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## Neighbour Day at McConnell Community Native Garden, Marino

*Barbara Wake/Lorraine Pulsford*

For nearly 30 years, McConnell Reserve has been the focus of sustained community campaigns to protect it from sale. Local individuals and groups, including Hilltop Hub Group and 5049 Coastal Community Association, have worked hard to conserve and enhance this much-loved space.

The reserve spans both the eastern and western sides of McConnell Avenue, each offering sweeping views of the coast and city. It remains a vital community asset. In the 1960s and 1970s, the entire reserve was a thriving netball and tennis hub, complete with toilets and change rooms. When Council policy later shifted toward centralising club facilities, maintenance declined and the amenities were eventually removed.

Between 2017 and 2023, Council debated motions proposing the sale of the western portion. In 2021, approximately \$220,000 was invested in upgrades to the eastern side, while the western section was again proposed for sale on the grounds that it was under-utilised, with proceeds intended to fund other open space projects. Each proposal, however, was deferred following strong community opposition and calls to integrate the two sides of the reserve.

In 2023, Marion councillors formally dismissed the revocation of the western portion. Mayor Hanna acknowledged the strength of local advocacy, noting that residents near the reserve “have been passionately advocating for the retention of this land”.

In 2024, a partnership between Hilltop Hub Group, the 5049 Coastal Community Association and Council staff transformed the western side

of McConnell Avenue Reserve with coastal native plantings and bush tucker plants. A Green Adelaide Grassroots grant supported the first major transformation of the western side. By 2025, it became the McConnell Community Native Garden, reflecting the community’s shared commitment. Sixteen wicking beds were installed on the former netball court to showcase local bush tucker plants supplied by Warraparinga Cultural Centre. Surrounding the court, residents and Council staff planted a diverse range of native coastal shrubs.

Celebrate Neighbour Day with us on Sunday 29 March, 12–4pm.

Free scarecrow making, sausage and veggie sizzle, children’s entertainment (K-pop theme), amplified DJ music and raffle. Enjoy a relaxed, family-friendly picnic, meet your neighbours, and explore the garden.

Bookings /info on Eventbrite



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# Hallett Cove and Districts Lions Club Inc

*Darren Bailhache - Junior Director*

The Hallett Cove and Districts Lions Club is a not-for-profit organisation. Our op shop, The Shed, and our café, The Barn, raise money to reinvest in Hallett Cove and the surrounding suburbs, helping to strengthen our community. Initiatives include subsidising training programs for local schools, providing grants to sporting and activity clubs and offering scholarships to help students achieve academic success.

We welcome new members and volunteers. We encourage applications from the community.

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# Friends of Marino Conservation Park

*A. Spencer*

At the time of the last newsletter, the new native grassland direct seeded at the 'old dump site' had begun to germinate. We are thrilled to tell you it has successfully become a beautiful meadow of native grasses, exceeding even our own expectations. More spraying and care is needed in the years to come, but we are optimistic that 'old dump site' will be a name lost to time.

There's always plenty to do at Marino Conservation Park. If you would like to contribute to projects like the grassland then join us on one of our bushcare days.



# Marino Community Garden

*Marilyn Revell*

Visit the Marino Community Garden and enjoy our new Reflective Corner (as pictured).

2025 was a busy year with all our challenges achieved: a new pathway, with thanks to the Marion Council; our Reflective Corner; new trees and garden beds; a Seed & Book Library for the community.

April 2026 will be our 10th year Anniversary Celebration with raffles. Watch our Facebook page for coming information.

We would love to meet you at our working bees or morning teas. We are situated on Newland Avenue, Marino. Garden beds for lease are available now.



To become a member, with or without a garden bed, or for a copy of our latest newsletter, email us at: [marinocommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:marinocommunitygarden@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page, Marino Community Garden.

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# WHAT'S ON - 5049 COASTAL COMMUNITY

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

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## SAVE the DATE

- Tues 10th Mar 6.30pm** **Meet the Candidates** Kauri Sports & Community Centre, Seacliff
- Sun 29th Mar 12-4pm** **Neighbour Day @ McConnell Community Native Garden**  
McConnell Ave, Marino
- Sat 13th Jun 10.30-12.30pm** **Friends of Pine Gully Community Planting Day** - see article

