

MASLIN BEACH NEWS

Your Maslin Beach Community Association Newsletter



Photo courtesy of Linda Brockenbrow

Winter, and rain at last!

After a long, dry Summer and Autumn we finally had some rain and I know the local flora and fauna greatly needed it. Unfortunately, the dry weather will have killed off many plants and I am sure the volunteers working on the clifftop garden had a struggle to keep plants alive. The recent stormy weather has also seen the annual removal of the soft golden sands exposing a very different side to our lovely beach. It is this ever-changing nature of the coast that is part of its appeal.

In this issue apart from the normal articles you will note that the MBCA has a range of events lined up for the rest of the year. Coming up are a trivia night in early July, the SALA exhibition in August, and the 50th anniversary of the MBCA in October. We encourage everyone to participate in the community events and we would like to thank everyone involved in planning and organising them.

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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State Member for MAWSON

Working hard for our area



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MBCA website

maslinbeach.com.au

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MBCA UPDATE

Jenny Colville (Chairperson) welcomes you to the June edition of the Maslin Beach Newsletter.

The 50 year celebration of the Maslin Beach Community Association will be held on the 11th October at the Frank Hilton Reserve and the Events Subcommittee convened by Garry Simmons has been busy organising the event which will include a Circus, Bands, and Food trucks for your entertainment. Advertising will be on the website maslinbeach.com.au

Merchandise is now set up in the website "Shop" for orders thanks to the hard work of Rose Bockman & Les Coppin. Thanks also to Karl Phillips who has guided us through the maze of the program "Square" to enable online transactions for purchases.

The artists "SALA" event has been organised by Geraldine Amos with the help of Lisa Pitman and others on the Artisans Sub Committee which will be held at the Hall between Friday 15th and Sunday 17th August. The maslinbeach.com.au website has advertised the event in the "Events" page.

The Committee welcomed Priah Griffin at our April meeting. Priah has replaced Kristin Frost as the City of Onkaparinga Council Community Connections Officer as a result of a Council reorganisation of roles.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Committee who are conscientiously working on their respective roles. Without them there would be no Maslin Beach Community Association. The current committee members are set out below:-

Jenny Colville	Chairperson
Rose Bockman	Secretary
Janine Seiboth	Treasurer
Les Coppin	Hall Manager and Merchandise Coordinator
Garry Simmons	Events Subcommittee Convener
Geraldine Amos	Artisans Subcommittee Convener
Karl Phillips	Newsletter Co-Editor
Bern Colville	Community Engagement Sub Committee Convener

If you would like more information regarding my report then please do not hesitate to contact me, Jenny Colville, via email to:

hello@maslinbeach.tidymail.co

MBCA INC.

TRIVIA NIGHT

MASLIN BEACH HALL

70'S NIGHT

Saturday 5th July | 7:00PM

BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

RAFFLE TICKETS & MERCHANDISE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

To purchase tickets go to our website
<https://www.maslinbeach.com.au>

\$10 A TICKET

Council Update

By Councillor Lauren Jew

Recent high tides, strong winds and large surf impacted some of our popular destinations and infrastructure, some of which remain closed for repairs.

The Port Noarlunga jetty remains closed after it sustained damage to the decking and a section of handrail, and we're keen to see it repaired and accessible to the community as soon as possible.

Inspections from external engineers began late last week. It's too early to say how long it will remain closed, but we're working with the state government and will keep the community up to date as soon as we know more.

We ask the community to stay safe and respect the closure – it's in place for your protection.

Port Noarlunga's Jubilee Park playground is also taking a soggy little break! The severe storm turned the wooden fort at Port Noarlunga into a castle with its very own moat, so the playground will need to remain closed while we mop up, make things safe, and get it looking great again.

Flooding has damaged the soft fall surface, which now needs to be fully removed and replaced. The closure will also allow us to complete our other renewal works that were delayed by the storm. We're aiming to reopen the play space by Friday 20 June, just in time for the July school holidays! We appreciate your understanding as we work to restore this much-loved community space.

