



Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary

Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary Management Plan Consultation

Feedback Report

February – May 2017: Public drop-in sessions and online results summary

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Thank you to all who attended and supported the management plan consultation sessions and contributed towards creating a draft management plan for the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary.



Introduction

In 2014 the South Australian Government committed to the creation of the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary (Bird Sanctuary). During 2015 and 2016 the Bird Sanctuary became one of the longest continuous coastal reserves in the State, linking approximately 60km of coastal habitat from Barker inlet to Port Parham and was also successful in its nomination to be recognised as a globally significant site on the East Asian-Australasian Flyway network. (Site 131)

On average 23,000 shorebirds visit the Bird Sanctuary each year, as part of this flyway. The flyway extends from Russia's Far East and Alaska in the north to Australia and New Zealand in the south, and incorporates eastern Asia and parts of South Asia. The Bird Sanctuary has been established to protect the nationally and internationally significant shorebirds that travel thousands of kilometres across the world to our beaches and surrounding habitat along the eastern shores of Gulf St Vincent. Some of these birds are listed as critically endangered and are the focus of high profile conservation work being carried out by the Australian government in partnership with other countries.

To protect the Bird Sanctuary in to the future a national park, Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary National Park –Winaityinaityi Pangkara, was created during 2016 to ensure that ongoing government investment can be put in place to care for the area including dedicated Park Rangers, new signage and conservation projects. The national park is an ever growing area currently measuring at just over 2400 hectares but with plans to add further parcels of land during 2017 and 2018 including Port Gawler Conservation Park.



*"The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary:
Protecting shorebirds, creating opportunities
for local and visiting people"*

How can you get involved?

Throughout the creation of the Bird Sanctuary the state government has asked local people, business and organisation to have their say in shaping its future through a process of collective impact. Current opportunities to get involved come through the established group of key stakeholders and community members the Collective and through four working groups, named taskforces, which are looking at four key focus areas – Habitat, Economy, Wellbeing and Global Partnership.

The protection of this important area has already received significant interest and support from within the community. This includes the development of key relationships with the Kurna and Vietnamese communities who live and work in the area. The State Government's intention is to ensure local communities can continue to use and enjoy the area, whilst mitigating activities that may be damaging to the birds and their habitat, through continuous and timely engagement and communication.

The Collective and taskforce meetings have been held over the past year and a half and more are planned for the rest of 2017. Whilst a series of community meetings have also provided feedback over the period to inform the development of the focus areas and more recently through the management plan consultation. It is anticipated that a draft management plan will be available for further public comment in August 2017.

The community are also encouraged to get involved online. Information can be found on two dedicated webpages via the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges and National Parks websites. You can also engage online via the Bird Sanctuary's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. A monthly eNews also provides regular updates and opportunities to get involved.

A Friends of Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary group is also available to join publically for opportunities in volunteering on ground.

Creating a Management Plan for the whole bird sanctuary

The creation of the national park for the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary occurred in October 2016 with proclamation announced at the annual Adelaide Shorebirds Festival at St Kilda by Minister Ian Hunter.

Progressing this far in a short period of time creates the need for a management plan to ensure use of areas deemed national park were in accordance with state legislation relevant for all South Australian national parks. But also for the Bird Sanctuary as a whole to ensure appropriate access and recreational use in harmony with the conservation of habitat and birds.

Whilst a consultation was conducted to ensure a collaborative management plan, in which the community had full say on the Bird Sanctuary's use now and into the future, an interim management plan was launched covering the national park area of the bird sanctuary temporarily.

A management plan consultation period was started in late February 2017 and ran through until the end of March 2017 initially to collect comments and drive discussion on what a management plan should include with regards to the bird sanctuary's boundaries, access to the area and recreation use within it. The comments collected are now being used to form the thinking around the management plan content and this report contains the statistic around who was involved as well as an overall flavour of what was said.

Community drop in sessions

Community drop in sessions for collecting comments for and driving discussions around drafting a management plan were held between 1 and 17 March at Port Adelaide, St Kilda, Salisbury, Playford, Two Wells and Thompson Beach, inviting over 700 landowners, local residents and members of the wider community who use the bird sanctuary and national park to join in the conversation. As well as written correspondence to landowners a press release was provided to local news outlets and a social media developed and shared with local councils to encourage local community members to attend.

In all, nine sessions were held in cooperation with the four local councils engaged in Bird Sanctuary. These councils were City of Port Adelaide Enfield, City of Salisbury, City of Playford and Adelaide Plains Council who each provided staff support and guidance regarding suitable venues in their respective areas. Each council also provided some social media and contact to their elected members about the opportunities.

Our objective was to listen, giving everyone the opportunity to share how they use and wish to use the Bird Sanctuary in future. Discussions were targeted at areas around the Bird Sanctuary's boundary, access to the area and recreational use within it. Sessions were staffed so that people who attended could converse one on one or in small groups. Maps were provided to aid discussion and proved very popular.

In total 119 people attended these sessions and shared their thoughts, comments and in some cases ideas about the places they use and want to protect as well as the ways they access and use the bird sanctuary.

Thank you to all who attended these sessions and contributed towards creating a draft management plan for the Bird Sanctuary. Thank you also to the local government staff and elected members, who provided their time to provide advice and answer questions on issues that were more relevant to the local council than the management of the Bird Sanctuary. A final big thank you to Diann who provided the hundreds or sandwiches and at each community meeting location.

Community drop in session process

As these were community drop in sessions the emphasis was on providing information and inspiring discussions. The rooms were set up so that people could gravitate past a welcome and information table and in to a space where large maps were on display to be used as conversation starters. The manned welcome table was used to identify the main reason why a person was attending and promptly found a member of staff in the room who they believed would be best placed to answer their query or record their comments. Staff present were invited to provide information and background on various areas of the project including land proclamation, on ground works and general Bird Sanctuary development. Council staff were also on hand should questions relating to council business arise.

Those who attended the community drop in sessions were provided with an opportunity to talk directly one on one with a DEWNR staff member or in a group situation with other community members. All attendees were asked if they wanted their comments recorded by a staff member or given a feedback sheet themselves to fill in. These forms were for recording general comments and conversations as well as the names and contact details of those participating as an option. Names and contact details were collected to provide future feedback, such as this report, but also to add them to the Bird Sanctuary eNews.



Community drop in sessions at Port Adelaide and St Kilda. Maps were a big focal point for discussion.

An opportunity to connect online

We fully understand that face to face engagement opportunities like the community drop in sessions are not for everyone. People can't attend because of work or carer commitments, because it's too far or hard for them to travel or simply because they don't like social interaction. Therefore we provided a number of ways the community could join the discussion and leave their comments online.

Our main portal for online engagement was the state government YourSAy platform where a dedicated zone was established for comments on the Bird Sanctuary management plan. Whilst not encouraged we also collected comments via Facebook and Twitter if they appeared attached to post linked to promoting the management plan consultation. We also openly promoted the opportunity for people to comment via email. Online comments were collected until 31 May.

To ensure community members were aware of these opportunities a social media communications plan was devised that ensured a number of posts on both Facebook and Twitter were posted each week of the

consultation both as a call to action and to encourage people to attend or comment online. This plan was shared with the four councils involved in the Bird Sanctuary so they could utilise their social media platforms to connect with their networks. A general community engagement plan covered off the key stakeholders who were to receive direct correspondence via email.

