilities that Australian communities expect to find in suburbs. I actively participate, and am a catalyst for building local identity and social cohesion, based on the priorities and capabilities of the City of Marion.

I have delivered for the Ward and have a reputation for passionately advocating for our Council to take action on the impact of climate change. Knowing what we know now, Council must play its part fully by committing to the emissions reduction goal, continuing to restore biodiversity, and supporting, and educating our community to take their own action. I have been active in the community, listening to my fellow residents about how we can make our area even better. I have been available to hear the residents' concerns and find solutions.

As your Councillor, I'm proud of the Ward achievements for the last year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.



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The council by-election seems like a life time ago now, but I'd like to say a big thank you for your support. It's such an honour to be elected as a leader in our community and I'm excited to be representing the Woodlands Ward.

Becoming a Councillor has been a rewarding challenge with so much to learn. I look forward to addressing residents' concerns and working closely with elected members and council staff to make strategic and informed decisions for the community.

As a mum of three young children I regularly attend organised group activities, community playgroups and libraries. With all regular activities and events on hold indefinitely, now is a great time to head outside and discover the many fantastic outdoor spaces the City of Marion has to offer.

Keeping our community safe is more important than ever in this constantly changing situation and I encourage you all to follow SA Health advice, look after yourselves, look out for your neighbours, the elderly and vulnerable and support small businesses where you can.

Feel free to contact me if you have any issues you'd like raised, any ideas to improve our community, or if you'd just like to have a chat.





## CAT CURFEW

Marion Council is seeking to protect wildlife and reduce nuisance caused by cats by confining them to their owner's property from 9pm to 7am daily.

Council's proposed new by-law could see fines of \$187.50 issued to owners who don't keep their cats indoors during curfew.

As is currently the case, residents will be able to request cages to catch wandering cats on their property. Anyone who ill-treats a cat while it is in the cage will be guilty of an offence.

Council's Community Safety Inspectors could seize the cats, and if owners cannot be identified, impound them at the RSPCA.

Cats older than 12 weeks must be microchipped. This helps reunite them with owners.

Council is not proposing to register cats.

The by-law has been submitted to State Parliament's Legislative Review Committee.

If approved, it could be introduced later this year.

A community education campaign would inform residents of how the by-law works.

## TIDY UP TROLLEYS

Abandoned shopping trolleys are a hazard and an eyesore.

Residents are reminded to return them to shopping centres after use.

Council is currently progressing a by-law to outlaw trolley dumping.

If you see an abandoned trolley, please report it to the retailer for collection.

Contact details of major retailers are available at [marion.sa.gov.au/services-we-offer/abandoned-trolleys](http://marion.sa.gov.au/services-we-offer/abandoned-trolleys)

# New air con to keep athletes cool

More than 40,000 athletes and spectators per year will be able to use the State Gymnastics Centre in comfort thanks to a newly installed air-conditioning system.

Installing the system at the Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre cost \$115,000.

The centre is home to fundamental movement skills in SA. These are the "building blocks" for more complex and specialised skills that children will need throughout their lives to competently participate in different games, sports and recreational activities.

The upgrade will enable more children to learn these skills through KinderGym and participation in gymnastics.

The centre proudly supports Our Lady of La Vang, St Patricks and Suneden specialist schools.

Marion Council would like to thank the Federal Government for contributing \$70,000 through an election pledge from Member for Boothby Nicolle Flint. Council provided \$45,000 of funding.

Find out more about Gymnastics SA at [www.gymsa.com.au](http://www.gymsa.com.au)

**JOINT EFFORT**

*Member for Boothby Nicolle Flint and Mayor Kris Hanna pictured at the Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre earlier this prior to 1.5 metre social distancing being introduced.*





# Dressed for success

**When local resident Antonia Kantalis was told she'd won a job making wedding dresses she cried with joy.**

After 30 years as a tyre trimmer at Bridgestone (later Bridgestone - Toyota), Ms Kantalis wanted a new career.

She knew she'd have to learn new skills, and after trying a variety of courses, signed up for a Prepare for Work Adult Community Education (ACE) class at Glandore Community Centre late last year.

"I took English classes to improve my writing, learnt computing, and got help with my resume," said Ms Kantalis who came to Australia from Greece in 1967.

"When I saw my new resume I was shocked at what I could do. I started needlework when I was five. I've made dresses, jackets, and suits for family and friends... it is my passion.

"I did a test for a dressmaking job, they loved my work, and I got the job. Sometimes I work from home, or go to the shop, which is Bridal Fusion by Mascia in Unley.

