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Welcome to 2024

Welcome everyone to the start of 2024, and let's all hope that it is an exciting and enjoyable year. We are very lucky to live where we do, and to enjoy the beach and facilities in our area at this time of the year.

I am pleased to advise that we have appointed one new member to our Committee since the AGM at the end of last year. We welcome **Finbar (Finn) Mills** who will bring additional marketing skills to our team.

Our priority focus for 2024 is to use our status as an incorporated association, along with our communication media such as this newsletter, to support the wonderful community groups which are already active in our area. You will find articles in this newsletter from some of these groups.

We were very pleased with the success of our History Night and AGM last November, and we are starting to plan for our next AGM night later this year, which will probably have an Environment focus.

We are looking for interested community members to assist our Environment Task Force in their activities this year and to plan the Environment/AGM night. If you are interested to join the Environment Task Force please contact us on 5049communicator@gmail.com

Save the date in your calendars for the annual Neighbour Day event at McConnell Reserve on Sunday 24th March from 12.30pm. You will be able to see some of the improvements which are taking place through the activities of the Hilltop Hub@ McConnell group.

GROUP / ORGANISATION

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| • Adelaide Coastal Communities Alliance | • Marino Community Garden |
| • Boral Quarry Liaison Group | • Marino Community Hall |
| • Friends of Bandon Terrace | • Marino Repair Café |
| • Friends of Gulf St Vincent | • Neighbourhood Watch Marino |
| • Friends of Kingston Park Historic House | • Neighbourhood Watch Seacliff |
| • Friends of Marino Conservation Park | • South Brighton |
| • Friends of Pine Gully | • Rail Care Groups, Marino and Seacliff |
| • Friends of Robertson Reserve | • Seacliff Community Produce Swap |
| • Friends of Rockford Reserve | • With One Voice Kingston Park |
| • Hilltop Hub@ McConnell | • Wood Heater Action Group |
| • Holdfast Habitat Heroes | |

Thank you to everyone involved with the Association. David Cruickshanks-Boyd - President

Hooded Plover Update

John Cobb, Birdlife Australia volunteer



Count the legs - Adult brooding chicks at West Beach Aug 23, Credit Julia Roetman

2 chicks fledged (reached 35 days old and should be able to fly) at Minda Beach on 5 Oct – the first recorded in the country this season – yet (unusually) remained with their parents throughout the incubation period of the next clutch. 3 further chicks hatched on 14 Nov but only survived 3 days (while the juveniles relocated temporarily to Edwards Street storm drain). The adults then visited Young Street drain and Hallett Cove but returned to Minda Beach 29 Nov and laid more eggs, due to hatch on New Year's Day, but sadly the entire nest was lost to sand inundation during Christmas storms.

Undeterred by these losses, the birds relocated to Seacliff Beach with a nest and 3 eggs in an exposed location on an elevated section of sand adjacent to the caravan park. This is the same location the birds chose for their fifth nest last season: after hatching, the family of 5 walked over a kilometre to Young Street drain area where 1 chick survived to fledging, the only one that season. 3 chicks hatched 7-8 Feb (so fledging date is 14 Mar) but have stayed near the nest site, feeding on the exposed beaches in recent low tides.

Non-breeding Hooded Plovers including 2 juveniles have been observed along the coast and a pair of Black-fronted Dotterels (in the Plover family) took up residence at Young St storm drain and eventually nested on the beach - outcome unknown.

Further north in the Adelaide Metropolitan area, Hooded Plovers nested for the first time ever recorded on Bird Island (north of Port River freight terminal), with a nest of 2 eggs from which 1 chick successfully fledged in November. At the Torrens River Mouth a pair of Hooded Plovers nested 4 times this season but lost all - 2 nests and 2 sets of chicks - to predators.

So far this season, Hooded Plovers have made 9 nests over 3 sites, laid 25 eggs and produced 16 chicks with 3 surviving to fledging so far. Thank goodness they are relatively long-lived and have a long and persistent breeding season!

With few exceptions, the public is very interested in the birds and supportive of temporary restrictions to protect breeding areas from disturbance, especially by unleashed dogs. Volunteers have devoted a huge amount of time monitoring sites and engaging with the public while Councils erected fences, signs, and banners on beaches – and undertook regular repairs after strong winds. Thanks also to Green Adelaide for supporting the Beach Nesting Birds Program.