What we heard at the Community drop in sessions and online - Summary

Overall, the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) staff working on the management plan for the Bird Sanctuary felt that the drop in sessions were a great success. The discussions that were held gave a great overview from various community members on how the bird sanctuary area is used and accessed but also respected by most. Many participants came armed with questions and concerns linked mainly to their own properties or personal uses of the Bird Sanctuary for activities like horse riding, dog walking and fishing but left completely satisfied and in support of the bird sanctuary and national park with many providing suggestions for improvements and ways to encourage visitors.

Whilst the comments collected online were low in quantity (only 8 unique contributors), the quality was especially high with many people able to use the space to provide personal views more in-depth. Many comments via the online opportunities were heavily horse rider related and it's believed that this is because a number of horse riding advocacy groups actively promoted the opportunity to have your say online and at sessions to their networks via their social media channels. Responses from 3 advocacy groups were also received via email or YourSAy.

The DEWNR Bird Sanctuary team have been carefully reviewing all of the valuable feedback received from the nine community drop in sessions, as well as feedback received through the online channels. Here is a breakdown of the facts and numbers:

- 18 comments were taken from online platforms including email
 - 1 via Twitter
 - 1 via Facebook
 - 10 emails
 - 23 comments from 8 unique commenters on YourSAy
 - One of the emails was received from an Adelaidian living and working in Hong Kong
- One face to face conversation was had with a fishing tackle shop owner by AMLR staff
- One face to face conversation was held with a local resident at Thompson Beach by AMLR staff
- One formal letter from a council partner
- At the 9 sessions 119 people were recorded to have participated
- 2 sessions were held at Port Adelaide, Salisbury and Playford whilst single sessions were held at St Kilda, Two Wells and Thompson Beach
- Sessions were held in community facilities including a town hall, a council chamber, 2 libraries and 2 progress association halls
- Thompson Beach had the highest session attendance, with 35 people attending
- A total of 70 Comments/Discussions were recorded and came from individuals or small groups at the drop in sessions
 - 10 were collected at Port Adelaide
 - 14 at St Kilda
 - 10 at Salisbury
 - 9 at Playford
 - 10 at Two Wells
 - 17 at Thompson Beach

- These comments have been recorded and broken down in to broad themes of which there are 13 (further work will be carried out to refine these). A breakdown of the themes follows.

The following table provides a summary of what we heard, collected and read - sorted into themes and includes a short explanation of what each theme covers. Each theme entry shows the number of separate comments sorted under each theme area as well as an appropriate example quote as an explanation. For a full list of unsorted and unedited comments please see Appendix A at the end of the document.

What we heard – the themes and examples	
Mangrove Trail: the topic of the mangrove trail at St Kilda including the board walk and interpretive centre	6 comments recorded “I would like the boardwalk to be more accessible – having to get a key from the store is a problem” Catherine via YourSAy
Education or awareness: comments mentioning school links but also the education or awareness of certain users. This includes why the Bird Sanctuary exists	20 comments recorded “It’s important... get kids in the community involved in signs, educating kids about the shorebirds ‘ecology’ and conservation as kids will teach their parents” Ashley at a Port Adelaide session
Water: broad comments about water quality in the gulf but also access to water on site	8 comments recorded Concerns re: silting of Salt Creek immediately in front of Middle Beach. Pump inlet for salt ponds but no outlet to flush silt drawn in. Would like to see pumping reversed for a period to de-silt area” Christopher at the Two Wells session
Tourism/Visitors: comments across the broad spectrum of tourism and visitors numbered high. Camping was of high interest	33 comments recorded “How to cater – specified campgrounds = without impacting on locals e.g. grey nomads parking in wrong locations... Expand the campground at Parham in to the National Park?” Alvin at the Thompson Beach session
Access: comments ranged from how people access the site on foot, bike, vehicle and even via kayak. But there were also comments about the types of road and beach trails	31 comments recorded “supports the idea of limiting/restricting vehicle access and even public access in to sensitive/significant shorebirds habitat areas to reduce disturbance impacts on the shorebirds” Andrew at the Ports Adelaide session
Horses: the use of horses on beaches in the bird sanctuary was commented on frequently. Use of horses seems to occur mainly in the northern area	13 comments recorded “regularly go to Pt Parham and Webb Beach to ride our horses. It is a favourite among riders particularly in the summer months of Jan, Feb and March and then later in the year, November... It

<p>around Parham but does happen in other locations</p>	<p>would be great to see better parking down there for floats along with a dedicated are to dispose manure..."</p> <p>Jo-Anne via YourSAy</p>
<p>Motorbikes and 4WDs: a number of comments were raised about motorbikes and 4WD vehicles using the Bird Sanctuary. A number of concerns were raised</p>	<p>28 comments recorded</p> <p>"Concern – 4WDs and motorbikes getting into the samphire, saltfields and damaging sensitive environments"</p> <p>Kevin and Marilyn at the St Kilda session</p>
<p>Staffing & Signage: signage was an important topic for participants and can be linked to some of the other themes. Staffing is included in this theme as having staff and signs on site cover similar bases</p>	<p>23 comments recorded</p> <p>"Please do not underestimate the power of signage to the general public explaining more about this struggle, it may help, including a Facebook page or other 'digital reference'"</p> <p>Ashley via email</p>
<p>Dogs: the themes with the least comments however one that covers an extremely important topic and question. Dogs on leads or no dogs at all. Comments seemed to suggest on lead with awareness needed</p>	<p>7 comments recorded</p> <p>"possible peril and risk associated with these very vulnerable species can be included in some degree; particularly along the foreshore during breeding with unrestrained dogs"</p> <p>Ashley via email</p>
<p>Feral behaviour: a broad brush theme that includes feral animals (cats, foxes) but also feral behaviour from humans (rubbish dumping)</p>	<p>15 comments recorded</p> <p>"17 feral cats were caught in council traps in the last year borrowed by local residents. Lots of foxes are also seen around the playground at night because of the bins and waste food. Dead birds have been witnessed along the beach with their heads ripped off"</p> <p>Robin at the St Kilda session</p>
<p>Species and habitat protection: numerous comments covered the need to ensure species and habitat protection through conservation via the management plan</p>	<p>20 comments recorded</p> <p>"Globe Derby Park – around the park, samphire, saltfields – great bird watching and walks. Up to 70 bird species. Birds SA go out. Concern about the impact of the Northern Connector on the birds. A worry"</p> <p>Robert at the Salisbury sessions</p>
<p>Facilities and infrastructure: The most subject commented on was about ensuring the Bird Sanctuary has the right facilities and infrastructure for all users. This included for tourists but also locals who fish, ride and walk on site. These were mainly suggestions</p>	<p>40 comments recorded</p> <p>"Would like to see bird hides and walking trails"</p> <p>Ian and Carol at the Playford sessions</p>

<p>Crabbing and fishing: the use of the waters at the bird sanctuary for crabbing, fishing and catching other shellfish raised comments about whether it would continue (commercial and recreational) but also concerns about how many people regularly do it close to nesting birds</p>	<p>13 comments recorded</p> <p>“Concerned that commercial netters are allowed in the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary. Want to see that stopped. Commercial netters come right up into beaches north of Port Gawler, don’t want that”</p> <p>Pauline and Lyndsey at the St Kilda sessions</p>
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What’s next?

Feedback from all the community drop in sessions and the online discussions will be coordinated and used to inform the management plan for the Bird Sanctuary. We anticipate that the draft management plan will be available for comment in August 2017.

Once the management plan draft is launched for comment you will find updates online via our webpages, social media channels and through our regularly eNews as well as a copy on YourSAy for formal comment.

How to stay involved and informed about the Bird Sanctuary?

Keep up to date with news and engagement opportunities with a ‘Like’ on our [Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary](#) Facebook Page or follow us on Twitter [@birdsanctuarySA](#).