A huge thankyou to the SES, SAPOL and our council crews who worked tirelessly in challenging conditions during the storm and continue with the cleanup efforts.

July start for Noarlunga Aquatic Centre refurbishment

The temporary closure date for Noarlunga Aquatic Centre's \$10.8 million refurbishment has been set for Saturday 5th July, with the centre to close for approximately 12 months.

The last day of public access to the centre – including the pool and gym – will be Friday 4 July to enable the commencement of the major refurbishment works.

Mossop Construction + Interiors has been awarded the contract to undertake the upgrade, which is jointly funded by the council and a \$5.4 million contribution from the Australian Government's Thriving Suburbs Program.

The refurbishment works will include: ·

- replacing the roof and ceiling ·
- a new pool liner ·
- installing a new solar system ·
- updating the water filtration and disinfection plant
- painting and cosmetic updates ·
- separating the lagoon pool from the main pool
- improving pool accessibility with a new ramp.

While the temporary closure will inconvenience users, the investment into the centre's future will ensure it continues to serve the community for many years to come.

We've been keeping the centre's users up to date about the potential closure date, and one of our priorities is ensuring a smooth transition so they can stay healthy and active.

This includes allowing the centre's gym members to continue their fitness routines at the Seaford, The Hub or Aldinga Recreation Centres, and providing pool users with a list of alternative aquatic facilities and the services they provide.

You can stay up to date about the project at
onkapingacity.com/yoursay

Memories of Maslin: Andy Brockenbrow

By Caroline Phillips

Photos by Linda Brockenbrow



Many of you will have heard the sound of the bagpipes here in Maslin Beach, played by local resident Andy Brockenbrow, or have seen his stunning sculptures in the SALA exhibitions. With SALA happening again in August, we thought it would be interesting to discover more about him.

Andy's family came to Australia as £10 Poms in 1965, joining his maternal grandparents who were already living here. They rented in Elizabeth for a while then moved to Port Noarlunga South whilst their new house was being built next to his grandmother's home in Maslin Beach, finally moving here in the early 1970s when Andy was 8. Maslin was not very developed then: no sealed roads and mostly paddocks, although there were more houses than the 11 that stood when his grandmother moved here. Andy relished the space to explore, play and ride his motorbike in the old quarry.

Andy went to Old Noarlunga Primary School, and then Willunga High School, where he met his wife, Linda. They caught the bus with 6-10 other children and had the power of being bus prefects.

Andy had been taught the bagpipes by his father from the age of 9 and had joined the Noarlunga City Pipes & Drums. They entered competitions but were often beaten by the military bands, and so Andy joined the military at 18 and became a member of the military band. This gave him many opportunities, from going to the school of Music in Canada, playing in a re-enactment of a Royal Tournament in London and touring in Washington

and Hawaii.

After leaving the military he did concert tours with the Wiggles, and played in a concert with Jimmy Barnes- you can find videos of them on You Tube! He also became a Pipe Major of a local band for 15 years and still gives private tuition to aspiring pipers.

Andy loved art and metalwork at school and enjoyed learning new skills. He began to exhibit some of the things he made, and they sold well. His works are a mix of different mediums, predominantly stone, steel, wood and sometimes resin. When using wood, he finds the form inside and then shapes it in the most minimal way to bring out its beauty. He has exhibited regularly at the Brighton Jetty, and at exhibitions by the Royal South Australian Society of Art, gaining a fellowship. Andy also does commissions, and his works can also be found in public spaces and private homes.



Andy has seen many changes to Maslin Beach in his time here and feels the loss of the shop and decreased bus services has had a negative impact, particularly on seniors. He would like to see an increase in clubs and somewhere where they can meet informally and have a cuppa, especially with the increased subdivisions, more hectic lifestyle and population growth, keeping a sense of community is important.

