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## SHOULD ADELAIDE BECOME A SLOW CITY?

The Lord Mayor has been calling for Adelaide to slow-down by adopting lower speed limits in the CBD. By adopting 40 kph we could dramatically improve the quality of life in the city, fewer road accidents, safer conditions for cyclists and pedestrians and a generally more pleasant environment.

But why stop at just lowering speed limits? Almost every aspect of life would improve if we could just slow down and take the time to 'smell the roses'. Many other cities around the world have taken the plunge, what about Adelaide?

**Fired by the success and support for Slow Food the Italians set about initiating the Slow Cities movement. Slow cities are characterised by a way of life that supports people who choose to live slow. Traditions and traditional ways of doing things are valued. These cities stand up against the fast-lane, homogenised world so often seen in other cities throughout the world. Slow cities have less traffic, less noise, fewer crowds.**

Slow City rules say that no town or city with more than 50,000 residents may apply to be called a Slow City. The Slow City manifesto contains 55 pledges or criteria, grouped into six categories upon which cities are assessed; ■ environmental policy, ■ infrastructure, ■ quality of urban fabric, ■ encouragement of local produce and products, ■ hospitality and community and ■ Slow City awareness. To qualify to be called a Slow City and to use the **snail logo**, a city must be vetted and regularly checked by inspectors to make sure it is living up to the Slow City standard of conduct.



"There are a number of examples in Adelaide that indicate an openness for the idea of slowness. The number of farmers markets have increased dramatically and the options to buy organic food are increasing and there is an enthusiasm for home-grown produce. Urban design has become more concerned about **placemaking and human interactions**.

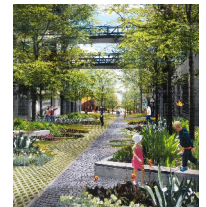
Green building designs, sustainable urban development, growth management, and other measures to contribute to a greener environment are becoming more commonplace. Local entrepreneurship has become a key driver of urban economies and adds diversity to our Main Streets" *Extract from Planetizen at <http://www.planetizen.com/node/21630>*

**I can just imagine the outcry if Adelaide were to be the first Australian City to join the world Slow Cities Movement!**

## THE POWER OF 10

The Power of 10 is a concept the organisation "**Projects for Public Spaces**" uses to highlight principles of the **Placemaking Process**. The basic idea is that it's not enough to have just **one** great place in a neighborhood—you need a number of them to create a truly lively neighborhood. And it's not enough to have only one top-notch neighborhood - you need to provide people all over town, close to home chances to take pleasure in public life.

**Any Great Place itself needs to offer at least 10 things to do or 10 reasons to be there.** These could include a place to sit, playgrounds to enjoy, art to touch, music to hear, food to eat, history to experience, and people to meet. Ideally, some of these activities are unique to that spot and are interesting enough to keep people coming back. Local people who use the space most regularly are the best source of ideas for what uses will work best.



**How many quality places are located in the City and how are they joined up? What are your 10 Places in the City?**

Council is working hard to introduce the **Power of 10** into its city activation projects. High on our list are Rundle Mall, Rundle St, Hindley St, Victoria Square, The University Campuses, The Laneways, Adelaide Oval, Riverbank, the Park Lands including the Squares, North Terrace and so the list goes on.....Answering these questions can help residents, businesses and stakeholders determine where we need to focus our energies. *For details go to: <http://www.pps.org/the-power-of-10>*

**HOLIDAY BREAK** - I will be taking a break from my Notes over Christmas/New Year. The next Edition will be early in February. I am Acting Lord Mayor over the Christmas/New Year period, while Stephen and his family have a well-deserved holiday, and I am looking forward to a break at the end of January. I wish all my readers a Happy, Holy and safe Christmas.

