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## AN UTTER DISGRACE

In a city that likes to think it has good planning and design skills, which prides itself on the beauty of the Park Lands and the entranceways to our city it is an **utter disgrace** that we should have to countenance examples of such bad design in such prominent locations of our city. No, these examples are not in the back blocks of some deserted outback country town but right here in the beautiful downtown Hutt Street Precinct.

The example of **Agricultural Design** is currently under construction in Park 18 just off Hutt Road and is the first building to be built under the new Park Lands Building Guidelines and with Council approvals – **or is it?**

The case of **Abandoned Design** is a vacant block of land in Hutt St formerly graced by a beautiful 'gentleman's residence' until a developer bowled it over and then abandoned the new development for which he had been given approval – **or did he?** Now we have a site abandoned to the homeless and being pushed by some as an 'ideal place for a car park' - an urban design gem we all want as an entrance to our city – **or do we?**

Then of course we have the ubiquitous planter box, a design straight out of the 1960's primer for **URBAN RUSTIC DESIGN** so popular with council engineers of yesteryear but still with us as some form of streetscape feature, devoid of plants but skillfully placed in some kind of rhythmic pattern. Believe it or not, this example (one of many) is 'cared for' by a restaurant in the beautiful Hutt Street Precinct, so promoted by the local traders!

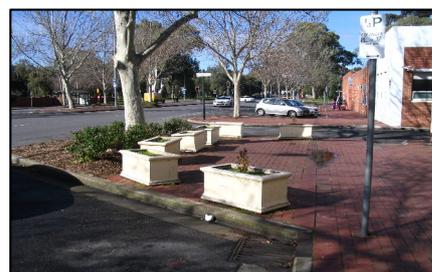
**Council's support for the public realm and public art is good but let's not forget the importance of our streetscapes. We have the skills and the determination to make our city beautiful so let's get on and do it.**



**AGRICULTURAL DESIGN**



**ABANDONED DESIGN**



**URBAN RUSTIC DESIGN**

## CHOOSE YOUR GROCERIES THOUGHTFULLY

Ethical consumers who rely on so-called 'food miles' to choose their groceries may be missing the point, critics say. Shoppers should also be thinking about how much, and the type of, energy that was used to produce the food and whether or not it was grown in season and locally. Government plans to grow Adelaide's population into our areas of food production should be of great concern. **CBD and inner metro growth is more efficient** and sustainable in terms of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, energy efficiency and the chance to respond to **the challenge of Peak Oil**

The average Australian basket of food has travelled over **70,000 kilometres** from producer to consumer. A recent study analysed how far 29 different items bought from the supermarket had travelled from producer to consumer. These included cereals, legumes, fruit, vegetables, meat, dairy and 'non-core items' like chocolate. For those 29 items, the distance from producer to consumer was equivalent to travelling around Australia two-and-a-half times. When imported foods were removed from the calculation, the total food miles were just over 21,000 kilometres. **The most ethical choice would be to grow our own or shop for fresh local produce at the Central Market.**

## ADELAIDE FRINGE 2010 – A GREAT SUCCESS STORY

Adelaide Fringe 2010 amassed **1,085,551 attendances** across all events resulting in a total associated expenditure of **\$35.1 million**. It brought **8,900 new visitors** to South Australia with expenditure estimated at \$4.7m to the State and add to this the estimated \$5.7m of expenditure retained in the State from people who stayed in South Australia for the event, The Fringe generated \$10.4m visitor expenditure in the State and the creation of 116 FTE jobs.

A few other relevant facts ■ 30,000 bed-nights were created ■ 260,000 South Australians attended 3.8 events each ■ 1 in 5 Adelaide residents attended an Adelaide Fringe event ■ 375,000 Fringe guides were distributed ■ 80,000 revellers attended the opening night party ► **Adelaide City Council is a major sponsor of the Fringe with a contribution of \$300,000**



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

**DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 16 August. (next Meeting 6 September at 5.30)**

### **3. Applications for consideration on Merit**

- (Item 3.1) Development Plan Consent **was granted** for the demolition of existing house and construction of a 3-storey house with roof deck, basement car park and swimming pool at **20 Delhi St, Adelaide** (DA/722/2009)
- (Item 3.2) Consent **was refused** for removal of 2 significant trees (*Bull Bay Magnolia* and *Golden Elm*) and the construction of a garage at the rear of the property at **40 Tynte Street, North Adelaide** (DA/386/20090).
- (Item 3.3) Consent **was granted** to demolish 2 shops and replace with a 2-storey building comprising 2 integrated shops/dwellings with rear car parking at **184-186 Tynte Street North Adelaide** (DA/217/2010).
- (Item 3.4) **This matter was discussed in confidence.** It was resolved to **refuse** the application for change of use from café to adult products and services (tattoo and body art) at **25 O'Connell St N. Adelaide**(DA/384/2010).

