



# NOTES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PLUMRIDGE'S DESK

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### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT – COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Just when you thought you had done with the democratic process Council elections are with us. It is hard to believe that 3 years have passed since I became one of the 9 new councillors elected in 2007. Nominations for Ward Councillors (3x2), Area Councillors (5) and Lord Mayor, close on 21 September.

**In spite of the belated cries of a “do-nothing” Council from Anne Moran and Richard Hayward and Francis Wong’s “embarrassment” at being one of the ‘failed’ team** (just what has Francis Wong actually contributed over the 3 years I ask myself)) **I am proud**

of this Council’s record under Lord Mayor Michael Harbison’s leadership. Perhaps we could have done more had we had the benefit of stronger, more positive and relevant contributions from Wong, Moran and Hayward.

**I HAVE NOMINATED FOR ONE OF THE AREA COUNCILLOR POSITIONS AND ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT**  
**Help with preparing material for delivery and/or actually delivering in your area would be most welcome.**



### SHAKING HANDS (Timely advice for election candidates!)

Geoffrey Beattie, Manchester University's Head of Psychological Sciences, came up with 12 key measures needed to convey trust and respect when shaking hands. They include vigour, eye contact and hand temperature. **“The human handshake is one of the most crucial elements of impression formation** and is used as a source of information for making a judgment about another person,” he said.

Beattie's steps to the perfect handshake, for both men and women, are: use the right hand; a complete grip and a firm squeeze (but not too strong); a cool and dry palm; approximately three shakes, with a medium level of vigour, held for no longer than two to three seconds. The handshake must also be executed with eye contact kept throughout and a good natural smile with an appropriate verbal statement, according to the scientist.

### AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP DAY

Australian Citizenship Day is celebrated each year on **17 September**. The special day was introduced in 2001 as an opportunity for people to take pride in our citizenship and reflect on the meaning of being Australian.

#### **Citizenship is the bond which unites us all in our culturally diverse nation.**

It symbolises our sense of belonging to the country where we have been born or have decided to make our home. “Australian Citizenship Day celebrations provide an occasion for all of us to be proud of being part of this great nation. The **Lord Mayor's Citizenship Ceremonies** in the historic Council Chamber are very special occasions, always heartfelt as we publically witness the affirmation of new Australians who choose Adelaide as their adoptive 'home'.



**The Lord Mayor, Mr Michael Harbison**, expects to confer Australian citizenship on about 40 new citizens on 2010 Australian Citizenship Day, 17th September; The majority of 'new citizens' will live in the City of Adelaide. Guest Speaker at the ceremony will be State Member the **Hon Grace Portolesi MP**, who is of Italian descent.

### CITYCHAT - A NEW WAY TO CONNECT WITH ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL

Adelaide City Council has become the only Australian capital city to offer a real-time web-based chat window to communicate directly with residents, businesses and visitors. **CityChat** works in a similar way to an instant messaging chat window, and offers a new and easy way to get in touch with **Adelaide City Council's Customer Service Centre**. Whether you need to find out how much it costs to hold an event in the Park Lands, what parking arrangements are in any part of the city, or even to find out more about voting in the coming local election, **CityChat** lets you type your question to a Customer Service representative who'll be ready to find the answer.



**CityChat** is accessed through the Council website, and in just a few clicks you can be directed to a friendly Customer Service Centre representative. The service is particularly useful for people who find communicating on the phone difficult, such as those with hearing difficulties, people who do not use English as their first language.

**CityChat is now operating during business hours between 8:30am and 5:30pm from Monday to Friday.**  
**To try out CityChat go to [www.adelaidecitycouncil.com](http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com) and click on the CityChat link on the home page.**

## PARK LANDS SIGNS OF RELIEF

- ▣ The Royal Show is over and so is the damage to the Park Lands for another year. This year rain thankfully closed down some parking areas but Park 22 was damaged and truck operators abused their privileges in Park 23 Those who care about the Parks wonder when the RAHS is going to face up to its responsibility to provide parking
- ▣ APLA recommended that Council enter into an Agreement with DENR to protect native vegetation in Vic Park.

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

### DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 6 September (next Meeting 20 September at 5.30)

#### 2. Non-Complying Applications

- (2.1) **23 Ada St** (DA/433/2010) It was agreed to **Proceed with Assessment** of proposals to make alterations and construct a 2nd level to the existing dwelling.

