



Seacliff is unique in that Southern Eagle Rays (and the occasional rarer Smooth Ray) congregate in the shallows of the bay all year round. Elsewhere, rays visit seasonally. The City of Holdfast Bay recently installed an information sign by the Seacliff Boat Ramp. Locals and tourists alike enjoy watching and filming groups of rays. Rays have poisonous barbs but are placid unless trodden on or molested so take care and respect them.



PIRSA recently increased shark and ray protection after community pressure so fishers please check the new rules. They totally protect the Stingaree, also Southern Eagle and Smooth Rays larger than 1 metre in disc width, with a bag limit per day of 1 Smooth Ray and 2 Southern Eagle Rays of up to 1 metre disc width. The new laws also protect marine life, including fish, sharks and rays, from intentional harm or mutilation. If not being kept, they must be immediately returned to the water with minimum injury or damage (hooks preferably removed or the line cut as close to the hook as possible) while those kept must be killed

humanely and as quickly as possible. Offenses can be reported anonymously to Fishwatch on 1800 065 522 (open all hours) or online with any photo evidence.

Chloe Roberts of Flinders University has studied the Seacliff rays for her PhD. Rays can be sexed - the male has pelvic fins modified into claspers - but age can only be guessed from size. Females are generally larger than males. Chloe found that nearly all the large Seacliff rays were adult females, averaging 1.3m in disc width. Eagle rays mature at 4-6 years old, then mate annually in spring, giving birth to live babies in the summer. The young don't stay with the mother so the small rays seen with females are likely to be males, but rays can only be accurately aged when dead so this may be a nursery site with babies. Chloe is continuing her research - we will keep you informed.



Unfortunately, rays are targeted by fishers as shark bait. A small ray was recently found butchered and left in the sea. Rays can live for over 15 years, are intelligent and, importantly, maintain the marine ecosystem, so it seems a sad use of them. Rays eat crabs, snails, small fish, squid and worms - either dead, which cleans up the seabed - or alive - excavating sand to seek prey redistributes nutrients and food, also creating microhabitats for smaller organisms. So respect them and enjoy their presence near us.

*Lynda Yates*

## Hilltop Hub @ McConnell

*Barbara Wake*

This year's Neighbour Day picnic on Sun Mar 30th (see What's On) will be a great chance to check out the transformations taking place at the reserve. Thanks to a Green Adelaide grant, the Hilltop Hub team are planting native and indigenous shrubs and grasses in raised wicking beds to turn the old disused netball court into a cooler, greener and more welcoming space for the community. A concrete path will be installed for wheelchair/walker access. Native shrubs and grasses, provided by the City of Marion, were planted around the western side of the reserve by volunteers last year.

Come, relax and check out the new garden in a unique location overlooking Adelaide. There is lots of free entertainment at the picnic especially for kids: this year a children's entertainer, face painting, a DJ, sausage sizzle. BYO picnic, drinks and chairs.



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## MCG and Neighbourhood Watch

*Marilyn Sumner*

**On Sunday 2nd February, Marino Community Garden was the venue for a Community BBQ with live entertainment.**

MCG Chair Anne Squire and NHW Area Coordinator Darren Bailhache coordinated this event, bringing local communities together on a common theme of safety and security. It was a huge success with over 90 people present, a record attendance for the local Neighbourhood Watch.



At the event, it was announced that our community voice had again triggered action - an automated traffic management signal system will be installed to ease congestion and reduce traffic accidents at the Scholefield and Brighton Road intersection. This jointly-funded State and Federal Government project will be completed by early 2027.

The garden is flourishing despite the hot weather experienced in February. If you would like to become a member - with or without a garden bed - email [marinocommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:marinocommunitygarden@gmail.com)

Check out the Marino Community Garden Facebook page for upcoming workshops.