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

**DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 5 December**

**3. Applications for consideration on Merit**

- 3.1 DPC was **granted** for a variation to roof form of a previous approval at **125 Strangways Tce N.A.** (DA/542/2007/B)
- 3.2 DPC was **granted** for 4-level, 6 apartment building with ground floor car parking at **20 Norman Street** (DA/675/2011)
- 3.3 DPC was **granted** for variations to internal & external alterations to dwelling at **81 Jeffcott St N.A.** (DA/841/2010/A)
- 3.4 DPC was **granted** for replacement of motel with 10, 2-storey dwellings at **45-50 Barton Tce N.A.** (DA/437/2011)
- 3.5 DPC was **granted** to demolish exg structures and build 10 dwellings over 5-levels at **22 Moger Lane** (DA/742/2011)
- 3.6 DPC was **granted** for variations to approval to convert offices to hotel (**CML Building**) **King Wm St** (DA/461/2007/B)

**5. Other Applications**

- 5.1 The Panel **supported** an ERD Court compromise proposal for 2-storey dwelling at **198 Archer St N.A.** (DA/613/2011)

**DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 19 December (Next Meeting 23 January at 5.30pm)**

**2. Non-Complying Applications**

- 2.1 It was agreed to **proceed with assessment** for alts and adds to Surgery Areas at **Calvary Hospital** (DA/254/2011)
- 2.2 DPC was **granted** for 3 storey dwellg, subject to DAC Concurrence, at **Lot 11 125 McKinnon Pde N.A** (DA/254/2010)

**3. Applications for consideration on Merit**

- 3.1 DPC was **granted** for rear addition and use as function room at **Queens Head Hotel, Kermode St N.A.** (DA/425/2011)
- 3.2 DPC was **granted** to build roof garden and change use from apartment to gallery at **98-100 Halifax St** (DA/780/2011)
- 3.3 DPC was **granted** to relocate 4 a/c units and add 4 more at roof level at **51-59 Russell Street** (DA/621/2011)
- 3.4 DPC was **granted** for construction of roof-top deck with the pizza restaurant at **170 Hutt Street** (DA/738/2011)
- 3.7 DPC was **granted** for variation to previous approval of office building at **11-19 Millers Court** (DA/538/2007A)
- 3.9 DPC was **granted** for conversion of common room to 8 bedrms for **Aquinas College, Palmer PI N.A.** (DA/912/2011)
- 3.10 DPC was **refused** for use of vacant building as car park for 24 months at **103-105 Angas St.** (DA/812/2011)
- 3.11 DPC was **refused** to vary condition re use of speakers in the beer garden at **Caledonian Hotel N.A.** (DA/854/2011)
- 3.12 DPC was **refused** to demolish exg structures and build 10 dwellings over 5-levels at **22 Moger Lane** (DA/437/2011)

**4. Schedule 10 Matter**

- 4.1 The Panel **did not support** construction of a 17-level mixed use building at **152-160 Grote Street** (DA/467/2011)

**5. Other Applications**

- 5.1 The Panel **supported** an ERD Court compromise proposal for alterations to **27 Tynte Street N.A.** (DA/467/2011)
- 5.2 The Panel **did not support** ERD Ct proposal for car parking ancillary to church at **101-103 Halifax St** (DA/316/2011)

**COUNCIL MEETING – Chaired by A/Lord Mayor - 20 Dec (Next Meeting 31 Jan – All Committees 24 Jan. at 5.30)**

**A/Lord Mayor's** report presented the **Draft Riverbank Master Plan** and Council resolved its 'in principle' response.

**7. Petition** containing 108 signatures objecting to D/A for **Queens Head Hotel** was received and the objection therein noted.

**Questions on Notice 10.** Cllr Hamilton re significant tree removal at **Adelaide Oval** and **11** re Location of **Survey Marker**.

**Motions w/o Notice** by ▪ Cllr Abiad re increased funding for Chinese New Year ▪ Cllr Wilkinson re restoration of verandahs in Hutt Street and ▪ Cllr Henningsen re provision of safe access across Victoria Park during Clipsal bump-in.