You can also keep informed by signing up to the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary [E-newsletter](#) from the subscribe page of the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges website and receive it direct to your inbox monthly.

General information including maps can be found by visiting our webpage via the National Parks website [here](#). We also have a [page](#) on the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges website.

Contact us

If you would like us to send you any further information or you would like to contact us directly about the Bird Sanctuary, please contact us via email: DEWNR.AIBS@sa.gov.au.

Frequently Asked Questions

A number of frequently raised questions and concerns emerged from the community meetings and Your Say forms that we are providing further information on.

Can I see the management plan for the national park?

We are in the early stages of developing the draft management plan for the bird sanctuary. What goes into the planning and ongoing management of the Bird Sanctuary depends largely on the feedback we have collected from the community over the last few months. This draft management plan will be made available for comment in late August 2017.

Will the area be fenced off?

It is likely the boundaries of the park will be marked. Fencing of sensitive areas will most likely occur in stages and will happen in ongoing consultation with local communities.

Will there be areas where people aren't allowed?

The Bird Sanctuary motto is *"Protecting birds, creating opportunities for local and visiting people"*.

DEWNR is consulting with the community about their aspirations for the area. Whether or not there are areas which people are discouraged from accessing will depend largely on the feedback we collect from the community, balanced with the desire to protect critical habitat. It may be that some areas are restricted during the breeding season of some birds, however this will be outlined in the draft management plan using the comments we have received.

How can I access the area for birdwatching?

Shorebirds can be sited at St Kilda, Port Gawler Conservation Park, Middle Beach, Thompson Beach, Webb Beach and Parham. These areas can be accessed via public roads.

More information about shorebirds is available [here](#).

The road into St Kilda allows viewing of waterbirds on the adjacent salt lakes, although the lakes themselves are not accessible to the public. The Mangrove Trail, Cockle Street, St Kilda, is also an excellent site for bird watching. A key for the Mangrove Interpretation Centre and Trail can be collected from the Tackle and Tucker Shop adjacent the Adventure Playground.

Where can I learn more about the bird sanctuary?

Visit the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board website [here](#).

On the website you can sign up to the monthly Bird Sanctuary E-news, where we will announce other opportunities for involvement.

Visit and 'like' our Bird Sanctuary Facebook page [here](#).

Follow us on Twitter [@birdsanctuarySA](#)

Is it too late to join the conversation?

We encourage you to still share your thoughts on YourSAy whilst the management plan is being drafted, however the period for consultation has closed. Visit YourSAy [here](#).

<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/aibs-management-plan/about>

Who can I speak to about the Bird Sanctuary?

For further information on the Bird Sanctuary please contact us via email – DEWNR.AIBS@sa.gov.au .

Appendix A: Unsorted and Unedited comments from Feb-March 2017

Online Comments – YourSAy, Twitter, Facebook, Email
<p>Thank you for the work done so far on the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary. This is a fantastic resource and so good that the area has been set aside. It is very important for the protection of migrating birds. I also enjoy the lovely mangrove board walk and I think of all the areas as connected together - all up the coast to Port Wakefield - congrats to the Salisbury Council for their work in wetlands etc. I would like the boardwalk to be more accessible - having to get a key from the store is a problem. All of this work is also an opportunity for greater education about predators such as domestic cats and better legislation to control them. Lots of good work already being done on this by local Councils and others. I would also like to see many of the drains (former creeks) remediated; these are the drains which run mostly from east to west across the plains and end in the gulf. For example there is one just to the north of the salt flats. Many of the drains are lined by concrete and although this is a practical solution I wonder if there could be some sections un-lined or broken out into further wetlands? All of this area is a great visitor resource and encourages many international visitors who come here to see unique wildlife. There might be some options for BirdCam sites set up with live coverage on a website (perhaps someone has already thought of that). Thanks for the opportunity to comment.</p>
<p>I would love to see access to these rich and diverse areas retained and welcomed by having designated camping areas. This would be great for those passionate about our local fauna and environment. Vehicle access into these camp sites would be ideal, even if it was 4x4 only.</p>
<p>I live on Shellgrit road, port Gawler. My road goes straight down to the port Gawler conservation area. Myself and daughter often ride our horses down there, it is beautiful and peaceful and to see all of the birds down there is wonderful. I think the conservation of the bird sanctuary is great and would love to continue to ride our horses down there and be able to enjoy what the sanctuary has to offer. The only thing that really ruins it is the dirt bikes down at port Gawler. Public that do not want to pay to use the dirt bike park at port Gawler, will ride illegally and dangerously on the beach area. They also go onto the quieter tracks and ride wherever they want, tearing up the ground on their bikes. They are not only noisy but very polluting.</p> <p>I would like to see stricter rules on dirt bikes down there, and for better patrolling of the area, to keep it safe for others and peaceful all of the time for the wildlife.</p>
<p>I won't make it to any of the community meetings but want to put forward my thoughts</p> <p>We take our horse to Webb Beach on a regular occurrence during the summer in the afternoons we ride along the shore line up until the cable blocking the beach and then back again</p> <p>Then walk our horses in the water</p> <p>We always leave the area free from manure and really enjoy the locals and visitors taking pics and asking questions</p>

I live at Largs Bay beach and have just seen this release regarding the "Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary".

I hope to attend the information session at PAE town Hall today 6:00PM.

My interest is with all birds, including migratory, but also the 'Red Capped Plover" and its struggle to live and breed along some of our suburban beaches, including Largs and Largs North Beach in particular.

These comets and observations may not be applicable here but I just wish to register my interest and hope the possible peril and risk associated with these very vulnerable species can be included in some degree; particularly along the foreshore during breeding with unrestrained dogs and feral cats causing more pressure on them.

I am aware PAE Council and others have been doing some proactive work and attitudes regarding this species is grown, but more needs to be done to ensure their future in this area.

Please do not underestimate the power of signage to the General Public explaining more about this struggle, it may help, including a Face book page or other 'digital reference'.

I hope this letter finds the correct person or body to enable a response and hope to attend later today.

Thank you for your prompt response and although it was 3.30PM we managed to attend and talk to personal present and pick up some material to study. It was a worthwhile session and I found everyone so helpful.

I look forward to any 'updates' in the future and please feel free to add me to a list; and to add one comment from today... which also relates to a item I mentioned this morning in my submission regarding signage.

It was Ian (sorry forget Surname) he mentioned success with signage, for the Northern areas, which the children had made up had the most success!!! No doubt the Parents were then 'under pressure'. I think this is such a valid situation which could be exploited and to be considered as a education tool.

Thank you again for taking the time to respond. I did ask after you at the desk upon entering, sadly you had to be at the office.

Hi I am the President of Gawler River Pony Club, a zone delegate for the Lower North Zone of Pony Club SA, the Vice Chairperson of Munno Para Equestrian Centre and the mother of a young horse rider.

We often have many riders from all 6 clubs in our zone and at my agistment complex regularly go to Pt Parham and Webb Beach to ride their horses. It is a favourite among them all particularly in the summer months of Jan, Feb and March and then later in the year of Nov and Dec.

We find most of the locals to be very warm and welcoming with the exception of a few who find our presence to be annoying (which I can understand due to a very few riders not doing the right thing by being respectful and cleaning up after themselves). As a club we always make sure we take any horse manure and leftover hay home with us unless asked by the locals if they can have it for their gardens.