### **4. Schedule 10 Matters**

- (Item 4.1) The Panel **supported** a Wetlands and ASR project for the **Botanic Gdns Park 11** (DA/419/2010)

### **5. Other Application**

- (Item 5.1) The Panel **supported** ERD Court Proposal for 2-storey house at **17 Watson St N.A.**(DA/1000/2009)

### **6. Other Business**

- (Item 6.2) The Panel **referred to Council** for a future Development Plan Amendment (DPA) an anomaly in the Development Plan regarding provision for 'adult products and services' in the **O'Connell St (Main Street) Zone.**

**ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY (APLA) – Meeting held 19 August (next Meeting 16 Sept at 5.30pm)**

■ I moved A **Motion without Notice** calling for a report on long-term **car parking in the Park Lands.**

The Authority supported a proposal by the Botanic Gardens to build a **wetlands and ASR in Park 11** adjacent to Hackney Road designed to capture and clean the water flowing down **First Creek** en route to the Torrens. ■The **road widening of Park Tce** was supported, noting with concern the **loss of trees** in the 1 metre widening plans.

■The Authority recommended to Council support for the location of the **Simpson and His Donkey** memorial to the work done by the **SA Defence Force Health Services.** The sculpture by Robert Hannaford will be in Park 12.

■ The **Marketing Plan** was adopted with a recommendation to Council that Stage 1 be implemented (\$50k).

(For more APLA Meeting details refer to Community Member Gunta Groves' News at [ggroves@chariot.net.au](mailto:ggroves@chariot.net.au))

**COUNCIL MEETING - Meeting held 30 August (Next Council Meeting 27 September at 5.30pm)**

**(Note : Committee Meetings for September will be on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> - both groups starting at 5.30pm)**

**BEING THE LAST MEETING BEFORE COUNCIL GOES INTO CARETAKER MODE ON 19 SEPTEMBER THIS AGENDA IS LARGER THAN USUAL WITH 64 ITEMS AND OVER 1062 PAGES; HENCE THIS SUMMARY RUNS TO 3 PAGES, FOR WHICH I APOLOGISE!**

The **Public Forum** was addressed by **Julie Jordan**, a resident expressing views about **Sturt St & Whitmore Sq.**

**8. Questions on Notice** were asked by **myself** on Rymill Pk Kiosk and **Cr Wilkinson** on Council Restructuring.

■ **Motions on Notice** were moved by **myself** on 1) Veale Gdns Conservatory and 2) on the AWSC Building on Hutt Rd, **Cr Henningsen** on 1) loan of McDougall Stuart Replica Portrait and 2) on Great Wine Capitals Global Network (amended), **Cr Clarke** on 1) Simpson and His Donkey Memorial funding of \$42k and 2) on Mary McKillop Canonisation Support (lost) and **Cr Wilkinson** on 1) Building Demolition Premature Site Clearance (deemed *ultra vires* and not proceeded with) and 2) on Park Lands Lighting and 3) on the 3-Bin System, Options for smaller bins.

**9. Questions without Notice** were moved by **Cr Wilkinson** on premature building demolition, **Cr Clearihan** on flooding issues, **Cr Yarwood** on Rundle St footpath work and **Cr Wong** re civic recognition of the Thunderbirds.

### **10. Items referred by Committees to Council**

- 10.1 **Chairman of the Audit Committee, Allen Bolaffi** presented his Report. The recommendations were received including that the Internal Controls and Risk Man<sup>t</sup> Report should be included in the Annual Report.

- 10.2 The 09/10 Annual Report of the **Development Assessment Panel** was presented by Presiding Member Ms Shanti Ditter. Council agreed to canvass a return of full planning assessment powers with Minister Holloway.