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

- **15 Recommendations of the City Design and Character Committee – 6 December** (Chair: Cllr Llewellyn-Smith)
  - 2. Council endorsed the proposed CLMP Framework and the **Kurrangga (Park 20)** plan for consultation and feedback.
  - 3. Council noted that Administration is exploring ways to encourage upgrades of public spaces around major developments.
  - 4. Heritage Grants were approved for **Greenways Apartments** (\$33.5k) and the **S. Dome of Adelaide Arcade** (\$62.5k)
  - 6. Council endorsed a **Park Lands funding model** for recurrent (moving towards 50% ACC) and enhancement funding.
  - 8. Council endorsed the intended scope of a confidential response to State Government **Housing Strategy** Green Paper.
  - 9. Council endorsed the **Francis St** Concept Plan to be developed as a joint project with the Pacific Group (Rundle Place).
  - 10. It was agreed to 5-yr lease, subject to consultation, of land near the Old Gaol for 130 RAH worker car parks for \$292.5k.
  - 11. Alterations to **Connector Bus Route** were adopted to improve timekeeping, and to start as soon as possible in 2012.
- **16 Recommendations of the City Development and Sustainability Committee – 6 December** (Chair: DLM David Plumridge)
  - 3. Outcomes of the **Precinct Group Support Program Review** workshop will be reported to the committee in Jan 2012
  - 4. Council will refer **Bike Lane green markings** to the Senior Officers' Group of the **CCC** for review of rules and funding.
  - 5. Administration will prepare a report on how Council might be involved with the **222 Morphett St Sustainability Centre**.
  - 6. Council will consider the adoption of greater **widths for bicycle lanes** (1.7m preferred and 1.0m minimum widths)
- **17. Recommendations of the Community Services, Events and Facilities Committee – 13 December** (Chair: Cllr Clearihan)
  - 2. Council endorsed a new **Fee Schedule** for long-term public exclusion of Park Lands for State Government projects.
  - 3. Council endorsed for consultation **By-Law 10 – Smoking Control**, which, when enacted will give us a **Smoke-Free Mall**
  - 4. It was agreed to provide funding of \$5k for the **World Croquet Tournament** to be held at the Hutt Road Croquet Club.
- **18. Recommendations of the Corporate Planning, Governance and Finance Committee – 13 December** (Chair: Cllr Moran)
  - 3. Council resolved to commence proceedings for the closure and transfer portion of the Public Road off **Symonds Place**.
  - 6. Council endorsed a research paper as the basis to inform development of **Council's international partnership strategy**.
  - 8. Council adopted a **project brief** for developing a **new visual identity** for the City, noting its role and traditional symbols.
  - 9. Council approved in principle adoption of the **Central Market financial analysis** and will receive a full report in January.
  - 10. Fees for independent **Audit Committee** members were increased by \$100 per sitting & extra fees for attending Council.
  - 11. Council called for a Report on current design standards used in the public realm and how they might be used in the Mall.

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

- 20. Council supports the re-nomination of Ms Marsland (D/Chair) & Ms Chapman to the **Adelaide Park Lands Authority**.
- 21. Council approved upgrade of the **Rundle St north footpath**, Option 2C with Frome St to East Tce to start in April 2012
- 22. Work is to begin now on detailed designs of the **Mall Masterplan** with priority work to start ASAP in fin. year 2012/13.
- 24. **Events in Park Lands** approved were ▪ **Test Match**, Cresswell Gdns, 24-28 Jan ▪ **Shimmering West** in Light Square 24 February to 18 March and ▪ **Garden of Unearthly Delights** in Rundle Park /Kadlitpinna, 16 February to 18 March.
- Confidential Items** 29 to 31 covered ▪ (29) **Balfours Update** ▪ (30.1) **Adelaide Oval** Future Program of Work ▪ (30.2) **Rundle Mall Kiosks** ▪ (31) **Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel Update**.

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