It would be great to see better parking down there for floats along with a dedicated area to dispose of manure / hay so that locals can use it as mulch for their gardens. I have also recently heard of other areas like this interstate where they also provide a wash down area where you can hose down your horses (or yourself) after they enjoy their splash/swim. Also a public toilet block not far from this area would be appreciated. At our recent beach ride with our club we also did a Breakfast BBQ so providing public BBQ'S would also be great.

Most horse owners are animal lovers at heart and respect the abundant birdlife down there and is another reason why a clubs go there

I have to agree with one of the posts above about the bike riders, they are noisy and show no respect for the environment around them and only use the area for free riding track.

I think with the right infrastructure catering for the many varied groups that use these areas that it could become the envy of many.

Hi Andrew,

Often, I ride at Port Gawler with just a few friends and we see others there also riding, I don't see many trainers down there, training their horses, it's more usually owners taking horses for a swim or a walk along the front, when there aren't dirt bikes speeding up and down.

We also use Webb Beach and Port Parham a lot, for beach ride with our horse club, Adelaide Plains Equestrian Club. We are respectful of the area making sure our members clean up after themselves and many residents also ask us for horse manure for their gardens, with the exception of a few residents who clearly do not want us there.

Regards

I applaud the government for creating this much needed sanctuary.

As to the borders of the Sanctuary, they must be as wide as possible.

I am nervous about the statement that public use will be encouraged. Frankly, the less people accessing the sanctuary, the better it will be for the birds (etc). I strongly suggest human access be very limited/controlled.

Thanks

Regards

WRT horses and equestrian access and facilities:

I'm against provision of any manure exchange services anywhere on site.

I'm also of the opinion horse riders and owners should never under any circumstances here in S.A. donate manure whether to local gardeners or visitors to any such sanctuaries.

I'm conscious of the touted benefits e.g. community goodwill however the biosecurity negatives greatly exceed any and all benefits.

While aged animal manure largely but not fully negates my concern about facilitating spread of many weeds some red alert some declared and some yet to be declared, the types of exchange described in this bird sanctuary conversation necessarily involve fresh manure.

Who hasn't seen numerous freshly germinated grass and broadleaf exotics on and at edges of horse droppings after rain?

Unquestionably most perhaps all are from viable seeds contained within the manure and represent transfer of plant species (both native and exotic) as a direct consequence of equestrian mobility.

Whether the fertilizer properties (undisputed) of manure have also aided germination and earlier survival of seeds already present on and in the soil directly under and in close proximity to the small mound of dropped manure is of little relevance as they rarely if ever dominate such focal germinations.

Already introduced /exotic /weed species of grasses on average represent at least half of all the grasses established in farming and equestrian areas within our state.

Our (often endemic) grasses remain in higher proportion in the few ' unimproved' rural land parcels (such as the bird sanctuary in question), ongoing weedy incursion continues today in most or all such areas.

On a recent visit to take our 'first look' at the 'International Bird Sanctuary' at St Kilda we were very disappointed in the signage (lack of it) and how to find the bird interpretive board.

It was disappointing from the view point of there being absolutely 'no signage' information at all to be found anywhere near the interpretive board, to direct people to it, or indeed any information near the carpark at the Hotel area. As a new visitor to view the sanctuary it was frustrating and time wasting. I had information -a map- on my mobile phone which directed us to the spot - but we could not see anything until we asked at the hotel and were kindly informed by the Manager that the interpretive board was behind the playground. We then realised it was there, but it could only just be seen from the hotel carpark, some 250 metres away.

All of this left us shaking our heads as to what it meant to have an 'International Bird Sanctuary' that was really only for people who knew where to look for it! I dread to think what people would say if they had made a special trip from a long way or interstate.

I have since read the information regarding the plans for the upgrades to be continued in the area of St Kilda, and wondered it is possible to consider much better signage at the carpark/s and also that even a "Bird Hide" could be erected to observe the birds from a quieter advantage point.

The birds might be used to the noise in the playground but we did not find it conducive to watching the birds with children playing in the background - some 20 meters away, and felt strongly that it would inhibit the birds from coming closer to the shore line. We are not members of the bird club at St Kilda, but just interested members of the public. We are hoping that you could take on board these few things that we have mentioned as we feel it would make the area a much better place to visit and observe the bird life there.

I would love to see some signage that would direct people to the bird interpretive sign, and it could also be incorporated with a bird hide closer to the quieter end of the beach, away from the playground.

The playground upgrade and boat ramp area are a big improvement and this could also now incorporate the Bird Sanctuary signage, as well as Indigenous signs to explain the area too.

I am also sending a copy of this email to the Salisbury Council and the Bird Club.

wish....do wot ya can to attract and monitor our precious birdies xoxo

Well I have a business in Samuel St Smithfield and have seen 1st hand the impact to our region of the new wetlands (probably 10 years now) and the Salisbury councils work thru their area. Just want this to continue in all new urban areas. I'm also a Birder with SA Birding group. Photography. Only occasional but the birds are an indicator of our health through their nesting and eggshell strength apparently CSIRO data. Happy for you to add my voice through this forum. Time a premium still for me, darn. But passionate the biosphere and the biodiversity within it must be protected. regards Judy

Lots of #bird hides 2 watch #shorebirds all day! What would u like c 4 Adelaide Bird Sanctuary? Can't wait to visit!

Mention was made of migratory birds at the University of Adelaide's "Research Tuesdays" lecture on "Superbugs" on 11 April 2017. Migratory birds and human travel are mechanisms by which superbugs - those that are resistant to antibiotics - can enter Australia. Interestingly, Australian agriculture has a big advantage when it comes to superbugs, due to its strict quarantine laws; import ban on fresh meat and live animals; that there is no florquinolone use in animals; and that most animal husbandry

is free range in large areas. (Australia has a problem with resistance to vancomycin in hospitals due to over prescription due to patient pressure and expectation). Given the specific mention of the threat of import of resistant bacteria from migratory birds, perhaps the team overseeing the Management Plan could contact the scientists at the University who are focusing on super bug strategy?

"To Whom This May Concern,

I believe the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary should be as large as possible and be promoted as a place of important biological heritage. This could be a great eco-tourism site for all travellers and local residents to enjoy, human or bird.

The area protected should have higher restrictions for fishing and if walking trails are to be made they should be kept small so less vegetation is cleared.

"To whom it may concern,

My organisation – the SA Hang Gliding Association (SAHGA Inc) - would like to see continued access for recreational flying activities within the coastal fringe of the Bird Sanctuary area – particularly at Port Gawler & Thompson Beach. Over past decades, members of our organisation have used these areas for recreational flying/ training without incident. These areas have also been used for several decades for motor-bike riding and similar activities – in areas within the Port Gawler Conservation Park. Our organisation was not consulted before the Bird Sanctuary was established.

Our activities involve lightweight/ portable powered hang gliders and paragliders and/ or tow-launching from the beach &/ or the salt flats, & involving vehicle access along existing tracks. There are very few areas near Adelaide where off-road activities such as this are permitted. FYI – our members all carry \$20M of third-party public liability insurance – as part of their HGFA licensing. We request that our activities be included within the permitted activities in the new Bird Sanctuary Management Plan.

- The trees (*Allocasuarine glauca*) in the Buckland Park Lake area are important and every effort should be taken to protect these stands. This plantation used to extend well north of the Buckland Park Lake area
- Historically (1968) there were no mangroves along the beach in front of Port Gawler CP. The spread of Mangroves has meant that access to open water is difficult and the mangroves appear to be spreading.
- Some concern was expressed by Robert that the pontoons being built at the end of the road to the Gawler River entrance would not withstand the 2.6 meter tides that frequent the area as various times of the year. Robert was of the view that this structure should be stopped.
- Concern expressed about the management of the Cheethams ponds. Robert said that these ponds must be managed properly with adequate water levels maintained and the frequency of inundation to ensure the ponds remain important bird and fish habitat.
- Robert was concerned at the number of dogs in parts of the sanctuary and said that he had observed many people shoeing their dogs onto the shorebirds. The dogs then chase flocks of shorebirds and although the birds fly off, they only fly a short distance, land and then the dogs chase the birds again causing considerable disturbance to the feeding birds.

