



2024 AGM & Environment Night

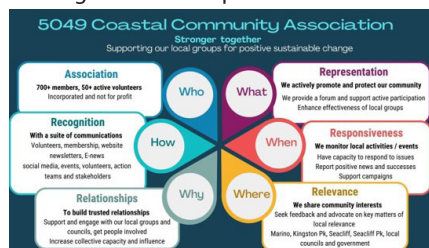
David Cruickshanks-Boyd, President

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter celebrating our wonderful area and the people who contribute to building a strong, sustainable community.

Inside this newsletter you will find many examples of the great work done by local community groups in our area and I encourage you to support those activities which interest you.

We had a very successful October AGM event 'Earth, Water, Fire and Air' with four excellent speakers on the local environment (have a look at our website which has full reports from the AGM as well as other articles):

- Professor Patrick James on our very special and unique geological environment
- Chloe Roberts, Flinders University researcher on the eagle rays which are regular visitors to our lovely Seacliff beach
- Professor Fay Johnson from the Menzies Institute for Medical Research on the health impacts of wood heaters
- John Cobb on the plight of our local endangered hooded plovers



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We had a full house at the Kauri Sports and Community Centre for the night. Our Committee for 2025 was confirmed as:

David Cruickshanks-Boyd - President

Judy Dangerfield - Vice President

Ian Young - Public Officer

Lynda Yates - Treasurer

David Mollison - Committee Member

I am also pleased to advise that, following the AGM, Kevin Kashef was appointed as a new Committee Member. We look forward to Kevin's contribution in the future - thank you Kevin. We are glad too that David Bagshaw has returned and is assisting in an unofficial capacity.

The AGM was an opportunity to showcase the activities of the many community groups active in our area and to publicly thank our volunteers who distribute this newsletter to almost 2500 households each quarter.

As 2024 comes to a close, we look forward to continuing our support for the activities of our local community groups, such as the further improvements to McConnell Reserve West. We will also continue our advocacy for an equitable outcome for our Holdfast Bay Council residents regarding the funding for the Jetty Road Glenelg upgrade project. And we will advocate with local and state government on the longer-term opportunity for a Brighton Road Re-imagined.

I wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Neighbour Trailer at Healthy Communities Event

Judy Dangerfield

Our Neighbour Trailer team were keen to get together to serve 100 people at the Wellbeing Hub and Holdfast Bay Community Centre launch on Thursday Nov 7th. We provided a variety of healthy options and had people lining up for seconds. This well-attended event promoted programs and services to help the community feel happy, healthy and connected. It was also the launch of the SA Billion Steps program. For more information see website preventivehealth.sa.gov.au/billionsteps.

The Neighbour Trailer BBQ is always well received and the team loves to serve our community. For bookings, the form is now on our website - see What's On page or



5049coastalcommunity.com/5049-neighbour-trailer/

Neighbourhood Watch Area 266 Marino & Kingston Park

Darren Bailhache, Area Coordinator

On Sat 26th October, I met with Premier of South Australia Peter Malinauskas MP and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Tom Koutsantonis MP for the announcement of the successful implementation of the Neighbourhood Watch safety and security campaign for Marino Railway Station.

The South Australian Government will invest 2 million dollars to upgrade Marino Railway Station, including CCTV cameras, emergency phone, a new all-weather shelter and platform modifications. Work commences in 2025.

This campaign was launched over two years ago. A huge thank you to the Neighbourhood Watch Committee and support team. Thanks to all who signed the Neighbourhood Watch House of Assembly Petition and the local businesses and community organisations that joined the campaign.



I enjoyed meeting people while campaigning. **Your support and encouragement has resulted in a significant win for the community.**

I will inform you as the upgrade progresses.

WHAT'S ON - 5049 COASTAL COMMUNITY

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SAVE the DATE

Sunday March 30th, 2025 Neighbour Day Family Picnic, McConnell Reserve, Marino 12.30-4.30pm BBQ and family and music entertainment provided

REGULAR EVENTS

2nd Sat/mth 9-10.30am **Seacliff Rail Care** susan.davidson58@gmail.com or Insta

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

3rd Sun/mth 9am **Marino Community Garden** 25 Newland Ave, Marino. All welcome, BYO drinks and nibbles

Last Sun/mth 9.30am **Seacliff Produce Swap** Wheatland Reserve cnr Kauri Pde/ Wheatland St Check at www.bit.ly/SeacliffProduceSwap

Resuming Jan 2025:

2nd Fri/mth 10am **Probus Mens Club** meeting Kingston House

Resuming Feb 2025:

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

3rd Sun/mth 1-4pm **Marino Repair Cafe** Seacliff Uniting Church, Wheatland St (Feb 16th) Seacliff

Resuming Mar 2nd 2025: Every Sun 2.30-4.30pm **Kingston House** Devonshire Teas \$10 head Bookings on 8358 1666

Council Reports

Lynda Yates

The by-election for Black was held just after this newsletter was finalised. Local Marion councillor Sarah Luscombe stood as the Greens candidate and Holdfast Bay Mayor Amanda Wilson as the Liberal candidate so the result could have affected either council. We now know that Alex Dighton won for Labor but it was already decided to omit the council reports and David Speirs has written a farewell page to his former constituents.



