

Local issues (background to WACRA activities)

Past issues (some still ongoing)

[Submission on the Living Green to 2020 Review](#) (22 August 2018) (PDF)

This submission will champion the actions that support sustainability but also highlight the negative forces that the Charles Sturt Council must address to achieve real progress toward a better city environment and a more sustainable future in 2020 and beyond

[Background Paper for Council Workshop on proposed Public Consultation Policy](#) (26 April 2018) (PDF)

WACRA believes the changes proposed to the Public Consultation Policy have profound implications for elected members, council staff and the community

[WACRA Submission: Community Land Management Plan, Coastal Reserve West Beach](#) (20 April 2018) (PDF)

The Community Land Management Plan Coastal Reserve Review fails to address climate change and the effect on coastal erosion

[Paul Laris, Deputation to Council Re: Henley Beach Library](#) (13 June 2017) (PDF)

Hopefully we all want an even better library – can we start again and can the consultation question be ‘How do we get there?’

[WACRA’s submission on the dredging of Outer Harbour](#) (PDF)

Submission to the State Commission Assessment Panel on the issue of deepening of the harbour by screw and suction dredging to provide passage for giant-sized container vessels

[WACRA’s Nuclear-Free Zone Policy](#) (PDF)

The General Meeting of the Western Adelaide Coastal Residents’ Association Inc (25 January 2017) voted unanimously on the following resolution in relation to the importation, transportation, storage, disposal and dumping of nuclear waste within the Charles Sturt Council region

[Libraries are the hubs for learning and building inclusive, informed communities](#) (PDF)

Community libraries are being downgraded and schools are removing arts and humanities from the curriculum. These decisions will have long-term detrimental effects on society, says guest writer and educator Erica Jolly

[Coast Park Shared Pathway – Grange to Semaphore Park](#)

Environment

AdaptWest

AdaptWest is an initiative of the Cities of Charles Sturt, Port Adelaide Enfield and West Torrens with support from the State and Federal Governments. It is one of 12 designated regions across the South Australia set up to ensure that businesses, communities and environments can respond positively to the challenges of our changing environment.

AdaptWest is looking at the adaptability side of the equation across the Western Adelaide Region. In 2014 WACRA members participated in one of a number of workshops designed to identify key areas in the Western Region which might potentially be affected by climate change. As part of this process, one of these Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Workshops was held recently at Torrensville Community Centre. The purpose of this particular workshop was to look at Environment and Natural Resources aspects.

- [Defining the sea level rise problem in South Australia: Issues paper \(3 June 2014\)](#) (PDF) – Local Government Association of South Australia in partnership with Climate Change Unit, Water & Climate Change Branch, Department for Environment, Water and Natural Resources, and Coast Protection Board
- [Climate change planning](#) (City of Charles Sturt)

Tennyson Dunes

Tennyson Dunes, copyright [Gordon](#)

The Tennyson Dunes are the last standing remnant dune on the Adelaide Metropolitan coastline. They are unique for their coastal plants, reptiles and migratory birds. These dunes have a close relationship with the first peoples (Kaurna) and are estimated to be over 6,000 years old.

On 27 October 2011 the Tennyson Dunes Group won the Premier's [NRM Community Engagement Award](#). Thanks to WACRA President Jim Douglas for the nomination and fellow community groups in the area for their recognition.



Four community organisations joined forces with the support of Charles Sturt Council and made an application for heritage listing. This can be a long process, so in 2013 it was decided to approach The Hon Ian Hunter, Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, to make an application for conservation status. The Government shared our collective opinion that these magnificent dunes needed protection and they are now Conservation Protected. [Find out more about the Tennyson Dunes.](#)

[Application to heritage list the Tennyson Dunes \(PDF\)](#)

Torrens River Wetlands

WACRA is thrilled to announce that we have received notification from the Mt Lofty Natural Resources Management Board that \$50,000 is allocated to conduct a Community Consultation and Concept Plan for the third stage of the Torrens River Wetlands from Tapleys Hill Road to the river outlet.

We have campaigned for this to happen since 2004. We know that this will be a difficult but interesting process, and wait anxiously for the river to run through its final stage to create greater biodiversity and much cleaner water entering Gulf St Vincent.



