



# NOTES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PLUMRIDGE'S DESK

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## A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Working with Cllr Llewellyn-Smith and Cllr Hamilton and with the assistance of the CEO, I have been able to get Council to agree to change the names of Council's four Core Committees. This may not seem like such a big deal but I have been concerned that our committee names should show what each is actually responsible for. In the 'old' days Councils had Works Committees, Planning Committees and Finance Committees – very simple, very clear and firmly focused.

Similarly, Managers' titles will align with Committees and clearly identify their primary areas of expertise and responsibility. Committee Terms of Reference will also align with Council's Strategic Outcomes.

Each Manager will be responsible for the operations of one of the Core Committees. This will not detract from their overall responsibilities as managers and their roles as part of an overall corporate management team under the direction of the CEO. The new committees and their Chairs and Deputies are set out below.



Core Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair
City Planning & Development Committee	Cllr M Llewellyn-Smith	Cllr N Malani
City Culture & Community Services Committee	Cllr S Clearihan	Cllr M Hender
City Infrastructure & Public Works Committee	Cllr D Plumridge AM	Cllr H Abiad
Finance & Corporate Governance Committee	Cllr A Moran	Cllr M Henningsen

Also from 1 July, Council will be operating on a new meeting Schedule which will result in a faster and more efficient decision-making process (we hope!). All meetings are open to the Public (except for items that need to be *in camera*)

- First Tuesday – Core Committees 1 (City Planning & Dev) at 5.30 and 2 (City Culture & Community Services) at 6.00
- Second Tuesday – Council Meeting (minor) at 5.30 preceded by CEO Briefings/Workshops if required.
- Third Tuesday – Core Committee 3 (City Infrastructure & Public Works) at 5.30 and 4 (Finance & Corp Gov) at 6.00
- Fourth Tuesday – Full Council Meeting at 5.30 preceded by CEO Briefings/Workshops as required.

## COUNCIL SETS THE PACE IN CITY PARKING

Contrary to what we continually read in the press and hear on talk-back radio, Adelaide is blest with more off-street parking spaces and more competitive parking fees than any other capital city in Australia. This is made possible by Council's own parking services offered through UPark ...and now Council has decided to offer an even better deal to casual parkers!

**As from 1 July, at our Rundle St, Gawler Place and Wyatt St UParks, the first 3 hours on any day of the week will cost a flat rate of \$6 which is equivalent to a low, low \$2 per hour. Priority places in these car parks is to be given to people who come into the city to shop, do business and enjoy all the benefits which the city has to offer. With three hours for just \$6 there will be ample time to shop, have a coffee, check out the museum or just linger longer!**

This move ticks all the right boxes for me. Council's primary role should always be to provide easy, low-cost parking for casual parkers rather than cheap all-day parking for commuters who should be using public transport as much as possible.

## TOTAL EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY WOULD FILL 2951 PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUSES

The total number of people employed in the City in 2011 was 118,200, roughly the same number as in 2008 which was 118,490. 21% were employed in Public Administration and Safety, 14% in Health Care and Social Assistance, 9% in Accommodation and Food Service, 6.2% in Retail and just 1.4% in Mining.

**Also of interest is the fact that in 2011 there were 6700 volunteers working in the city mainly in hospitals, community welfare and religious organisations - and at the Adelaide Zoo!**

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(Adelaide City Census of Land Use and Employment 2011) (Adelaide City Census of Land Use and Employment 2011)

Link to Report <http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/assets/acc/Council/research/docs/Land-Use-and-Employment-Summary-Report-2011.pdf>

## ADELAIDE: CITY OF LIGHTS

The Property Council's Vision for Adelaide is a grand exercise in 'catch-up' as far as many of its recommendations go and of course it repeats its vacuous call for the **abolition of local government in the city** – a move aimed at robbing the ratepayers of the city - who pay \$80m a year in rates alone - of their democratic right to elect their civic leaders.

**Those ratepayers/electors are not only the residents: every city business owner & tenant has the right to vote.**

Why does the Property Council, a publically unaccountable body, continually undermine Council? What is its purpose? The Council is strong and united and in a productive partnership with the State Government and its many stakeholders. We are working with the State on Adelaide Oval, Riverbank, a new City Plan and heritage protection. We are delivering on major capital works such as Rundle Mall, Rundle St and improved public realm as well as creating a more active city.

### DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 7 May

#### 3. Applications for consideration on Merit

- 3.1 DPC was **refused** for construction of an aviary for 30 birds (macaws) at **30 Melbourne St, N.A.** (F/DA/033/2012,TP)

#### 4. Schedule 10 Matter (Panel advice to Development Assessment Commission)

- 4.1 The Panel considered proposals for development of **St Marks College, Kermode St N.A.** and resolved to express some concerns to the DAC and to request the Commission to seek more detailed design drawings (F/DA/935/2011,HD)

### DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 21 May (next meeting 4 June (tentative))

#### 3. Applications for consideration on Merit

- 3.1 DPC was **varied** to approve heat pump to pool subject to sound attenuation at **83 Childers St NA** (DA/846/2009)
- 3.2 DPC was **granted** for the removal of a regulated tree (sugar gum) at **12 Marian St, N.A.** (DA/140/2012)
- 3.3 DPC was **refused** for uniform licensing and extended hours to the **Seven Stars Hotel, Angas St** (DA/879/2011)
- 3.4 DPC was **refused** to demolish existing and build a 2-level commercial buildg at **15-17 Rundle Mall**. (DA/795/2011)
- 3.5 DPC was **granted** for additions and alterations to existing dwelling at **101 East Tce** (DA/94/2012)
- 3.6 DPC was **granted** to refurbish façade and add 2 levels to car park at **118-120 Franklin St** (DA/125/2012)
- 3.7 Application for removal of significant tree (cottonwood poplar) at **81 Palmer Place, N.A.** (DA/147/2012) **was deferred.**

#### 4. Schedule 10 Matters (Panel advice to Development Assessment Commission)

- 4.1 DAP gave advice to DAC re alts to exg building and building 15-level offices at **Gawler Chambers** (DA/117/2011 )

### ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY - Meeting held on 10 May (next meeting 7 June at 5.00 pm)

The outcomes of this meeting are recorded at **item 22** in the report of the Council Meeting below.

