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On Halloween, the City of Onkaparinga supported five residential streets with a frightening good time through **Spooky Streets**. Quiet residential streets in Adelaide's southern suburbs of Aldinga, Christies Beach, Hackham West, O'Sullivan Beach and Seaford Rise were closed to traffic for children and residents to 'trick or treat', play and connect with neighbours.

Spooky Streets is City of Onkaparinga's continuation of the '1000 Play Streets' Project funded by a Wellbeing SA Community Wellbeing and Resilience Grant, which encourages kids to get outside and play, increasing their physical activity and connectivity.



Hackham West Spooky Street organiser, Belinda Pollard said "It was great to see families who don't usually attend things come along and join in. They felt they could be included but without pressure!" The event had over 100 people attend throughout the evening with a great range of activities such as giant Connect 4, giant Lego, quoits, hula hoops, skipping, badminton, face painting and a witch piñata. Children created and designed their own 'treat bucket' then went trick-or-treating for lollies.

Belinda, who is also the Community Development Coordinator of the Hackham West Children's Centre on the same street, said it was great to see centre staff with their families joining in the fun. "There was a great mix of families who come to the centre, community, residents and locals." The face painting was a hit and provided those who didn't have costumes to feel included.

Lauren and Denise organised their Spooky Street in Aldinga. They created a Facebook page where all the residents kept in touch to help plan the event, and since hosting it they've continued to keep in contact through the chat group. They said kids really enjoyed playing safely on the street and have since continued catching up with each other.



Lauren and Denise thanked council for their support and assistance in arranging the events and making their Halloween Spooky Street a fun gathering to be remembered.

City of Onkaparinga will continue to support street closures beyond the completion of the current funded project. Resources to support residents can be found on council's website by searching for "neighbourhood street gatherings" or "play streets" <https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Services-and-projects/Community-connection?BestBetMatch=community|b8109732-ba69-4127-a678-0988e082ba3d|0979cabd-128f-4679-8ef6-09ad2acacc7a|en-AU>.

