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THE VALUE OF TREES TO OUR COMMUNITY

The National Trust of Australia value trees and their historic and environmental contributions, and in a world-first has collated a national register of 25,000 significant specimens on a dedicated new website, which will also be available as an app for a mobile device, **all due to be launched on National Tree Day – Sunday 27 July.**

Anna Foley, senior advocate, environmental heritage, from the National Trust (Victoria), says trees are deemed significant for a number of reasons: horticultural; social; historic; aesthetic. "They grow between skyscrapers, in suburban backyards and parks, in the main streets of regional centres, around rural towns and hamlets, and in the bush and outback. Volunteers around the country have contributed over 1500 person hours to prepare the data for the website.

Dr Greg Moore, chair of the Significant Tree Committee with the National Trust (Victoria), believes the national register will have an impact as it encourages people to take an interest in their trees and to become custodians of them, especially the precious varieties. "Over the last year in Victoria people have contacted us to warn about trees at risk, I'm reassured that so many people look after our precious trees."

They can teach us a valuable lesson, he says, especially given last Thursday's repeal of the carbon tax. "Climate change is going to have an impact, so we have to value our vegetation now. Ultimately the truth and the science come out. It's a setback when you don't value your vegetation and your carbon, but I'm convinced it will only be temporary because realistically, if we don't, our cities will be unliveable and unsustainable."

The Nursery and Garden Industry Australia estimates that **\$424.40 per year** is the value of the benefits from an average tree in a typical Australian suburban street; Those benefits include:-

- Energy savings and tree canopy shade, reduced temperatures.
 - Increased property value through better aesthetics.
 - Improved air quality and reduced impact of the 'heat island' effect on the city.
 - Positive climate contribution by capturing CO₂
 - \$25,000 gross life-cycle benefits from each tree.
- (Source: Brindal and Stringer 2009)



Sunday 27 July

Adelaide City Council has been a leader in planting trees in many parts of the Park Lands over the years and has been supported by many volunteers in planting new trees and working to preserve and regenerate remnant native vegetation in many parts of the city.



Where Council has failed, is in the planting of trees in the many residential streets as well as the main thoroughfares of the city. Just think how much better the city would be if every major street was as well-provided with significant trees as is Hutt Street. Currie St, Grenfell St, Waymouth St, Flinders St and Franklin St - to name a few - all need an arborial make-over. If re-elected in October, this will be one of my priorities.

Celebrate National Tree Day – plant a tree, start a forest (!) or if you can't do that, colour your life by buying a pot plant.

BOUQUETS.....

Congratulations to **Troppo Architects** for winning the **City of Adelaide Prize** in the South Australian Architects Awards. Their Café in Whitmore Square was rewarded for its innovation and excellence in enhancing the public realm of the City. The People's Choice Award was also won by Troppo Architects for their **Foods for Life Parklet** in Gawler Place. This is one of the Council-supported placemaking projects that the SA Chapter sees as championing people-activation in our city.

Also, congratulations to the **Maras Group** for winning a **Certificate of Excellence – Best Design – Project** in the sub-category 'Integrated development within the city and preservation of cultural heritage, for its project in **Union St** in the city.

and a BRICKBAT.....

For a rash of cheap and sometimes grungy looking footpath advertising that has taken over our streets in recent times. Beautiful slate paving indiscriminately defaced in this way does the city no good and is little better than officially-sanctioned graffiti – all done in the name of 'City Activation'



Council Meeting- 22 July 2014 (Next Ordinary Mtg Tuesday 12 August (6pm) – Gp 1 C'ees –Tues 5 August (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:** Cllr Hamilton was an apology for absence and Cllr Llewellyn-Smith AM was on leave of absence.
- ▣ **5. Confirmation of Minutes.** Minutes of meeting of Council held on **8 July 2014** and Special Meetings of Council held on **11 July** and **15 July** were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.
- ▣ **6 Public Forum.** There were no requests for a Public Forum at this meeting.
- ▣ **7/8 Deputations and Petitions** There were no Deputations or Petitions presented to this meeting.

