

Volunteer Thank You Dinner 2025



This night is to show our deep gratitude to this group of generous people who give their time, energy and effort to this Centre.

Their collective dedication and commitment to giving back to community ensures our ongoing success.

THANK YOU for all that you do.

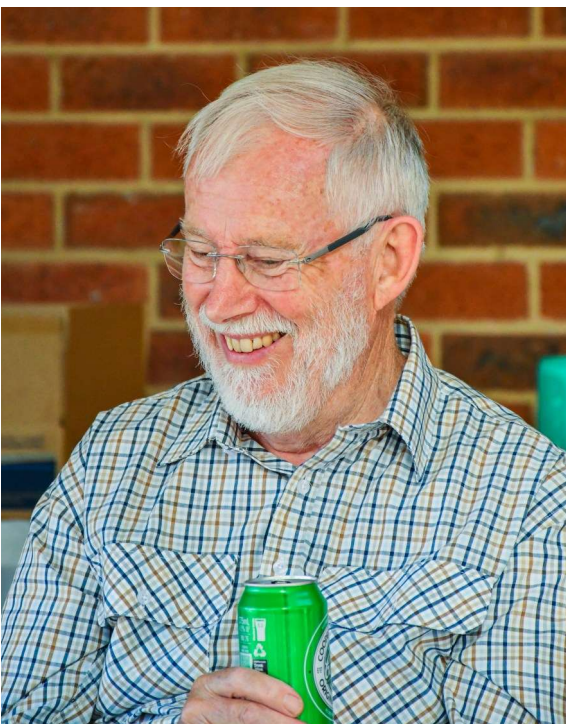
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RU OK Day 2024



Precinct Drinks 2024



Cr Marion Themeliotis - Thalassa Ward Councillor



I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Coromandel Community Centre and the Coromandel Community Centre Board for another outstanding year of service, connection and impact in our community. The Centre continues to be a vibrant and welcoming place, providing meaningful opportunities for residents of all ages to come together, learn, participate and support one another.

From regular programs such as playgroups, fitness classes and art workshops to larger community events like the Family Fun Day, Harmony Week celebrations, ANZAC Day and volunteer recognition morning teas, the Centre plays an integral role in strengthening local connections. These activities not only enrich the lives of participants but also foster a sense of belonging and wellbeing across our suburbs.

Importantly, none of this would be possible without the incredible volunteers who bring these initiatives to life. Whether it's welcoming guests, preparing meals, running programs or helping behind the scenes, the Centre's volunteers are the beating heart of its operations. Your passion, generosity and commitment are truly inspiring, and I sincerely thank each and every one of you for the time and energy you give so freely.

The Coromandel Community Centre also continues to show leadership in inclusive community outreach. Initiatives like the community pantry, partnerships with local schools and support for local environmental and cultural activities demonstrate the Centre's dedication to meeting the evolving needs of our residents. In doing so, it provides a safe and inclusive space where everyone feels valued and supported.

As your local councillor, I have been proud to advocate for the needs of our Coromandel Valley community, support community-led initiatives, and help secure funding and improvements for our local centres and open spaces. I regularly engage with residents and community groups to ensure their voices are heard, and I remain committed to working in partnership with the Coromandel Community Centre to support your ongoing success.

I want to especially acknowledge the Coromandel Community Centre Board for their vision, dedication and stewardship. The board's tireless efforts in governance, planning and advocacy have helped ensure the Centre remains a vital community asset, both now and for the future.

As a proud supporter of the Coromandel Community Centre, I look forward to continuing to advocate for and work alongside the board, the staff, and our many volunteers who make the Centre such a valued part of our community. Together, we will continue to build on this strong foundation and ensure that the Centre thrives for generations to come.

Once again, congratulations to the entire Coromandel Community Centre family, thank you for all that you do.



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Article for Catherine Hutchinson Newsletter

Coromandel Community Centre, is the heart of Coromandel Valley. A vibrant hub for local residents, fostering connection, engagement, and growth within the community. The Centre plays a pivotal role in the daily lives for our residents, offering a wide range of services, activities, and events designed to cater to all ages and interests.