#### 3. Applications for consideration on Merit

- (3.1) Development Plan Consent **was granted** to an application to make alterations and additions to an existing building for a 6-storey residential flat building with ground floor retail tenancy at **288-290 Waymouth St** (DA/381/2010) ▶▶
- (3.2) Planning Consent **was refused** for temporary parking at **304-320 Morphett St**
- (3.3) Planning Consent **was granted** for alterations to the **Reid Building, Frome Rd** (DA/437/2010)
- (3.4) Planning Consent **was granted** to demolish existing rear structures and construct a 2-storey addition including garage, roof deck, pool and cellar at **50 McKinnon Parade N. Adelaide** (DA/98/2010)



#### 4. Schedule 10 Matters

- (4.1) The Panel resolved to advise the Development Assessment Commission (DAC) that it gives **conditional support** to proposals to construct buildings comprising additional parking, retail tenancies, a 16 level residential building and a 19 level office building with parking at **58-76 Franklin St and 16-40 Young St** (DA/322/2010) ▶▶
- (4.2) The Panel advised the DAC that it **supported** a proposal to construct a 2 storey extension to the **Convention Centre** for use as a Restaurant (DA/591/2010)



#### 5. Other Application

- (5.1)The Panel **did not support** ERD Court Proposals for development of **95-99 Gilles St** (DA/1051/2007)

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

- (5.1) The **Taylor/Cullity Landscape Master Plan** was tabled and will be considered at a subsequent meeting.
- (5.2) The Authority's **Annual Report 2009-2010** was approved for submission to the **Council and the Minister**.
- (5.3) The Authority recommends to Council that an area of **native vegetation in Victoria Park** which has been nominated for listing on the SA Heritage Register should be protected by a Management Agreement under Section 205 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*. This would protect the vegetation and enable the redevelopment of Victoria Park playing fields to proceed with certainty. The exact extent of the protected area is to be determined in consultation with all parties including **The Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association Inc.** (For more APLA Meeting details contact Community Member Gunta Groves at [ggroves@chariot.net.au](mailto:ggroves@chariot.net.au))

### CITY DESIGN AND CHARACTER COMMITTEE - Meeting held 7 Sept (next meeting WED 6 Oct at 5.30pm)

(Note: decisions made at these meetings are recommendations for final decision at Council Meeting on 30 August)

- ▣ (1.1) A **Workshop** was conducted to brief members on progress on the **Integrated Movement Strategy (IMS)** The next steps will be to ▪ Reconcile the feedback received particularly in relation to the issues of short versus long term off-street parking and consistency with the objectives of Council in the way in which it's expressed in the UPark Charter; and • review the responses to the consultant's recommendation in light of that feedback.
- ▣ (3.1) The committee considered the current status of the building being constructed by the **Adelaide City Women's Soccer Club** in Park 17 (off Hutt Road) which is far from satisfactory from both a design and a construction point of view. It was resolved that: (1) The matter be deferred to the September Council Meeting pending consideration of later advices and proposals from the **AWSC** and (2) Consideration of legal and other matters associated with the proposed course of action be further reported by Administration to Council ▶



### CITY GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – Meeting held 7 Sept (next meeting WED 6 October)

- ▣ (3.1) The Committee received a report on **Residential Growth and Population Changes**. The estimated residential population figure for the City at **30 June 2010 is 21,194**, with an estimated overnight population of 29,165. • Around **400 dwellings** were added to the residential stock of the City in the six months from December 2009 to June 2010. • More than **300 new hotel/motel rooms** became available in the six months to June 2010.
- ▣ (5) This item, which dealt with Expressions of Interest for the **Sturt St Living Project**, was held in **confidence**.

### CITY VIBRANCY COMMITTEE - Meeting held 14 September (next meeting Tuesday 12 October)

- ▣ (6) The Committee noted a Report on key activities undertaken in each relevant Program over the past month.

### CITY AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Meeting held 14 Sept (next mtg Tue. 12 October)

- ▣ (1.1 and 1.2) The meeting comprised **Workshops:-** 1) Seeking **Council's views** on how to effectively report on **Council Performance** across key program areas and 2) Tracking progress on the **Top Ten Strategic Projects**.

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