



# NOTES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PLUMRIDGE'S DESK

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## BACK TO WORK WITH A VENGEANCE

Most Councils have a short break from their meeting schedules over Christmas and the New Year and Adelaide is no exception. Many Councillors took the chance to have a holiday but now we are all back on deck and working hard! On a personal note, after being the Acting Lord Mayor for some 5 weeks, I needed a break and my wife and I enjoyed a holiday in Victoria and the South-East, although it is hard to escape the relentless call of the I-Phone and the email!



The month of February has seen not only the usual round of Committee and Council meetings but in addition a series of Workshops which are helping us to determine our position on a new Structure Plan, our Development Plan Review, (see below) our Strategic Plan for 2012-2016 as well as our Business Plan and Budget for 2012-2013.

## HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

Sometimes the jargon becomes confusing, especially in the planning and development area, so let me try to explain my understanding of what the major documents are that Council has to come to grips with?

- **The State Strategic Plan** – This sets the general direction of the State, with **100 targets** to be achieved.
- **The 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide** This Plan was launched on 17 February 2010. The Plan is a long-term vision for the future of the greater city. It brings together all the elements that need to be planned so that Greater Adelaide continues to be one of the best places to live in the world. (*Quote from SAG media release*)
- Adelaide City Council **Strategic Plan 2012-2016** is the equivalent of the State Plan and its targets are required to be consistent with the State's plans whilst setting the goals and aspirations for the future of the city. We are consulting widely under the banner of **PICTURE ADELAIDE** and **ONE CITY, MANY FUTURES**. For further details and a chance to have your say go to <http://yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com/pictureadelaide>. The outcome of all this work and community feedback will be released for final comment later in the year.
- Adelaide City Council **Structure Plan**. This is in effect a strategic level development plan, prepared by the State Government and the City Council working jointly together and is an outcome of the Integrated Design Commission and its **5000+** program. It will consist of a broad framework of policies looking ahead to the period covered by the 30 Year Plan and will have regard to plans of the **Rim Councils** which adjoin the city.
- **The Adelaide (City) Development Plan (2006)** is the current plan which guides all development in the city. It will have to be amended to give effect to the outcomes of the strategic and structure planning work now being done. Whilst this 'work in progress' is confidential, it is reasonable to assume that it will deal with the height and density of city development and the shape and form of the city we need to reach the targets for city growth, whilst ensuring high quality public places and the preservation of the essential city character.

## CITY IN LOCK DOWN

As I write these Notes the city is in lock-down for the "Race that \*\*cks" while the East End and many other parts of the city are savouring the delights of the Fringe and the Festival of Arts. Numbers quoted in the Advertiser tell us that in 2011 Clipsal attracted an average 67,700 fans daily compared to nearly 100,000 daily for Tour Down Under. It is true that TDU is a free event but then we never know how many Clipsal fans actually pay with their own cash to be there!

Claims are made – but never officially audited – that Clipsal generates millions of dollars (\$60m in 2011) for the State's economy but at what cost to the State and to the long-suffering community? By comparison, TDU puts a very light footprint on the community compared to the major and prolonged adverse impacts that come with Clipsal.

**Putting to one side the controversial messages that car racing sends about fast driving of street cars, the promotion of alcohol and the abhorrent response to the challenges of Peak Oil and reducing CO2 emissions, detractors of Clipsal accept that the race has public appeal and does bring a boost to the State economy.**

However, the event would be more widely welcomed by the community if • the set up and pull down times could be substantially reduced (and this is not a justification for a permanent building because the total build involves many ancillary buildings on and off the Park), • road closures could be restricted to just 24 hours before and after the actual race days and • Victoria Park could be treated with the respect that a major public Heritage-listed park deserves.

## DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 6 February 2012

### 2. Non-Complying Applications

■ 2.1 It was agreed to **not proceed** with assessment of proposals to demolish an existing local heritage dwelling and construct a 2 storey dwelling at **27 Vincent Place** (DA/939/2011)

■ 2.2 DPC was **granted**-subject to DAC concurrence-for alts and a change of use at **41-47 Gilles St** (DA/743/2011)

### 3. Applications for consideration on Merit

■ 3.1 DPC was **refused** to demolish a bldg and use the land for open-lot car park at **19 Elizabeth St** (DA/759/2011)

■ 3.2 DPC was **refused** to construct an 8 level apartment building at **377-379 King William St** (DA/687/2011)

## DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 20 February (Next Meeting 5 March at 5.30pm)

### 2. Non-Complying Applications

■ 2.1 It was agreed to **proceed with assessment** for a 3 storey MU bldg at **149-151 Melbourne St NA** (DA/83/2012)

■ 2.2 DPC was **refused** for use of a marquee for a commercial social function at **93-100 East Tce** (DA/15/2012)

■ 2.3 DPC was **refused** for use of a marquee for a commercial social function at **93-100 East Tce** (DA/23/2012)

### 3. Applications for consideration on Merit

■ 3.1 DPC was **refused** for the removal of a significant tree (Willow Myrtle) at **165-179 Archer St NA** (DA/649/2011)

### 4. Schedule 10 Matter

■ 4.1 The Panel provided comments on **Variation** to proposals to add 4 flrs to hotel at **62-68 Currie St** (DA/703/2010)

*It is interesting to note that this building will now be over 100 m high in a zone where the Allowable Height is 53 metres*

### 5. Other Applications

■ 5.1 The Panel **supported** an ERD Court compromise for a 6 level building on land at **8-10 Union St** (DA/773/2010)

■ 8.1 This matter was considered in confidence – Development at **10 Corryton St** (DA/612/2011)

## COUNCIL MEETING – 28 February 2012 (Next Ordinary Meeting 27 March 2012 at 5.30pm)

**5. and 6. Reports** were received from the **Lord Mayor** and members of Council

**7. Petition** of 52 signatures objecting to removal of a **Rose Garden** adjacent to **Gray Court** was received and noted.

