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LOCAL HERITAGE IN THE PARK LANDS - AND OTHER PLANNING DISAPPOINTMENTS – WHY?

On 8 April 2014, Council resolved to submit a Statement of Intent to the Minister for Planning seeking approval to commence a Development Plan Amendment (DPA) to list **Local Heritage places in the Park Lands**. On 1 August 2014, the Minister wrote to Council saying that he does not agree to the Statement of Intent in its current form. **The effect of the Minister's ill-advised decision is that Council's DPA cannot proceed and Park Lands heritage will remain at risk.**

And in a move to further frustrate the Council's attempts to improve its Development Plan, the Minister has declined to sign-off on the Amendment covering the **Residential and Main Streets**. Lodged on 16 April, the Minister has just demanded changes that will seriously undermine the plan's intentions to preserve the character of the residential areas of the city and to protect the essential character of their heritage - and Council is given just 4 weeks to respond to his demands – or else!

The DPA as presented is consistent with the original Statement of Intent and reflects the wishes of the local community which were clearly expressed during the statutory consultation processes. The changes now being required by Minister Rau, together with the planning disaster which is being visited on us by toxic catalyst sites are leading to a city which will have had its character destroyed and its future liveability undermined for no apparent reason other than to appease a rampant 'here today – gone tomorrow' – development industry.

I ask the Minister **Why** is he so determined to change the character of the city? **Why** will he not support medium-density development? **Why** will he not accept that Council's DPA will more than deliver the city population uplift he rightly wants? And **Why** is he so ready to respond to the developers' agenda rather than the reasoned aspirations of the city community?

WAR MEMORIAL OAK LOCATED IN CRESWELL GARDENS

The first tree to be planted to commemorate the Outbreak of World War 1 anywhere in the world is believed to have been the English Oak (*Quercus robur*) planted in Creswell Gardens on the 29th August 1914, a mere 25 days after the declaration of war between the UK and Germany. The tree with is a State Heritage Place.

On Wattle Day, 29 August 1914, Sir Henry Galway, then Governor of South Australia, planted a Memorial Oak in Creswell Gardens to keep the people in perpetual memory of greater events which had begun in Europe. *"The oak was, like Australia, young. An older tree was not chosen because they sought to convey the idea that this oak tree in its infancy was synonymous with the beginning of the great cataclysm in Europe"*. (Anon 1914, 'The Golden Wattle', *The Register*, p 769A-B).



To recognise the 100 year anniversary of this planting it is planned to plant a seedling propagated from an acorn from this original tree in Pennington Gardens, on the same day this year. The planting location for the seedling has been selected to align with the endorsed landscape master plan for this section of Tarntanya Womma (Pk 26) in Pennington Gardens West.

The planting location will be an area of 6 metres in diameter of mulched ground surrounded by small hoop fencing to identify and offer some protection for the young tree. It is proposed to have 60 small Australian Flags temporarily installed to recognise the loss of 60,000 men during World War 1.

This event has been organised by David Lawry of Treenet, an independent non-profit organisation dedicated to improving the urban forest. The Lord Mayor and Kate Ellis MP have been invited to attend the ceremony at **10.30 on 29 August 2014**.

ADELAIDE BECOMES A REFUGEE WELCOME ZONE

The Council has made a Declaration which makes a commitment to welcoming refugees into the community, upholding their human rights, demonstrating compassion and enhancing cultural and religious diversity in the community. Council will continue its efforts to support men, women and children who make the difficult journey to Australia to seek our protection.

This public commitment is also an acknowledgment of the tremendous contribution refugees have made to Australian society in so many fields, including medicine, science, engineering, sport, education, the arts, business and commerce. Since federation, Australia has become home to over 800,000 refugees and Local Government has historically played an important role in assisting refugee settlement and promoting community harmony.

VOTE 1 DAVID PLUMRIDGE FOR AREA COUNCILLOR

An Independent Voice - A Voice of Reason - A Voice of Experience

Council Meeting- 26 August 2014 (Next Ordinary Mtg Tuesday 9 Sept (6pm) – Gp 1 C'ees –Tues 2 Sept (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 Country, the Prayer and the Memorial Silence for the Fallen.*

- ▣ **4. Apologies:** Cllr Abiad was on leave of absence.
- ▣ **5. Confirmation of Minutes.** Minutes of meeting of Council held on **12 August 2014** were confirmed as a correct record.
- ▣ **6/7 Public Forum/Deputations There** were no Presentations or Deputations presented to this meeting.
- ▣ **8 Petitions** A petition with 203 signatures calling for a **Trial Dry Area in the south Park Lands** was received and noted and it was agreed that it be forwarded to the **Member for Adelaide, Rachel Sanderson MP** and **Minister Gail Gago**.