We look forward to seeing Andy's work at the SALA exhibition. Maslin Beach has many creative people, and the exhibition is always interesting. You can vote for the people's choice- I wonder if Andy will win it again this year?

MBCA Membership Renewals

By Jenny Colville

The Maslin Beach Community Association would like to thank all residents who have become members in the past. Your membership enables us to contact you regarding events (some free for members) and discuss with you any concerns which affect us as Maslin Beach residents. You are also on the emailing list to receive the quarterly newsletter. If you know of others in the Community who are new to the area it would be appreciated if you let them know of the Maslin Beach Community Association. They too may wish to join. There will be flyers delivered to all Maslin Beach Residents between the 30th June and the 6th July explaining what we do as an Association and reminding everyone of the renewal date. The cost this year has not changed from last year.

Year 2025/26 will be due on the 1st July 2025.

\$10 for individuals

\$20 for families (2 adults and children under age 18 years)

Website maslinbeach.com.au to renew

For assistance and Cash payments contact Jenny Colville 0407704480



Picture by Richard Morton

Newsletter Advertising

By Karl Phillips

There has been some interest from local companies and groups about advertising in the newsletter and this has been discussed within the MBCA recently. It has now been agreed that we will offer the opportunity to advertise but that space in each edition will be limited as we want to retain the nature of the newsletter as primarily covering local people and events. This may mean that we will need to operate a "first come, first served" allocation of advertising space if interest is high at any particular time.

The proposed rates are below and advertising space will be strictly limited.

¼ Page \$20 per issue

½ Page \$30 per issue

Full Page \$50 per issue

All adverts would need to be paid for in advance and the advert provided as a suitably formatted PC file at least 2 weeks before publication date.

The editorial team will retain all rights to reject any advertising they feel is not in keeping with the ethos of the newsletter.

If you are interested in placing an advertisement in the newsletter then please reach out to the editors via the MBCA email address and include the phrase "Newsletter Advertising" in the subject of the email.-

hello@maslinbeach.tidymail.co



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.



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	SUBLIME YOGA	9am – 10am	Jen Jacobs 0438 506 545
SUNDAY	SEAFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH	10am – 11.30am	Jim 0434 570 523

CONTACT US

Correspondence can be posted to Maslin Beach community hall, 5 Parkway Drive, Maslin Beach 5170 or dropped in the letter box.

Alternatively, email:
hello@maslinbeach.tidymail.co

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

Chair: Jenny Colville

Secretary: Rose Bockman

MBCA COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM on the Tuesday 19th August. All welcome!

UPCOMING MBCA COMMUNITY EVENTS

70s Trivia Night - 5th July

SALA Exhibition Opening – 15th August

MBCA 50th Anniversary Celebration – 11th October

Singing Bingo Night – 22nd November

Community Policing Update

by Senior Constable Luke Czulowski

Dear Maslin Beach Community Members,

In the previous newsletter, I provided an update on the initiatives being undertaken by South Australia Police (SAPOL), the Onkaparinga Council, and other stakeholders to enhance safety and reduce crime in the southern car parks and surrounding areas of Maslin Beach.

One of the initiatives identified was to improve signage for the carpark/walking trails at the southern end of Gulf Parade. The new signage will outline the expected and correct behaviours for the area and is expected to be installed in the new financial year.

Between **1st March 2025, and 25th May 2025**, the following incidents were reported to SAPOL:

1. On 8th April 2025 - Minor vehicle collision at the corner of Tuit Road and Old coach Maslin Beach.
2. On 15th April 2025 - Minor vehicle collision at the corner of Tuit Road and Old coach Maslin Beach.
3. On 17th April 2025 - Minor vehicle collision along Tuit Road Maslin Beach.
4. On 19th May 2025 – Report of indecent behaviour occurred at the Gulf Parade carpark, near the walking trail. Police attended and identified suspect person, investigations continuing.