# WHAT'S ON - 5049 COASTAL COMMUNITY

Visit What's On online at [5049coastalcommunity.com](http://5049coastalcommunity.com)

## SAVE the DATE

- Sat Mar 22nd 10.30am** Muni the Seacliff Railway Cat memorial unveiling with Neighbour Trailer BBQ, Seacliff Presbyterian Church car park
- Sat Mar 22nd 2-4.30pm** **Boothby Affordable Energy Forum** at Blackwood Uniting Church  
Meet the candidates, how to reduce energy bills with Electrify 5049+
- Sun Mar 30th 12.30-4pm** **Neighbour Day Family Picnic** McConnell Reserve, Marino  
Free BBQ with vego /Elsa children's entertainment/  
DJ/games. See QR code for registrations →



## REGULAR EVENTS

- Every Sun 2.30-4.30pm **Kingston House** Devonshire Teas \$10 head  
Bookings on 8358 1666
- 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
- 1st & 3rd Sun 9.30-10.30 **Friends of Pine Gully** working bees - see website
- 2nd Fri/mth 10am **Probus Mens Club** meeting Kingston House
- 2nd Sat/mth 9-10.30am **Seacliff Rail Care** [susan.davidson58@gmail.com](mailto:susan.davidson58@gmail.com) or Insta
- 2nd Sun/mth 5pm **Sunday Socials @McConnell Reserve** All welcome  
[hilltophubatmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:hilltophubatmccconnell@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](http://www.bit.ly/SeacliffProduceSwap)
- 3rd Sun/mth 1-4pm **Marino Repair Cafe** Seacliff Uniting Church, Wheatland St

**Want your event published?** Enter the details on our website and it will be seen online and in the next newsletter [www.5049coastalcommunity.com/submit-an-event/](http://www.5049coastalcommunity.com/submit-an-event/)

## Friends of Pine Gully

*Sue Wiseman*

Volunteers have been watering the latest winter-planted species to assist their survival over the summer. They have also recorded the bird species seen.

70 hours of volunteer work was achieved in 2024 and we are continuing our efforts in 2025 (see What's On).



# Seacliff Rail Care

Sue Davidson

The onset of a very dry summer season has meant watering our plantings has been a high priority for our dedicated volunteers, along with rubbish removal and the all-important morning teas.

We are excited about two upcoming initiatives. A team from The Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) will upgrade the platform verge on the corner of Wheatland St and Kauri Pde. On the opposite corner, the City of Holdfast Bay is preparing the site of the "Pocket Park" for planting out on Saturday 14th June. Check the Council's website for more information.

We are always very keen to welcome volunteers to our working bees and morning teas. For more information please contact me at [susan.davidson58@gmail.com](mailto:susan.davidson58@gmail.com) or check out our Instagram page: [seacliff.railcare](https://www.instagram.com/seacliff.railcare).



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## Probus Club of Marino

### Graeme Rowlands

The Probus Club of Marino is a men's club that meets at Kingston House, Kingston Park, on the second Friday of each month at 10.00am. The club aims to encourage thought, participation, and companionship for retired or semi-retired men, offering an opportunity to stay active and connected.



Non-political and non-sectarian, the club avoids fundraising activities, instead focusing on fostering friendships and organised activities. Meetings feature club business, morning tea, and a guest speaker, concluding by noon, followed by optional luncheons at a local surf club.

Members receive a monthly newsletter about upcoming events and activities, which often include spouses and friends. Regular activities encompass dining, theatre visits, music, golf, ten pin bowling, tennis, holiday trips and a discussion group.

For more information, contact Peter Beaumont (8386 0380), Graeme Rowlands (0400 832 558), or Peter Ey (0410 476 881).

## Friends of Marino CP



*Friends of Marino CP will transform this old landfill site in the Park to native grassland*

## In memory of Muni the Seacliff Railway Cat

### Irena White

For over five years, an affectionate ginger cat named Muni (meaning "wise one") was a beloved figure around Seacliff railway station. Rescued as a kitten from Kangaroo Island, Muni was known for his adventurous spirit and friendly nature. He made many friends among locals, schoolchildren and regular train passengers. Muni was also a welcome visitor to the nearby primary school, pre-schools and community events. He liked people but ignored birds and wildlife.

After a happy life, Muni "crossed over the rainbow bridge" on July 8th, 2024. To honour his memory, a sign kindly facilitated through the State Department of Infrastructure and Transport will be erected at the Seacliff station garden fence. You are invited to the unveiling ceremony (see What's On), starting with a Neighbour Trailer BBQ.

Deb Huston, Muni's owner, and those amongst the Seacliff Rail Care volunteers who initiated the memorial, support responsible pet ownership in accordance with local by-laws which can be found on the City of Holdfast Bay website.



# City of Holdfast Bay

Clare Lindop

Welcome to new CEO Pam Jackson who has begun a review of projects and efficiencies within Council Administration.

