

City of Marion makes the grade with Environment Report Card

The City of Marion has released its Environment Report Card for 2021, providing a snapshot of its initiatives and an update on the progress of the Council's projects and partnerships.

Highlights of the report card include strong progress towards the City of Marion's plans to be carbon neutral by 2030 and to significantly increase the tree canopy on Council streets.

"This is Marion Council's second Environment Report Card," Marion Mayor Kris Hanna said.

"Working with our community and our partner organisations we continue to lead the way in reducing our impact on the environment and to create a cooler, greener Marion.

"We've reduced our corporate operations carbon emissions from our 2015/16 baseline of 5,617 tonnes (CO₂e) to 3,234 tonnes (CO₂e).

"In the past year, we've planted 4,187 trees across the City of Marion so we're on track to increase our tree canopy from our 2018 baseline measurement of 15% tree cover on Council streets to 22% by 2030.

"We've also delivered 39,902 kitchen caddies free of charge to City of Marion households and Marion was one of three councils involved in building South Australia's largest and most advanced household recyclables facility at Seaford Heights.

"The Southern Materials Recovery Facility is capable of processing 60,000 tonnes of yellow bin recyclables every year. It will increase the value we recover from all those recyclable items our community places in their yellow bin."

Other highlights outlined in the report card include:

- The installation of three electric vehicle charging stations for use by the community, free of charge
- Support for four community gardens with two more gardens being planned
- The hosting of 65 sustainability and recycling education sessions

- 200 million litres of stormwater captured, cleaned, and stored at Oaklands Wetland
- The reintroduction of the endangered, purple-spotted gudgeon into the Oaklands Wetland.

The City of Marion has also been involved in projects such as Grow It Local, Resilient South and Trees Are Cool as well as Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design, coastal climate change monitoring and the reintroduction of native orchids.

Key external partnerships include the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, the Cities of Holdfast Bay, Mitcham and Onkaparinga, Cleanaway, the Department for Environment and Water, Green Adelaide, Green Industries SA, and the Southern Regional Waste Resource Authority.

A link to the City of Marion's [Environment Report Card 2021](#) will be sent out in Council e-newsletters.

It will also be available on [Council's website](#) and you can collect a copy at the Council's Administration Centre at 245 Sturt Road, Sturt SA 5047.

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