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ADELAIDE FESTIVAL 2014 – A STUNNING SUCCESS

Adelaide Festival 2014 resulted in a positive economic benefit to South Australia of \$24 million. **29% of all ticket buyers travelled from interstate or overseas** to attend the festival, generating almost 120,000 visitor bed nights and \$17.1 million in new revenue to the state. **Council contributed \$375,000 to the 2014 Adelaide Festival.**

The interstate and overseas visitors were extremely positive in their assessment of the 2014 event with 75% indicating that they were likely to visit Adelaide again as a result of their visit to the festival.



Box Office revenue exceeded target delivering in excess of \$2.3 million across 39 ticketed events. Total attendances for all 50 Adelaide Festival events were the highest in four years. Festival club **Lola's Pergola** focussed on the very best food and wine from South Australia attracting even more festival-goers than its predecessor, the hugely successful **Barrio**.

(Information and picture of Zorn Triple Bill courtesy of the Adelaide Festival 2014 Snapshot Report)

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC Week begins on 6 July, and showcases Indigenous people's achievements and their contributions to the nation. It is a time to renew commitments to reconciliation to help create a better future for Indigenous Australians. NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day of Observance Committee. The acronym for this Committee, "NAIDOC", has now become commonly known as an annual weeklong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural festival.

The festival has a long history, stemming back to a human rights movement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people in the 1920s. NAIDOC however was not officially started as a Committee until 1957. In 1974, the NADOC committee was composed entirely of Aboriginal members for the first time. The following year, it was decided that the event should cover a week, from the first to second Sunday in July.

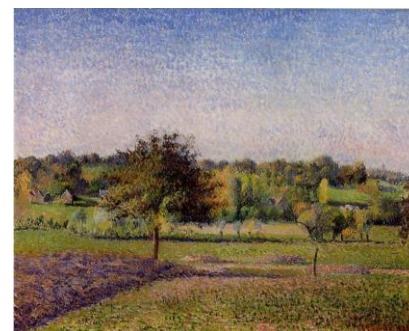
Events this year include a Flag Raising Ceremony and NAIDOC Awards at the Town Hall on Monday 7 July at 10.00 am and a March to **Parliament House** leaving **Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga** at 10.30am on Friday 11 July, followed at 12 noon by Family Fun Day at **Bonython Park/Tulya Wodli**.



ANOTHER GREAT REASON TO VISIT ADELAIDE

We often lament the thought that Adelaide cannot compete with the many regional shopping centres that are growing all over suburban Adelaide. But the great attraction and draw card for coming to the city is to have the chance to enjoy something more than just the shopping experience, good as that may be. The North Terrace cultural boulevard offers so many wonderful attractions to add to the shopping experience which just are not available when you visit your ordinary run-of-the-mill Westfield's Centre!

The Art Gallery's most ambitious acquisition to date - the beautiful *Prairie a Eragny* painted in 1886 by Impressionist artist Camille Pissarro - will go on public display on Saturday 23 August. This work which is reputed to have been purchased at auction last November for a sum of \$4.5 million was made possible by the generous contribution of many donors and the Art Gallery of SA Foundation Masterwork Appeal.



COUNCIL ADOPTS 2014- 2015 BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET

The Council adopted Business Plan and the Budget to fund it including **\$90.1m** rates and **modest borrowings of \$27.1m**.

The Business Plan and Budget provides for **total operating revenue of \$170,487m. and expenditure of \$165,895m. giving an Operating Surplus of \$4.5m.** Principal repayments on borrowings will be \$3.1m. **The Capital Works Programme** includes gross expenditure on **New Assets of \$12m** and gross expenditure on **Asset maintenance of \$30.5m** (up from c\$20m last year).excluding funds carried forward. **Nett proceeds from Business Operations are \$19.9m.**

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Council Meeting- 24 June 2014 (Next Ordinary Mtg Tuesday 8 July 2014 (6pm) – Gp 1 Céés – Tues 1 June (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 include the Acknowledgment of Kauria Country, the Prayer and the Memorial Silence for the Fallen.

- 4. **Apologies:** All members were present at this meeting.
- 5. **Confirmation of Minutes.** Minutes of meeting of Council held on **10 June 2014** were taken as read and confirmed.
- 6 **Public Forum.** Council was addressed by Mr Matt Miles and Ms Adriana Christopoulos of the **Australia Day Council.**

- 9. **Report of the City Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 17 June (Presented by Chair: Cllr Henningsen)**
 - **9.1** Council authorized the CEO to execute the Deed of Assignment and Deed of Variation of Indenture for access over Allotment 8 in Deposited Plan 15460 **Topham Mall** in favour of Allotment 1 in Deposited Plan 13975, **41 Currie St.**
 - **9.2** Council approved alterations to traffic management and On-Street Parking provisions in **Liberman Close** and called for a further report regarding possible changes to current parking zones to loading zones in the precinct of Liberman Close.
 - **9.3** Council resolved to not make a Road Process Order regarding portion of unmade road off **Symonds Place.**
 - **9.4** Council authorized the CEO to execute the Deed of Extension for **9-13 Hocking Court** and noted the request from the Service to Youth Council for continued occupation of the facility for a further period of 10 years for **HYPA Youth Housing.**
 - **9.5** Council will introduce an all-pedestrian phase at the **Gouger St UPark traffic signals** for a trial period of 6 months.
 - **9.6** Council noted the revised costing information and **resolved to continue to pursue the transfer of the new Riverbank Footbridge from DPTI to Council** on terms acceptable to Council.
*The committee confirmed the Minutes of its May meeting, received advice of Franklin St Bus Depot – Expression of Interest, supported a motion from **DLM Malani** re Greening of Pirie St East and received the Monthly Update.*