- ▣ **9. Report of the City Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 19 August (Presented by Chair: Cllr Henningsen)**
 - **9.1** Council authorized execution of the Deed of Extension of **Lease for Shop 10 – 161-185 Rundle Street**, Adelaide
 - **9.2** Council will pay for and install on the North Tce Commemorative Walk a **plaque commemorating Dr William Wyatt**.
 - **9.3** Council will ask the Minister to agree to the revocation of **community land at Walter St**, currently used as a car park.
 - **9.4** Council agreed to a funding deed with the Commonwealth for **Black Spot** funding for road improvements at Brougham Pl, Melbourne St and Sir Edwin Smith Av NA and at Gouger and Grote Streets in the CBD. A further report was requested on the option of removing the left turn slip-lane from McKinnon Pde into Frome Rd, subject to funding conditions.
 - **9.5** Council, noting no adverse consultation submissions, agreed to lease of the **Kiosk in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi**.
 - **9.6** The Evaluation results of the **40kph speed trials in Hutt St and the SE residential streets** were noted and it was decided to ask the Minister to approve the return of the Trial Areas to 50kph, pending a further review of all city speed limits.
 - **9.7** Council agreed to retain **2P Event parking controls in NA** subject to some **minor changes in commercial streets**. Council will also request DPTI to **review Footy Express bus stops** to include stops to allow passengers to access NA.
 - **9.8** It was agreed to not remove the **Pepper tree in Angas Court** pending a further report and consideration.

The committee confirmed the Minutes of its July meeting and received the Monthly Update. It had a Workshop on the status of the Brownhill Keswick Creek Project, and received deputations from Mrs Gamble (Angas Ct) & Mr Pearce (B'Hill Creek)

- ▣ **10. Report of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee – 19 August (Presented by Dep. Chair: Cllr Moran)**
 - **10.1** Council noted revised Terms of Reference for the **CEO's Finance Working Group** and endorsed the recommended quarterly revised forecast process. **Council also endorsed the updated Business Plan and Budget Framework**.
 - **10.2** Council resolved to become a signatory to the State Government's **Charter of Affordability** as soon as possible.
 - **10.3** Council noted the LGA 2013 submission on **proposed changes to the LG Act**, noted Council's previous submission and will consider any further changes. Council reiterates concerns with some aspects of the **Mandatory Code of Conduct**
 - **10.4** Council agreed to sign a Declaration making the **City of Adelaide a Refugee Welcome Zone**. In so doing Council has joined 100 other Councils across Australia in building a culture of welcome for refugees from many parts of the world.
 - **10.5** Council ratified the **Preliminary End of Year Financial Performance Report**, noting a **total surplus of \$9.4m** which is in addition to the **\$1.2m efficiency dividend** built into the 2013-2014 budget. Council ratified carry forwards of committed funds together with adjustments to the Operating Projects and Capital Works budgets. Council also agreed to reallocations of the budget variances to priority projects including extra expenditures at the Aquatic Centre and to debt reduction.

The committee confirmed its July Minutes. It also received the Monthly Update, noted Out of Session Information Papers, noted Registers of Members' Allowances and Benefits and a report on the Handling of Queen Adelaide Collection Displays.

▣ **11. Report of the City Culture and Community Services Committee – Special Meeting**

26 August (Presented by Chair, Cllr Hender)

- **11.1** Council endorsed the **'Christmas in the City – 5 Year Strategy and Action Plan'** and noted that funding for 2014 has already been allocated. This year it is planned to work with partners to feature the **AdelaideFree City WiFi network**.

- ▣ **12. Reports from the Lord Mayor** the **Lord Mayor** did not submit a report to this meeting.

- ▣ **13. Reports from Council Members:** **Cllr Hender** – 2 activities. **Cllr Llewellyn-Smith AM**, 6 activities. **Cllr Wilkinson** – 4 activities. **Cllr Williamson** –1 activity and **myself** 1 activity and I acted as MC for the Lord Mayor's Citizenship Ceremony.

Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

- ▣ **14.** Council received and noted a Report from the CEO outlining the 2014-2015 Development Programme and priorities of the **Capital City Committee**. These priorities will be progressed through a mixture of Council/State/Agency joint projects.

▣ **15. Out of Session Papers to Receive and Note**

- ▣ **16. Questions on Notice:** **Cllr Llewellyn-Smith AM** asked about the Valuation of Vacant Land.

- ▣ **17. Questions w/o Notice:** There were none at this meeting.

- ▣ **18. Motions on Notice:** There were none at this meeting.

Other Business: I moved that Council takes steps to support the retention of **street furniture at Biga Café**. This matter was deferred to CP&D Committee. **Cllr Henningsen** moved that the CEO urgently approaches the Police Commissioner to request a significantly increased SAPOL presence to control problematic **anti-social behavior in Veale Gardens**.

- ▣ **19/24 Confidential Items** • 20.1 Lease Agreement for 110 Pirie St • 21.1 Legal Matter-Development Act • 22 Capital City Committee Update • 23 Report of the CEO Performance Review Panel – CEO Performance 2013-2014 • 24 Report of the CEO Performance Review Panel – CEO Remuneration 2014-2015

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