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WORK-FOR-THE-DOLE

Work-for-the-dole participants could be asked to work on community projects to build walkways, maintain gardens or undertake placements in not-for-profit organisations. However, Coalition Minister Hartsuyker reinforced that the Government was still refining the details of the program but that it was expected to be operational in the next financial year.

"We want to make the work-for-the-dole experience as work-like as possible for job seekers. This could include building a boardwalk in a local park; helping to fix a broken water main; planting gardens; or working in the library. These are the sorts of projects that we'll be considering," Minister Hartsuyker said.

ALGA President Felicity-Ann Lewis said that councils would require a clear understanding of the requirements of the program and clarification of any expectations of councils to provide support in terms of equipment, training, supervision and general resources. ...Councils would need advanced notice of local projects to be carried out by work-for-the-dole participants so that they could budget accordingly. She also suggested that longer placements would provide councils with a greater return on the time and resources invested in work-for-the-dole participants.

"Generally speaking, many councils would see benefit in giving people experience to make a contribution, gain experience and skills and build morale. But each council has different circumstances and challenges and they would want a clear understanding of the requirements of the program," Mayor Lewis said.

Minister Hartsuyker said that he envisaged work-for-the-dole placements to involve as little 'red tape' as possible for councils and stressed that the Government, not councils, would manage issues relating to work-for-the-dole participants fulfilling the expectations of the program and completing paperwork. (*Extract from ALGA News*)

From my experience of previous 'work for the dole' schemes they were fraught with many difficulties for Councils in terms of properly supervising the work, delivering actual training for the participants' benefit and ensuring that those working were properly protected and fairly paid for the work being done. Some worthwhile projects were delivered but in my opinion it would be better to properly fund Local Government to deliver real projects and to create real long-term jobs. .

Often the work on offer is of a menial nature and is reminiscent of the chain gangs associated with punitive work imposed on people who have done something wrong. **Clearly unemployed people as such have done nothing wrong; they deserve to be paid an adequate unemployment benefit and they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.**

CITY OF ADELAIDE CIVIC COLLECTION

At the Council meeting yesterday (Tuesday 25 March) Council adopted the **Finance & Corporate Governance Committee** recommendation that Council:

- Approves the revised Civic Collection accessioning criteria to include:

- ◆ Queen Adelaide and Colonel Light memorabilia. ◆ Items of historical interest to the City and the Council, such as photographs, maps, plans, sketches, documents and diaries that reflect the history and development of the City of Adelaide.
- ◆ Items that relate to the civic and ceremonial functions of the Council, traditions and specific events of the Council including regalia, illuminated addresses, commemorative memorabilia. ◆ Gifts presented to Council or Council members by community groups, the City of Adelaide's sister cities, dignitaries and visitors to the City of Adelaide.
- ◆ The City's public statues, monuments and memorials which are owned by the Adelaide City Council. ◆ The City's public art collection including works commissioned by or donated to Council. ◆ Items of historic furniture owned by the Council.

The **City of Adelaide Civic Collection** is a museum type collection that Council owns and manages consisting mostly of historic and more recent cultural materials, artefacts, artworks and records relating to the City and the Council's civic and ceremonial activities. The Collection currently **contains more than 4,000 items** ranging from photographs and letters, diaries and personal belongings of historical figures to numerous works of art and grandiose Victorian statues. It also includes the historic paintings and other memorabilia on display in the Town Hall. Much of this material was presented to the City by visiting dignitaries, public benefactors or sister cities, or was acquired by successive Councils since the mid-19th century on account of an item's historical, cultural or sentimental value to the City. The Civic Collection has been in high demand from local and national museums and galleries for displays and research into the history of the City of Adelaide.

Council also wants the CEO to report on how the Collection can be made more accessible to the public and how the presentation of memorabilia, including in the Queen Adelaide Room, can be better presented and interpreted.

Council Meeting- 25 March 2014 (Next Ordinary Mtg 8 April 2014 (6pm) – Gp 1 Cées –Tues 1 April (5.30pm)

NB: Group 1 Committees are the City Planning and Development Committee and the City Culture and Community Facilities Committee
Agenda Items 1 to 3 are standard items which include the Acknowledgment of Country and the other usual formalities.

- 4. **Apologies:** Cllr Hender was on leave of absence.
 - 5. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meetings of Council held on **11 March and 18 March (Special Meeting) 2014** were taken as read and confirmed.
 - 6 Public **Forum** There were no submissions to the public forum at this meeting.
 - 7/8. **Deputation/Petitions** Ms **Angeline Kamleh** made a deputation asking Council to retain the large tree in the eastern end of Rundle Mall. Council also received a **petition signed by 88** people requesting retention of the tree near Dymock's.

