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HELP FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

Councils are often told to 'stick to the basics' of community government and not to 'waste' precious ratepayer funds on peripheral issues such as the general health and well-being of the people who live, work and play in the city. But cities are about people. Whilst Council is primarily focussed on providing these essentials of a good quality of life, it also has a responsibility to care for and support those in our community who are vulnerable due to homelessness, and unemployment.

The Adelaide community relies heavily on the work done by many charitable organisations and NGOs such as the Hutt Street Centre, The Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Men, the Magdalene Centre, the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Salvation Army and many more. Council supports these organisations in various ways such as through operating grants, special project funds and advocating for their continued presence in the city.

One such organisation is the Service to Youth Council

Service to Youth Council (SYC) has a long history of delivering innovative programs aimed at helping young people reach their potential. It was established in 1958, initially helping adolescents in state managed institutions and providing a "drop-in" centre for young people in metropolitan Adelaide.

SYC is a community organisation centred on employment, training and youth services. With a core purpose to positively affect the lives of young people in Australia, each year SYC helps more than 46,000 people of all ages in the areas of Home, Wellbeing, Learning and Working now operating in a number of Australian states.

SYC has three divisions:

HYP A standing for Helping Young People Achieve, provides a wide range of support to young people to find and harness their talent for a positive future. It has supported many thousands of young people since its inception in September 1958, helping them to access and maintain safe and appropriate accommodation, to reconnect with family, school, employment and the community. <http://www.hypa.net.au/>,

Job Prospects is a leading Job Services Australia (JSA) and Disability Employment Services - Employment Support Service (DES-ESS) provider that works with jobseekers to gain and sustain employment and with employers to recruit and maintain their workforce. Job Prospects provides services to more than 31,000 people of all ages each year, <http://jobprospects.com.au/>

Training Prospects is a Registered Training Organisation delivering flexible training solutions focused on the needs of employers, the labour market and more than 10,000 students (including 1,400 apprentices and trainees) in over 70 qualifications across business, plumbing, engineering, furnishing, electrical and construction. <http://www.trainingprospects.com.au/>

HYP A provides services and support to assist young people in securing a safe, stable home environment. HYP A services are designed to address differing challenges faced by young people when needing to find alternative living arrangements, from emergency or crisis accommodation to preparing for independent living and ongoing stability and security. Adelaide is a 7 unit complex, built in 1992 is located centrally in the CBD.



Another valuable service run under contract to the State Government is **Trace-A-Place**. This service, which is located in Light Square, is aimed specifically at young people aged between 15-25 in South Australia who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This includes young parents with accompanying children.

Referred to as the **Youth Gateway** to crisis accommodation, Trace-A-Place offers a combination of services, including referrals to emergency and longer term youth specific housing, provision of information on sourcing and accessing safe accommodation options, and general support and guidance on dealing with the experience of homelessness.

(This information comes from a visit that Cllr Clearihan and I made to HYP A and a briefing that we had from SYC CEO, Paul Edginton)

ELECTIONS ARE LOOMING

Council elections are to be held later this year and already potential candidates for the positions of Lord Mayor and Councillors are beginning to make their intentions known. It is important that every city resident, owner or tenant, and every city business, owner or tenant, takes part in the democratic process. The first step is to make sure that you are enrolled to vote; remember that rolls close on Friday 8 August. If you are a person whose name is on the House of Assembly Roll then you will automatically be on the Council Roll but if you are a business that has not been enrolled before (the last Council election was in 2010) you should check to ensure that your name is on the roll as a business owner or as a leaseholder.

One of the strengths of Local Government in South Australia has been its almost total bi-partisanship, and I would strongly argue that it should remain that way. I was disappointed to read recently that Cllr Hamilton, a Lord Mayoral candidate, was suggesting that Stephen Yarwood should not run in the coming election because of some suggestion that the incumbent Lord Mayor "has an eye to be the Labour candidate for the state seat of Adelaide or any other seat". I agree with Cllr Hamilton that the city needs an independent Lord Mayor but I have seen no evidence of partisanship by Stephen Yarwood.

I believe that Stephen has given strong leadership and has strenuously promoted the Strategic Plans and Visions which the council as body has adopted over the last four years of its term. I am equally sure that Cllr Hamilton, as a Lord Mayoral candidate, will present his alternative policies and vision for the city – I only ask that he does so in a positive way and does not seek to drag this Council election down into the murky depths of partisan party politics.