- Fences are required along the Port Gawler foreshore area that are constructed as walkways. This would allow walkers to gain access to the beaches but not 4WD and motor bikes. Motorbikes and 4WD should not be permitted on the beaches
- Robert claims there are not as many motor bikes using the beaches and coastal areas as there were 10 years ago. 10 years ago it was not uncommon to see 20 to 30 motor bikes riding along the beach, now only 6 or 7 bikes are seen. Also seeing vehicles bogged along the beach was a common sight, now improved dramatically.
- Robert suggested the use of surveillance cameras along access roads to Port Gawler to monitor poor behaviour.
- Dumping of rubbish is a serious issue in the Port Gawler area. Government authorities must clean dumped rubbish up immediately so that it sets a standard for the community
- Robert is keen to join the Friends of Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary where he can contribute to looking after the Buckland Park Lake area.
- Robert is keen to see FAIBS undertake working bees in the Buckland Park Lake area.

Good afternoon

I would like to see all recreational vehicle driving, such as 4wd on beaches be banned from sanctuary zones, if not already done so.
There is too much risk of causing harm to birds and their sensitive environment.

Dogs must be kept on leashes or even banned from the zones, and feral animal control and culling must be undertaken to protect birds.

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in response to the current consultation for the proposed International Bird Sanctuary.

Horse SA is a non-profit organisation working with and for horse owners on a wide range of issues and topics, including recreational trails and public space for the exercise of horses.

The proposed bird sanctuary covers beaches and foreshore land that is currently utilised by professional and recreational horse riders for exercising horses.

It would be of interest by Horse SA that this opportunity remains, and that there is no net loss of beaches on which to exercise horses.

Further, there may be opportunity to identify parking areas for horse floats and to more formally mark trail routes from car parks or adjacent tracts of land to the sanctuary, to both preserve access and manage it for the betterment of the environment.

Should any specific section public land currently, or in the future, have reduced access for horses, we would recommend that this is not a final say, but rather that a permit can be applied for in order that clubs can run rides or events or other purposes.

We believe that horse owners have been consulted during this process, which is excellent news.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and please do not hesitate to contact Horse SA for any further information or for horse community engagement.

"I meet with a local resident at Thompson Beach, they are concerned about what the Bird Sanctuary means to them and the where they currently ride motorbikes.

Apparently there is about 12 residents who ride bikes, and they are mostly the little quad bikes around behind the houses, they live on Sandpiper drive. I explained to them, that if motorbike riding in designated areas was allowed within the BIRD SANCTUARY, this would open up that whole area for bike riding, which they didn't want. They purchased the land about 3 years ago because they could go riding – even though it was on private property and technically illegal.

They generally go riding with their kids and have a great time. They would still really like to be able to ride in the area, but I explained that in National Parks there is no designated areas where motorbike or un-registered vehicles could be ridden, so this is new and I would provide information that we had spoken about but made no promises. They suggested they could help manage the area and do checks out in the Bird Sanctuary, patrolling the area, patching up fences and collecting rubbish, which sounds great in theory, but not sure how it would work. They were prepared to take photo of their bikes and have a special permit to do work out in the park, if they were caught doing the wrong thing, this would be taken away. I am not sure how this would go down with the other locals, but they didn't want to 'piss' others off as they have to live in the community as well.

Kyle and I spend a good couple of hours speaking with Roger, his partner and another local. I indicated that I was about to head off on leave and would not be able to sort anything out before I went, but would follow it up when I returned.

Hi, I would like to ask how many people do or intend to use the camping facilities at Pt Parham. Also how many of those would change their minds now that Adelaide Plains council has put a strict time limit on how long one can stay. The council has without local consultation reduced stay times to 3 days during peak periods and 7 days during off peak. Can I please have comments on this change due to locals now arguing with council that restrictions are unfair to users and to local businesses who will potentially lose a lot of custom and revenue. Thank you in advance, Connie

Follow up - There has since been a council meeting and they have removed the limits, now replaced with 14 day limit and I believe a 7 day exclusion before coming back.

The (name removed) welcomes the opportunity to have input to the draft Management Plan for the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary. As outlined in the Interim Management Statement for the Bird Sanctuary, the Sanctuary is a unique and highly significant landscape that is helping to protect more than 23 species of migratory shorebirds and many species of resident shorebirds, several of which are listed as endangered. This area is listed as a wetland of national significance, attracting over 20,000 migratory shorebirds each year, and is the single most important shorebird site in the Gulf St Vincent. It also provides important habitat for the Beaded Glasswort and Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh ecological community that are both listed as nationally Vulnerable under the EPBC Act. We strongly recommend that the Management Plan include specific actions to ensure the long-term protection and conservation of these important environmental assets. It is also critical that management of the Bird Sanctuary is informed by regular and rigorous monitoring programs to assess the impacts of recreational and other activities on bird populations. We recognise the opportunity that the Bird Sanctuary provides to connect people with nature, support nature-based tourism enterprises and engage local communities in management of the area. We recommend the Management Plan address the need for public education and community engagement aimed at avoiding

and minimising the impacts of recreational disturbance on the important conservation values of the area.

Port Adelaide Comments
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biopark 2. Someone in Gateway should include broader park area 3. Link in with ADS 4. Opportunity for max boats
<p>Four wheel drivers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adventure four wheel drive training going on in National Park 2. using salt pans as part of training (query if they have permission) <p>Idea</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. talk to motorbike users and design a track/area for them 4. need alternative signage to help <p>Good stuff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. locals at Thompson Beach are becoming more aware especially with dog walking <p>Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Crabbers have gotten worse in the last 3-5 years 7. people there to crab fill up the car park and then they drive on the beach. Issue for red capped plovers and pied oyster catchers. 8. cockle racking is also an issue 9. camping - Parham could be made bigger to accommodate 10. need an alternative place to ride bikes, 4WD 11. non-registered bikes, can't track them. 12. people getting stuck on the beach
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Giant murals on the northern connector. 2. Tandundi - art festival get involved (big mural) 3. Eco-tourism base at Torrens Island 4. Tour for artists for northern connector/ NEP. To ground truth arts ideas 5. Idea - shipping container at the port could potentially be reused for economic prospects.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. awareness needs to be raised in regards to flora management 2. off-road vehicles are an issue identified need to provide an alternative area to use off-road vehicles close by to people 3. need alternative ways to manage off-road 4. picnic spot at old port Gawler jetty ruins
<p>Just seeking information about the Bird Sanctuary - national parks and sanctuary particularly</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. location; purpose; community involvement 2. the northern connector project and its potential impacts 3. sea level rise issues <p>Notes from Jean</p> <p>I gave him background info on migratory shorebirds fund in the Bird Sanctuary; the conservation issues/management for shorebird conservations; and the issues confronting communities/ people living within the Bird Sanctuary footprint. Also how the park will provide opportunities for habitat retreat.</p> <p>He thought it was good that the Marine Park/Dolphin sanctuary and proposed beach access of the Bird Sanctuary will connect up with the park access in land (sea and saltmarsh connections for conservation)</p>

Interested in resident and migratory birds.