## REGULAR EVENTS

- Every Tues 10-11.30am **Marino Community Playgroup** Marino Community Hall
- Every Wed 6-7.30pm **With One Voice Choir** Kauri Community and Sports Centre
- Every Thur/Sat 9-12.30am **Hallett Cove Lions** The Shed op shop; The Barn cafe - Sat only  
36 Quailo Ave, Hallett Cove
- Every Sun 2.30-4.30pm **Kingston House** Devonshire Teas \$10 head - book 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 9.30-10.30am **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 9am **McConnell Community Native Garden working bee**  
McConnell Ave, Marino [hilltophubatmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:hilltophubatmcconnell@gmail.com)
- 3rd Sun/mth 9am **Marino Community Garden** 25 Newland Ave, Marino.  
All welcome, BYO drinks and nibbles
- 3rd Sun/mth from Apr 1-4pm **Marino Repair Cafe** Marino Community Hall - Mar, see article
- Last Sun/mth 9.30am **Seacliff Produce Swap** Wheatland Reserve cnr Kauri Pde/  
Wheatland St [www.bit.ly/SeacliffProduceSwap](http://www.bit.ly/SeacliffProduceSwap)

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## Seacliff Rail Care

*Sue Davidson*

Both existing and newly established plants along the railway corridor have struggled to survive the summer heatwaves and dry weather. My heartfelt thanks to the wonderful Rail Care volunteers who have helped with watering over this challenging period. Thanks also to Paul Speck and the team from DIT who provided a soaker hose that has been used for extra watering between Rail Care working bees and to Sam Buxton-Stewart and her team who have offered to increase the watering schedule at the Pocket Park.



If you have a little time to spare on the 2nd Saturday morning of each month to help with plant establishment and care or rubbish removal or would like to join us for morning tea you would be most warmly welcomed. For more information contact me at: [susan.davidson58@gmail.com](mailto:susan.davidson58@gmail.com) or check our Instagram page: [seacliff.railcare](https://www.instagram.com/seacliff.railcare).

## Hooded Plovers

*Julia Roetman, BirdLife Australia - Sharing our Shores with Coastal Wildlife Project Coordinator*

**BREAKING NEWS:** Unfortunately, this latest nest has been washed away by recent rains.

Many of the Adelaide Metro beaches have had no Hooded Plover nests this season but there was a nest at Seacliff/Brighton. Sadly, that failed but we are excited to report that the pair has nested again at Young Street Drain, producing 3 eggs!

When this nest hatches tiny flightless chicks will need to feed themselves and will venture out of the fenced area to feed on the beach and at the water's edge. To give them the best possible chance, please:

- Keep dogs on a leash
- Do not settle in front of the breeding area
- Walk past at the water's edge

Thank you for your help!

Thank you also to Holdfast Bay Council, Green Adelaide and the dedicated BirdLife Australia Volunteers. Learn more at [www.birdlife.org.au/beach-nesting-birds](http://www.birdlife.org.au/beach-nesting-birds)



*Fenced nesting area Credit J.Roetman*

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# History Festival at MCH

Rob George

Screening at the Marino Community Hall for the SA History Festival in May are four documentaries: "Von Loves Her Modernist" about Max Harris and Adelaide's Modernists in the 1940's; "The Many Loves of Geoffrey Dutton" (Winner New York International Film Awards); "Madge & Bibs and the Advancing Girls" about Adelaide's revolutionary Advanced School for Girls; Ian Henschke's award-winning film about Herb Elliot, "The Golden Mile".

There are also two live shows. "Tough Guys on Two Wheels" with Marino resident, TDU Winner and 5 times Tour de France competitor, Patrick Jonker, in conversation with Keith Conlon discussing the tough life of competitive cycling from gruelling 6 Day Races to the Tour de France. "Arcadian Adelaide with Thistle Anderson", Maureen Sherlock's entertaining new play, will have a World Premier staged reading with well-known Adelaide actors.

Check the SA History Festival brochure for

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# Marino Dust Action

Peter Melnyk

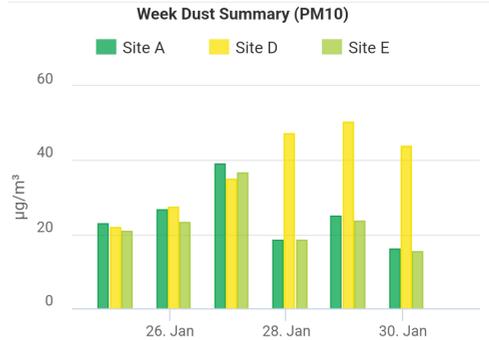
A drive around the 5049 area reveals that many solar panels are coated with dust and so produce less energy. A reminder to get them cleaned!

A group of residents met with Boral Quarry management on Dec 12th. Boral outlined the many steps taken to reduce dust and committed to better communication and greater transparency in future.