### **11. Matters recommended by Core Committees for Council determination**

- 11.1 **City Design and Character Committee** Advice and recommendations from the meeting of 3 August were adopted as recorded in Issue 53 of my Notes including ▪ the recommendation that all properties listed in the City Heritage and Character Residential and Mainstreet (Hutt) Zone DPA (Part 1) should go to the **Local Heritage Advisory Committee** for recommendation to the Minister. This includes the 36 which were objected to by the owners and ▪ Adoption of the 2010/2011 **Round 1 Heritage Incentive Scheme** grants amounting to \$43k (6 applications) plus \$26k (3 applications) for State Heritage-listed properties which had not received funding from State Heritage sources.

- 11.2 **City Growth and Sustainability Committee** Advice and recommendations from the meeting of 3 August were adopted as recorded in Issue 53 of my Notes including ▪ adoption of the **Go Green with Public Lighting Implementation Plan** be noted and that **Stage 1 LED lighting roll-out** in 2010/11 proceed **at a cost of \$700k.**

- 11.3 **City Vibrancy Committee** Advice and recommendations from the meeting of 3 August were adopted as recorded in Issue 53 of my Notes including ▪ adoption of the draft (**Disability**) **Access Action Plan 2010-2012.**

- 11.4 **Adelaide Park Lands Authority** Advice from the Meeting of 19 August (**as reported above**) was adopted.

### **12. Items for Consideration of Council**

- 12.1 Council resolved to revoke the community land classification of **42-58 Sturt Street, 22-26 Norman Street and 15-19 Frew Street Adelaide** following Minister Gago's approval. This is Council's **Sturt Living** housing site.

- 12.2 Council, in its capacity as having care and control of the land approved the **removal of 4 dead or diseased significant trees in Parks 24, 29 and Light Square** to allow development approval to be sought from the DAP.

- 12.3 Council resolved to advise **DTEI** that it notes the proposed **road widening of Park Terrace** and requests that those trees removed as a result of the widening work be replaced with trees of a similar size and number.

- 12.4 Council endorsed a submission to the **Liquor and Gambling Commissioner** as outlined in Attachment A to the Agenda (1) Requiring licensees to be more effective in their responsible service of alcohol; (2) Introducing a **3am closing time for existing and new late trading licensed venues**; (3) Maintaining a minimum of 1.8 metres of pedestrian movement space and (4) Using funds obtained through annual liquor licensing fees to address the impacts of alcohol use in the public realm and issues of public safety.