Hoodies Minda Dunes, Credit Brian Wilson

WHAT'S ON - 5049 COASTAL COMMUNITY

Visit What's On on our website

SAVE the DATE

Sun Mar 3rd & 10th 2.30pm **Historic Kingston House** Devonshire teas - ph 8358 1666

Sun Mar 24th 12.30pm **Neighbour Day** McConnell Reserve - Snag/vego sizzle, live music, face painting, games. BYO picnic chairs

Sat Apr 6th ? **Marino Community Garden** Propagation workshop planned check Eventbrite and Facebook for booking info

Sat May 11th 9.30am **Community Planting Day** McConnell Reserve - All welcome

1st & 3rd Thurs/mth & Last Sun/mth 9am - 12 **Friends of Marino Conservation Park** Morning tea provided, car park at top of Nimboya Rd, Marino

1st Frid/mth 6pm **Marino Community Garden** - All welcome, BYO drinks and nibbles

2nd Sun/mth 5pm **Sunday Socials @ McConnell Reserve** hilltophubatmcconnell@gmail.com

3rd Sun/mth 9am **Marino Community Garden** - All welcome - working bee, 10.30am cuppa/chat

3rd Sun/mth 1-4pm **Marino Repair Cafe** - Seacliff Uniting Church, Wheatland St Seacliff

Last Sun/mth 9am **Seacliff Produce Swap** - Wheatland Reserve cnr Kauri Pde/Wheatland St www.bit.ly/SeacliffProduceSwap

First Aid / Food Safety Training for volunteers. Email 5049communicator@gmail.com

5049 Neighbour Trailer is available for hire for BBQs.

Email Judy/David 5049communicator@gmail.com

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Seacliff Community Produce Swap

Emma Sandery

It's amazing to see the variety of foods being grown right here in our local suburbs that appear on the swap table each month - from front / back yards, community gardens, school gardens, pots and balconies. See What's On page for swap info.

Happy Gardening – good for you, kids, planet, tummies, community and soils.



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Friends of Marino Conservation Park

Alan Wilson

The Garland Lilies (*C. Purpureum*) graced Marino Conservation Park earlier than usual this year, probably due to wetter weather. With purple flowers clustered atop a long stalk, these beauties once spanned the Adelaide Plains. Sadly, with habitat loss, you're unlikely to see them in suburbia, so visit the Conservation Park's botanical trail. If you're keen to preserve and propagate our local precious flora, fauna and habitat for future generations (and yourself!) to enjoy, please attend our volunteer days: see What's On page.

Having secured a Green Adelaide Grant, we can now get the weeds at the landfill area removed and replant it, mostly with native grasses. This will be a great improvement as the weed infestation here was a long-term concern but beyond volunteer capabilities. "Seeding Natives" is the company who will undertake this work.



The milder wetter summer has allowed well over 90% of last year's plantings to survive and thrive. Later this year we intend to plant another 2000 tubestock in the buffer zone along the eastern boundary of the western heath. This helps create a barrier to weeds spreading into the valuable heath.

We hope to see you up at the park sometime this year.



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Hilltop Hub - McConnell Avenue Reserve, Marino

Jane Gardiner

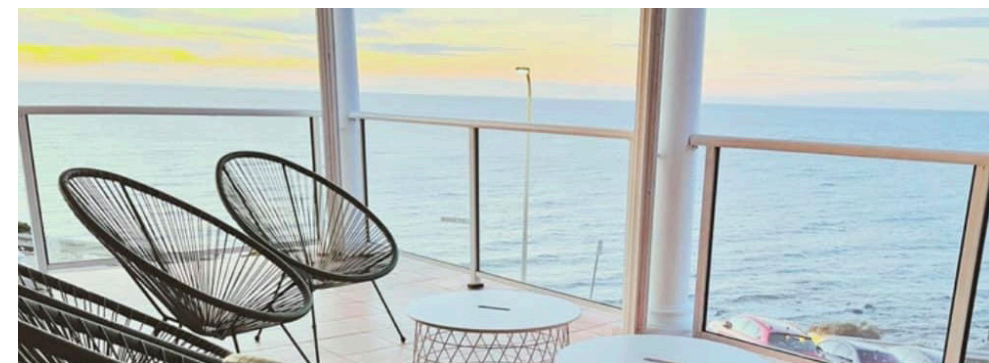
Information about the 70-year-old Mallee Box tree (*Eucalyptus Porosa*) and a lovely picnic seat has been installed on the Western side of the reserve. Funding for this came via the Hilltop Hub's initiative, supported by the 5049 Community Association. Thanks to the Federal Government for another Stronger Communities grant. We are grateful to the City of Marion for their support in ordering and arranging the installations.

