



Your Community Forum - Houghton

Tue 30 April 2019

Summary

Houghton, Inglewood & Hermitage Memorial Park Inc.

Approximately 50 people in attendance including Adelaide Hills Councillors and staff.

MC – David Waters, Director Community Capacity

Forum begun at 6:32pm and closed at 8:30pm

We would like to acknowledge the traditional Kurna and Peramangk custodians of the land on which we gathered for this community forum.

Council Update:

- Council's Strategic Plan is under review and we want to know what you believe is special about the district, and what you think we should focus on in the future. Ideas can be submitted online at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/strategic-plan or at any Council service centre.
- Adelaide Hills Council recently declared a Climate Emergency, reflecting Council's preparedness to provide leadership for our community in addressing the unprecedented threat of climate change.
- May Business Month is now underway with a wealth of valuable workshops and sessions for any and all business owners in the district. Visit [our Business page](#) for more information.
- VolunteerConnect is now online. This new online portal makes connecting volunteers with opportunities in local community groups easier than ever. Visit [our Volunteering page](#) to learn more.
- Volunteer Movie Day is back in 2019 to give a huge thank you for all the tireless work our community does every year. If you volunteer in the district you are eligible to attend a free movie of your choice at Wallis Mt Barker between 10:00am and 10:00pm on Friday 24 May. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Community Presentations:

- Houghton, Inglewood and Hermitage Memorial Park Inc & Country Women's Association (CWA)
 - Presenter: Matt Thomas
 - History of the site, status of the development masterplan, future plans for community use
 - Presenter: Felicity Young
 - History of the Houghton CWA branch and future plans to cohabit the developed site
- Houghton Districts Football Club
 - Presenter: Melanie Keetch
 - History and current status of the Football Club and anticipated future growth and needs
- NEHCA
 - Presenter: Joan Gibbs
 - Thanked AHC for initiative in declaring a Climate Emergency

Council Presentations

- Lower Hermitage Road Project
 - Background of project, plans and timeline
- Why Waste It? Recycling information
 - Common household bin contaminants and how to avoid them

Community Conversations:

- Conversation tables:
 - Lower Hermitage Road Project
 - Plans were available for viewing and discussion
 - AHC staff were present answers questions: Peter Bice – Director Infrastructure and Operations, Ashley Curtis - Manager Civil Services, Steve Smith – Technical Officer
 - Why Waste It? Recycling information
 - AHC Waste Manager, Aliza Fuller was present to answer queries and share information
 - Informational flyers were available from both AHC and EastWaste
 - Strategic Plan Review
 - AHC Corporate Planning and Performance Coordinator Bernadette Walsh was present to engage with attendees, explain the history, purpose and timeline of the Strategic Plan review and answer queries. There was also a general idea board to capture local ideas and issues.

Report Back:

- Strategic Plan – Bernadette Walsh
 - Thanked attendees for ideas and submissions
 - 13 ideas were added to the ideas board
 - 2 Strategic Plan feedback cards were submitted
 - Encouraged everyone to take a feedback card, visit the engagement page online and share the opportunity to provide input on the Strategic Plan with others.
- Lower Hermitage Road Project – Ashley Curtis
 - Noted differing views about the project
 - 5 feedback slips were submitted by the community and requests will be handled by our Civil Projects team.
- Waste and Recycling
 - Every household is entitled to one free hard waste collection per financial year. Just contact [EasteWaste](#) on 8347 5111 to book.
 - Some eWaste can be left with your hard rubbish – check with EastWaste when booking a hard waste collection. eWaste can also be dropped at no charge to the Heathfield Resource Recovery Centre, Adelaide Hills Recycling Centre in Woodside or your local Bunnings.
- Developments
 - AHC Director Development & Regulatory Services Marc Salver addressed the forum to mention that an application for a large greenhouse at 270 Horner Rd is being processed by Council. He also noted that local residents had brought a suspected unsanctioned campsite to Council's attention which is being investigated.
 - Ashley Curtis shared that a design and price have been established for the Paracombe Play Space Upgrade but that we will be going back to the community in the next few weeks before anything goes ahead.
- General
 - Other discussions and items for action were discussed with Councillors and members of AHC staff, these will be actioned as cases by the relevant departments.

Thank you to all who attended Council's first community forum for 2019.

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