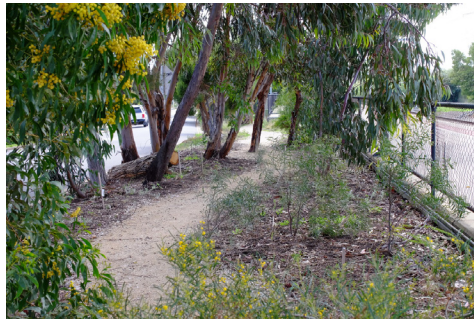
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Seacliff Rail Care

Sue Davidson

Are you interested in being part of a community group that wants to see the areas next to the Seacliff railway stations become a beautiful place where native flora and fauna can flourish and people can enjoy nature? If so and you have an occasional Saturday morning free we would love to welcome you to the Seacliff Rail Care Group. All ages and abilities are most welcome. If you are not up to attending the working bee you are still very welcome to join us at 10.30am for morning tea in the park on the corner of Wheatland Street and Kauri Parade.

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the Seacliff Railway Station Car Park from 9-10.30am followed by morning tea. For more information, please email me at susan.davidson58@gmail.com or check out our Instagram page: [seacliff.railcare](https://www.instagram.com/seacliff.railcare).



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Farewell from David Speirs

I have now finished up my role as your local MP, but I wanted to write a final column thanking our community for the support I have been shown. The love and kindness that I have received has been overwhelming, and I will always be grateful for it.

While I have now left public life, I want to assure you all that I do so with a sense of fulfilment, having achieved much of what I hoped to (and in some ways far more than I could have imagined) when I first set out on this journey 14 years ago.

I had two hopes when I first ran for council in 2010 (and then parliament in 2014):

- to represent this community with as much energy, passion and diligence as I could muster, and
- to have the chance to become South Australia's Environment Minister.

I am acutely aware that many people leave politics without achieving their goals and I feel so fortunate to have been able to give both of these aims a good crack.

If I look across what we have been able to achieve together, Glenthorne National Park will also stand out as a legacy that I hope will have a special impact for people and nature for many generations to come. However, other projects such as the opening of Happy Valley Reservoir, the banning of single use plastics, the rebuilding of the Hallett Cove boardwalk, the new Seaview Downs Primary School, the Seacliff amenities block, the Beach for All beach access initiative for people living with disabilities, and the greening of Seacliff project, all leave their mark - and importantly all were achieved with the community.

However, it has been the opportunity to build relationships with thousands of locals from all walks of life that has been the most fulfilling part of my role. I have made many lifelong friends through the people I have met in this job and I am grateful for this.

Going forward, I intend to spend time recharging, investing in family and in friends, and looking for new ways in which to contribute, particularly in the area of conservation, which is a driving passion for me. Importantly, I will not be going anywhere, I will stay living locally and will no doubt bump into many of you out and about.

Thank you for your wonderful support. It has been the greatest privilege of my life to serve you.

David Speirs
Former Member for Black.



Electrify 5049+

Mary Houlahan



On Sunday 13th October from 2-4pm, over 45 people attended our Electrify Your Home & \$ave! 5049+ Community Forum at Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club in postcode 5049. Guests included The Hon Louise Miller-Frost MP.

Household electrification is the best near term solution to quickly reduce domestic climate emissions while making significant energy and cost of living savings. Many households local to postcode 5049 have solar. However, not everyone is aware of the benefits of electric vehicles, batteries, electric space heating, induction cooking and efficient electric hot water.

The forum included presentations on the benefits and 'how-to' of electrifying your home. Participants discussed their barriers to electrification, the most common being cost and finance, as well as lack of technical information and support. Information was available on finance options.

Community members are encouraged to join Electrify 5049+ at the Marino Repair Cafe, participate in ongoing programs, and, if you

haven't already done so, please complete an online survey to further aid household electrification at www.electrifyadelaide.com (click on Take the Survey) where there is also lots of useful information on electrifying your home.

A longer version of this article is at both www.electrifyadelaide.com/events and www.5049coastalcommunity.com/news.

Acknowledgment

Electrify Your Home & \$ave! 5049+ Community Forum was organised by the community groups Electrify 5049+ and Electrify Adelaide, teams of volunteers passionate about making positive change in our communities. Electrify 5049+ gratefully acknowledges a grant of \$1,000 from the City of Holdfast Bay to assist holding the forum. Electrify Adelaide is supported in its activities by a SA Power Networks Community Grant over the 2024-25 Financial Year, and works closely with Rewiring Australia, founded by Australian engineer and innovator Dr Saul Griffith.



Marino Community Garden

Marilyn Revell

The Marino Community Garden is buzzing with new members. It's great to see children getting their hands dirty and taking delight in watching their plants grow.

New members are welcome any time so come and meet someone new and learn how the produce from our worm farms and compost bays enriches all our garden beds.