Planning and development

Henley Square development

Traffic management and car parking Henley Precinct

Traffic intensity in Henley Beach

Car parking is at a premium during the warmer seasons. With increased dining, shopping attractions and late night venues, residents are being significantly disturbed by residential on-street car parking.

A Traffic Management Study was conducted within a square kilometre precinct to explore traffic flow and car parking opportunities that will be safer and less disruptive. The car parking problem could be greatly alleviated if Council exercised its powers to enforce the owner of the Bajju and H2O development car park to meet its conditions of building consent by allowing staff to park in the basement car park and the public to park in the ground floor car park up to 2 am on Friday and Saturday nights and up to 12 midnight on Sunday nights.



WACRA is annoyed that the developer has been allowed to flaunt the agreed conditions. In our opinion, it is time for the Traders Group and the community to raise their voices and reach agreement on immediate and future car parking arrangements.

Ground water escape Henley Beach



Waste groundwater pumped out from beneath the Henley Square shopping centre and dumped on the beach
Just north of the Henley Jetty you will see a disgusting site that has been fenced off for safety reasons. This is the point of exit for good-quality ground water to be pumped through a storm water pipe that connects to the Bajju and H2O apartments across Seaview Road.

This water is being pumped out of the basement of these buildings due to a breach of the Natural Resources Management Act. It is calculated to be pumping 80,000 litres of essential and perfectly good-quality ground water onto the beach every day. WACRA has been vigilant in demanding action be taken by the developer to stop this escape through numerous meetings with Council and State Government. It is hoped that a resolution to the problem will be found.

Public spaces

Jet skis

WACRA, with the support of the City of Charles Sturt Council, successfully applied for a Jet Ski Exclusion Zone. The Exclusion Zone extends from the Torrens River at Henley Beach to Grange Road, Grange, and is operational from 1 December to 31 March. Jet skis are not permitted to enter the exclusion zone and must be 200 metres offshore.

If you notice any breach of these conditions, please contact City of Charles Sturt Compliance 8408 1111, Peter Thomas 0408790177 (SA Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure), or SA Police (SAPOL) 131 444 (Police Assistance Line).



Late night venues – Henley Square

After many sleepless nights and fears of assault, residents who live close to Henley Square may get some relief. Residents representing WACRA have approached the Licensing Commission and consulted with hotel management regarding noise at the Ramsgate Hotel. A new roof is proposed for part of the hotel's entertainment section and WACRA is hopeful that this will assist in drowning out the noise.

Also, a Traders Group has formed to make suggestions and take action to control problems within Henley Square, such as reminding patrons to respect residents when they leave their premises.

Conservation, culture and recreation

Friends of Gulf St Vincent (FOGSV)

WACRA strongly supports the Friends of Gulf St Vincent (FOGSV). FOGSV advocates and lobbies for clean marine waters, and the preservation and conservation of all sea creatures, sea grass meadows and the coastline.

FOGSV is conducting a water quality project (Secchi Project) to check water turbidity (clarity) at regular times and places on both sides of the Gulf. These test results are fed into a database and will assist in defining points of pollutants (sediments) entering the gulf. More information about this project and what FOGSV does

Coast Park Shared Pathway

After more than 10 years, the final section of the Coast Park between Grange and Semaphore Park (4.7 kms) has undergone extensive community review. A Community Reference Group, consisting of 26 members representing various groups, has worked tirelessly to come to some final options. The two preferred options – known as Options 1 and 2 – have the most support out of the 5 options presented.

- Option 1 proposes two pathways – a narrow walking path at the (top) rear of the dunes and a cycle path partly on Seaview Road and partly on Military Road

- Option 2 (WACRA's preferred option) proposes a continuous shared pathway of 2.4 metres width located at the (top) rear of the dunes.

[WACRA'S proposal for the installation of the Coast Park](#) (PDF)

The WACRA Executive has worked hard to try to resolve many of the issues with the proposed Coast Park by seeking submissions from all parties with an interest in the path:

- [Summary of community responses to WACRA paper 'Coast Park criteria'](#) (PDF)