**8. Public Forum** – was addressed by Annemarie Kohn on the **Carclew Youth Arts Strategic Partnership**.

**10. Motion on Notice** Cllr Hamilton re Regulated Trees Devt Plan Amend seeking special provisions for the City.

**14. Motions w/o Notice** were moved by **myself on Shop Trading Hours**, **Cllr Llewellyn-Smith** on support for a Scholarship to commemorate **Kevin Taylor** and **Cllr Malani** calling for a report on forming an **Adelaide Committee**.

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

■ **15 Recommendations of the City Design and Character Committee** – 7 February (Chair: Cllr Llewellyn-Smith)

-1. **Heritage Grants** (HIS) were approved for **Queltaller House, Gilbert Place** (\$46k) (*refer also item 19 below*)

-2. Council endorsed the finalized **River Torrens Linear Park Management Plan** (Eastern Section)

-3. Council noted progress on the **City of Adelaide Strategic Plan** which is due to go on public display in April.

-4. Council provided feedback on a **Liberal Party** discussion paper entitled “Developing a Better South Australia”.

-5. A Prelim Master Plan for development of Park Lands adjacent to **Bowden Village** was given conditional support.

-6. Council agreed to enter into a Deed of Agreement with DPTI for the provision of **Traffic Management Services**.

-7. Council rec'd a report on Netball carparking in Wikaparndo Wirra and agreed to a 12 months interim arrangement.

■ **16. Recommendations of the Community Services, Events and Facilities Committee** – 7 Feb (Chair: Cllr Clearihan)

-1. It was agreed to loan 4 items of the **Civic Collection** to the Art Gallery as part of an exhibition of 19thc silverware.

-2. Council agreed to provide **\$15k sponsorship** funding History SA for the **2012 Open House Adelaide** event.

-3. Council will commit a further \$150k for selected **Splash Adelaide** projects to continue until the end of December.

This will include an extended trial of food vendors, EOI for a Parklet Program and work in Hindley St with Uni SA.

■ **17. Recommendations of the Corporate Planning, Governance & Finance Committee** – 14 February (Ch. Cllr Moran)

-2. Council authorised the CEO to seek EOI's from prospective lessees for use of the **N. Adelaide Railway Station**.

-3. Priorities and parameters for the preparation of the **2012-2013 Business Plan and Budget** were adopted.

-4. Council adopted various alterations and adjustments to the **2011-2012 Budget** as part of the December Review.

-5. Council resolved to advise **Minister Conlon** that it supports the issuing of a sub-licence for **Oval Licensed Area**.

-6. The revised **CLMP for Tarndanya Womma** (Park 26 Adelaide Oval precinct) was referred back to the Committee.

-7. Council endorsed a revised Committee Meeting structure and schedule of meetings which will operate from 1 July.

-8. Council agreed to a request from Min. Conlon to remove 1 **Moreton Bay Fig** at the Oval. (2 others will be spared)

-9. On an initiative of **Cllr Clearihan**, Council agreed to support **Education Adelaide** in setting up a **Student Accommodation Working Party** to address existing and emerging issues in the provision of housing for students.

-10. Council will request the **SMA** to arrange for the **Adelaide Oval** to be open to the public when not in sporting use.

■ **18. Advice of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority (APLA)**

The advice of the Authority in relation to \* **CLMP 26** \* **Oval Sub-Licence** \* **Bowden Village Master Plan** and **North Adelaide Railway Station** have all been incorporated in the various reports to the relevant committees.

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

■ 19. Council approved a special **HIS grant allocation** of \$86k (+\$11750 for fees) for extra work at **Lincoln College**.

■ 20. An Event in Park Lands approved was **Circus Royale** at **Bonython Park/Tulya Wodli** from 1 April to 30 April.

■ 21. Council congratulated the staff on the December Business Plan Progress report. Of the 48 Annual Objectives set, 3 (6%) have been completed, 44 (92%) are being progressed and 1 (2%) is to commence later in the year.

■ 22. **Cllr Moran** has resigned and been replaced by **Cllr Williamson** on the **Adelaide H.S Governing Council**.

■ 23. Council has put forward **Cllr Anne Moran** to the LGA for nomination to the **Dog and Cat Management Board**.

**Confidential Items** were (30) **Adelaide Connector Review (tenders)** (31.1) **Adelaide Bowling Club-Capital Works** (31.2) **Adelaide Uni-Park Lands Lease** (32) **APLA Advice (Park Lands Lease and Oval Landscape)** (33)

**Appointment of Internal Auditors** (34) **Structure Planning** and (35) **Oval Licence Area Landscape Design**

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