Our worm/composting workshop and fundraiser were great days in the garden with everyone present learning something new.

The fruit and citrus trees in our orchard are going to give us an amazing crop this year, with figs and apples in abundance. We have a new grape vine and passionfruit planted, to further enhance our garden harvests.

With a garden working bee every third Sunday of the month from 9am, we would love to meet you at the garden situated at Newland Ave, Marino.



Email us at: marinocommunitygarden@gmail.com or our Facebook page.



Friends of Marino Conservation Park

Alan Wilson

Marino Conservation Park is looking a real picture this Spring, thanks to the hard work of the volunteers who meet there several times each month. Check out our Facebook page "Friends of Marino Conservation Park" for reports on current activities and photos of the Spring flowering this year.

October's "Spring, Sausages and Seedlings" event in the Park was a great success with around 40 visitors being taken on a guided walk by Green Adelaide's Matt Endacott, who provided an interesting commentary on the native butterflies in the park and the host plants that they breed on.

After the walk, participants got to chat with volunteers over a sausage at the BBQ and take home an Australian native seedling to plant in their garden. With the year almost over, we will take a bit of a break over December/January and resume in February next year on the first and third Thursdays and the last Sunday of each month.



Hooded Plovers

John Cobb

BirdLife Australia Volunteer Regional Coordinator

Four days after my presentation at the Association's AGM, three healthy chicks hatched. Two were quickly lost to unknown circumstances and, tragically, the third is believed to have been killed as a result of an e-bike. The modified e-bike was observed riding at speed up and down the beach in front of the breeding area, sometimes performing "wheel stands" - i.e. riding only on the rear wheel. The chick was seen either dead or injured in a wheel track before being taken by a Silver Gull.

This bike has been seen on other occasions on the beach and roads, driving dangerously. Police and Council have been notified.

We are grateful to the two Seacliff Ward Councillors for their support and I understand that Holdfast Bay Council are undertaking a

review of measures to improve protection of these birds. Signage and patrols have been increased. We anticipate that the birds will breed again in the same location.



Marino Rocks Station Rail Care Group

Andy Welsh

No upgrade to Marino Rocks station: Following the welcome announcement that Marino station will be upgraded in 2025, the Transport Minister has again confirmed there are no plans to include Marino Rocks station in their station amenity upgrade program. This will leave Marino Rocks as one of the few stations without paving for the vision-impaired or the new-style larger station shelters.

Corflute artwork removed: A few years ago with the help of Splashout Art Studios, local schools etc we hung a lot of artwork on the station fencing. This has now been removed as many of the pieces had deteriorated in the sun, wind and rain. There are no plans at this stage to replace it.

Further landscaping: We are currently working with our Rail Care contact to deliver some small landscaping upgrades to the Seaford-bound platform. The aim is to add new mulch and plants to better cover the irrigation pipes.



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Kingston's Historic House Fran Lovell

Kingston's Historic House has completed the 2024 "scone season". Our last Devonshire Tea was Sunday 24 Oct 2024. We would like to thank all of the community members and customers who supported us.

We also especially thank our band of volunteers who work hard in so many roles (committee members, scone cooks, kitchen workers, servers, front of house, table cloth care) to keep the House open for the public. Thank you, team.

Kingston House will recommence Devonshire Teas on Sunday 2nd March 2025 with entertainment from the Onkaparinga Harmony Chorus (pictured). A lovely afternoon to start our 'new Devonshire Tea year'.



Marino Repair Cafe Chris Teale

Marino Repair Cafe has had another successful year. Over 10 sessions we have saved approximately 300 kg of household goods from landfill. Most of this is electrical items that are cheaper to replace than repair. Repair and reuse, especially at the household level, has a vital role to play in achieving goals in SA's circular economy. There are now 12 repair cafes in Adelaide's metro region who have been involved in supplying data to Green Industries SA to create a draft policy for the State Government on the best ways to support the repair sector and the circular economy.

We have also introduced a regular pop-up event called Electrify 5049+, initiated by 2 of our members. Here you can find up to date information on how to transition from gas appliances to electric, and save up to \$3000 per year - or more if you buy an EV (electric vehicle).

Next Marino Repair Cafe - Feb 16th 2025



Federal Member for Boothby

Louise Miller-Frost MP

I have some really positive news to share – we have just marked the one-year anniversary of the opening of our Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Marion, located at the Marion Domain Medical & Dental Centre, 453 Morphett Road, Oaklands Park.

Since it opened, the Clinic has treated more than 11,500 presentations – all of which have been bulk-billed!

That is 11,500 fewer presentations to local emergency departments, helping to ease pressure on our health system as a whole.

I also recently joined Premier Peter Malinauskas as we announced that construction works are now underway on our joint federal and state commitment to open 98 more beds in an Acute Services Building at Flinders Medical Centre.

This is on top of the 64 additional beds we have opened across Adelaide's southern suburbs this year alone.

I'm very pleased to be part of a Labor team that is working together to improve health services in our community.



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