

Torrens River Wetland

Letters and personal lobbying is taking place with the Federal member for Hindmarsh Matt Williams and ALP Candidate Steve Georganas seeking "seed" funding up to \$4million for the installation of the Breakout Creek Wetland.

We have also spoken to the local member of SA parliament Paul Caica, the Natural Resources Management Board and have written to Environment Minister Hunter seeking their support for the "Concept Plan" that has been costed at \$8 million.

ENVIRONMENT



Paul Laris, Chrissy Schultz, Jim Douglas and Peter Schultz want \$2m for River Torrens wetlands. Picture: CAMPBELL BRODIE

Funding call to build wetlands

Photo courtesy of Messenger – Weekly times

West Beach Coastal Management

The high tide storms and sea level rise surges on 9th May did a huge amount of damage to the coastal dunes and infrastructure. One of the hardest hit areas was West Beach where huge volumes of sand were scooped out and dragged away due to increased wave power. Much of the damage can be attributed to the irresponsible developments at Glenelg and the Boat Launching facility at West Beach. Over 65,000 cubic metres of sand must be trucked from Semaphore back to West Beach at a cost of \$35/cubic metre to protect what little is left of this once magnificent sandy beach. Council have recently made an application for funding of up to \$14million to replenish West Beach and to construct a very controversial breakwater at Henley South that is being strongly questioned due to a lack of good science. We believe that it is time for an urgent review of our metropolitan beaches before we start throwing tax and rate payers money at something that is not best environmental practice.

In 1997/8 over 600 residents campaigned vigorously to stop the development of the West Beach Boat Launching facility. They were supporting the science warning the Government that the beach would become damaged beyond repair. 18 years later West beach is wreckedhere is the link to their story.

<https://youtu.be/3nNXW0mczUk>



Tennyson Dunes and Coastal Pathway

Meetings are taking place between WACRA and the Tennyson Dunes Group (TDG) in a collective effort to come to an 'agreement in principle' on a continuous pathway between Terminus Street Grange and Third Avenue Semaphore South. It is our view that we need to find consensus on a continuous pathway through the dunes that is a "Discovery Trail" of no more than 2 metres in width and constructed from porous natural earth materials and to be accessible to all. As we write we feel positive that we can reach agreement and if this does happen then it would be our collective intentions to meet with all other four resident action groups north and south of the Tennyson Dunes boundaries.

Telecommunications Tower East Terrace Henley Beach

TELSTRA have made a development application to City Charles Sturt to erect a 35 metre monopole tower smack bang inside a historic Conservation Zone, surrounded by character homes, on property that they own in East Terrace. Up to 50 residents have made submissions opposing the tower 5 metres higher than the tallest Norfolk Island pine trees in the area. People are concerned for many reasons including visual impact, perceived and unknown health risks and reduced property values. Representations of concern have been made to Local, State and Federal levels of Government and residents are seeking guarantees of support.

Illegal Ground Water Extraction from Mr Antunes BAJU/H2O Development Seaview Road

We are now in the 5th year since Mr Antunes development site has illegally been extracting precious ground water at the rate of 82,000 litres per day directly onto Henley Beach. How he has been allowed to get away with this *ILLEGAL WATER AFFECTING ACTIVITY* is well beyond knowing. Meetings with Council and the Minister for Water Mr Hunter have failed to convince Mr Antunes to 'fix up the problem'.

Why the Minister and DEWNR will not take Mr Antunes to court to force him to install a engineering solution is beyond our understanding. All of our ground water expert opinions warn of the dangers to his development and surrounding properties. It beggars belief that this same developer can apply for a redevelopment at the EVIDA restaurant at a cost of over \$800,000 whilst this illegal water extraction is still happeningsomething is not right here and we want to know just what is going on!!



Place Making

Your most recent edition of the Council news journal Kaleidoscope provided an understanding of what this initiative is all about. Council has set aside \$30,000 a year for innovative projects to encourage 'Community Place'. Some activities have already taken place and others failed to reach the Council criteria. WACRA recently made an application to conduct another Stobie Pole street art activity in South Street Henley Beach involving residents, the nearby church and businesses. However, we were not successful. This is concerning when we consider the great interest created when we recently worked in partnership with the Henley and Grange Community Centre creating Poles Apart in Main Street.



Tree Policy

Many of you would have read about a Council decision to chop down a significant tree in Cudmore Terrace Henley Beach but you may not be aware that another 8 significant trees within the Council boundary were also lined up for the chop. Working with Councillor Bob Randall who has serious concerns about the Council Tree Policy there has been some changes to the policy tightening the rules and providing a mandatory consultation process if residents object to remove a significant tree. There is work to be done on the consultation process and WACRA is working with Bob Randall to ensure that residents are given a fair go in future.



Henley Police Station and Services.

The new Henley Police Station, designed to staff 100 police officers and staff, is well on the way to being completed.

Serious concerns are being expressed by the Police Association that the Organisational Review presently taking place, will have a significant change in the method of policing and reduce essential services.

WACRA has written to the Police Minister and made a submission to the Organisational Review Panel expressing concerns that the hours of operation at Henley Beach are going drop from a 24/7 Station to a weekday only service from 9am to 5pm.

This service and patrol reduction seems to lack understanding of what is taking place in this coastal area where we are experiencing urban infill, expanding population, increased traffic flows, greater numbers of domestic violence reports and late night licensing.

WACRA has written to City Charles Sturt seeking their support of residents concerns however we were advised that this is a State matter and not in Council's interests.

If you are concerned about this reduction in services we strongly recommend that you write to the Police Minister Hon. Peter Malinauskas, GPO Box 668, Adelaide or the Program Manager SAPOL Organisational Review GPO 1539 Adelaide. Send a copy of your letter or make a time to meet Local Member for Colton Paul Caica 83531111.

WACRA Membership

As within any organisation WACRA is as strong as its membership and supporters. Currently we have 300 members and supporters and we need more if we are going to have an influence on decision making at Federal, State and Local Government levels. Our primary objective is to 'Build Healthy Community' and to 'ensure residents have a voice'. We can raise the issues but it is more about influencing the decision makers. WACRA needs your support and you can find out more about 'Who we are and What we do' visit our Web Site www.wacra.org.au OR become a friend on Facebook by "liking" our page www.facebook.com/westernadelaidecra/ and sharing with your neighbours and friends.

Feedback is important to us so if you have something to share we would love to hear from you by contacting us at GPO Box 72, Henley Beach or our Membership Officer, Anne at email: wheaties@adam.com.au

Authorised by Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc www
PO Box 72, Henley Beach
Produced by Anne Wheaton (Membership Officer)
Photos courtesy of Fernando, Anne and
<http://visithenleybeach.com.au>