Council Meeting- 10 June (Next Ordinary Mtg Tuesday 25 June (6pm) – Group 2 C'ees – Tues 18 June (5.30pm)

NB: Group 2 Committees are the City Infrastructure and Public Works Committee and the Corporate Governance and Finance Committee

- 1. The meeting began with an [Acknowledgement of Country](#) in respect of the Kaurra People of the Adelaide Plains.
- 2. [Apologies and Leave of Absence](#) on Leave: **The Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood**. Apology: **Cllr Anne Moran**.
- 3. [Confirmation of Minutes](#) The Minutes of Council held on **28 May** and **4 June 2014** were taken as read and confirmed.
- 4 [Public Forum/Deputations](#) Catherine **Fitzgerald** and **Cassandra Liebeknech**, outlined **Feast Vision for 2014** and beyond. **Mr David Bolton**, a resident of Queen St Adelaide made a presentation on his submission on the 14/15 Budget.
- 5. [Report of the City Planning and Development Committee](#) – 3 June (Presented by Chair: Cllr Hamilton)
 - 5.1 Council endorsed the **Green Infrastructure** elements of the **Urban Design Framework (UDF)** and endorsed the draft Green Infrastructure Guidelines for consultation with local sustainability/green infrastructure advisory groups. It was also noted that the Adminⁿ will undertake a review of the nature strip programme as part of the future development of the UDF.
 - 5.2 Council approved an allocation of \$35k for **70 Childers St NA** from the **Heritage Incentives Scheme**.
 - 5.3 Council endorsed in principle the development of an **Adelaide City Planning Strategy** through an evidence based planning study and through the development and implementation of **Adelaide 2030** and the **Placemaking Strategy**. Council also noted that a further report will be presented to the City Planning & Development Committee, outlining the proposed scope, approach and outcomes of the Adelaide City Planning Strategy.
 - Council also endorsed the **Statement of Intent for NA Large Institutions and College Sites Development Plan Amend^t**
 - 5.4 Council agreed to waive compliance with the Land Management Agreement for **41-43 Ward St North Adelaide**.
 - 5.5 Council endorsed the submission on the Federal Government **Draft Strategy on Australia's Heritage** and resolved to provide a copy of the submission to the Expert Panel on Planning Reform.
 - The committee also confirmed its May Minutes, approved design details for the ERGO Minor Works Building and received the Monthly Update of outstanding items and work in progress.*
- 6. [Report of the City Culture and Community Services Committee](#) – 3 June (Presented by Chair, Cllr Hender)
 - 6.1 Council gave approval for the Administration to undertake **community engagement** to seek community feedback on proposed changes to the **dog off-leash areas** and the use of **model aircraft** in **Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi**. The results of the 'engagement' will be brought back to the **Adelaide Park Lands Authority**. It was also noted that the establishment of an additional fenced dog park in the Park Lands will be considered as part of the wider review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy. (I understand that **Unley Council** is interested in partnering with Adelaide in this project)
(Note: *Engagement is a new term for consultation which in my opinion implies that Council doesn't necessarily intend to change its plans as a result of community feedback; it is jargon for what is colloquially known as 'announce and defend'!*)
 - 6.2 Council approved the final design and location of the **Bert Flugelman commemorative** plaque which is to be positioned in Rundle mall adjacent to the Spheres which are being refurbished as part of the rejuvenation of the Mall.
 - 6.3 Council supported in principle the **Draft Adelaide Park Lands Sports Infrastructure Master Plan** for the West and South Park Lands, noting that the plan only refers to the 'regional sports areas' as defined in the Park Lands Management Strategy and also noting that the plan will have to be funded from government sources and/or the stakeholder groups.
 - 6.4 Council amended and endorsed the **Hirers' Guidelines** for users of the new **Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga**.
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- 7. [Report of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee \(Special Mtg\)](#) – 3 June (Presented by Chair: Cllr Abiad)
 - 7.1 Council adopted the March 2014 Annual Business Plan and Budget Reconsideration as recommended by the c'ee.
- 8. **Question on Notice:** There were no Questions on Notice
- 9. **Questions without Notice** were asked by **Cllr Llewellyn-Smith** on flag poles at the Town Hall and **Cllr Wilkinson** on Replacement of Elm Trees in Victoria Drive and cleansing standards in O'Connell St especially after events at the Oval.
- 10. **Motions on Notice:** There were Motions on Notice

Other Business

- 11. **The Acting Lord Mayor, Cllr Malani**, reported on the sudden passing of **Mr Allen Bolaffi** on 1 June 2014. Council resolved to formally acknowledge the significant contribution Mr Allen Bolaffi made to the Adelaide City Council Audit Committee and to extend its sincere condolences to Allen's family and close friends at this very difficult time.

Any views expressed herein are those of Cllr Plumridge AM and do not purport to be those of the Adelaide City Council.