

MASLIN BEACH NEWS

Your Maslin Beach Community Association Newsletter



Photo courtesy of Luna Lumme

Christmas is Nearly Here

Christmas is nearly here and Santa has already visited Maslin Beach to get an early start on distributing some presents to local kids. Thank you to all the organisers and helpers for the Christmas Party; it looked like a lot of fun.

There has been the annual change of guard on the MBCA committee, and we welcome Jon Owen as the new chairperson. He is one of several new people who have joined the committee. We look forward to their contributions over the coming year, and I hear that some interesting events are already being planned for 2026.

We wish everyone in Maslin Beach a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New year.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any community events, then please contact us through our website www.maslinbeach.com.au/public/contact_us



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maslinbeach.com.au

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MBCA UPDATE

Dear Members, Residents, and Friends of the Maslin Beach Community,

It is an honour to step into the role of Chairperson for the Maslin Beach Community Association. I am deeply appreciative of the trust and support extended to me, and I look forward to working alongside our dedicated committee, volunteers, and broader community to continue strengthening the unique spirit of Maslin Beach.

Over the past year, our association has made meaningful progress in community engagement, local advocacy, and the preservation of the natural beauty that defines our suburb; from help to protect our wildlife, to social gatherings, each initiative has reflected the commitment and pride our residents share for this remarkable place we call home. As we look ahead, my focus as Chairman will be on building connection, improving communication, and ensuring that our association continues to represent the interests and aspirations of the community. We aim to expand opportunities for residents of all ages to get involved, create greater social cohesion, and champion the ongoing enhancement of our coastal environment and local amenities.

I would like to acknowledge the outgoing chairperson Jenny Colville for her time, energy, and leadership, although thankfully Jenny is still with us in a new role. Her efforts have laid a strong foundation, and I intend to honour that work by continuing to promote transparency, collaboration, and inclusiveness in every decision we make.

An Invitation to the Community

At the heart of our association is the belief that a thriving community is built together, after a very successful and very well enjoyed musical bingo event we are busy planning our calendar for the coming year. At the time of writing we have the kids' Christmas event and Australia Day breakfast upcoming, in the near future, and hopefully a big event that is in the pipeline (top secret). We would warmly invite all residents to share ideas for events, activities, workshops, or initiatives you would like to see

happen in Maslin Beach. Whether it's social gatherings, family-friendly events, sustainability projects, arts and cultural activities, or something entirely new—your suggestions are welcome and encouraged. Please reach out to us with your ideas. Together, we can create a vibrant and connected community that reflects the values and creativity of the people who live here.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to an exciting and productive year ahead.

Warm regards,

Jon Owen

Maslin Beach Community Association chairperson

Little Street Library

By Garry Simmons

I just wanted to say thank you to the Maslin Beach folk who voted for the Little Street Library, on the Street Library of Australia Competition. We didn't win but your support inspired me to give the LSL a summer spruce up!

It's becoming very well patronised - to the point I think we need someone to start up another, maybe towards the eastern side of MB. Let me know if you're interested, I can help with design & registration! Email me at:

bartsimmons@hotmail.com



Council Update

By Councillor Lauren Jew

Hopgood Theatre

Cr Yeomans and I were delighted to join the celebrations for the reopening of the Hopgood Theatre following its impressive \$6 million transformation. This marks an exciting new chapter for a much-loved Southern Adelaide landmark. The renewed venue brings together modern design and technology with the warmth and character that have made it a cornerstone of our community for decades. The celebrations began on Friday 24 October with a sold-out gala evening hosted by Helpmann Award-winner Michael Griffiths and acclaimed cabaret performer Amelia Ryan. The atmosphere was electric as guests came together to celebrate the theatre's rich history and bright future. A particularly special moment was the presentation of the Key to the City to the theatre's namesake, Don Hopgood AO, recognising his outstanding contribution to the arts, education and public life in Onkaparinga and beyond.

