



NEWSLETTER

What is hot in the West in October 2016

West Beach destruction and Coastal Workshop

After considerable lobbying City of Charles Sturt convened a half day workshop on Friday 16th September consisting of State and Local Government, Surf Life Saving, EPA, Adelaide Shores, SA Water, independent coastal experts and WACRA to consider collective and shared Objectives and Actions to address the devastation of our metropolitan beaches. A Summary of the Workshop is available on application to Anne wheaties@adam.com.au



Coastal erosion with the West Beach SLSC under threat

Coast Park (Coastal Pathway)

Agreement has been reached between the State Government and Tennyson Dunes Group to install a continuous 'discovery trail' from Bournemouth street to Shore Court. The Trail will meander through the dunes, avoiding sensitive plants, and will be 1.8m – 2m in width with resting nodes at strategic points. Sections of the dune corridors, north and south of the Tennyson dunes, are still being negotiated between residents and Council. WACRA supports the continuation of the 'discovery trail' through the corridors, constructed of natural elements, and its location as close to the eastern boundary as possible negotiated between council and local residents.

Torrens River Wetland

Recent storm events have resulted in thousands of tonnes of sediment and waste rushing down the Torrens River and dumping its polluted load into Gulf St Vincent. From Glenelg to Grange there are two major storm water outlets - the Torrens River (Breakout Creek) and the Barcoo Outlet at West beach. In addition, there are hundreds of 'off street' storm water outlets dumping directly into or through the dunes to the sea. WACRA have been part of a Task Force who provided a report to Government back in 2007 with over 20 recommendations specifying the method required to improve water quality. The State Government needs to review and implement many more of the Task Force recommendations if we are to see an improvement in water management and water quality. We continue to raise our objectives for a third and final wetland at Breakout Creek that will reduce pollution loads and create huge improvements to the biodiversity.



Polluted Storm water - Torrens River, Breakout Creek

Jet Ski Exclusion Zone....Henley to Grange

Recent correspondence dated 7th September signed off by Minister for Transport Stephen Mullighan has advised WACRA that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is to put forward a proposal to the Cabinet of Government for a permanent 'restricted area' under section 5 of the Harbours and Navigation Act 2009. If carried by Cabinet the restricted Jet Ski Zone will be from the Torrens River outlet to Grange Road. WACRA requested that the Zone be extended north to the West Lakes Inlet pipe platform however, Council and State Government are not agreeable to that extension. Summer is coming and as yet we are still waiting on a final decision. A call to Minister Mullighan's Electoral Office 82682680 supporting the exclusion zone will assist in making it happen.

Illegal Ground Water Extraction from Mr Antunes BAJU/H2O Development, Henley

Mr Antunes' Development continues to illegally extract 82,000 litres of groundwater from his site every day. Imagine a 14 story building in Henley Square containing 150 million litres of water. This is what his development and illegal activities have extracted over 5 years. Residents have every reason to feel concerned about the probability of land subsidence and those who have bought into his apartment complex should be concerned as sea water will eventually encroach inland. Numerous requests by WACRA to the State Government have failed to provide accurate data on ground and sea water levels. We are being told 'they are working with Mr Antunes and Council to find a resolution'.

5 YEARS to find a resolution to an illegal Water Affecting Activity is not acceptable regardless who you are. Recent information from the State Government have advised WACRA that Mr Antunes, City of Charles Sturt and the Body Corporate are meeting with a independent conciliator with the objective of reaching agreement on finding a solution.

Heritage matters

Heritage matters to those who appreciate the history, culture and character of the place where we live and greater Adelaide. Recent intentions by the Planning Minister Rau would have you believing his primary objective is to bulldoze anything in the way of what he considers to be progress.



Henley Town Hall – State Heritage Listed

WACRA is a member of the Community Alliance that consists of over 30 concerned organisations wanting an input on future planning decisions. It is becoming clear that the Minister is more intent

on approving multi story buildings in main streets and bypassing local government knowledge and experience. If you are concerned about retaining the culture and character of your suburb and greater Adelaide let the minister know that his actions are not supported. Call his Electoral Office on 82607733 and leave a message.

Nuclear Waste - Do we take the risk?

The SA Government Royal Commission on Nuclear Waste headed by ex State Governor Kevin Scarce has certainly raised many concerns and unanswered questions. The SA Government have set up Information Booths in various locations providing a forum to 'Have your say' on whether you support or oppose Nuclear Waste Dumping. There are also Citizen Jury's that are looking at the nuclear cycle and what is happening in other countries.

WACRA, as far back as 2003, opposed the dumping of Nuclear Waste in SA at a time that the then Federal Government was giving this issue consideration. Copies of the WACRA position at that time are available on request – Anne at wheaties@adam.com.au



The WACRA Executive Committee are gathering as much information as possible on this issue to enable our members to make informed decisions. We intend to invite a Keynote speaker to our November meeting to provide further information.

Due to the recent Statewide Blackout we had to postpone our Sept General Meeting.

Your Executive Committee will continue to conduct the business of the Association.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next GENERAL MEETING on Wednesday 30th November 7.30pm at the Henley Library Learning Centre – mark it in your diary.

Authorised by Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc www.wacra.org.au
PO Box 72, Henley Beach
Produced by Anne Wheaton (Membership Officer)