**Hooded Plover Assistance!** A Council Motion for enhanced plover protection has led to a review of patrol resourcing, dog signage effectiveness and predator management strategies. A report with recommendations will be presented to Council to explore options for better enforcement, public education and potential budget allocations that safeguard the species. Thank you to our community who help with our littles residents.



To raise awareness about safely sharing our beaches with **Stingrays**, Council has published information brochures, social media and installed education signage. I will continue to work with the community and experts to

advocate for and research our rays.

The **“Pocket Park”** project on the corner of Wheatland Street and Kauri Parade (East of the train line) begins in March with a Winter planting season. Thank you to the Seacliff Rail Care Group for assisting with this.

**Movement and Transport Plan (MTP) Update:** The aim of this plan is to address traffic management and guide future initiatives (timing and prioritisation will depend on resources and funding). Community consultation last year led to development of the plan, which will be presented to Elected Members for review.



# Boral Dust Update

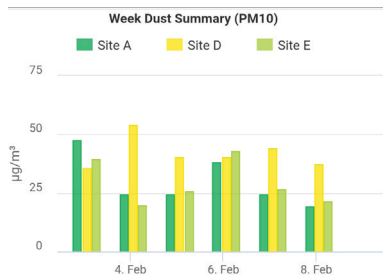
Peter Melnyk

Recent data from Linwood Quarry’s TEOM dust monitors continues to show concerningly high dust levels. On 18th Nov and 4th Feb, levels exceeded the maximum-allowed 24-hour average of 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. From 3rd to 8th Feb, the Marino monitor recorded an average of 41.8 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (see graph).

A number of homes are located within 200 metres of the crushing plant, the main source of dust from the quarry. Although symptoms may not occur for many years, exposure to particulate matter is a major contributor to lung and heart disease.

This is an old issue - strong community action

is needed to trigger change. New local MP Rt Hon Alex Dighton has been informed but email your concerns to [black@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:black@parliament.sa.gov.au) (Mr. Dighton), [community@boral.com.au](mailto:community@boral.com.au) (Boral), and cc [marinodust@gmail.com](mailto:marinodust@gmail.com). Darren Bailhache’s success at Marino Rail Station shows what can be achieved if we work together - for a healthier environment.



# Seacliff Community Produce Swap

*Emma Sandery*

In February the Seacliff Community Produce swap celebrated its 7th birthday!

7 years of monthly gatherings, that's 84 swaps on the last Sunday of each month here in Seacliff, bringing locals together to share and enjoy homegrown produce and garden goodies.

A big thank you to everyone for your support and generosity over the last 7 years.

We are always blown away by how much the 5049 community cares: care for the environment, for nature, for each other and for future generations.

Whether that is growing food, helping out a neighbour, filling your garden or verge with natives, voting for climate action, picking up litter, volunteering in our dunes and gullies, caring about the big trees in our suburbs, sharing generously, embracing renewable energy and so much more.



As a parent, I'm proud that we live in a place where people think about the world our kids will inherit and that we value a cleaner, greener, fairer future.

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# Electrify 5049+ Boothby Affordable Energy Forum

Emma Sandery

## How do we transition Australia to a cleaner, healthier, greener and cheaper energy future?

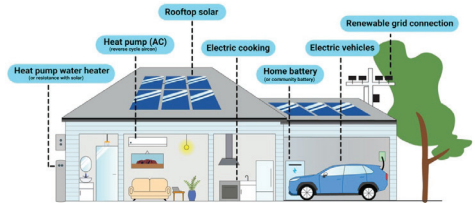
We invite you to come along and support this community run, grassroots event in the lead up to the Federal Election **Saturday 22 March 2-4.30pm @ Blackwood Uniting Church**

- Hear from your Boothby Candidates on plans to address the high cost of living through affordable and clean energy policies.
- Find out if your candidates support reducing emissions and tackling climate action in these critical years of transformation..
- Ask questions and browse a selection of community and energy sector stalls.

- Learn how you can save money with your energy choices and help your home or business..
- Come away with practical ways you can be part of these important times.

Local group Electrify 5049+ is part of the community collective organising this forum and look forward to seeing you there.

Head to the 5049 Coastal Community website What's On page [www.5049coastalcommunity.com/whats-on/](http://www.5049coastalcommunity.com/whats-on/) for all the details.



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The advertisement features a background image of a painting of a woman's face with a bird perched on her head.