Community Food Hub

On the 25 September 2025, the Department of Human Services (DHS) released a Social Supermarket Program tender to support food insecurity that 'aims to provide access to affordable, low-cost food, in a dignified manner, and the opportunity to connect with other people, places, and communities, and to the social support services that they need.' Funding for five social supermarkets in South Australia will be provided until June 2030. We secured DHS funding in early 2025 to scope a potential social supermarket in Seaford, or surrounding areas, which had been identified as the area of most need through extensive investigations, research and engagement. It is proposed that we establish an Onkaparinga Community Food Hub (social supermarket) at Hastings Street Hall, Seaford in partnership with The Food Centre, Gepps Cross and Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand, with the Good Shepherd as the lead applicant. Our fingers are crossed for this one.

Maslin Beach Ramp

Thank you to the Maslin Beach Community Association and local residents who reached out to Cr Yeomans and myself about the path to the beach. Through working together, the upgrades have now been completed.

Thank you and Merry Christmas

Throughout the past year I have had the privilege of serving as Deputy Mayor. This role has provided a unique opportunity to represent our community, support the mayor, and travel far and wide across the city. Last week I handed the role over to Cr Michael Fisher. A huge thank you to everyone who has reached out to Cr Yeomans and me, we are always happy to help where we can.

Thank You to Leon Bignell

By Karl Phillips

We note the recent news that Leon Bignell MP is due to retire from politics at the March election. The editors would like to thank Leon and his staff for the support they have provided to the MBCA over the years. The newsletter editors would especially like to thank him for the free printing they have provided that has enabled us to continue to provide paper copies to those who want to receive them.

We wish you well for the future and look forward to working with your successor going forward.



Memories of Maslin: Geraldine Amos

By Caroline Phillips

In this edition we focus on the latest recipient of the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award of the MBCA, Geraldine Amos.

Geraldine has lived in this area for over 40 years, moving from Willunga in 1997. She established a vineyard and built a home that same year, becoming involved in the community by reading newsletters and trying, along with residents of Sherriff Road, to prevent a phone tower from being constructed there. Geraldine became familiar with other members of the MBCA when walking her dog, including Emma and Karen Boss, and Kathy McMahan doing her planting and weeding along the cliff top. [Editor's note: having a dog seems to be the main way of getting to know people here, even if you seem to know the dog's name before you know the human's name!]

When asked what makes it so enjoyable to live here, Geraldine says there are many things: the friendly community spirit, the rugged cliffs and the beautiful beach being standouts. If you need a workout, she suggests that you go to the southern end of the beach and walk up and down the steps! There are also terrific walking trails both north and south of the beach. It is always interesting to watch the colours and swell of the everchanging sea, the varied birdlife, and the hang gliders launching from the clifftops. The stunning photos from locals, both amateur and professional, are always a delight for all to see on the "Friends of Maslin Beach" Facebook page.

In 2009-10 Geraldine joined the MBCA committee and became involved in delivering the newsletters to her street, Tuit Road and the caravan park. In the last few years, amongst other activities, she has been involved with functions like SALA, a huge showcase for local talented artists here in Maslins, and the Australia Day breakfast for residents. This is a great example of the committee and volunteers working together to serve the community.

"You do not have to be on the committee to help"- Geraldine says. Community spirit is shown in many ways, such as picking up thoughtlessly discarded litter, returning lost property, using and restocking the street library, sharing excess produce, and volunteering to help where you can. She hopes Maslin Beach will remain a community minded suburb, even as the infilling and development changes the physical space, but that rests with encouraging and enabling residents to become involved and accepting that everyone comes with their own ideas and opinions.

Geraldine says that it was a pleasant and much appreciated surprise to be given life membership of the MBCA. She will be officially presented with her award on Australia Day, and we hope to have a photograph in the following edition.

MBCA 50th Anniversary

By Karl Phillips

On the 11th of October we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the MBCA with a large celebration on the Frank Hilton Reserve. Although the weather was a bit chilly a great time was had by all who attended. The proceedings opened with speeches from Leon Bignell MP and the mayor of Onkaparinga, Moira Were AM.