The eastern side of the reserve has become a popular meeting place for locals, families and friends. The lawn, tennis court & basketball ring are all being well utilized and activities include learning to ride bikes/skateboards, exercising dogs, shooting hoops and playing tennis. Keen cyclists are even doing laps around the summit of the hill. Others savour a hilltop barbecue or simply enjoy the peaceful views. Come and join us at our socials or see you at the Neighbour Day picnic.



The Rocks Restaurant Marino

Andrea Matthews



The Rocks Restaurant (formally Marino Rocks Social) was recently purchased by Tam and his wife, and will offer some of Tam's Kitchen's ever-popular dishes plus a wide variety of seafood, steaks etc.

It is opening on February 14th and from Wednesdays through to Sundays, offering panoramic sea views whilst serving brunch, dinner or just coffee and cake. It is bound to be a popular destination for the 5049 community and surrounding residents.

Marino Repair Café

Mary Houlahan



Sharing ideas and developing skills on the Sewing & Mending Table

Our valued repair volunteers are so committed and we get appreciative feedback from those bringing items for repair. For example, after last week's event, a very happy couple reported on our Facebook page that their 30-year-old coffee pot, repaired by Joe, one of the electrical repairers, again provided 'delicious hot coffee'.

This year we hope to attract more families. Late last year we put an article in the Seacliff

Primary School newsletter and hope to hold a special repair café for kids to bring their bikes/scooters for a check-up. They may learn a few maintenance skills as well.

In the last six months, in our temporary home at Seacliff Uniting Church Hall, we have looked at 120 items. 97 of these were repaired, saving 294kg of landfill. Many people also learned how to repair items or received advice on getting further help.

With regular volunteers repairing electrical items, general/wood goods, tool sharpening, clothing and bikes, we meet most needs but always look to expand our team eg. jewellery and electronic repairers would be very welcome. If you are interested in joining us please contact Mary on 0405605867, or Facebook Marino Repair Café. See you at our next event.

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Neighbourhood Watch Area 266 Marino & Kingston Park AGM

Darren Bailhache, Area Coordinator



Darren Bailhache with Secretary Marilyn Revell and Treasurer Tim Hoopmann.

Regrettably, this past year two female victims were assaulted in two separate incidents at the Marino Railway Station. South Australia Police made an arrest in relation to those crimes. In another reported incident a rock was thrown through a train window, also resulting in an arrest.

The Area 266 committee is committed to safety and security for everyone in their community. With this in mind, they have been working on a safety upgrade to facilities within the area. In particular, the Marino Railway Station was identified as in urgent need of an upgrade to include a safety phone and camera/s.

 **Neighbourhood Watch SA**
a safe and connected community

In late 2022 and again in March 2023, Area 266 Coordinator Darren Bailhache wrote to the Honourable Tom Koutsantonis, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

In June 2023, NHW met with the Minister at the station and gave a comprehensive presentation on the safety upgrades required. Discussion was held around future infrastructure proofing to the Marino Railway Station to accommodate the Seacliff Village housing development, the Marino Community Hall project and the Kingston Park foreshore/Brighton Caravan Park upgrade.

The presentation and discussion were both productive and well received by attendees. Thank you to Minister Tom Koutsantonis and Chief Executive Jon Whelan for taking the time and interest to attend the Marino Railway Station. We look forward to providing further updates regarding outcomes over the coming months.



Erratum: Ed 50 P11 Caption corrected - SAPOL Certificate of Appreciation presented to Krysia of Splashout Art Studios

City of Holdfast Bay

Annette Bradshaw

Paddy and Charlie

In 1860 Sir George Strickland Kingston planted two Norfolk Island pines and named them after his sons, Paddy and Charlie. Over the years those trees have become an iconic landmark of Kingston Park.

On recent examination Paddy's decline has caught the eye of the Holdfast Bay Council and the community. Acknowledging the intrinsic value of these trees Council has commenced a strategic initiative which in part includes a water-filled barrier to ensure the trees receive a steady reliable source of water, pruning and deadwood removal, mealybug control and weed-mat removal. A regular mulching program is also planned.

Southern Eagle Rays

Inspired by the research that Flinders University Chloe Robert, BSc. (Hons) and the Southern Shark Ecology Group is doing in the Holdfast Bay area, Cr. Clare Lindop recently brought a Motion before Council to advocate for the State Government to review



the potential for the protection of stingrays in South Australia. In our local waters we do consider that stingrays are of significant local native cultural significance and biodiversity as part of our fragile and important marine ecosystems.

Kingston Park Kiosk

It's been a long time coming but I'm sure you'll be happy with the end result. Scheduled to open around the second weekend of February this brand-new venue is well worth a visit. Welcoming staff, great food and arguably the best view along the coast – be sure to pay them a visit.