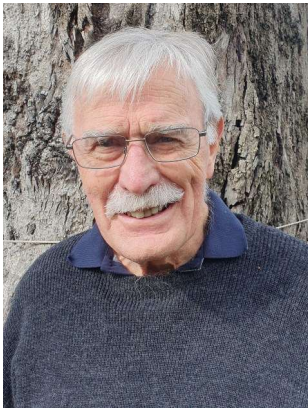
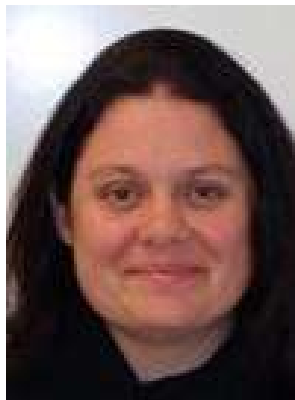
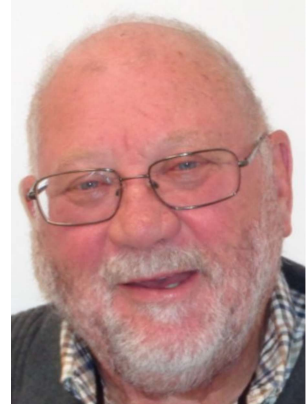
One of the key aspects of the Coromandel Community Centre is a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. The Centre provides a space for various groups and individuals to gather, from fitness classes and arts workshops to support groups and social events. It is home to a variety of community-driven initiatives, such as youth programs, environmental awareness and educational workshops. These programs aim to address local needs and bring people together, fostering a sense of belonging.

The Centre's commitment to fostering a strong sense of community is further exemplified by its efforts to remain a sustainable and resourceful space. In addition to its core programs, it encourages local involvement in maintaining and enhancing the Centre through volunteerism and partnerships with local businesses and organisations. This collaborative spirit has made the Coromandel Community Centre, where people can build meaningful connections and contribute to the well-being of our residents.

The importance of the Coromandel Community Centre is also reflected in its role as a venue for community celebrations, such as movie in the park, markets, TDU, sporting events and more. These occasions not only showcase the rich diversity of the area but also serve as opportunities for residents to share their talents further strengthening community ties.

Coromandel Community Centre is more than just a building—it is a cornerstone of the Coromandel Valley community, supporting growth, social interaction, and well-being for all who call the area home. Its ongoing dedication to the community makes it an invaluable asset to the area.

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Thank you to our board. Through your collective efforts, the Centre continues to be a place where individuals connect, learn, and grow. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community.

Cr Geoff Eaton - Thalassa Ward Councillor

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Coromandel Valley Community Centre Board for the opportunity for Thalassa Ward councillors to report to the community on our activities over the past 12 months at their 2025 AGM. Cr Themeliotis and I work together representing residents in this ward and all those of the City of Onkaparinga. Thalassa Ward comprises of the suburbs of Coromandel Valley, Coromandel East, Ironbank, Cherry Gardens, Dorset Vale, Clarendon. Changers Hill, Aberfoyle Park and Flagstaff Hill and has a strong mixture of both metropolitan and rural areas.

The Coromandel Valley Community Centre plays a very important role in our local community attracting people from both sides of the creek with residents attending and enjoying the opportunities it offers, including playgroups, arranged visits to places of interest across Adelaide, Art Sessions, Connection Mediation-Sound Healing Circle, the Coro Connections Book Club, the Coromandel Valley Quilters and even the Men's Breakfast that I am a regular attendee of (just to mention a few). These activities help to bring a broad range of people together of all ages, enhancing their quality of life. As ward councillors we both attended the recent volunteer recognition evening dinner at the Community Centre to acknowledge the important contribution our volunteers make. I am aware of the

time commitment for volunteers, as I am one with the South Australia Police (role player/Neighbourhood Watch), Operations Flinders Foundation and the National Four-Wheel Drive HF radio network -VKS737, however my Council commitments do impact on the time I have available to do this so I understand the need to balance one's commitments.

The Community Centre's programs and facilities rely on the Board for strategic direction (with our Community Development Officer) and the volunteers who help to deliver these programs. I would like to recognise everyone for their important contribution in achieving them and supporting our community. I encourage residents to consider volunteering if they are not already doing so.



There were also those broader events held (including the Movie in the Park, ANZAC Day service and the Tour Downunder BBQ this year. The Tour Downunder BBQ was a lovely opportunity for me to participate with our volunteers in tossing sausages on the BBQ and mixing with our volunteers and visitors.

ANZAC Day is an important event, bringing everyone together recognising our return armed services men and women. Although I did not officiate at this year's Coromandel Valley service, I dropped in on my way from representing the City of Onkaparinga at the Cherry Gardens service and to do the same at the Clarendon service afterwards. Both Cr Themeliotis and I had also attended the ANZAC Youth Vigil (held at Morphett Vale the evening before with other councillors and members of parliament) and we both attended the dawn service held by the Flagstaff Hill Scout Group at Flagstaff Hill.

Cr Themeliotis and I have both worked closely with the Board on a broad range of governance, funding and upgrade issues, as well as engaging with residents regarding road safety upgrades along Main Road, Coromandel Valley. I made a point of attending the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) community consultation evening that was held at the Community Centre in April to gain a more comprehensive understanding by speak with the facilitators and attendees.