A new Community Consultative Committee is being formed.

In January there were 6 occasions of a monitor recording 40 or more  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  including an exceedance of the National Compliance Level ( $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ):  $50.25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  on Jan 29th. This follows an exceedance of  $60.82 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  on Dec 1st 2025.

The chart shows January dust levels (Site A - Perry Barr Rd, Hallett Cove; Site D - near McConnell Ave Reserve, Marino; Site E - south end of Marino Golf Course).



### Editor's Note:

Our members receive community news updates from our new email address [info@5049coastalcommunity.com](mailto:info@5049coastalcommunity.com). If you would like to have these, please sign up to become a member via the home page on our 5049 Coastal Community Association website.

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# Friends of Pine Gully

Sue Wiseman

The retaining walls at the western end of Pine Gully are being prepared for a mural of native plants.

Please mark this in your calendars: **Community Planting Day** in Pine Gully will be on **Sat June 13th 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

A range of plants to increase biodiversity and to replace damaged plants are being grown.

An activity area for children and the 5049 sausage & veggie sizzle trailer will be provided by Holdfast Bay Council.

Wear suitable clothing for the weather and bring garden gloves and diggers if you have them.

Many local walkers and visitors are keen to see this area revegetated now that the stormwater works have been completed.

See you there!



## 5049 MEDIAN HOUSE PRICES

MARINO

**\$1,422,182**

(+6.9% YOY)

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# Marino Repair Cafe

Chris Teale

Our Repair Café is back at Marino Community Hall for 2026. This year we included a trash 'n' treasure market on our first event in Feb and, if successful, this will be included on April 19th and May 17th.

A visit from a Holdfast council employee last year has led to an invite by Holdfast Council to join their **Unplugged at Partridge event on March 29th at Partridge House**. The council will curate various activities focused on sustainability, including sewing and sourdough workshops, a clothing swap and a mini market. More details on City of Holdfast Bay website.



If you wish to volunteer please contact Chris on [christeale1@gmail.com](mailto:christeale1@gmail.com). A kindly reminder not to leave any broken goods at the hall to be repaired - please bring them on the day.

Marino Repair Café @ Marino Community Hall



# Marino Community Playgroup

Mei French, Playgroup Coordinator

The Marino Community Playgroup started with a pop-up playgroup in October 2025 and has been growing ever since. We are an unstructured playgroup for kids aged 0-5, a place for children to play and learn, and for parents and carers to connect. Our kids have a lot of fun in the indoor-outdoor space of the Activity Room at Marino Community Hall with music, stories, songs, sport, toys and play!

As a free playgroup run by volunteers, we are grateful for community support including funding for hall hire from 5049 Coastal Community and Nest Kiosk, and to Rob George for brokering this! We also have had generous donations of equipment. We would love to build community connections for sponsorship and activities.

Find us on Facebook or on the Playgroup SA website.

**Community Playgroup**

Free!  
**Tuesdays, 10-11:30**  
 From Jan 27, 2026  
 Marino Community Hall

For updates, join our FB group

BYO snacks  
 (be conscious of allergens)

Please feel free to bring something to play with together

**Support us!**  
 Grabbing a coffee at Little Nest?  
 Say **"Give my points to Marino Playgroup"** to help fuel our volunteers

We are always seeking sponsors, volunteers and ideas to keep playgroup running

## Marino Rail Care Group

*Darren Bailhache, Coordinator*

This last six months has seen significant improvements to the environment around Marino Railway Station. The current team of 15 dedicated volunteers has worked hard to improve this open community space. Retaining walls and garden beds have all been replaced on Bandon Tce. Local native plants have been put on the Newland Ave side of the station. In the coming months, art work, pathways and additional planting will be added.

For more information or to join the team please contact Darren Bailhache on **0412 50 20 40**



## Electrify 5049+

*Jeanette Martin*

Recent heatwaves have us thinking about power, cooling and climate change. Local volunteer group Electrify 5049+ offers advice on saving money while reducing your carbon footprint.

Local council rebates for getting off gas and electrifying your home:

### City of Marion

Up to \$1000 off an energy-efficient air conditioner (REPS scheme). In early 2027, further rebates for energy-efficient living will be added.

### City of Holdfast Bay

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## City of Holdfast Bay

*Clare Lindop, Councillor Seacliff Ward*

Kingston Park Coastal Reserve continues to be an important part of our community. Over the years, Council has delivered key projects, including the Coast Park shared use path and the Nest Kiosk. In 2019, the repatriation of 13 Kaurna Old People took place at the reserve, affirming the site's profound cultural importance.

