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FAREWELL TO JANE

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith, **Member for Adelaide**, affectionately known as J-Lo, fell victim to the swing against all Ministers of the Rann Government at the State election. Many of us who had dealings with Jane as our Local Member will know that she was a diligent and caring local member who lived and breathed Adelaide.

Without a doubt Government decisions over the **Le Cornu** development - the **Clipsal** takeover of Victoria Park for nearly 6 months of the year - the lack of support for **heritage protection** in the CBD and the south of the city - the stripping away of city **planning powers** and the impact of Park Lands developments including the **hospital** and the **Adelaide Oval** all contributed to the swing against Jane. She fought valiantly for what her constituents wanted but could not win the day in Cabinet and the electorate reacted in the only way it had to make its views accepted.

Thanks Jane for a job well done, your efforts have been appreciated and you have made many friends.

CAR RENTAL TAKES OFF IN ADELAIDE

One of the effects of the global financial crisis has been a re-evaluation of transport use among families, with a resultant increase in patronage of **public transport** and the development of **car share schemes**. Commercial car share has been 'picked up' by city dwellers as a viable cost-effective alternative to owning a second car!

The GoGet company has extended its service to Adelaide and with the help of the Council has now set up 2 car rental pods – One at 101 Sturt St and the second at Gilles St (corner of Vincent Place), near Hutt St.

Cars can be booked online or via the phone in hourly 'blocks' of time, a special smart card opens the car, an onboard computer records time and kilometres, until returned to its pod. Payment is on a monthly basis (for time/kms) without costs of registration, insurance, petrol and maintenance to worry about.

Increasingly, developers of apartments in the CBD, are opting to include dedicated car share spaces in their development proposals, because high site costs make it no longer viable to provide one (let alone two) car spaces per unit. Many prospective buyers are electing to 'value-add' to the internal features of an apartment, **minus a car space**, where there is access to a car share scheme such as Go Get.

Adelaide City's Development Assessment Panel is responding positively to this trend towards car share quotas within development proposals as a way of reducing congestion and pollution as well as reducing the need for car park infrastructure. It is also a way to reduce capital costs and thus improve affordability of city living.

- *Current fleet size (Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide): 250*
- *No of Account Holders*: approx. 4200 [*includes not-for-profit enterprises and 'corporates']*
- *No of Drivers: approx. 6500 • Average Duration of booking: 4 ¾ hours • Average Kms. travelled per booking: 29*
- *No. of cars sold by GoGet members (in last 12 months) is estimated at 290.*

The corollary of the sale of these cars, coupled with changes in attitudes and behavioural patterns in relation to car use is that commercial car-share members have probably saved some 4000 tonnes of CO2 in the last 12 months!

For details of the scheme go to https://secure1.ilisys.com.au/goget/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=92

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT (1-16 MAY)

This is Australia's annual celebration of all things '**fair trade**'. With activities and events happening across the country, the Fortnight gives each of us the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the life-changing difference fair trade makes for millions of developing country farmers, their families and communities. This Fair Trade Fortnight we are being urged to make **The Big Swap!** Making the swap from your usual products to Fairtrade Certified ones is simple but it can help make a big difference to the lives of developing country farmers and their families.

So this Fair Trade Fortnight, whether it's your daily caffeine fix, afternoon cuppa or chocolate treat - make the swap to Fairtrade and help create a better and brighter future for farmers and their families.

Adelaide City Council is now a Fair Trade Council and is the first Australian Capital to make that commitment.

To find out what is happening in your area and what you can do to support this worthy cause click [here](#)

VICTORIA SQUARE/TARNDANYANGGA DESIGN RELEASED

At long last the chosen design concepts for the **Regeneration of Victoria Square** have been released. The design which is the work of leading national designers, was **endorsed by Council** late last year. It creates an exciting and flexible space designed to give priority to the needs of people over the inevitable traffic. Above all, Victoria Square must be a space that will be constantly activated, a moving stage, and a place where we can all go to find daily enjoyment. Details at http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/ADCCWR/Static%20Assets/vst/data/docs/vst_masterplan.pdf

THE VALUE OF CONSULTATION

You can't have much of a say on the State Budget which is about to be presented but **Council's budget process** is as open as the day is long. **We want your comments**, You can write to us, email us, use the Blog or the on-line Feedback Form – **by 5pm on 19 May** and you can find the **Draft 2010-2011 Business Plan and Budget** at http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/adccwr/assets/main/lib60051/draft_2010-11_business_plan_and_budget.pdf

Some recent meeting decisions (full details are available on the Council's website 5 days after the meeting)

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 3 May (next Meeting 17 May at 5.30pm)