▣ **9. Report of the City Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 15 July (Presented by Chair: Cllr Henningsen)**
- **9.1** Council resolved to further investigate the disposal of **Community Land at 159-161 O'Connell St** and authorized the Administration to enter into discussions with adjoining owners to assess their interests in options for the disposal of the land.
- **9.2** Council will await further recommendations on suitable projects for the **Residential Street Development Programme**, based on the original criteria, submissions made by the community and based on the aim of **enhancing** residential streets.
- **9.3** Council agreed to develop an Issues and Opportunities Plan for **Whitmore Square/Iparrity** to consider urban design and traffic management matters with particular reference safe access at the NE corner and to apply for C'wealth Funding.
- **9.4 The Elder Park Rotunda** is to be restored in time for the 2014 Carols by Candlelight with part funds to come from the HIS Scheme. Replacement of the funds to HIS are to be a high priority for the September Budget Reconsideration.
- **9.5** Council noted the summary of public consultation responses in respect of the **Waste and recycling Services Policy** and noted the **Operating Guidelines** subject to adoption by the Executive Leadership Group of the Administration.
*The committee confirmed the Minutes of its June meeting and received the Monthly Update. On my Motion, the Committee called for an urgent report on the status of the **Brownhill Keswick Creek Project** particularly re the Part B Works options.*

▣ **10. Report of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee – 15 July (Presented by Chair: Cllr Abiad)**
- **10.1** Council noted the outcomes of the **Creative City Index** research. This project, run in conjunction with the Department of State Development and the City of Playford considered the conditions that are evident across Greater Adelaide in four 'clusters'- Identifying creativity, enabling creativity, exploiting creativity and living & expressing creativity.
- **10.2** Council endorsed timelines and approach for the **Integration of Community Consultation** over the next 6 months (including during the 'Caretaker' period) for the Adelaide 2030 Plan, Park Lands Strategy and the City Planning Strategy.
- **10.3** Council approved the **Rundle Mall Management Authority** Final Business Plan and Budget 2014-2016.
- **10.4** Council approved public consultation for **Soundwave in Bonython Park/Tulya Wodli** on Sat 21 & Sun 22 Feb 2015.
- **10.5** Following on from a motion by **Cllr Moran**, Council will ask the State Government to **lower on-street parking fines by 10% from 2015/2016**. Council will also **review its expiation waiving policy** to find ways to make it **more empathetic**.
The committee confirmed its June Minutes, conducted Workshops on the Long Term City Plan Time Horizon and the Policy Governance Review Project. It also received the Monthly Update and noted Out of Session Information Papers.

▣ **11. Reports of APLA and other Committees** There were no other Committee Reports at this meeting.

▣ **12. Reports from the Lord Mayor** the **Lord Mayor** advised on his activities including the launch of the City Wi-Fi network which he described as 'the best on the face of the planet' and celebrations of Hutt St Centre, Tandanya and NAIDOC Week.

▣ **13. Reports from Council Members: Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Malani** had attended four official functions including a Royal Society for the Blind Presentation and a Friends of Penang Association Anniversary Luncheon. **Cllr Clearihan** attended four functions including the SALA Awards and the 2014 National General Assembly for Local Government in Canberra and **I attended** the commissioning of Rev Stephen Clark as the Parish Priest of St Mary Magdalene, Moore St.

Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

▣ **14.** Council accepted the resignations and changes of personnel of members of the **Adelaide City Council Building Fire Safety Committee** and endorsed Mr Louis Palumbo as the Chairman, replacing Mr Don Donaldson (retired). Building Fire Safety Committees were set up as one of the recommendations of the Coronial Enquiry following the People's Palace fire in 1975 in which 7 people died. The Adelaide Committee was established in 1994 and is responsible for fire safety in the city.

▣ **15.** Council supported the **Lord Mayor's** acceptance of an invitation from the Mayor of Tapei City Government, **Lung Bin Hau** to be hosted at the **5th United Cities and Local Government Asia-Pacific Congress** between 3 and 6 September.

▣ **16.** Council revoked an earlier decision and confirmed that the target date for a longer term plan for the City to be 2040 (previously 2030) and that this Plan be named '**The Adelaide 2040 Plan**'

▣ **17. Out of Session Papers to Receive and Note** There were none at this meeting

▣ **18. Questions on Notice:** None.

▣ **19. Questions without Notice:** **Cllr Henningsen** asked about the implementation time for the **trial Dry Zone** in the south Park Lands and **Cllr Clearihan** asked about the bike path contraflow in Margaret St and protuberances in Tynte St NA

▣ **20. Motion on Notice:** None.

▣ **21. Other Business:** There was no other business at this meeting.

▣ **22/26 Confidential** • 23.1 Franklin St Activation. • 23.2 Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi – leasing of buildings • 23.3 Tennis SA - Park Lands Lease • 24 Adelaide Central Market Authority Board – Appointment of Board Members. • 25 Capital City Committee. • 26 (CEO Report) Adelaide Central Market Authority Board – Appointment of Council Member to the Board.

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