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

Alternatively, you can contact the Aldinga Beach Police Station on 8556 6541 for further assistance.

Regards,

Senior Constable Luke Czulowski
Aldinga Beach District Policing Team

Aurora Revisited

By Karl Phillips

After the brilliant Aurora display earlier in the year we were treated to a return visit at the start of June due to a large geomagnetic storm. Unfortunately most of us were under cloud cover at the time but Richard Morton managed to capture the below image looking South over Aldinga.



Escaping Dogs

By Karl Phillips

It seems like there has been a marked increase in numbers of escaped dogs being highlighted on the MB Facebook page. This is of concern as not only is an escaped dog in danger of being injured but also it risks causing an accident. If a loose dog causes an accident, then the dog's owner is usually liable and often such cases are not covered by household or pet insurance.

You should also be aware that if your dog repeatedly escapes then you are open to prosecution by the RSPCA under the Dog and Cat Management Act if you are deemed not to be keeping your dog safe.

Having got the scary stuff out of the way; what can you do? While most people focus on the HOW to make your home more escape-proof you should also think about the WHY of the behaviour. The common reasons for dog escapes are these –

Social isolation/frustration – remember dogs are social animals and being alone is often stressful for them. Make sure they are well exercised (be aware of the exercise requirements for the breed) and have a stimulating environment and toys to keep them occupied while you are away. If possible, consider asking a friend or neighbour to spend some time with them.

Fears and Phobias – understand if there is anything that scares your dog or anything going on in the local environment that is likely to upset them. If possible, isolate them from cause and give them a secure area where they can feel safe.

Separation anxiety – if your dog is very attached to you and your family then being left alone can be very stressful. If they get anxious when you are about to leave the house, or they escape soon after you have left, then these are possible signs (although there are others). Separation anxiety is very common and many owners do not know if their pet suffers from it or not.

If your dog repeatedly tries to escape, then please consider what might be going on to cause this behaviour. Research online is good but also talk to your vet who will normally have good resources to help. For persistent offenders consider also speaking to a dog behaviour specialist. Again, your vet should be able to recommend some good local ones.

Remember that if your dog is happy then this will mean that you, and your family, will ultimately be happier and less stressed too.

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.



GREENING REPORT

By Garry Simmons



Photo by Karl Phillips

It has been a grim time lately with limited rain and an algae bloom affecting the beach and environs. With respect to the Clifftop Garden there have been a number of species that haven't made it through the extremely dry conditions but some of the local species have revived with the recent rain. Prior to this the *Carpobrotus* (Pigface) was looking very dry and wrinkled.

There will need to be a re-think on this year's planting, and we have had an initial discussion with council about possible cluster planting in the spring.

I am also in touch with a group of young people passionate about coastal revegetation, 'Breathe Easy', doing great work on the Fleurieu Peninsula and we are hoping they have a stall showcasing their work at the 50th MBCA Concert on the reserve later this year.

The hope is to provide inspiration for younger folk to be involved in continuing to keep Maslin Beach green and thriving.

If you are interested in the wonderful environment we are surrounded by here in Maslin Beach, and want to help out, then get in touch with either Kathy or Garry by emailing them at maslinbeach@mail.tidyhq.com

Maslin Beach Community Artists

2025



Photo: Linda Brockenbrow

SALA South Australian
Living Artists Festival

Maslin Beach is a small community packed with talent! Enjoy this fabulous variety of artworks featuring a diverse range of local painters, sculptors, ceramicists and more.

Dates:

Opening Night:

Friday 15th August - 6:00pm

Exhibition Open:

Sat 16th and Sun 17th August
Sat 23rd and Sun 24th August

Times:

Saturdays 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sundays 1:00pm - 4:00pm



Community Photos



Pictures courtesy of Linda Brockenbrow, Jan Stankiewicz, and Richard Morton

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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