Ashley is particularly interested in red-capped plovers and keen to see that their breeding habitats are protected (beaches, clay pans and fringing saltmarsh areas)

Ashley and Margaret are interested in going up to the bird sanctuary and national park to watch birds and on the shore and in the national park area behind the beaches.

Ashely thinks it's important and gets kids in the community involved in signs, educating kids about the shorebird 'ecology' and conservation as kids will teach their parents.

Ashley was involved 30-40 years ago with a 4WD club that used to drive along the Coorong beaches and then became more of a bird watching and environmental monitoring group in the same space.

Understanding the impacts of vehicles on the beach and on the birds.

1. Bait picking at mutton cove, Torrens island, and angus inlet (worm capture)

2. Magazine road and magazine creek/wetland and whicka road wetlands. ADS/Gillman

1. strategy across community engagement and education especially in Port Adelaide which is such an altered environment - not short of knowledge about samphire so need to give information that the bird sanctuary as part of this leadership around sharing knowledge and celebrating.

2. making it accessible structured tours - themes e.g. school kids (linking to curriculum), package for high end tourism

3. tourism potential - structure needed e.g. regional centres, places to stay, tourism trails that inspire with stories, linking with Kaurna story, linking with maritime museum.

4. accommodation in the Port is lacking especially quality accommodation

5. publicity and marketing for this project is outstanding

1. Andrew queried safety issues (if any) at port prime related to unexploded ordnates from WW2. There used to be a test range in that area (Mallala air base nearby and port prime used for bombing practice) has anyone checked this? There is very shallow water offshore and was there any ordnances / equipment dumped?

2. Andrew supports the idea of limiting/restricting vehicle access and even public access into sensitive /significant shorebirds habitat areas to reduce disturbance impacts on the shorebirds. He learned early in that getting too close to shorebirds (e.g. for photography) can cause the whole flock to take flight.

1. Training manual/eco-tourism - tour guides modelled on Riverland Biosphere

2. Coastal ambassador's model - is this transferable to the bird sanctuary

3. engaging inland communities e.g. Dublin in providing support services e.g. accommodation

St Kilda Comments

Robin asked about a number of things. Including how could she get more information not just about bird sanctuary but also dolphin sanctuary as she gets a lot of people asking where both are. She needs something to display the information and signage is desperately needed as people just wander around.

Robin asked about feral animals - 17 feral cats were caught in council traps on the last year borrowed by local residents. Lots of foxes are also seen around the playground at night because of the bins and waste food. Dead birds have been witnessed along the beach with their head ripped off by Marilyn previously. Tackle and Tucker have a fox trap but many are too wary. Robin would like to see the mangrove centre opened for information permanently whether mangrove, birds or even cultural information. At the moment people have to come for the key at the shop and whilst they have become good at directing people they think this needs to be done professionally.

Whiting Sturt reserve is looked after by council and should stay with council.
Concern - 4WDs and motorbikes getting into the samphire, saltfields and damaging sensitive environments. They want continued (part missing due to illegible hand writing) to the samphire - (part missing due to illegible hand writing). Council have (part missing due to illegible hand writing) of management. They know it, keep 4WDs off and motorbikes, which is what Kevin and Marilyn want. They like to walk in to saltfields, been mainly okay.

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What to stop rubbish dumping in the area and want to know how. St Kilda channel no fishing from the wall.

Like the Parham camping area. Very (part missing due to illegible hand writing)

Mangrove management in areas which ones currently used for feeding?

Need for facilities e.g. seating, shelter to support bird/nature watching

Information hub for Bird Sanctuary and environmental and regional significance

Information and signage readily available for the public to access and utilise to promote and educate to community who visit.

Need to look at both land based activity and sea side activity so as not to lose current usages or exclude future usages

Good briefings into St Kilda and surrounds developing tourism, also as Marilyn a member of economic taskforce a good way to get questions answered. Maps are helpful

Want to connect the bigger picture, need to call all of the north, the middle the southern gateway all of the south.

Mangrove centre and trails needs to be opened - please work with our association, want to make a plan.

*find out how many people get mangrove key

*Issue - feral cat support - very high to deal with

St Kilda master plan, stage 2 just released. Comm has been very involved.

St Kilda is unique, needs to be understood by others

Floating boardwalk for St Kilda - needs to be wheelchair friendly. People already do this but need a bigger platform. Needs to be run by Kaurua, Bird Sanctuary, AMLR and CoS.

1110 people went through the mangrove in October 2015 and this wasn't when the festival was on. CoS has this Infor - Michael

North part - bike and walking couldn't find a connector - Whites road from old spot.

Would like to get to the mangroves - maybe a way - but difficult sign to indicate where to Salisbury Council get to mangroves a look around have. Haven't ridden it for about two years.

Bird Island - canoes- people -land

Adelaide ornithology club would like to access Buckland Park for field trips for bird watching. Know access points where we can go.

Walks - 60kms with camping along the way

Belong to Bike SA, on Canoe SA board, do bushwalking, outdoor education association of SA Rep

Fox and cat control at St Kilda and on the mangrove trail. Could new injectors be trailed? ADS commercial netting - still allowed to net in the ADS. Netted a baby dolphin (Verity)

Western King Prawn. Sanctuary to the north of the St Kilda - find out about this?

Cat rules and regulations - what people have to do

<p>Live near whiting street reserve and motorbikes are an issue. Dangerous. At end of whiting street 4wds and motorbikes drive to fast. This area to become national park? Happy to go with national park but want City of Salisbury to look after the reserve so it's kept tidy - would a partnership be formed there? John Bansbury book - where to see birds in SA - suggest St Kilda is a great place to see birds</p>
<p>Infrastructure development of St Kilda needs to be integrated - co-ordinated approach to future needs and investment,</p>
<p>Canoeing - people have entered breeding sites and are not aware. Educating of canoeists needed. Entering water at St Kilda difficult. For ideas contact Adelaide Canoe club president (Andrew has phone number). Wayne said once a year people canoe from garden island area and bivvy overnight in the progress hall before kayaking back.</p>
<p>Implications of land that will not be in the park - will this affect values? Would it be desirable to have this land protected? Development controls on adjoining land will affect property values. - case study other parks - lifestyle and relatable implications</p>
<p>Owns several hundred acres at Buckland Park. Parcel below Michaels land is (Sam/Stan). Not sure if he wants inclusion, what would be the risk or benefit to him? THERE IS A MAP WITH THIS COMMENT.</p>
<p>St Kilda mangrove trail. Issues is that it is only partially open. Nature trail is a problem. Boardwalk done with minimum labour costs. Would like to see the boardwalk repaired. It gets used every day unless council close it. Robin from the shop - records names and suburb and gives info to the council. People from all over the world come. Council have resolved to fix the damaged section within last 6 months. Solid ground inland - could be available for walkers - see different environmental features. May get 50, 100, 1000 schools come through. Concerned that commercial netters are allowed in the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary. Want to see that stopped. Commercial netters come right up into beaches north of port Gawler. Don't want that. Boat hire from the shop. Have a small boat that you don't need a boat licence for. For hire - recreational opportunity. Walkers boat (big operator???)</p>
<p>Comments re: NP - bit of an aversion to the sanctuary. Interested in area around him. Doesn't want Ligoe (SP?) Road opened - no track there. Southern land parcels - Walker.</p>

