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## IS ADELAIDE AN AGE-FRIENDLY CITY?

On the occasion of the 1ST International Conference 'Building the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities', held in Dublin, in September 2011, a number of cities signed a **Declaration** recognising that:

- Ageing is a matter that affects all of us, at an individual level and also at the level of society. In a world in which **life expectancy is increasing** at the rate of over two years per decade, and the percentage of the population over 65 years is projected to double over the next forty years, the need to prepare for these changes is both urgent and timely.
- Making the world a better place to grow old in will require a major shift in the way old age and older people are conceptualised in order to focus on the opportunities as well as **the challenges of an ageing population**.
- Where we live, our physical, social and cultural environment, greatly impacts upon how we live. **The significance of 'place' in all our lives cannot be overestimated.** The built environment impacts on the quality of all of our lives and can make the difference between independence and dependence for all people, but especially for those growing older.
- Cities must equip themselves with the necessary means and resources and systems of resource distribution to promote equal opportunities and the well-being and participation of all citizens, including their older citizens. **By 2030, two-thirds of the world's population will be living in cities**
- An age-friendly city, in accordance with the framework developed by WHO, is one in which service providers, public officials, community leaders, faith leaders, business people and citizens recognise the **great diversity** among older persons
- Planning for environmentally, economically and socially sustainable communities is a **crucial concern for local government**, and such planning needs to take account of the ageing of populations and the role older people can play as a key resource, and meet the specific needs of older people outlined in this **Declaration**.



Thinker in Residence, **Dr Kalache** who is a world leading authority on ageing, during his Adelaide Residency, is examining how we should be devising and implementing policy around ageing issues according to the **four key pillars of** ■ **SECURITY** (dealing with the vulnerability), ■ **ACTIVITY** (participation), ■ **HEALTH**, and ■ **CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION**. This is providing opportunities to examine issues around ageing in a more holistic way, seeing the experience of ageing as more than just a health-related experience. In particular, this residency will assist in the implementation of new and existing initiatives as part of the **State Reform Agenda, Adding Life to Years**.



**Adelaide has not signed the Dublin Declaration but it has adopted a policy that reflects its unique role of as the Capital City Council and as the central focus for the cultural and community life of ageing South Australians.**

Adelaide City Council "seeks to embrace the diverse backgrounds of its people and to encourage active participation and engagement in all aspects of community life. The City aims to be a leader in the provision of adaptable housing with high standards of resource and environmental efficiency. It is an innovative, attractive and contemporary City which places a high priority on physical access, equity, diversity and safety and in which many older people choose to live, work, study and enjoy much of their leisure." **Older people are big contributors and a valuable part of our economy.** To read the policy go to: [http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/adccwr/publications/policies\\_strategies/older\\_persons\\_policy\\_action\\_plan.pdf](http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/adccwr/publications/policies_strategies/older_persons_policy_action_plan.pdf)

## WHAT IS A MEN'S SHED?

The modern Men's Shed is an updated version of the shed in the backyard that has long been a part of Australian culture. **Men's Sheds are springing up all around Australia.** If you looked inside one you might see a number of men restoring furniture, perhaps restoring bicycles for a local school, maybe making Mynah bird traps or fixing lawn mowers or making a kids cubby house for Camp Quality to raffle. You might also see a few young men working with the older men learning new skills and maybe also learning something about life from the men they work with. You will probably also see an area where men can learn to cook for themselves or they can learn how to contact their families by computer.

Because men don't make a fuss about their problems, these problems have consistently been either ignored or swept under the mat by both our health system and our modern society. It's time for a change and the Men's Shed movement is one of the most powerful tools we have in helping men to once again become valued and valuable members of our community. Last month, **Cllr Clearihan** called for a report on **Men's Sheds** so perhaps Adelaide may soon be joining the Movement.

It is a wise man who said that there is no greater **inequality** than the **equal treatment of unequals**. **Justice Felix Frankfurter**

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

#### DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 7 November

##### **2. Non-Complying Applications**

- 2.1 It was resolved **NOT TO PROCEED** with assessment of an open-lot car park at **97-99 Angas St** (DA/811/2011)

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

- 3.1 DPC was **granted** for removal of a significant tree (Black Locust) at **Mawson Building, Victoria Drive** (DA/480/2011)
- 3.2 DPC was **granted** for removal of 2 significant trees (Moreton Bay Fig & English Elm) in **Hurtle Square** (DA/547/2011)

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

- 4.1 The Panel **supported** with conditions an application for a 7 level, 49 apartment, building at **14-20 Surfle St** (DA/692/2011)
- 4.2 The Panel **supported** SAPOL road safety school and landscaping at **Bonython Park** (Police Barracks) (DA/735/2011)
- 4.3 The Panel gave qualified support to the redevelopment of the **Convention Centre on North Terrace** (DA/S49/3/2011) ►



#### DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 21 November (Next Meeting 5 Dec)

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

- 3.1 DPC was **granted** for removal of a significant tree (Liquidambar) at **92 Brougham Place N.A.** (DA/591/2011)
- 3.2 DPC was **refused** for a variation in floor area to a previous approval at **233-239 Stanley St N.A.** (DA/287/2008/C)
- 3.3 DPC was **granted** for alterations and extensions to the **Lion Hotel 161-175 Melbourne St N.A.** (DA/602/2011)

##### **4. Schedule 10 Matter**

- 4.1 The Panel **did not support** construction of a 22 level mixed use building at **Flinders/Pulteney St.** (DA/626/2011)  
*This building includes 4 levels of parking in the city core where there is already too much parking and growing congestion.*
- 8.1 & 2 were confidential dealing with ERD Court compromises for properties at N. Adelaide (LD/7/2011) & (DA/180/2011)

#### COUNCIL MEETING - Meeting held 22 November (Next Ordinary Meeting 20 Dec – Committees 6 & 13 Dec. at 5.30)

**Public Forum** was addressed by Brian Dolling on **Queens Head Hotel** and by Mandy Paul on **SA History Festival 2012**.