■ Non-Complying Applications

- (Item 2.1) **It was agreed** that Development Plan **Consent be granted** to a proposal to demolish part of **11 Castle Street** and replace it with a 2 storey extension including carport **subject to DAC concurrence** (DA/840/2009).
- (Item 2.2) **It was agreed** that Development Plan Consent be granted for internal alterations and part change of uses to **2-8 Wellington Square N.A.** subject to **DAC Concurrence** (DA/212/2008)

■ Applications for consideration on Merit

- (Item 3.1) Development Plan **Consent was granted** for the construction of first floor additions to an existing house at **21 Palmer Lane N.A.** (DA/981/2009)
- (Item 3.2) An application to construct three level rear addition with carparking and the removal of a significant tree at the **Cora Barclay Centre, 185 Melbourne St N.A.** was **deferred** pending further information. (DA/1054/2007)

■ Schedule 10 Matters

- (Item 4.1) The Panel resolved to advise the DAC that it **does not support** proposals to demolish an existing office/warehouse, make alterations and build a three storey office building at **195-209 Halifax St** (DA/948/2009)

COUNCIL – Meetings held Monday 10 May 2010 - (next meeting Monday 24 May at 5.30pm)

Presiding Member's Report. It was resolved to submit the report on the proposed revocation of Community Land at **90-100 Grenfell St** to the **Minister, Gail Gago**, seeking her approval for the revocation of the land to proceed.

■ **Motions on Notice** were moved by **me** regarding Clipsal occupation of Victoria Park and by **Cllr Moran** on presenting the Keys to the City to Cheong Liew. **Cllr Hayward** asked about the status of **Sturt St bike lane** review.

■ (Item 12.1) Council considered **Sponsorship Applications** that would require a decision before the general allocation of funds and agreed to proceed with five out of the seven applications that otherwise met the guidelines.

■ (Item 12.2) The Council noted the completion of the newly created park off **Frome Road** and adopted APLA advice that the Park be named **Frome Park/ Nellie Raminyemmerin** in recognition of • Captain Edward Charles Frome who succeeded Colonel Light as Surveyor General in 1840 and • Nellie Raminyemmerin, daughter of Iyamaitpinna (King Rodney) and sister of Ivaritji, one of the Kaurna people's eight apical (top) ancestors.

■ (Item 12.3) Council agreed to waive compliance with certain provisions of the Land Management Agreement on **Lot 11 125-135 MacKinnon Pde, N.A.** subject to the proposed variation receiving Development Approval.

■ (Item 13.1) Council agreed to alterations to **on-street parking** traffic control provisions in 2 locations in the city

Confidential Items dealt with were 1) Tenders for **Stage 2 of the Rundle St South Side Footpath Upgrade**,

2) Selection of Consultant Panel for **Electrical Services** and 3) **A Strategic Property Matter – Wingfield.**

CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

■ (Item 5.1) The Committee endorsed the Statement of Intent for a **Better Development Plan** which is part of the Section 30 Review. The DPA will have limited impact on the City but is aimed at greater uniformity over all Councils

■ (Item 5.2) Council adopted the **Residential Marketing Strategy 2010-2014** which is Council's mechanism for achieving a Populous City through increased residential density, wider social mix and affordable housing options.

■ (Item 5.3) Council endorsed execution of the draft **High Needs Infrastructure Planning Framework** of the Social Sustainability Partnership Action Group (SSPAG). This is a very complex agreement which attempts to deal with social responsibilities of governments. I am not convinced that it effectively addresses the more serious social problems which confront vulnerable people and city residents, which should properly be dealt with by the State.

■ (Item 5.4) Council received a report on **Development Assessment Activity** for the January to March Quarter. Whilst activity remains low, the last two quarters have been higher than the corresponding periods last year. **Processing timeframes** have been well ahead of KPIs (DAP applications **62 days** compared to **90 days** KPI)

■ (Item 5.5) Council approved Round 3 of the 2009-10 **Heritage Incentives Scheme** applications. 27 applicants will share allocation of **\$201.5k** and a further **\$6.4k** has been allocated to 2 State Heritage listed properties.

■ (Item 7) (confidential) Dealt with tenders for design consultancy for the **Rundle Mall Repositioning Masterplan.**

CITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

(Item 5.1) Council noted and adopted the **Central Market Committee** Report dealing with • proposed visit to Queen Victoria Markets in Melbourne and • continuation of **optional Wednesday trading** with UPark concessions.

CORPORATE STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

(Item 5.1) The Committee adopted recommendations from the **Audit Committee** dealing with **End of Year** reporting timetables, the draft **Whistle Blowers Policy** and enhanced Budget reporting on numbers of employees.

The views expressed herein are those of Cr Plumridge and do not purport to be those of the Adelaide City Council