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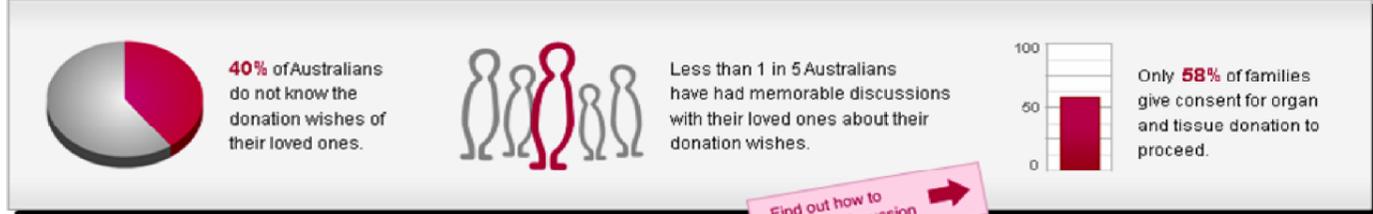
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DONATELIFE WEEK

The aim of DonateLife Week (February 20 – 27) is to raise awareness of the need for organ and tissue donation, to highlight the success of transplantation and encourage all Australians to discuss donation, and to know family members' donation wishes. South Australia has the highest level of donations in Australia at 20 donors per million of the population. Lord Mayor **Stephen Yarwood** spoke at the rose planting at the re-located Memorial Garden in Bonython Park/Tulya Wodli



PETS IN THE CITY

Once, the great Australian dream was owning your own home on a quarter-acre block, with a BBQ, a Hills Hoist and a Blue Heeler in the backyard. But these days, that quintessential Australian scene is changing. Australians are more frequently living in townhouses, apartments and units, often within big cities. They're increasingly likely to live in a strata development with a BBQ on the balcony and a communal laundry.

As Council promotes its plans to double the city's population in the next few years it is imperative that we make provision for people to properly exercise their pets - and where better than in the Park Lands and Squares which are one of the big attractions to people choosing to enjoy the benefits of city living? A recent consultation on what we want in our Parks placed a high priority on a fenced dog park with separate exercising areas for dogs of different sizes, good quality grass, shade and a place for owners to sit and 'compare notes'.

'Pets in the City' (PDF, 3.97 MB) has been prepared by the **Petcare Information and Advisory Service** (PIAS) to assist people residing in higher density living to enjoy the many benefits offered by pets. Pet ownership has always been part of the Australian way of life, something so normal we almost take it for granted. But things are changing, as we opt for more compact living, close to inner city attractions, we will need good places to suit the needs of our pampered pets.



Incidentally, one of the biggest problems in trying to house homeless people camping in the Park Lands in temporary shelters is that they are not allowed to take their most treasured possession – their pet dog – with them.

GREEN STAR RATINGS

The Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) and Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) have signed a memorandum of understanding which will see both organisations work together on the development and delivery of the **Green Star Communities rating tool**. Green Star - Communities will contain best practice criteria and benchmarks for sustainable communities and provide information on the assessment and certification process.

When a pilot tool has been developed it will be tested on eligible projects. Feedback will be used to refine the tool before it is released for government and industry use. Perhaps Adelaide may be one of the communities chosen to test the model.

Council has been encouraging commercial building owners to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings – both new ones and the upgrading of older ones – and now it is time to concentrate on making our whole community greener by setting standards for energy-efficient green star rating of our local communities.

THE FOOTPRINT OF A PAIR OF JEANS

Like *any* product, the creation of a piece of clothing requires inputs of natural resources, energy and human labour, and often creates unintentional by-products such as chemical pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. The production of an average pair of jeans will require over 6,000 L of water and over 37.7 kg of carbon dioxide emissions. It will generally involve the use of numerous chemical inputs in the form of pesticides, fertilisers, bleach, dyes and fabric finishers.

LATE NEWS - Cllrs Malani and Williamson have been appointed by the Government to the **SA Motor Sports Board**.

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

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 7 February

3. Applications for consideration on Merit

- ▣ 3.1 Dev¹ Plan Consent was **granted** to construct office and consulting room at **257 Melbourne St N.A.** (DA/683/2010)
- ▣ 3.2 Dev¹ Plan Consent was **granted** for a mixed use building including 12 apartments at **36-40 Gilbert St** (DA/645/2010)
- ▣ 3.3 Dev¹ Plan Consent was **refused** for change of use to student accommodation at **191-197 Wright St** (DA/358/2010)
- ▣ 3.4 Dev¹ Plan Consent was **granted** for change of use to licensed entertainment venue at **20 Gilbert Pl** (DA/771/2010)

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 21 February (next meeting Monday 7 March at 5.30pm)

2. Non-Complying Application

- ▣ 2.1 DP Consent was **granted** for change of use to consulting rooms at **194 Wright St**, subject to DAC concurrence.

3. Applications for consideration on Merit

- ▣ 3.1 DP Consent was **granted** to increase restaurant seating capacity from 58 to 79 at **143-147 Hutt St** (DA/938/2010)
- ▣ 3.2 Dev¹ Plan Consent was **granted** to build a detached dwelling, 2-storey at rear, at **30 Tomsey St** (DA/849/2010)
- ▣ 8.1 (**Confidential**) to consider an **ERD Court** Compromise Proposal re Level 1 **162-170 Pulteney St** (DA/481/2010)

ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY - Meeting held on 10 February

- ▣ The Authority had presentations on ▪ **South Park Lands Wetlands/Stormwater concepts** ▪ **Branding Proposals** which were adopted and adoption of the Draft **River Torrens Linear Park Management Plan** for consultation was recommended.