# Hooded Plovers

John Cobb

The Hooded Plover breeding season is July to March but this year in Sealcliff it may have ended in January. After reporting the tragic loss of a chick, possibly killed by an e-bike in November, XM and partner laid another three eggs on the beach adjacent to Brighton Caravan Park. Two chicks hatched on 21 December – just in time for the busy holiday period, and five days later they moved to the storm drain adjacent to Young Street. One chick was predated by a Silver Gull and the remaining chick managed to survive 23 days (two-thirds of the way to fledging) before it disappeared – cause unknown. Since then, the two adults have been sighted at Marino Rocks but show no signs of breeding again.

Birdlife volunteers (supported by Green Adelaide) and Holdfast Bay Council invested heavily in site management, community education and compliance. Thanks to all involved including strong community support.

Breeding results for XM and partner 2024-25: nests – 3; eggs – 9; chicks – 7; fledged – 0



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# Marino Rocks Station Rail Care Group

Andy Welsh

In January, Marino Rocks Rail Care met with our local MP, Alex Dighton. We gave him a tour of our station, showcasing the work we've done and sharing some of our concerns. One major issue is that, while most communities have now seen their stations upgraded to improve safety and comfort, the Marino Rocks community has been completely overlooked.

As a result, stations with similar passenger numbers have benefited from new shelters, digital signage, CCTV, emergency phones and tactile paving for the vision-impaired. Yet, there are currently no plans for Marino Rocks station to receive even one of these enhancements.

If you live near Marino Rocks station and want to see some investment in your local station

before it falls further behind, please take a moment to email the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport at [Minister.Koutsantonis@sa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Koutsantonis@sa.gov.au) to express your support for a Marino Rocks station upgrade.



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# Kingston's Historic House

Fran Lovell

We are so pleased to be open for our 2025 "scone season". We are open every Sunday from 2.30 – 4.30pm. This includes Easter and long weekends. Bookings for a small group are not essential, but we will happily reserve you a table if you do ring and book. We are also delighted to host larger celebrations such as birthdays, anniversaries and club meetings, please call with your enquiry.

Dates for your diary - Please reserve these dates for celebrations at Kingston House:

11 May - Mothers' Day - book early!

### Adelaide History Festival:

4 May – Demonstration from the Adelaide Regiment of Volunteer Rifles, of which the

Kingston men were members;

18 May – presentation regarding the life and times and antics of Sir George Kingston and his son Charles!

24 May – a choral performance of "Songs of Ireland" A music book owned by Lucy Kingston.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



*Our volunteers ready and waiting to serve you a scrumptious Devonshire Tea*

# Marino Repair Cafe

Chris Teale

We still have all your old favourite activities with repairs to electrical goods, wooden chairs, bikes, pottery, clothes and our knitting/darning circle. Last year we saved on average 35 kg of goods per session from landfill. If you are interested in joining the volunteers, Facebook us or come to the Cafe. We are supported by Sustainable Communities - they have a list of all the repair cafes in Adelaide in case you are unable to visit ours.

One new feature this year is our Electrify 5049 table, where you can learn the first steps to electrifying your home, saving money, improving health and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Federal Energy Minister recently agreed to extend more funding to support electrification projects.

Next session March 23 at 1- 3.30pm Seacliff Uniting Church. (No session in April). Back in the new Marino Community Hall in May. The latest updates are posted on our Facebook page or 5049 CC website.






**Louise Miller-Frost MP** Labor

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## Federal Member for Boothby

*Louise Miller-Frost MP*

I am delighted to let you know that new traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Brighton Road, Ocean Boulevard and Scholefield Road!

Labor is committed to improving the safety of road users, pedestrians and cyclists. We have listened to the community – particularly the incredible work done by the 5049 Neighbourhood Watch Group and its President Darren Bailhache to highlight the dangers of this intersection.

The installation of traffic lights forms part of a \$30 million upgrade - split 50/50 between

the State and Federal Governments. Upgrades have already been delivered at the intersection of Brighton Road and Edwards Street. Works on the Scholefield Road intersection will be completed in late 2026 to early 2027.

The new signals will significantly reduce congestion and maintain a consistent and reliable level of service and access, particularly as the area grows with new developments.

Working with the Malinauskas Labor Government, we are also upgrading the Marino Train Station to improve its safety.

We are making investments to improve our roads and transport and we thank the tireless efforts and advocacy of the 5049 community.



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