Salisbury Comments
<p>SA friends and equines group. Horse riding at Parham - wants to talk about access for horse riding. Need to organise a local meeting for horse riders. Need places to park. Riding happens on front of Parham. Little para outfall - birds wading.</p>
<p>No one values the area - Piper Road. Wants to see the area looked after and more investment</p>
<p>Note: Globe Derby - refer to maps - CoS biodiversity parcels/wetlands/ Relationship on green corridors Damion and Craig - CoS - to talk through bio-corridors and adding these to the Bird Sanctuary boundary.</p>

BBQs - campfires - road into the town bitumen. Rubbish an issue. Car parking at Thompson Beach. Where people can find out information about the area. 4WD on the beach needs to stop as birds fly off. Along the beach rubbish - people just throwing rubbish out of their car - rubbish bins needed also slower driving
Toilet upgrades - in the townships
Shelters in the area
Please post information as has no email
Clear information in regards to what you can and can't do, signs
Gateways into the towns so people can see where to go
4WDs - worried about people accessing the beaches and getting bogged

Caroline - representing horse SA. Chooses Parham because quick sand at Thompson Beach. Need a proper car park area at Parham. Ride below HWM along beaches.
Robert - Mawson Lakes has 100s of species including SA rares
Adelaide Plains equestrian club at Two Wells - riding predominately in front of townships - perceived conflict with township residents

Parham - where is the horse riding happening, need to get feedback from horse riding community
Light beach possible riding happens here, need to get information back to us
Port Gawler riding happens but don't like the motor bikes

@ Whites road/ little para wetlands lots of diversity. But Northern Connector cuts the wetland off a fair bit.
Wants other biodiverse areas to be included in Bird Sanctuary
Is a bird watcher

Globe Derby Park - around the park - samphire, saltfields - great bird watching and walks.
Up to 70 bird species. Birds SA go out - Nankeen Night Heron (?)
Concern about impact of Northern Connector on birds a worry.
Dollarbird (?) seen at Globe Derby Park

On the committee of SA friends and Equines. YouTube video - the horse - Daryl Braithwaite - Pt Parham (?). The horse float parking area. Horse mainly ridden in front of Parham. Esplanade - northern area horse float parking freehold land. Ride into water as well as on dry sand. Anne - Facebook - she knows which are the best horse - riding spots. Happy if we ring. Ask them about numbers of floats
Adelaide Plains Equestrian club - can ride at the back at last 2 years - Parham. Season Strut - Esplanade - park out at any one time 6-8 horses.
Horses cannot be in the same place as trail bikes. Doesn't know anyone who rides at Pt Gawler. Built car park at Parham is narrow for floats. `

Record as business investment - business prospectus. Nature Hub co-investment employment project. Grant funds NP - Bird Sanctuary collective, CoS, AMLR pop-up, Kaurna CHNA.
St Kilda Boardwalk - 1.7km loop. Council has committed to the northern section \$50K. 80m broken at Sea edge. Then further damage over the years. Historical storm damage. Southern Loop section repairs - 95k, 35k, and 80k - \$275k. Missing bits at sea edge.

Playford Comments
<p>Fully in favour of the park and the sanctuary. People don't understand the interaction e.g. seagrass, samphire and foreshore. Buckland Park suggested for development on the flood plain - concerned.</p> <p>The Animals Noah Forgot AB Patterson poem The Scornful Crow about the Rainbow (part missing due to illegible hand writing)</p>
<p>I favour the proposed bird sanctuary in the State of South Australia. Thoughts to consider include: the noise and litter act, health, future developments. Need to get the messages across that this is a wild and natural phenomenon and not a 'constructed thing'. People worry if a large 'cage' that bird poo and feathers cause health issues.</p>
<p>Agrees with the concept of the sanctuary and national park. Buckland Lake weir should be taken out so that Gawler River should flow straight out to sea. Causing a slowdown in the Gawler River of water moving through, contributing to flooding. The Bolivar Water should go into wetlands - don't want it to go into aquifers to the north. 1972, 1983, 1994, 2005, 2016 - flooded, at the railway 4 times, once at Bakers Ford, Virginia. Could keep a weir structure but have it open unfortunately like the Pat. Last week's Gawler Messenger - write up about it.</p>
<p>AGL activity at Torrens Island - wanted to know about any future activities @AGL and any impacts from restriction from legislation. Doesn't have an issue in the NP or yellow boundary but just wants to know whether it will impact on any future AGL activities. <u>Idea</u> - social media</p>
<p>Focus on funding next need access and non-access. Boardwalks and viewing platforms (fan shaped). Must be exclusion zones for shorebirds. Information boards @ each council and at sites. St Kilda at highlight point. But also Port Parham Community are keen to develop tourism. Signage needs to say 'Gateway'. <u>*USE THE WATERSHED*</u> as a key site to get info We need access zones, area of where people can go. Identify sites, Parham? As the gateway location? Need tours organised for people</p> <p>A number of comments have been removed as they included personal details including contact details.</p> <p>All community reference group for Playford Alive. Supported by Renewal SA and Playford Council. Geoff - Involve schools at Virginia CRG Playford input - good for tourism and school kids and input into community naturally need various language info and signs</p>
<p>Important to be flexible enough for all types of community activities. Would like to see bird hides and walking trails. Community awareness is vital</p>
<p>Key issues. Can I plant species of exotics next to new parks? - Yes unless declared plants. Bird clubs in Thompson Beach? Binoculars, what are the brands/types for birds? - Speak with Adelaide Optics for information. Telescopes for houses of Thompson Beach?</p>

Key issues - links with councils, landowners, businesses, bike path links. Camping?
Other recreational uses.

Hunt down who did design @ (part missing due to illegible hand writing) zone as they did bird hides that are cool. Would be great to create a bike path that connects the southern coastal bike trail to Gawler through the Bird Sanctuary. Buckland Lake/Pt Gawler as a node for COP? Likely not, (part missing due to illegible hand writing) bike connections up not (?) experience.

Two Wells Comments

Concerns re: silting of Salt Creek immediately in front of Middle Beach. Pump inlet for salt ponds but no outlet to flush silt drawn in. Would like to see pumping reversed for a period to de-silt area. Noted. Marine Park Boundary close to Middle Beach - still sees individuals taking large amounts of shellfish. Jewel in the area is Light River Delta.

Our community has lost a large amount of its coastal amenity over the years. Any reduction in the current amenities would be unacceptable. Enhancing the controls of current access could be acceptable with improved infrastructure and surveillance. Signage should also include historical aspects as well as the bird sanctuary and environment information.

Bronte Daye (?) Pollution - middle beach recommendation - rubbish bins next to walk way entrance - seating or picnic area next to walkway - toilet facilities need upgrade - behind toilets improve and upgrade into picnic area/fishing - cars to be restricted through large rock or similar on to beach area but leave roadway in front of houses - improve access to samphire board walk - potentially improve facilities for school kids excursions and site specific educational resource - rain water tank to drink - wash-down facilities for boats

All weather roads from Dublin - to - north para road. Summer Roads only - Gilberts Roads - council?
Owns land near new park - Parham Block

Vehicles off the majority of beaches. Channel at Parham which people use to get jinkers out into deeper water. Gates at Thompson Beach/Light Beach/Parham help with this. Rubbish clean up along the beach. Signs along Port Wakefield Road - fines protection of important areas. Walking trails - extend them along. Close off Port Prime Road, reduce the amount of people in the area. Bikes out/motor bikes

Disappointment at Middle Beach Boardwalk being closed. Samphire area behind Middle Beach used to be able to walk along creek edge but now eroded - would be a nice walk - ? Natural erosion.