- 10. **Report of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee – 17 June (Presented by Chair: Cllr Abiad)**
 - **10.1** Council opposed a **Code of Conduct** change dealing with member sanctions as proposed by SA Regional Councils.
 - **10.2** Council approved the **2014 Council Election** Management and Communications Strategy and the election timetable.
 - **10.3** Having considered all public submissions, Council adopted the **2014-15 Business Plan and Budget** and the LTFP. Council also resolved to **borrow \$27.2m** for the purpose of partially funding the adopted budget, at rates to be negotiated.
 - **10.4** Council adopted the **14-15 Fees and Charges Schedule** which included **car parking charges raised by only 3.5%**
 - **10.5** Council adopted the **Annual Delegations Review.** This covers all routine delegations to the Chief Executive Officer.
 - **10.6** Council reviewed its grants of **Discretionary Rates** and resolved to maintain all rebates except for 7 cases and required 7 recipients to re-confirm their eligibility. Council will rescind all discretionary rate rebates for 2015-16 and beyond.
 - **10.7** Council **deferred** adopting plans to integrate **Community Consultation** for *Adelaide 2030, Park Lands Strategy, City Planning Strategy and District Planning Projects* to assist the community to optimize its input to the projects.
 - **10.8** Council endorsed the **Adelaide Central Market Authority (ACMA)** Legal Charter and approved fees to be paid at \$25,000 p.a. for the Chairperson and \$15,000 p.a. for the Board Members. The Charter is to be amended accordingly.
 - **10.9** Council resolved to retain **Rundle Mall Management Authority Board** fees at their present levels **and to extend the term of the current Chairperson to 30 April 2015,** (Mr Theo Maras AO) subject to his agreement.
 - **10.10** It was agreed (on my motion) to convene the CEO's Strategic Finance Working Group **to review the quarterly budget reconsideration process,** to make it more transparent and to require it to take into consideration public submissions received and to review those Operating Projects that were identified but not funded in the 14-15 Draft Budget.
The committee confirmed its May Minutes, received the Quarterly Forward Procurement Report and discussed the City Wide Dry Area Review which is dealt with in Item 14 below. It also received the Monthly Update...

- 11. **Reports from the Lord Mayor** the **Lord Mayor** advised on his activities including the successful Velo-City Conference, and his recent trip to Singapore, thanked staff for their work on the conference and the Budget and wished the Deputy Lord Mayor, **Cllr Malani, a Happy 40th Birthday.**
- 12. **Reports from Council Members:** Deputy Lord Mayor **Cllr Malani** had attended six official functions, **Cllr Llewellyn-Smith** AM 4 functions, **Cllr Williamson** 2 functions, **Cllr Wilkinson** 2 functions and **myself** 2 functions.
- 13. Council noted the **Adelaide Public Realm Lighting Guidelines** and the Strategic Guidance map for the **Urban Design Framework** and supported for the purpose of further investigation and trials the **Lighting Palette** as proposed and including a 3000k Pilot of the Louis Poulsen luminaire and taking into account the suggestions made by **Cllr Wilkinson** at the June City Planning and Development Committee. Results of the Gover St Pilot will be brought to Council in early 2015.
- 14. Council will apply to rollover the **City Wide Dry Area** with the **addition of the South Park Lands (17 to 21W)** for a 6 months trial period. Council will engage with service providers and SAPOL to identify sensitive approaches to enforcing the Dry Area with vulnerable people and requests that a **High Level Response Group** investigates the needs of such people.

- 15. Council adopted the **Total City Valuation** based on Annual (Rental) Values of **\$899,581,000** (\$846,090,560 13/14)
- 16. Rates in the dollar were declared which will raise **\$90.1m** (\$82.759m 13/14) **Residential land uses 0.1149c (capped at 10% increase on owner-occupied premises); All Other land uses: 0.0418c. Both rates are the same as last year.** Council, on behalf of the State Government set a rate of **0.00199c to fund the Natural Resource Management Board.**
- 17 The Rundle Mall Differential Separate Rate for commercial properties was set at 0.03554c in the \$ (0.03730c in 13/14) **Rates foregone** due to exempt properties, cost Council **over \$23.7** (*many of which such as Universities and Recreational Lands should be completely withdrawn or severely cut back in my opinion as they are a burden on all rate-paying businesses and residents in the city who do "pay their way"*) Remissions to Pensioners and self-funded retirees will continue on the same basis as in 13/14
- 18. **Questions on Notice:** I asked a question re Council's purchasing of **Light Passenger Vehicles.**
- 20 **Motion on Notice:** moved by myself nominating **Cllr Moran** for the **Joy Baluch Award** for Women in Local Gov^t
- 21. **Other Business:** There was no **other business at this meeting.**
- 22/26 **Confidential** • 23 Rundle Mall Redevelopment – Project Update. • 23.2 Aquatic Centre Works Procurement.
- 24.1 Planning Matter. • Adelaide Central Market Authority Board – Appointment of Chair. • 26 A Capital Works matter.