 - 9. **Report of the City Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 18 March. (Presented by Chair: Cllr Henningsen)**
 - 9.1 Council agreed to enter into a **5-year lease** from 1 April on the **South West Community Centre** Building in Sturt St.
 - 9.2 Council agreed to the re-alignment of boundaries subsequent to the construction of the **Mile End Underpass**.
 - 9.3 Council endorsed the **landscape plan** for the NE corner of **Hindmarsh Square**. The mounding will be reduced to 1 metre in height and planting of **(1) Moreton Bay Fig Tree** and **(5) Plane Trees**; also **(1) Hackberry Tree** is to be removed.
 - 9.4 Council adopted a **Long Term Maintenance Plan for the Town Hall**. Architects **Swanbury Penglase** have been appointed to prepare a management plan for the Civic areas with priority to be given to the **Queen Adelaide Room**. Certain works are to be done prior to the 175th anniversary and a CEO Working Group will monitor the details of the works. *The committee confirmed the Minutes of its February meeting and received a report on Street and Park Land Tree Management, Options for DDA access to the Victoria Park heritage grandstand and the Monthly Update.*

 - 10. **Report of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee – 18 March. (Presented by Chair: Cllr Abiad)**
 - 10.1 Council endorsed the amended **Privacy Policy** which sets out how Council is to manage personal information.
 - 10.2 Council received an update on work on the **14/15 Business Plan and Budget** and that the use of the Ranking Tool and weightings to assist in assessing all Operating project proposals and Capital projects for the coming year.
 - 10.3 Council noted the **Digital Strategy** half-yearly progress update for 2013/14 and endorsed changes to the strategies and target funding requirements for consideration as part of the 2014/2015 budget considerations.
 - 10.4 Council received the **Timetable for the 2014 Council elections**. Nominations will open for 2 weeks on 2 September.
 - 10.5 Council approved revised accessioning criteria for the **Civic Collection** to include Queen Adelaide and Col Light memorabilia and a wide range of other artefacts and recommended allocation of \$50k for 14/15 acquisitions. The CEO is to report on how the collection can be made more accessible to the public and better displayed (*See more details on front page*). *The committee confirmed its March Minutes and established a Business Plan and Budget Sub-Committee, resolved to make a submission to the Remuneration Tribunal, received a Public Officer Report exonerating Cllrs Moran and Henningsen from a complaint against them as DAP members, adopted my motion calling for a report on U-Park payment for use of Park Lands, considered the Forward Procurement Report and the Monthly Update.*

 - 11. **Report of Adelaide City Council Audit Committee - Meeting held 14 March (Chair: Mr Allen Bolaffi)**
 - 11.1 Council noted the proposed **2013-2014 end of year Financial Reporting** process and external audit timetable
 - 11.2 Council endorsed the recommendation to **extend the contract of BDO** as the External Auditor for a further year.

 - 12. **Reports from the Lord Mayor** the Lord Mayor reported on his activities over the past 2 weeks including an **LGA delegation to Canberra**, Hosting a meeting of the **Capital City Lord Mayors** and their presence at the **Place Leaders Association Meeting** of which Peter Smith is the Chair, a large range of social events and a **Residents Group Forum**.

 - 13. **Reports from Council Members** Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr **Malani** reported on her visit to an Adelaide Festival Reception at Government House and attendance at a **Local Excellence Expert Panel** w/shop. Cllr **Clearihan** presented a PIA Certificate awarded to Jensen Planning & Design won for the Princess Elizabeth Playground & Park 21W Activity Hub.
- Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**
- 14. Council endorsed the attendance of the **Lord Mayor** at the **5th World Cities Summit Mayors' Forum** and a series of meetings to be held in Singapore in June 2014 including The **Capital City Lord Mayors Annual General Meeting**.
 - 15. Council received advice that the LGA Board intends to seek **changes to the LGA Constitution** dealing with issues around leave of absence of the **President** and his/her removal for non-attendance at Board Meetings without approval.

 - 16. **Questions on Notice: Cllr Williamson** asked for a report (referencing the original plans presented to Council) on the completion of the central and northern sections of Victoria **Square/Tarntanyangga** which the **Lord Mayor** answered.
 - 17. **Questions Without Notice** DLM Cllr **Malani** asked if there was to be a report on the LGA W/Shop she attended.
 - 18. **Motion on Notice** There were no Motions on Notice at this meeting.
 - 19. **Other Business.** I moved that, pending the public release of the Council-commissioned sound engineers' report on the **Soundwave Music Festival** staged at Bonython Park on 1 March 2014, no commitments be given to the organisers, or public consultation initiated, for the use of Bonython Park for the 2015 event before a full and open report on the 2014 event has been presented to Council. The motion was carried without dissent.

 - 20/23 **Confidential Items** • 21.1 Assignment of lease 86 Grote St • 21.2 Leasing arrangements 235 Hutt St – Hutt St Library • 21.3 Tennis SA – Leasing Matters • 21.4 Rundle Mall Redevelopment 2014 • 22.1 New Directions for Waste Care SA • 23 Confidential Report – Charitable Request.

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