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- 12.5 Council endorsed the reallocation of **\$8.6k** from the Community Development Grants Program to the City Community Program Operating Budget to deliver the **Kaurna cultural walking tours for 2010-2011**.
  - 12.6 Council authorised the CEO and the Lord Mayor to sign a new **Home and Community Care (HACC) Service Agreement** enabling **\$20k funding** in support of eligible Council residents who require services.
  - 12.7 Council endorsed the draft project brief for preparation of a **Community Policy and Community Strategy**.
  - 12.8 Temporary licences were approved for events in Park Lands – **Stereosonic 2010** in **Bonython Park** on 4 December – **Summerdayze Adelaide 2011** in **Rymill/Rundle Parks** 1 January 2011 (this event was so noisy last year that complaints were received from many areas including the foothills suburbs!) – **Soundwave Festival** in **Bonython Park** on 5 March 2011 and **Future Music Festival** in **Rymill/Rundle Parks** on 14 March 2011
  - **Cr Clearihan** supported by **myself** expressed concern about excessive noise from these events last year and it was agreed to have **2 acoustic engineers** on hand at all times to better monitor sound levels at these events. *In my opinion these events in Rundle/Rymill Park coupled with the 6 week's of the Garden of Unearthly Delights is far too intensive use of these Parks which will again lead to dust-bowls and the need to completely again re-turf these areas at great expense, very little of which is recovered from the organisers. Roll on plans for Ellis Park.*
  - 12.10 Council received a report on **leases and licences** over Park Land areas and approved a process for the public availability of leases and licences that is consistent with the Strategic Plan, the legislative requirements of Council under the Local Government Act 1999 and the Freedom of Information Act 1991. **There are 9 leases**, the details of **which are not freely available** without recourse to the FOI process **and I consider that this is wrong**.
  - 12.13 Council received an update on recent activities of the **Capital City Committee** noting that the Committee is focusing on city leadership and the management of strategic issues. • Importantly the Premier has returned as Chair of the Committee. • The Capital City Committee recently made a decision to act as a high level Steering Group to oversee the development of the **Integrated Design Strategy**. • The Committee also continued to oversee activity associated with the **Green City Sector Agreement**, **City Safety** and the **Thebarton Urban Forest**. • The Lord Mayor, Cr Wong and I are Council's representatives on the Capital City Committee.
  - 12.14 Council adopted a revised **Flags and Banners Policy** and Operating Guidelines. (Attachments A and B)
  - 12.15 Council noted the positive results of the consultation associated with the '**Shared Use Zone**' proposal for **Coromandel Place, Chesser Street and French Street** and agreed to proceed with design of Stage 1 of the upgrade works, being the conversion to footpath of the north section of Chesser Street between Grenfell St and French St, and the 'Shared Use Zone' design of all stages. *Architect's impression Chesser/Grenfell Corner* ▶ 
  - 12.16 Council received an update on the feedback from the community consultation regarding the removal of the **separated bike lane on the northern side of Sturt St**. 79% of respondents were in favour of Council's proposed design and Council will now seek approval from the Dept for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) and **proceed to detailed design** for the removal of the separated bike lane, at an estimated cost of \$100k
- 13. Items for Council**
- 13.1 Council endorsed the **Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2010 /2011 Business Plan and Budget**.
  - 13.2 Council adopted the **Draft Community Land Management Plans (CLMPs)** for Council's property assets for **Non-Park Land Community Land** contained in Attachment A including changes to sec 4.1 of the Town Hall CLMP concerning the "**purpose for which the land is held**". 19 submissions were received in the consultation.
  - **13.3** Council consented to the retention and expansion, of the **Land Management Agreement for Transferable Floor Area** currently registered upon the CT for **26-30 Roper Street**, Adelaide over the adjoining land.
  - **13.5** Council nominated Cr Clearihan to be its representative at the October AGM of the Local Government Association and resolved to put my name forward for a 35 year Certificate of Service to Local Government.
  - 13.6 It was resolved to **decline an offer** to nominate a member to the board of the **Adelaide Horse Trials Inc**.
  - 13.7 The Report on **Capital Works 2009/2010 End of Year Performance** was received and noted. The total value of the 333 Capital Works projects was \$59.593m and included Hindmarsh Sq, North Tce and Frome Park.
  - 13.8 Council received and noted the **Preliminary Financial Performance** of the Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2010 and adopted the budget variations as the revised estimates for years ended **30 June '10 and '11**.
  - 13.9 Council noted the **2009-10 End of Year Performance against the Strategic Plan** priorities and the 2009-10 Annual Business Plan Report at Agenda Attachment A. • Growth in **student numbers** is on track to achieve 2012 targets. • **Residential and overnight populations** also grew during the year but slightly less than forecast. • The **key priorities** set by Council are progressing well with seven of the nine (78%) key measures on track and expected to be reached by 2012. • Of the 30 **Annual Objectives** set by Council, 23 (77%) have been completed, 6 (20%) were significantly progressed while 1 (3%) has been deferred by Council decision to 2011. • Of the 104 **Strategic Projects**, 88 (85%) have been completed, 14 (13%) significantly progressed. • Of the 180 actions of **General Operating Services**, 168 (93%) have been completed, 9 (5%) actions have been significantly progressed, 2 (1%) have been deferred by Council decision while 1(1%) did not commence.
  - 13.11 Council has agreed to offer a 21 year lease to **Prince Alfred College** for its boat shed **subject to public consultation**. Proposed rental will be \$3,800 pa with PAC responsible for all repairs and maintenance.
  - **At 10.35, on the motion of Cr Moran**, the meeting was adjourned until 31/8. **The remaining 11 items were listed as confidential**, covering • **N.A.Post Office** • various **contract matters** • **Harris Scarfe Redevelopment** item • **Central Market** leases • **Strategic Property-Gawler PI** • **Aquatic Centre Roof** contract and the **Non-tendered Purchases Report** and on that basis I have decided to distribute my Notes as at the adjournment.

#### **COUNCIL ALLOWANCES SET FOR NEXT TERM**

The **Local Government Remuneration Tribunal** has set annual allowances for Adelaide City Councillors at \$16,800 (up from \$14,900); \$25,200 for Deputy LM and \$117,600 for Lord Mayor. These new figures represent an increase of about 12.5% on allowances set some years ago!

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