Music was provided by *Every Other Monday* and *Done and Dusted* and got everyone up and moving.



The youngsters were also catered for with face painting by *Nifty Entertainment* and *South Coast Circus* demonstrating their skills.



We'd like to send a big thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and all the volunteers on the day. A big WELL DONE for all your efforts.



Absolutely brilliant space. The hall is a perfect size for an event. Easy to set up because of its practical space. (Hirer comment)

CASUAL HALL HIRE

Visit the Maslin Beach website <https://www.maslinbeach.com.au/public/pages/hall>

All bookings through SpacetoCo. Click image below.



CONTACT US

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Alternatively, email: hello@maslinbeach.tidymail.co

Chair: Jon Owen
Secretary: Rose Bockman

MBCA COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM on Wednesday 14th January. All welcome!

**MASLIN BEACH COMMUNITY HALL
REGULAR HIRER ACTIVITIES**

WEDNESDAY	FLOW AND GROW YOGA	10am – 11:30am	Antje Guenther 0403 937 582
FRIDAY	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	7pm – 8pm	John 8221 6999
SATURDAY	OCEAN FLOW	9am – 10am	Lauren Holmes 0433 207 682
SUNDAY	SEAFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH	10am – 11.30am	Jim 0434 570 523

HIRE RATES

Type	Per hour	Admin fee	Public insurance (PLI)
Casual	\$23	\$12.50	\$15.00 (Ad hoc only)
Regular	\$17.50	\$0	Required to provide own PLI



UPCOMING MBCA COMMUNITY EVENTS
Australia Day Breakfast- 26th January

Ramp Repairs

by Karl Phillips

A thank you to Onkaparinga council for the works on the access ramp at the North end of the beach. The ramp had been out of action since the Winter storms, but repairs have just been completed.



Photo courtesy of Linda Brockenbrow

Children's Christmas Party

By Meryl Coppin

A huge thankyou to everyone who made our kids' Christmas Party at Maslins Beach a magical event! A big shout out to Sharon Callaghan for organising it; thank you Sharon. We would also like to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped out

The highlight of the afternoon was the arrival of Father Christmas! The kids were overjoyed to see him and receive their gifts.

There was face painting, balloon making, and craft tables. Nibbles and drinks were provided, which kept the little ones smiling.

It was a fun-filled afternoon.

We look forward to more wonderful events in the future that bring our Maslin Beach community together.



BOOK HERE



Maslin Beach Community Hall available for hire.

Maslin Beach Community Hall is owned by the City of Onkaparinga council and managed by the Maslin Beach Community Association (a volunteer management committee).

Great space for your next event. Perfect for kids birthday parties, baby showers, business meetings, markets, family gatherings, workshops, wakes, yoga, pilates, meditation, craft workshops, get togethers, networking, art exhibitions, engagements, wedding receptions, cocktail parties, christenings, trivia/quiz/bingo nights, award nights, fundraisers, corporate functions, AGM's, conferences, seminars, trade shows, Baptisms, luncheons/dinners/breakfast events and so much more.

Affordable hourly rate. Regular bookings rate discount available. Great discounts for residents.

Bookings: www.spacetoco.com/space/maslin-beach-hall-mbca-parkway-drive-maslins

Hoodies: Australia's Most Threatened Beach-Nesting Bird

Ordinarily by now, the hooded plovers would have at least *tried* to nest here at Maslin Beach and at Ochre Cove. But as we all know, nothing is ordinary at present.

Two pairs of hooded plovers are still on site (one pair at Maslin Beach and one at Ochre Cove), but no nesting behaviours have been observed in recent months.

It has been a very quiet breeding season for hooded plovers throughout the region since the usual start of the season (August), with only two hoodie chicks having fledged in the whole of the Fleurieu Peninsula – at Middleton.

Our best guesses continue to be that the hoodies are impacted by the toxic algal bloom, and – here at Maslins and the cove – the lack of suitable beach-nesting habitats resulting from the erosion of the foredunes and the layers of residual algal foam and clay run-off above the high tidelines.

