

# GREENING MARION

A trial project to help us work together  
for greener, more sustainable suburbs.

PARK HOLME OAKLANDS PARK MARION



Join us on a journey of discovery as we explore what's happening to help green Park Holme, Oaklands Park and Marion.

We'll look at:

- who is doing what
- where they are doing it
- how everyone fits in the big picture
- how to work more cohesively
- opportunities for the future.

Together, we will picture what greener, more sustainable suburbs would look like, and get moving to make it happen.

**That's good news for our environment, suburban wildlife, and for us.**



## Where did nature go?



Communities, businesses and policy makers around the world recognise that a sustainable and climate resilient future must include more trees and green spaces. But the concrete keeps coming, the trees keep disappearing and our cities are getting hotter, drier and greyer.



## We need more green spaces

Green, nature friendly yards, streets, and neighbourhoods are good for us. They're cooler, healthier and more inviting. People are drawn to them to relax, exercise and socialise.

We can grow food, explore, and experience a deep connection with something much greater than ourselves.

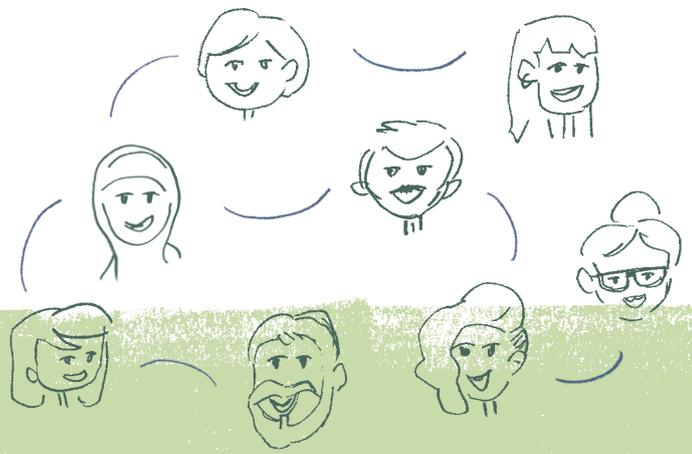
Our suburban wildlife also depends on green spaces for food and somewhere to live.

Different kinds of greening will suit different places and purposes.

- A well-placed green wall at the local shops can attract customers and reduce the use (and cost) of air conditioning.
- Local native plants will feed and shelter city wildlife.
- Irrigating a school's oval before a heatwave will provide natural outdoor 'air conditioning'.
- A community garden can feed and bring people together to learn from each other.
- Cool, shaded streets can make the difference between people walking or using their cars.

Greening can also help to save money, improve health, develop skills, and attract people to public spaces.





## Creating a new network for greening

Are you involved in a greening activity that happens in, or relates to, the suburbs of Park Holme, Marion and/or Oaklands Park, and is delivered as part of:

- an organisation or group (does not need to be incorporated), or
- being an environmentally active individual, where you lead, support or influence others in your community (including informally)?

**We invite you to register for Greening Marion, join its network, and share what you are doing.**

Your activity could be local or part of a larger project. Greening activities might include:

- community engagement and empowerment
- education and information
- grants and investments
- projects, programs and services
- on ground projects (e.g. revegetation, streetscaping, stormwater)
- plans, policies, legislation and regulations.

### What to expect

#### Map activities

**Late 2019**

Talk to us about your greening activity and the role(s) it plays, so that we can 'map' how it fits within the big picture. *(One hour conversation, plus potential follow up.)*

#### Identify new opportunities

Consider the 'mapping' and how your efforts fit within the big picture. What new opportunities exist?

#### Action workshop

**Early 2020**

Take part in an action workshop to meet others from the network, explore what greener and more sustainable suburbs means to you, and get moving on creating this future together.

#### Project summary

**Mid 2020**

An end of project summary will illustrate the network, future opportunities for working together, and project learnings.

## Project location

The trial will focus on greening activities that happen in, or relate to, the suburbs of Park Holme, Marion and/or Oaklands Park.

This area was selected for the trial as it has:

- several community hubs including schools
- a green hub – Oaklands Wetland
- a range of demographic profiles
- clear development trends, including subdivision of residential allotments and urban renewal
- environmental data available – including stormwater, development, tree planting and land surface temperature.





## Trialling a new approach

Greening Marion will trial a 'Systemic Innovation Lab', a first for South Australia. This type of approach helps to address complex problems (like obesity, climate change and poverty) at a big picture (system) level.

### It helps people to:

- better understand who is doing what
- see new opportunities for the future
- collaborate with others.

The lab will be delivered using a process developed by Wicked Lab, a South Australian social enterprise.

For more information on Greening Marion and the Systemic Innovation Lab approach visit [naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adalaidemtoflyranges](http://naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adalaidemtoflyranges)



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## Why get involved?

Take part in Greening Marion to:

- ensure your efforts are counted in a big picture snapshot of current activities
- increase your confidence in choosing where to direct future efforts
- connect with others who want to see greener and more sustainable suburbs
- discover new partnership opportunities.

## How to register

If you are involved in a greening activity that happens in, or relates to, Park Holme, Marion and/or Oaklands Park, please register your interest to take part.

Please provide the following information:

- your name, position (if applicable) and contact details
- name of activity/project
- location/area that your activity relates to
- one or two sentences about your activity.

Send these details to either:

- **Tania Macdonald, Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges**  
Email: [Urban.Sustainability@sa.gov.au](mailto:Urban.Sustainability@sa.gov.au)  
Phone: 8273 9124
- **Rebecca Neumann, City of Marion**  
Email: [environment@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:environment@marion.sa.gov.au)  
Phone: 8375 6624

Once registered, we will contact you to make a time to talk about your activity.

## Keep informed

If you would like to stay informed about Greening Marion, please email:

- [Urban.Sustainability@sa.gov.au](mailto:Urban.Sustainability@sa.gov.au).

