



Group presentations

AGM/GM 010920

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

- WACRA's Coastal Management Group advocates on issues affecting the coast in order to preserve, protect and enhance the environment for current and future generations of residents.
- Recent West Beach replenishment from Torrens Outlet
- Department of Environment and Water / Coast Protection Board "Securing the Future of Our Coastline" Strategy to protect / rebuild West Beach
 - Interim carting of sand from Semaphore / Largs to continue in Spring 2020 and Autumn 2021
 - Proposed pipeline from Semaphore to West Beach (\$28.5m allocated)
 - Proposed mass fill from external sand source (\$20m allocated)
- Coastal Reference Group established by DEW/CPB
 - WACRA + 21 other resident groups
 - 4 Zoom meetings + 1 in person meeting
 - History & technical information; Adelaide Living Beaches Strategy 2005-2025
 - Next task is co-design of pipeline

- Impact Assessment sub-group to design scope of brief for consultants to assess economic, social & environmental impact of:
 - Interim carting
 - Proposed pipeline
 - WACRA + 5 other resident groups
 - Consultant appointed & commenced assessment of carting – report due mid September
- WACRA agrees that West Beach is an urgent problem and interim carting is necessary but unconvinced that pipeline is best long-term solution, so:
 - Called on CPB to
 - create a new Metropolitan Beaches Management Plan (last one was 1985) with full research, consultation and transparency
 - conduct audit of Adelaide Living Beaches strategy
 - conduct an EIS
 - Called on CRG & Impact Assessment sub-group to delay design / assessment of pipeline until CPB decides on Management Plan
- WACRA met with head of CPB last week
- WACRA will continue lobbying via CRG & Impact Assessment sub-group

Council Connect AGM Report 1 September 2020

Our overall aim is to strengthen WACRA's relationship with Charles Sturt Council (CCS), councillors and staff so as to enhance CCS capacity to build a healthy, sustainable and diverse community. To that end we have shared information from WACRA to CCS and vice versa.

- Monitoring CCS activities
- Effective advocacy
- Partnership projects, including auspicing other groups projects

We monitor council minutes and agendas, and ensure WACRA has input into council consultations via their Your Say website. On occasion, we make formal deputations to council meetings on specific issues. We are very fortunate in having a member of WACRA and a former committee member on council, and frequently find we can get the information we need or resolve issues quickly with a call to Councillor Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar.

We have regular meetings with Mayor and/or the CEO, most recently on Monday this week with the CEO and the new General Manager Asset Management Services Adrian Ralph. One key issue we have been discussing with council lately is the final stage of the wetlands redevelopment of Breakout Creek from Henley Beach Road to the mouth. The recent agreement of the DEW and WT and CCS council to contribute to the cost was a big breakthrough. But we are concerned that the DEW have been promising to release an updated concept plan for public consultation for some months yet this keeps getting delayed. The previous version gave the Lockleys Riding Club club access to 25% of the South Bank section, but away from direct contact with the river, plus new yards and facilities at the adjoining Apex Park. We believe this to be more than adequate, but we understand that pressure from the Club may be behind the repeated delays. Once the public consultation process opens it will be important for our members and supporters to have their say. But until we know what is in the plan it is impossible to say whether it should be supported.

We have also been talking with council on the Antunes drain situation. For nearly 10 years we have campaigned to get this fixed. Yet every day the pumps under the Baju/H2O building churn out large volumes of illegally extracted groundwater on to Henley Beach. You can often notice the red stain caused by iron compounds. We were assured last year that an engineering solution had been found. However, the developer Richard Antunes refused to implement the resulting court order and will now be required to appear before the Environment and Development Court. We believe that the citizens of Charles Sturt have an interest in the outcome of this case and have urged council to seek to be recognised by the court to be joined in the matter. The council CEO has said he will seek internal legal advice on whether to pursue this course.

We have met with Bruce Williams, Manager of City Service, a number of times in relation to our concerns about the State Government's proposed Planning and Design Code. We have made it clear that we share the concerns of the Community Alliance about the hasty development of the code and the obvious problems that have emerged in relation to inconsistencies, concerns about the protection of heritage buildings, the centralising of planning decisions away from affected communities and local government, loss of tree cover, and poor quality infill housing. The recent departure of Minister Knoll and his replacement with Minister Chapman has brought a welcome pause and hopefully a chance for greater engagement with community and local government.

Coast Path.... Now with the State Government.

Next year we shall be encouraging and recruiting candidates for next local government elections in 2022.



Climate Emergency Group

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Who we are

- Julie Whitehead
- Alan Goldsmith
- Pedro Schultz
- Lara Lamnek
- Kate Denton
- Andrea Rankin
- + **COMMUNITY**



Our mission

Increase awareness of and take action with the **community** towards mitigating the effects of climate change



Our focus

- **Canopy** – bring back the trees ('tree' is in 'street')
 - Verges and Feature Street
 - Awareness-raising projects
- **Education and advocacy**
 - Tours of greened areas
 - Forums, speakers
 - Working with Charles Sturt Council and AdaptWest



Your ideas?

Oh No – You're missing your street tree!

It's tree planting season, and the City of Charles Sturt will come and plant one for free if you ask. 😊

With subdivision making our gardens smaller, we know our street trees are even more important for the health of our communities, our wildlife and our planet. Plus of course, they add value to our homes as more people seek out cooler leafy green suburbs.

It's as easy as one phone call or email to the Council, plus just a few minutes every week or two to give it some water for the first few summers. Your local neighbours (and birds 🐦) will thank you!

Phone: 8408 1111.

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More information: <https://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au>.

(or just type 'City of Charles Sturt Trees' in your search engine).