In recent years, the remnant population of about 70 hooded plovers across the Fleurieu Peninsula has been maintained – but only just. Like many of the region's marine species, local beach-nesting birds are having a very tough time. Please bear this in mind if you are on the beach and see a hooded plover, or a red-capped plover (an even smaller beach-nesting bird that shows up here). Give the birds space so that they can safely forage for food, and leash your dog so that its movements don't disturb the plovers in their natural habitat.

Thanks for your help – and the support of Onkaparinga Council's Natural Areas Conservation team, and Greening Adelaide.

Graham, Sue, Ash, Trish, Julia and Karin, local BirdLife Australia trained volunteers

<https://birdlife.org.au/programs/beach-nesting-birds/>

Do you have some spare time and enjoy visiting the beach?

You could help
save a threatened
species

Find out more on
BirdLife Australia's
Beach-nesting
Birds website:
www.birdlife.org.au/beach



Keen to
get involved?
Scan here.



Maslin Beach Policing

By Senior Constable Luke Czulowski

Dear Maslin Beach Community Members,

As we approach the Christmas/holiday period please ensure you follow the below tips to keep your home safe whilst away.

Lock up – Ensure all doors/windows and gates are secured. Take spare house/vehicle keys with you or place in a safe location.

Lighting - Use simple timers for lights/TV etc to make the property look occupied. Ask a trusted friend or neighbour to park their vehicles in your driveway, empty the letter box and bring bins in.

Manage Deliveries - Pause regular deliveries/newspapers or ask a trusted friend/neighbour to collect for you.

Social Media – Keep social media posts private and only seen by close friends. Consider waiting until you return from your holiday before sharing details of your time away.

Please visit the South Australia Police website for further information on Crime Prevention and security.

Between 1st September 2025, and 16th November 2025, the following incidents were reported to SAPOL:

12th September 2025 – Grass fire, Main South Road Maslin Beach.

23rd September 2025 – Male loitering around Gulf Parade Maslin Beach. Male located by police nearby.

26th September 2025 – Children causing a disturbance, throwing eggs along Sunnyside Avenue MASLIN BEACH.

30th October 2025 – Rubbish fire in the rear yard of a property along Gulf Parade MASLIN BEACH.

1st November 2025 – Three vehicle collision along Gulf Parade MASLIN BEACH.

2nd November 2025 – Single vehicle collision along Main South Road MASLIN BEACH.

We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support of the community. To report any suspicious activity or criminal behaviour, please contact:

131-444 For non-urgent matters

1800 333 000 - Crime Stoppers

Greening Report

By Garry Simmons

HELP!

The clifftop garden has had its moments over a torrid winter which has seen the survival of some plants but others that were not so lucky. This will necessitate a planting day next autumn, probably of juvenile plants rather than seedlings and in clusters to make watering a little easier.

Although welcome the rains have brought unwelcome guests; weeds, which crowd out the residents and need to be pulled out. We need volunteers for this job so if interested please contact me. Meanwhile, Kathy & I will be pruning off the dead branches and just tidying up over the next few weeks before the heat of summer arrives.

On another note, I recently had the opportunity to have closer look at a great community-based project in Wilunga that rejuvenated what was previously industrial land to create a beautiful park & micro forest in what is now known as Bassett Street Reserve-

<https://bassettstreetreserve.wixsite.com/website>

If anyone is interested I would consider taking a small group in the new year to seed some possible ideas for a further Greening project in Maslin Beach.

If interested in volunteering or being part of a visit to Willunga email me at

bartsimmons@hotmail.com

Community Photos



Pictures courtesy of Kathy Sexton, Linda Brockenbrow and Luna Lumme

Message from the Editors

Putting together the Maslin Beach newsletter could not be done without the help of volunteers. We are always looking for articles, images and editorial support. If you have an idea for an article, some photos to share or would like to help in some way the please email us at newsletter@maslinbeach.tidymail.co

Current editors of the newsletter are Karl Phillips and Caroline Phillips

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