### COUNCIL MEETING - Meeting held 22 May (Next Ordinary Meeting 26 June –Committees 5 & 12 June at 5.30)

**Public Forum** David Sefton 2013 Artistic Director of the **Adelaide Festival** spoke about the 2013 Festival programme.

**Question on Notice** was asked by **Cllr Moran** re City of Adelaide Resident Cards and Welcome Packs to new residents.

**Motions on Notice** were moved by **me** on Smoke-Free Events, **Cllr Abiad** on Changes to Short Term U-Park Fee Structure (in Gawler, Rundle & Wyatt car parks) and **Cllr Henningsen** on Banning of Smoking in Outdoor Dining Places.

**Question w/o Notice** **Cllr Hamilton** asked the CEO to allow use of functional titles to be applied to the General Managers.

**Motion without Notice** **Cllr Moran** moved for staff to further report on use of Loyalty Cards and Resident Welcome Packs.

#### Items referred by Committees to Council (NB Not all items are reported)

- **17 Recommendations of the City Design and Character Committee – 1 May** (Chair: Cllr Llewellyn-Smith)
  - 1. Council endorsed a **RAAF memorial** to be built at **Torrens Parade Ground** commemorating lives lost in WW2.
  - 3. Council agreed to establish a **Public Realm Incentive Scheme** to co-fund public realm enhancement works. Provisional allocations of \$750k have been made from the 2012/13 and 2013/14 budgets to fund the scheme.
- **18. Recommendations of the City Development and Sustainability Committee – 1 May** (Chair: DLM Plumridge)
  - 1. Council noted progress on **Climate Change Action Initiatives** including installation of 405 LED street lights.
  - 2. Council noted initiatives being taken and planned, to promote greater food security through more local production.
  - 3. Advice was received regarding the feasibility of adopting **Environmental Upgrade Finance Schemes** for buildings.
- **19. Recommendations of the Community Services, Events and Facilities Committee – 12 July** (Chair: Cllr Clearihan)
  - 1 Use of Tambawodli (Pk 24) for **Cirque du Soleil** from 28/10 to 1/2/2013 was deferred for consideration in confidence.
  - 2 The documentation of **detailed designs** for development of Tambawodli (Park 24) as an **event space** was approved.
- **20. Recommendations of the Corporate Planning, Governance and Finance Committee – 12 July** (Chair: Cllr Moran)
  - 1.Council endorsed the submission to the Productivity Council on its draft **“The Role of Local Government as Regulator”**
  - 3.Council endorsed the draft new CLMP for the **North Adelaide Post Office** complex for public consultation (item 11)
  - 4.Various changes to the **2011-12 Business Plan and Budget** were adopted at the end of the March quarter review.
  - 5.Names were adopted for **new bridges** in Bonython Park, gifted by ElectraNet (**Karntu Waadlakatha/Lightning Bridge**) and the recently built, award-winning bridge behind the Zoo (**Kaikawirra Waadlakatha/Sir Douglas Nicholls Bridge**)
  - 6.Council approved a revised consultation timetable for consideration of **Separate Rate Levies** in East End and West End.
  - 8.Council endorsed the Stormwater Management Plan & amended strategy for Brownhill **Keswick Creek Catchment**.
  - 11.Council endorsed a response to the LGA Discussion Paper on **Improving Governance in SA Local Government**.
  - 13.The Administration was asked to prepare a further report on options for future use of the **Lounders Boathouse** site.
  - 14.Council noted a request to use **Oval Licensed areas** for building workers cars and is seeking further advice from DPTI.
- **21 Audit Committee** Advice re **End of Year Reporting Process** and Timetable for 2011-2012 was adopted by Council.
- **22. Adelaide Park Lands Authority – 10 May** (Chair: The Lord Mayor)
  - APLA advice was adopted in Item 20.5 and other advice was in confidence and considered at Items 20.13 and 20.14

#### Items for Council

- 23. Council noted the Government's process for design of the **Torrens Footbridge** and will ask for greater involvement in determining its design, location and function. Council referred **the issue of tenure** to the Governm<sup>t</sup> back to the Committee.
- 24 Council endorsed the 2012-13 Business Plan and Budget for the Adelaide Park Lands Authority
- 25.Council noted the **March 2012 Business Plan Progress Report**. Of Council's 48 Objectives, 7 (15%) have been completed, 40 (83%) are in progress and 1 deferred. Overall there is a **favourable variance of \$1.389m** to budget at 30/3.
- 26. Approval was given for the Lord Mayor to participate in the **Velo-city Global Conference** in Vancouver, 26-29 June and the **World Cities Summit** in Singapore from 1 to 4 July. The Velo-city Conference in 2014 is to be held in Adelaide.
- 27. Council has agreed to offer support to the **Transitional Cathedral in Christchurch** fund-raising efforts working in partnership with the Anglican Dioceses of Adelaide and Christchurch. Christchurch is one of our Sister Cities.
- Confidential Items** ■ 34.1 Central Library Business Case ■ 34.2 Service Provision ■ 35 Pt road closures Market & Coglin St ■ 36 APLA Advice ■ 37 **Adelaide Oval** Potential Works ■ 38 Creswell and Pennington Landscape designs ■ 39 **Rundle Mall**.