"ACE classes showed me what I was capable of."

ACE courses are free for people aged 17 and over. Courses aim to help people move towards further study or work. Funding is provided by the State Government.

Courses include English language, computing, and an introduction to café or disability work.

**To register interest in future courses, call 7420 6400 or email [ace@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:ace@marion.sa.gov.au)**

**DRESSING UP**

*Antonia Kantalis gets to work.*

# Bushfire recovery support

Staff from Marion Council lent their support to bushfire recovery efforts, with some cancelling leave so they could help.

Four staff deployed to the Kangaroo Island fire ground where they assessed and cleared damaged trees to clear the way for emergency vehicles and local residents.

Two of the staff had previously cancelled leave to respond to the clear up after the fires at Cudlee Creek.

The staff reported directly to the Local Government Functional Support Group as part of a coordinated response to the bushfires.

The crew took specialist equipment, including a loader, a tower, and chainsaws. They spent five days on the island and were based at Kingscote.

The staff included three members of Council's tree maintenance team and a loader operator.

Marion Councillor Bruce Hull, a CFS Lieutenant volunteer logistics officer of 10 years, supported relief efforts in NSW and Kangaroo Island.



**HELPING HANDS**

*Tree maintenance team members Craig Horne, Paul Turner, Chris Easton, and loader operator Geoff Huxtable.*

# COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

City of Marion residents have told Council the quality of roads, footpaths, stormwater infrastructure, and aged care are most important to them.

These projects and services were identified from a survey in July which involved 5000 hard copy forms mailed to randomly selected residents, Facebook posts which reached 8500 people, and information on Council's website.

The results of the survey are already shaping Council's decision making with a renewed focus on footpaths.

Thank you to the 651 people who responded.

View a summary of survey results at [makingmarion.com.au/community-survey-2019](http://makingmarion.com.au/community-survey-2019)

# RECONCILIATION PLAN

Marion Council adopted its Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2020-2023 in December last year.

The stretch RAP embeds reconciliation with almost 300 actions, including events at libraries and cultural centres and traineeships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at the City of Marion.

View the RAP on [marion.sa.gov.au](http://marion.sa.gov.au)



# Student exchange awarded for embracing reconciliation

By Richard Watson

**A local college and a school in the APY Lands have been recognised for embracing reconciliation in the City of Marion Australia Day Awards.**

Over 25 years, more than 600 non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal students have changed places between Emmaus Christian College in South Plympton and Ernabella Anangu School, a journey of 1400 kms.

Old scholars came together to see the unveiling of a mosaic artwork that reflects on reconciliation at an anniversary event in October.

Humanities coordinator at Emmaus College Neil Blenkinsop has been involved in the exchange since it began.

“Our students learn significant life lessons from the Pitjantjatjara people,” Mr Blenkinsop said.

“They discover new ways of looking at the world, find out how it feels to be in a minority, and try to speak Pitjantjatjara. They also help teach English.

“The visit is six days. Students return with an appreciation of the richness of Aboriginal culture and people. They see how the Pitjantjatjara live in this remote area, and form lasting friendships.

“One student went on to confront someone who made a racist joke at his work. Others have chosen careers supporting the Aboriginal community.”

Mr Blenkinsop said Aboriginal students learn what it is like to live in a city when they visit Adelaide and stay with Emmaus families.

Mayor Kris Hanna presented the City of Marion Australia Day Awards at a ceremony at Marion RSL on Sunday, 26 January.

The award winners are:

- › **Citizen of the Year** – John Turner (Dover Gardens Kennel and Obedience Dog Club)
- › **Young Citizen of the Year** – Jessica Musson (graduating student Seaview High School)
- › **Community Event of the Year** – 25th Anniversary of Emmaus Christian College and Ernabella APY School cultural exchange

Mayor Hanna said John Turner had been a pivotal member of the Dover Gardens Kennel and Obedience Club since 1975.

“John has promoted responsible dog ownership to generations of local residents,” Mayor Hanna said.

“His commitment has benefited thousands of owners, as well as their dogs. He also supports club members in times of need.

“Jessica contributed to all aspect of school life, including music sport, and Reconciliation Week activities. She is taking that energy into our community by coaching and umpiring netball.”

“The 25th Anniversary of the Emmaus Christian College and Ernabella APY School cultural exchange partnership was a fitting celebration to an outstanding program.”

Mayor Hanna thanked all nominees for their contribution to the community.



**FRIENDS FOREVER**

*Kelsie from Emmaus Christian College and Imiyari at Uluru.*