Tjilbruke Springs sits at the heart of the Masterplan and holds deep cultural and spiritual meaning as part of the Tjilbruke Dreaming story. Rejuvenating the Springs and refining the project to reflect the reserve's natural landscape, cultural values, and layered history remains a passion project that I continue to strongly advocate for.

Recently, the old tennis court fencing was removed after a condition assessment



confirmed this could be done without ground disturbance. Further works are on hold until heritage approvals are received. Last year, new signage was installed and a motion I put forward is exploring a name for the access road down to the Nest Kiosk.

Council will continue maintaining facilities and thanks residents for their on-going care and patience for this special coastal reserve.

## Seacliff Community Produce Swap

*Emma Sandery*

We've given a voice to produce swap kids (and friends):

**Q: What do you like about being in the garden or growing food?**

A: Fresh air, picking & eating beans / Noticing insects, looking at the plants & listening to birds / Growing something fresh & real / Being in the quiet & listening to nature

**Q: Favourite local nature space?**

A: Seacliff Beach / O'Halloran Hill mountain biking / Seacliff beach & rocky area / Belair NP

**Q: What would you like adults to think about when voting in the SA Elections?**

A: Who will help the algal bloom & our beaches? / Choose carefully, think how they will make things better / Who is going to act on sustainable practices. I'd love politicians to think about the beach, ocean and taking real action on things that can and should be done / Who would make good education and medical care available



**Q: If you were in charge, what would you do?**

A: Make it law to put things in the right bin like food in the green bin / Make pollution & littering illegal / Invest in bike paths - make it easier for young people to do things outdoors with others. Make our neighborhoods nice places / Employ people who can't find jobs

Thanks to Emmy (12), Bronte (12), Jake (8) and Mollie (16).

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# Kingston's Historic House

Fran Lovell

We're back! Kingston House is open for our 2026 "scone season". Come and enjoy freshly baked scones served with lashings of jam and cream and your choice of tea or coffee.

We have been planning our events for the SA History Festival in May: a scrumptious cheese tasting hosted by the Cheeseclub of Australia's Adelaide Branch (the oldest in the country); a performance from Consort Anonymous (a recorder quintet) from *The Songs of Ireland Royal Addition*, a book of music owned and used by Mrs Lucy May Kingston; a fascinating presentation from Mr Grant Tinney about the Tea Rooms of Jetty Road, Brighton; and finally, our own historian on the Life and Times (and antics!) of George and Charles Kingston! These will all be advertised in the History Festival magazine and website due out at the end of March. For further information please contact us on **8458 1666** or [info@kingstonshistorichouse.com](mailto:info@kingstonshistorichouse.com)



# Marino Community Hall

Rob George

The new hall has been open for 9 months and is busy with around 20 regular groups offering a huge range of activities such as yoga, art, play group and dance. There are also Citizenship Ceremonies, the Little Marino Market and theatre productions.

The new committee elected at our AGM is upgrading the stage with additional lights and curtains and we have a volunteer administrator, Mahtab, in the office three mornings a week. "Little Nest" opens every day from 8-12, later on weekends. Driving past, you will likely see coffee drinkers on the deck enjoying the view. Drop in and view the gallery's art displays. If the car park is full, there's an upper carpark off Bakewell Avenue. [www.marinohall.com.au](http://www.marinohall.com.au)



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## Federal Member for Boothby

*Louise Miller-Frost MP*

When I'm out in the community, one topic comes up again and again: traffic. Getting around the southern suburbs should not feel harder than it needs to be, whether you are commuting to work, doing the school run or heading out locally.

That's why it has been encouraging to see some long-awaited improvements start to land. The opening of the Majors Road on- and off-ramps, delivered through a partnership between the Albanese federal Labor government and the Malinauskas state Labor government, has given locals better access to the Southern Expressway and helped ease congestion on nearby roads.

The new tram overpasses on the Glenelg line, also delivered through close cooperation between the federal and state governments, are now open. Removing these level crossings has reduced delays that once backed up traffic for long periods at busy times and has made travel safer for everyone.



Alongside these changes, work is underway on the North–South Corridor, which will further



improve how traffic moves through Adelaide and take pressure off suburban streets over time.

There is still more to do, but these projects show what can be achieved when the focus stays on practical improvements that make everyday life a little easier for people in the south.

To keep up to date on this and other local issues, you can contact my office to receive a copy of my e-newsletter. If there is anything I can assist with, please call my office on **8374 0511** or email [Louise.Miller-Frost.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Louise.Miller-Frost.MP@aph.gov.au)



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