Accessibility for kayaking - noted beauty of Port Gawler and Buckland Park area - concerns re security of leaving vehicles in the area while kayaking etc (Vandalism) - to engage people, need to feel safe

Worried about loss of access to Bird Sanctuary. Two Wells regional action team & Mallalah foreshore advisory committee. Signage (part missing due to illegible hand writing). Opportunity in Port Gawler. When Pt Gawler ORV place was closed a lot of damage is done to coastline. Coastal issues are now a priority (part missing due to illegible hand writing)

People are coming to photograph the birds at the wrong time - need to know the tides
The middle beach boat ramp is a place where info can go. Middle Beach could have a seat/ sign at boat ramp and bins. Use Facebook to advertise the tide times

Levee issues at Thompson Beach, Parham and Webb Beach, may destruct dunes etc. Follow up with APC. Martin GM for Infrastructure at APC.

Middle Beach. Drive along the front access by caravan park - just in front access, boat ramp access. Australia Day in front of the community - boardwalk. Where is the boardwalk? - Hard to find, hidden away. Sign at main road but can't see. Dogs in front of properties, everyone has dogs. Only can't walk too far. Salt Creek area use for - use this area, who owns it? Recreational activities, fishing etc. Can't use vehicles to north or south of middle beach, veg doesn't allow it?

Thompson Beach Comment

Like the current proposal on fishes and crabbing. Red Hill - where motorbikes come in south side. Feral cats an issue at times. Cliff and Linda wanted to start an Airbnb or similar - connect about this.

What sort of infrastructure will be put in place for bird watchers eg extra people, toilets, shade, drinks dispensers, no mains water
 Opportunities for residents to rent their houses to visitors re: birds?
 Walk as far south as possible to creek.
 What involvement will Kaurna have in the process and how much influence - not over private land?
 Walk to Bakers Creek and beach and sometimes ride bikes this far as well.
 Walk with dogs in these areas as well, use canoes when tide runs in and out. What will happen with house prices? Walk dogs and drive like many locals from Webb Beach to Baker Creek.

Bakers Creek, other ways to head up this way - Baker Creek people want to get to this area and will always find a way through. 4WD track Port Prime - No. Facilities - to places - no shade, hand washing, car parking, alternative areas for parking. Signs in front of beach access in Thompson Beach

4WD access Webb Beach - Thompson Beach.
 Parham Defence land.
 Dog - in front of towns - Webb Beach up the creeks, run dogs. Boating Thompson Beach. Registered special rego for the jinkers, have a disk.
 Local help people who get bogged - Port Prime - Thompson Beach - key park - give one.
 Concerned about rule and regulations the no allowing people to enjoy the lifestyle

Ride motorbikes
 Where is the actual boundary of the park and private properties. What's a better map detail so see where they currently ride motorbikes? (Tammy to contact and meet on site re: motorbikes).

Want to see the Management Plan draft. Controlling motorbikes and 4WD in Thompson Beach is critical. Investment is need ASAP, people are arriving and it's embarrassing.
 Some motorbikes don't have number plates, problems with motorbikes - compliance!
 Horse riding along Ruskin Road and Parham and TB, nowhere for floats to park.
 Problems with horse riders parking on private properties. Need somewhere to park horse floats not on private property.
 4WD's are an issue, getting bogged and wrecking beaches
 4WD clubs need to know it's not ok to drive along the beach.
 Concerns about commercial fishers, taking a lot of the fish. Seaweed saved the houses recently from the floods

Track from Thompson Beach, north to Bakers Creek (1/2 way between Thompson Beach and Webb Beach) Damage to the track and the surrounding beach. If track not maintained to some degree Baker creek is used by locals as a swimming hob. (Advised unlikely to open up advertised public track but likely to still be a track for management purposes. Suggested. Create permit only area - may be a solution?
Need a ranger station near the site. Need infrastructure at Thompson Beach - car park area for school bus to turn around.

Middle Beach - foreshore area off MB is very silted up and other area on this Used to work on sluice gates middle to 2nd half 50s - was not silted up then. Concerned about un-natural changes to the Eco System - mining company should bear responsibility to reinstate status quo.

Still people on motorbikes causing an issue - is there somewhere they can go?
Live at Thompson Beach
Appreciate National Park and protecting birds
Looking for minimal disturbance to the foreshore.
Concerns about potential rebuilding of foreshore dunes considered by council in past - will cause damage.
Still saltfields (or company) signs existing on fences within the new National Park area? remove
Signage to denote where national park is
consider oldies and disabled in any works/future development - make accessible

Lots of crabbing occurs in front of the beach. Signage, reassurance
Rangers - on site - continued presence rather than knee jerk reactions
Can be aggro from fishermen - others taking parking spots and fishing spots
Signage
Advise appropriate number(s) for people to report (? fridge magnet)

Own land at North of the bird sanctuary. Move the yellow line to include his property.
Happy to meet with us to take.
Goannas, Wrens, planting the area up

Grey Nomads - campground @ Parham - full since published in camping guide
How to cater - specified campgrounds = without impacting on locals (e.g. grey nomads parking in wrong locations)
Thompson - given more into Bird Sanctuary - should cater for caravans etc - pet friendly - water is issue though for Thompson.
Parham + Thompson - esplanades are unsealed.
Want to set up interp centre about Parham as a starting point; the jinker (Alvin has the first one); potentially for birds also
Alvin interpret only near Parham social club - doing some concept drawings
Sand mine at back of Parham - stop it ?!
Expand campground at Parham in to the NP?

Dogs on lead in the park? Fishing and Crabbing?
Bird hides of interest, making sure designs don't encourage anti-social behaviour
Road from south of Thompson Beach - does it go along (purple)
Walk along levee banks - good walking trails
Request for an AO size map of the northern end as used in consultation for the 'Shed'

There was some disappointment that there wasn't a draft Bird Sanctuary Management Plan to review or a presentation of some sort as a lot of residents had already attended general consultation sessions to give their thoughts and concerns regarding the national park and they are now keen to see some more detailed plans that they can provide specific feedback on.

Several residents spoke to me about the potential of Thompson Beach as a location for tourist accommodation and additional facilities linked to the national park.

Access tracks rated highly and continued land use for private property was a concern for many.

There was some optimism around greater visitation by tourists in the area and linking that's to less antisocial behaviour including illegal dumping.

The need for fisheries officers and a combined approach to management i.e. State departments and Local Government working together.

There were a few mentions that the consultation was a for gone conclusion.

There we're also things like house prices and upgrades to infrastructure.

Issue with lack of bus parking provided to Thompson Beach. Apparently this was raised several years ago with Council but didn't progress due to Council's budget limitations.

Opportunities to encourage bird watchers to Thompson Beach with improved infrastructure and amenities in association with the Bird Sanctuary including:

- A playground;
- Upgrades to the toilets;
- Bird Hide(s)
- Upgrading /traffic calming/sealing to The Esplanade, etc.

I have had a bit of a think about this and it is possibly worth noting that I also had a couple of group conversations ta different tables, where people just wanted an explanation of what the map meant and I went through the different categories and explained the Land to Lowest Astronomical Tide and why there were gaps in front of the settlements and how the land in front of settlements were not going to be included in the proclamation of the park etc,

There were no sheets written up as there was no specific feedback or objections. Once they map was explained they seemed to be satisfied with that and I moved on to others requiring attention.

However, on reflection it is probably worth noting that there were groups of people who had the mapping and the concepts explained to them and there were no adverse reactions or objections.

One group was a table of about 6 older people who I believe were from the Thompson Beach Community.

The other was a group of 5 with A couple from Thompson Beach and the others from the wider rural community.

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Where (part missing due to illegible hand writing) is displayed parts of the conversation have either been missed or are illegible on the feedback sheets.