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Repair blitz on broken footpaths

Marion Council is calling on the community to nominate the worst footpaths in the city as part of a year-long repair blitz.

Mayor Kris Hanna today announced an unprecedented campaign – Footpath Blitz – to identify and repair broken footpaths across the city.

“Our community told us they want the quality of their footpaths improved so we’re undertaking a Footpath Blitz to fix them up,” Mayor Hanna said.

“In a major survey undertaken by Council last year, residents scored our footpaths and kerbs with 71 per cent approval but the Councillors and I thought we can do better. Broken footpaths can be a trip hazard; they look unsightly and make it hard to push a pram or use a wheelchair.”

Mayor Hanna said that over the next four weeks, Council is asking people to identify footpaths in disrepair.

“Council will inspect and assess every footpath nominated by residents,” Mayor Hanna said.

“Priority will be given to fixing those that are unsafe while footpaths that are unsightly will be listed for repairs.”

Marion currently spends about \$1.73 million a year on maintaining 860km footpaths and 6900 kerb ramps in the city.

The 2020/21 budget is forecast to increase the budget for this work to \$2 million

Mayor Hanna said residents will have to 29 May to lodge examples of poor local footpaths by writing in or using the Making Marion web portal.

“Our staff will need the location and, if possible, a photograph of the damaged infrastructure to help us find it easily,” he said.

Repairs will start from 1 July 2020. If a footpath upgrade is either side of a private driveway, Council will offer a contribution of 50 per cent to the landowner to replace the driveway.

Mayor Hanna said Marion Council was continuing to deliver services to the community, despite changes due to COVID-19.

“Our staff are still working hard for the community,” he said.

To nominate a footpath in poor condition, visit www.makingmarion.com.au/footpath-blitz or email communityengagement@marion.sa.gov.au or write to Community Engagement, City of Marion, PO Box 21, Oaklands Park, SA 5046.

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