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Last year I also attended a meeting that the Member for Waite arranged in the vicinity of The Walk with residents and then later one with the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport at the Coromandel Valley Shopping Centre. With Cr Themeliotis I attended an on-site meeting with council staff and residents at The Walk and Main Road discussing the issues further. Our Mayor, Moira Were, has since written to the Minister and the Member for Waite regarding these issues and staff from the City of Onkaparinga are working with DIT staff regarding these issues.

When talking about connecting with our community I attended all the Community Disaster Resilience sessions held at the Community Centre held to inform our community of the emergency risks/hazards in our area and how to prepare for them and reduce the impact on their lives. Community safety and resilience are issues that have played a major part of my working life and continues as an elected member. The key messages are "Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery".



Cr Themeliotis and I attend the Community Centre's board meetings in our nominated elected member liaison roles. This is a role that I undertake for 34 organisations across the City of Onkaparinga (around double to most of my fellow councillors), including many groups outside Thalassa Ward. Some I share with my co-councillor (and other councillors) and others on my own. Those groups, I undertake this role for that cover the broader Onkaparinga area, include Health Cities Onkaparinga/Onkaparinga Food Security Collaborative, Onkaparinga Prostate Cancer Support Group, Southern Districts Baseball Club, various Neighbourhood Watch Groups, Morphett Vale RSL and the Noore Mosque at Morphett Vale. I am a state council member for Neighbourhood Watch SA and attend the Southern Adelaide Police District Neighbourhood Watch committee meetings again demonstrating my many years of commitment to community safety following my 42 years of policing in the South Australia Police/Australian Federal Polic.

In the past year I have attended all our Citizenship Ceremonies, currently being held at the Port Noarlunga Arts Centre this year whilst the Hopgood Theatre is being renovated) and since being elected to Council in 2018 have only missed 2 such ceremonies as I consider these events as one of our most important civic events. Each year I have sat on Council's Australia Day Awards Committee and all the Community Grants Assessment/Event

Activation Panels when they have been held.

I often have people ask me about the time commitment for being a councillor in the largest Council in the state by population - which require a lot of commitment. For the 2024/25 financial years it required me to spend 604 hours at Council and community meetings/events and 400 plus hours in preparing for meetings, dealing with resident issues etc and I drove 6,555 kms to attending meetings, ceremonies and events across our whole area.

Geoff Eaton

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2024 - 2025 Board of Management

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Coromandel Community Centre Contractor & Facilitators

Cheryl Bencetti, Bookkeeper
Linda Hammond, Adult Art
Mary Pulford, #Art Children's Art
Quinn Coombe & Tegan Jefferies, Children's Dungeons and Dragons
Nicola Veinberg, Pilates
Nicole Tunis, Strength for Life

City of Onkaparinga

Sheridan Manning, Community Development Officer
Tasha Mekisic, Community Development Support Officer (January to June 2024)

Program Volunteers'

Ros Jackson - Table Tennis
Penny Harper - Mahjong & Scrabble
Jean Livingston - Tea and Twine
Office Volunteers - Playgroup
Office Volunteers - Coro Alive Social Group
Fiona Earl, Jill Jackson & Rayleen McCurdy - Coromandel Valley Walkers (Wednesday)
Glenys Gardiner, Jill Jackson & Rayleen McCurdy - Walk and Talk (Friday)
Robin Morton, Kevin Matters, Mike Potter & John Munden - Men's Breakfast Coordinators
John Wallace, Brian Boyd, Frank Tomas, Neil Orange, Clem Parrish, Peter Mew,
Bruce Harper - Men's Breakfast Support Crew

2024 - 2025 Office Volunteers'

Glynis Conlon	Cliff Mayes	Sandra Tredwell
Marg Davis	Robyn Mew	Robbie Howard
Cherie Furniss	Jane Orange	Marion Hammer
Shelley Hayman	Abdul Manan	Emma Rogers
Jenny Mayes	Cheryl Keane	

Special thanks also to our Event Volunteers'

The Coromandel Community Centre would like to thank our
Regular Users who access the facilities to share their skills and passion
for the education, health and wellbeing of our community.

ACH - Art in Focus

Ali Mudge Mentoring

Angela Munro Mentoring

Baby Sensory

Coromandel Serenity - AA

Coromandel Valley Bridge Club

Coromandel Valley Quilters

Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club

Pound Group Fitness

Zumba Fitness

The Coromandel Community Centre is part of the City of Onkaparinga
Community Centres and Neighbourhood Houses network.

**The Board of Management would like
to gratefully acknowledge our appreciation
for the support provided by: -**

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Coro Continental Meats, Coromandel Valley

The Hub Library, City of Onkaparinga

National Trust, Coromandel Valley

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Coro Ramblers Cricket Club

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