

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Port Willunga North Coast Park

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### Background

Since 2003 the City of Onkaparinga has been working in close partnership with the state government to deliver the state government's Coast Park vision for Greater Adelaide to develop a coastal linear park.

The vision includes 70km of coast park including a trail from North Haven to Sellick's Beach and identifies a number of coastal nodes of metropolitan, regional or local significance.

There is 31km within our Council area. To date council in partnership with state government have successfully completed 17km of Coast Park, with 14km remaining to be completed.

The Coast Park project objectives and values include:

- Maintain and enhance open space links ensuring free, safe and convenient access is available for all ages and abilities.
- Improve the function and quality of the region with regard to pedestrian and cyclist access (including a shared use path), public safety, quality open space and public infrastructure and effective traffic control and management.
- Strengthen the role of the City's foreshore as a destination for recreation and leisure activities for both the local community and visitors to the region.
- Protect the coastal environment.

### Where does Port Willunga North Coast Park go from and to?

The Port Willunga North Coast Park will link the Maslin Beach South (unclad) car park to Port Willunga foreshore car park. The

proposed alignment incorporates well used paths from the Maslin Beach South car park to Blanche Point Lookout car park, continues south through Chinaman Gully, crosses Willunga Creek and provides a new section of pathway in the former Port Willunga Caravan Park site.

The proposed alignment for Port Willunga North Coast Park has been developed to improve access, cliff stability, wayfinding, vegetation management and management of cultural sensitivities.

The proposed alignment draws on the area's rich cultural history, natural environment, and local identity, utilising several well used informal paths.

### What is included in the project?

The project includes:

- construction of approximately 2.8km of 3-metre-wide shared use path, largely following the existing cliff-top path alignment
- boardwalk section through environmentally sensitive areas
- bridge across Willunga Creek
- creation of rest/viewing areas with seating and interpretive signage
- removal of car parking on Vincent Terrace (excluding permit parking)
- extensive revegetation of the Former Caravan Park site and additional planting along the path alignment
- rationalisation of informal path network throughout the Former Caravan Park site and adjacent dunes.

### **Is the project going to be staged?**

Given its length, we anticipate the project will be staged and have divided Port Willunga North Coast Park into two indicative stages. These are subject to change.

Stage One: Port Willunga Foreshore Car Park to Chinaman Gully (1km - 1.2km approx.)

Stage Two: Chinaman Gully to Maslin Beach Unclad Car Park (1.6km approx.)

### **Where is the funding coming from?**

Funding of Coast Park is 50% from Council and 50% from State Government through the Open Space Grant fund.

Due to cost escalations since 2021 and changes to the project scope, Council are seeking additional funding from State Government. Council have committed to additional funding in the 20 February Council meeting resolution.

### **When will construction commence, and how long will the work take to complete?**

Construction of the Coast Park is dependent on securing additional state government funding.

We anticipate construction to take around nine months to complete and start towards the end of 2024.

### **Will any native vegetation be removed as part of the construction?**

We have undertaken a detailed vegetation survey to inform the design. We aim to avoid the removal of native vegetation as part of the project. The new shared path will largely keep to the existing informal path alignments to reduce the impact on the surrounding vegetation.

### **Will the shoreline and cliff face be protected?**

Yes, protection of our rocky foreshore, cliffs and adjacent sand dunes is a high priority and we considered these factors when preparing the design.

### **Will the Willunga Creek be protected?**

Yes, protection of Willunga Creek is a high priority. The proposed new crossing will formalise access across Willunga Creek and allow for the creek's natural movement throughout the year.

### **Will the Hooded Plover be protected?**

Yes, protection of the Hooded Plover breeding location is a high priority. The concept plan proposes closing some of the beach access points through the dunes and relocating coastal fencing adjacent the former caravan park site to increase protection of the Hooded Plover breeding sites.

## **Will Aboriginal heritage be protected?**

Port Willunga is an area of significant Aboriginal heritage. We look forward to working with the Kaurna community through Council's First Nation Peoples Advisory Group to incorporate Kaurna cultural aspects in how this important project is delivered in this special location.

The former Caravan Park site, including the adjacent dune system is understood to be highly significant to the Kaurna people. While no registered Aboriginal heritage sites are located within the project area, there are registered sites recorded in relative proximity to the project site.

The protection of these sites is important. We will ensure that all culturally sensitive areas are protected and that our legislative obligations are met through the design and construction processes.

## **What is planned for the former Port Willunga Caravan site?**

We propose to restore and enhance the former Caravan Park site into an attractive, passive, revegetated coastal environment. Environmentally sensitive sites will be protected by decommissioning a beach access point, relocation of fencing and new planting.

A cultural ceremony area is also proposed in the area to recognise and celebrate local Kaurna people.

Accessibility will be created through a new sealed shared path and disability accessible bridge across Willunga Creek.

## **Will the project impact the local road network?**

Yes, the project will impact the local road network.

The concept plan shows changes to Vincent Terrace including the removal of informal car parking, a change to one way vehicle access and improvement to the intersection with Port Road.

The impacts to the road network are proposed to balance the retention of vegetation, management of stormwater and the safety of pedestrians and cyclists using the proposed Coast Park shared path.

## **Will the stobie poles be removed?**

Stobie pole removal and establishing underground power is being considered by council and is subject to State Government funding.

## **Does the project include interpretive signage?**

Yes. We are exploring opportunities to include interpretive signage which could reflect Aboriginal cultural heritage, European heritage, native flora, or local fauna.

## **Need more information?**

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