Friends of Pine Gully

Sue Wiseman

Visitors to Pine Gully will have noticed the Tree of the Month banner, presented for January 2024 by Holdfast Bay Council, on one of the trees. There is a photo of this tree in the Holdfast Bay newsletter too. It is a Eucalyptus camaldulensis (river red gum) planted by Mary Trott in the 1970s as part of an early revegetation scheme.

The Gully is looking great now with some water in the creek and summer flowering grasses and flowers on show.



We will be having some working bees soon.

Those interested in helping can contact Friends of Pine Gully through the website.

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Marino Community Garden

Marilyn Revell

Marino Community Garden is always ready to welcome new members with beds available NOW.

2024 planning includes a ramp from Newland Ave to the garden, a children's playground and a plant sale in October. Our orchard has an abundance of fruit and citrus for all members to share.

If you are interested in joining us, contact email on marinocommunitygarden@gmail.com or our facebook page - marino community garden. See What's On for details.



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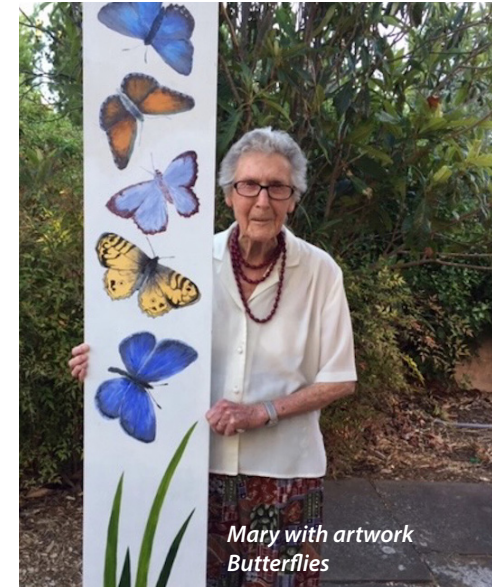
A Celebration of Mary Trott's 100 Years of Life

Lynda Yates

Mary Trott, born 7th Nov 1923, loved life so aimed to reach her 100th birthday and, being strong-minded and independent, she did.

Mary was born a few years after WW1, married Bryan during WW2 and they moved to Seacliff in 1952 after building 'Trottnest' on the cliffs above the Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club. They raised their family there - Meredith, Helen, Mike and from 1965 Steve, who they fostered.

The whole family loved the beach and sailing. Bryan, an active member of B&SYC for over 50 years, long-term rescue boat driver and Commodore 1973-76, was supported by Mary who earned the Widow's Trophy and raised funds for the club. She was a keen Girl Guide Leader; an artist - she took lessons in the 1960s - mainly of landscapes in watercolour; a lover of nature, conservation and her local community. She was an environmentalist ahead of her time and led the Guides in planting trees on the barren Pine Gully plateau from 1972 onwards. The City of Holdfast Bay commemorated this in 2010 with a plaque for the Centenary of Guiding in Australia. In 2013, Mary donated half her land to the Council on condition it remain a natural reserve for the community and that the stormwater in Pine Gully be properly managed. This was a very generous



*Mary with artwork
Butterflies*

gift but then, Mary was a kind and generous person who will be sadly missed.

A couple of days before her birthday, Mary had a stroke and fall. She knew she could no longer live alone at 'Trottnest' and died peacefully on her 100th birthday after enjoying her letter from the King and other dignitaries as well as time with her family.



*1972 Guides
Planting Day*

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Federal Member for Boothby

Louise Miller-Frost MP

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds you looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year - but just in case you struggle with the healthy part, I have some good news on the medical front.

I am pleased to announce that the Urgent Care Clinics at Marion and Morphett Vale are now open, as an alternative to the Emergency Departments at Flinders Medical Centre and Noarlunga Hospital.

Urgent Care Clinics are funded by the Federal Government and are 7-day extended hours, walk-in, bulk-billed clinics for those conditions that require urgent care, but are not life-threatening – too urgent to wait for a GP appointment but not urgent enough to need

the ED. They can deal with lacerations, sports injuries, x-rays and plastering and a range of other urgent but not life-threatening issues.

The Marion Urgent Care Clinic is at the Marion Domain Medical Centre in Oaklands Park and the Morphett Vale Urgent Care Clinic is at Morphett Vale Family Practice.

The aim of these clinics is to enable you to get urgent care as quickly as possible, and to free up emergency department staff to deal with the more serious conditions. The Marion Urgent Care Clinic saw over 2000 patients in the first two months of operation – that's 2000 people being treated faster and 2000 fewer patients in emergency departments.

I hope you never need these services, but if the worst happens, they are here for you and your family.

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