**Deputations** were received from Michael Kubler of **Occupy Adelaide** and Philip Kalogeras in support of **Occupy Adelaide**.

**Motions on Notice** - Cllr Abiad moved for Council Commitment of **\$30m** over 3 years to **Rundle Mall** and **myself** calling for a report on Works Packages at **Victoria Park** and funding required to complete the **community/landscaping** works.

**Motion w/o Notice** was moved by Cllr Henningsen calling for relocation of fruit trees from **Kingston Gdns** to **Walvo Yerta**.

**Items referred by Committees to Council (N.B. Not all items are reported)**

- **16 Recommendations of the City Design and Character Committee – 1 November** (Chair: Cllr Llewellyn-Smith)
  - 1. Council noted the update of **structure planning and development policy** work and proposed communications strategy.
  - 2. Council **refused** an application for closure of **Rosina St** for **Red Square New Years Eve Event** on safety grounds.
- **17. Recommendations of the City Development and Sustainability Committee – 1 November** (Chair: DLM David Plumridge)
  - 1. Council noted progress against the Residential Growth Plan 2004-2010 and endorsed the Brief for the development of a **Residential Growth Policy and Strategy** with emphasis on re-use of historic buildings and removing barriers to adaptation.
  - 3. Council received a report on the 2010/11 **Torrens Lake Bio Filtration Trial** and agreed to further trials in Oct/Dec 2011.
- **18. Recommendations of the Community Services, Events and Facilities Committee – 8 November** (Chair: Cllr Clearihan)
  - 1. Council made grants totaling **\$45,500** in Round 2 of the 2011- 2012 **Arts and Living Culture Grants Program**.
  - 2. Council agreed to provide financial support to the **Holden Street Theatre's Fringe Program** in the Town Hall in 2012.
  - 3. Council made grants totaling **\$73,000** in Round 2 of the 2011- 2012 **Recreation and Sports Grants Program**.
  - 4. It was agreed to upgrade courts in **Tuttanga (Park 17)** and to facilitate **wider community use** out if CBC licence times.
  - 5. Council made grants totaling **\$70,000** in Round 2 of the 2011- 2012 **Community Development Grants Program**.
  - 8. Council adopted strategies to **improve safety in N Adelaide incl.** lighting upgrades in Bagot, Kermode and Boulton Sts
  - 9. Cllr **Malani** moved a motion calling for a report on the establishment of a **'Little India'** Precinct in the city.
- **19. Recommendations of the Corporate Planning, Governance and Finance Committee – 8 November** (Chair: Cllr Moran)
  - 1. Council adopted the text for **Annual Report 2010-2011** subject to any minor alterations deemed necessary by the CEO
  - 3. Progress on **Capital Works Program** as at 30 Sept was noted. The total Works Budget is **\$104.578m – 301 projects**.
  - 4. Council agreed to Scope for Review of **Council's Financial Borrowings** as part of the Planning & Financial framework.
  - 6. Budget reconsiderations show Services **\$1.06m favourable & \$3.702m (22%)** of the Strategic Projects budget spent.
  - 7. Council is to produce a full-colour **Quarterly Newsletter**, initially to be distributed by mail as well as electronically.
  - 9 and 10. Motion moved by Cllr **Williamson** on Parking passed & by Cllr **Llewellyn-Smith** on Working Parties withdrawn.
- **20. Advice of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority** – held 10 November was received and noted by the Council.

##### **Items for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**

- 21. Council agreed to defer consideration of the **Deed of Agreement** with DTEI for **Traffic Management Services**.
  - 22. It was agreed to increase Council's sponsorship of **Tour Down Under** by **\$50k** for the expansion of the Village in 2012
  - 23. Cllrs **Clearihan and Malani** were appointed to the City of Adelaide 2012 **Helpmann Award** Selection Panel.
  - 24. I was unopposed in being reappointed **Deputy Lord Mayor** for 12 months from the period 6 December 2011.  
*I thank my fellow councillors for their support and I look forward to another busy year supporting the Lord Mayor and the City*
  - 25. Mr **Allen Bolaffi** was reappointed as an external member of the **Audit Committee & Presiding Member** to Nov 2013.
  - 26. Council noted the September 2011 **Business Plan and Budget Progress Report** (Refer Cée Agenda Attachment A)
  - 27. Council agreed to a contractor proposal to cap **Park 27 West of Morphett St Bridge** between the railway and the river with excavated material from the Oval project. The work to EPA standards, will **nullify the contamination** and create a **landscaped area** which can be used for Park Land purposes, including **occasional car parking**, at no cost to the Council.
  - 35.1 Council adopted **Draft Park lands Property Strategy** (schedules and Report kept confidential) for consultation.
- Confidential Items 33 to 38 covered** - (33) **Torrens Lake Amenity Flow Trial** - (34) Preliminary Report on **Library Business Case** - (35.2) **Le Cornu Report** - (36) **APLA Advice** on Property Strategy and (37) **UPark Weekend Rates** and Transactions. - (38) **Adelaide Oval Licence Areas and Related Matters**.

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