COUNCIL MEETING - Meeting held 22 February 2011 (Next Meeting 22 March – Committees 1 and 8 March at 5.30)

8. Motions on Notice were moved by **Cllr Moran** re possible purchase of the Semaphore **Antique Carousel** (lost) and **myself** seeking the waiving of Town Hall fees to support a concert by the **Amiens Brass band** on Anzac Day. (carried)

9. Motion without Notice moved by **Cllr Hender** for support for **Norwood Cycling Club** to stage an event in Whitmore Sq

10. Petitions A petition was received from **Central Market Traders** asking a review of the **Security Services contract**.

11. Items referred to Council by Committees

▣ **11.1 City Design and Character Committee** (Chair: Cllr Llewellyn-Smith)

- Council adopted recommendations for **Heritage Incentives Scheme** Round 2 payments of \$479k for over 60 properties
- Information on the **Strategic Infrastructure Plan** for SA and ▪ Information on the **30 Year Plan for Adelaide** and Strategic Directions ▪ (refer to attachments 1 to 4 of the Committee agenda for detailed supporting information)

▣ **11.2 City Development and Sustainability Committee** (Chair: Cllr Plumridge)

- Council adopted the report on the review of the **Student Growth Plan 2005-2010** and endorsed the approach and timeline for the submission of an **education action plan** as a key part of our **Economically Prosperous City** Strategy. The committee discussed the **Draft Central Market Charter** and the **Sturt Living Project** (covered by item 14.1 below)

▣ **11.3 Community Services, Events and Facilities Committee** (Chair: Cllr Clearihan)

- Council adopted Guiding Principles for a **Vision Statement** for our **Library Services** and agreed to develop a Business case for library services for 11/12 budget consideration including the proposal to develop one integrated library in the CBD. *Personally I become very concerned when Libraries are treated as a 'business unit' and when local libraries are threatened*
- Council agreed to develop a new **Community Engagement Framework** based on IAP 2 Principles.

- Council agreed to grant \$80k to assist **Meals on Wheels** to move from their Sturt St site to make way for new housing.

- I moved that detailed plans be prepared for the **Dog Park** part of the **NE Park Lands Recreation Hub** at a cost of \$25k

▣ **11.4 Corporate Planning, Governance and Finance Committee** (Chair: Cllr Hamilton)

- Council noted the Outcomes of the **Park Lands Buildings Audit** which showed a considerable backlog of maintenance work and a lack of uniform lease arrangements. ▪ Council adopted guidelines for the draft 2011-2012 **Business Plan** and **Budget**. ▪ It was also agreed that for Budget Purposes \$25m be allocated for **Victoria Square** over 11/12 and 12/13

- Council adopted recommendations for a **9 year lease** to the Government of a small area of Park Lands for the **new RAH**

12. Items for Council (Note: Some items have been omitted)

- Strategic Alignment – Outcome 2 – Unique Heritage, Park Lands and City Design

- (12.1) Council endorsed a submission to the Australian Government on its **“Our Cities”** discussion paper.
- (12.2) The Draft Management Plan for **River Torrens Linear Park** (East Section) was endorsed for public consultation.
- (12.3) Council endorsed Place Essence and Guiding Principles for further development of the **Rundle Mall Master Plan**.
- (12.4) Council supported transfer of land from the Wine Centre to Botanic Gdns for building the **First Creek Wetlands**.
- (12.5) The **Adelaide Aquatic Centre** roofing contract was extended to include Plant and Accommodation Upgrades.

- Strategic Alignment – Outcome 3 – Accessible and Connected City

- (12.6 to 12.8)) These items dealt with ▪ **Blackspot Funding Deed** for work at 2 sites in the City ▪ **Temporary parking restrictions** in Frome, Grenfell and Bent Streets for **Clipsal & the Hutt St Street Party** to be held on Saturday 19 March.

- Strategic Alignment – Outcome 4 – Culturally Vibrant City

- (12.9) Council agreed to extend the lease boundary for **Future Music Festival** on **14 March** to include NW Rymill Park. *One has to question the wisdom of extending an event which attracted so much criticism from far and wide last year.*

- (12.10) Council approved a new lease over the **SW Community Centre** in Sturt St building for a sum of \$19,800 p.a.

- Strategic Alignment – Outcome 5 – Economically Prosperous City

- (12.11) Council agreed to the Sealing of documents relating to the **Town Hall Café** and shops in the **Wyatt St Car Park**.

- Strategic Alignment – Outcome – Creating our Future

▪ (12.13) Council appointed **Cllr Williamson** to the Regimental Council of the **Royal South Australia Regiment**

- (12.14) Council noted progress against the **2010-11 Business Plan** and the **2008-12 Strategic Plan**. Of the Annual Objectives set by Council, 7% are complete, 915 are in progress and 2% are to commence later in the financial year. Council has delivered the Business Plan results for this second quarter with a **favourable variance** of \$2.7m to budget.

- (12.15) Council approved changes to the 2010/11 Operating Annual Budget, Strategic Projects Annual Budget, Capital Works Program and the Long term Financial Plan as part of its Third Statutory review of its financial position.

13 and 14. Confidential Items

- (Item 14.1) **Sturt Living Project** ▪ (Item 14.2) **North Adelaide Post Office** ▪ (Item 14.3) **Adelaide Oval Redevelopment** – the resolution on this item **will be released to the public at 2 pm on 23 February** after a press conference by the Lord Mayor

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