

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Three vacancies on the committee have been filled by Dennis Boisvert, Leo Abello-Rode and Wendy Miller. Other members of the committee are Heather Nimmo (Secretary), Doug Sweet (Treasurer), Anne Melrose and myself, John Underwood. It is pleasing to have these new members on the committee and their contributions and enthusiasm is most welcome.

Retiring members Jan Davis' and Michael Henningsen's service to the committee is very much appreciated and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

In addition to the committee keeping abreast of those issues of interest to residents of the south east precinct a number of activities for residents are being planned for 2011. Firstly, as detailed below, a walk of nature strips in the precinct is being organised as part of the Neighbour Day activities on Sunday 27th March and a bus trip to the Solo Recycling Depot is planned for later in the year.

Also a draft "Integrated Movement Strategy" document is expected to be released by the Adelaide City Council in the near future and the committee proposes to respond to this document.

SECRA's responses to such documents can be viewed on SECRA's web site. Our last response was to the Adelaide City Council's Draft Park Lands Management Strategy.

The committee needs to be vigilant on the issue of the Clipsal 500 Pavilion being left as a permanent structure in Victoria Park. This issue is being continually raised and is subject to considerable misinformation by the Adelaide media. The building referred to houses the V8 pits, corporate boxes and administration. The media never addresses the fact that this "Pavilion" building is not a grandstand and is only one of many temporary structures that need to be erected and dismantled for the race. They also ignore the fact that there is a permanent heritage grandstand at Victoria Park and the criterion track is being realigned so that this grandstand can be used by spectators during cycle races. My letters to the Advertiser Editor endeavouring to correct their misinformation do not get published.

The media should be focussing on the unreasonable length of time taken to erect and dismantle the infrastructure for the Clipsal 500 Race when other like events around the world can achieve this in much shorter time frames. They should also question the Clipsal 500's occupation of the land in the north eastern area of Victoria Park which was previously used by the SAJC together with additional land south of the track. Both of these matters are of significant interest to the South Australian Public who are being denied access to much of Victoria Park for nearly six months every year!

NEIGHBOUR DAY – Sunday 27 March 2011



SECRA members are invited to join in the Box Factory Community Centre Neighbour Day activities in the North East corner of Hurtle Square on Sunday 27 March 2011.

From 10am to 12noon there will be morning tea, cookie decorating and face painting.

SECRA is also inviting residents to nominate their favourite nature strip in the South East precinct and either email a photo of the particular nature strip to bfcc@adelaidecitycouncil.com or drop the photo into the Box Factory together

with its street address and why you like it (in 50 words or less). All photos will be displayed at the Box Factory. A small gift will be given to all nominators so please include your name and contact details.

Starting at the North East corner of Hurtle Square at 12 noon you are invited to join SECRA on a walk looking at some of the nominated nature strips. Kevin Baker (Adelaide City Council Nature Strip Coordinator) will be on hand to answer any queries. The walk will finish at the Box Factory at around 1pm.

Everyone is welcome whether you walk, push a pram or ride a gopher! Don't forget a hat and some water if it's hot!

VICTORIA PARK



As part of the Victoria Park Masterplan work has commenced on construction of the section of the cycle/pedal prix criterium track in front of the heritage grandstand. The remainder of the track to link it with the Clipsal 500 track will be completed when the Motor Sport Board vacates Victoria Park after this year's event. In view of the fact that spectators will be able to be seated and view the cycle/pedal prix races from the heritage grandstand it beggars belief that Cycling SA was pushing for the Clipsal 500 Pit Straight Pavilion to remain as a permanent structure.

Contaminated soil has been removed and the area in front of the heritage grandstand has been grassed to establish the premium sportsfield as part of the masterplan.

The Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project proposals for Victoria Park and southern Park Lands were considered by the Adelaide Park Lands Authority on 10 February 2010. The next step will involve consultation with stakeholders and SECRA will be represented at a consultation workshop which is planned in the near future.

OTHER INFORMATION

- The Adelaide City Council has sent a letter to those residents in the vicinity of St Andrews Hospital regarding the camping which is occurring in the Park Lands opposite the hospital. In part the letter states:
State Government agencies and Adelaide City Council are working together to relocate people to a more suitable environment. The Department of Families and Communities and the Department of Health are offering core services to people in the group who are vulnerable. SA Police has a strong presence in the area. Adelaide City Council is aiming to reduce any impact on the local community by monitoring the area daily and ensuring it is cleaned.
- As per usual there will be after race concerts at the Clipsal 500 venue. The event on Thursday 17th March will be a show that is to be shown on TV. The Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March 2011 events will be concerts featuring bands. We have been advised that the concerts will be finished by about 11pm on Friday and 10.30pm on Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday concert will be followed by a fireworks display. It is hoped that some consideration will be given to residents and the noise levels will not be as loud as last year!
- Adelaide City Councillors Natasha Malani and Tony Williamson have been appointed to the Motor Sport Board as the Adelaide City Council's representatives. Residents with concerns about the Clipsal 500 are able to contact Natasha and Tony as follows:

Natasha Malani - Ph. 0429 119 047 – Email n.malani@adelaidecitycouncil.com

Tony Williamson - Ph. 0411 180 780 – Email a.williamson@adelaidecitycouncil.com

- Our Adelaide City Council local Ward 4 councillors are Michael Henningsen and Tony Williamson. Tony's contact details are as shown above and Michael can be contacted as follows:

Michael Henningsen - Ph. 0488 040 898 – Email m.henningsen@adelaidecitycouncil.com

- "Bush For Life" bush regeneration workshop is to be held on Saturday 28th May at the Box Factory. Learn how to look after the bush land in our adjacent Park Lands. For more information contact "Trees For Life" Phone 8406 0500.
- Members are reminded that SECRA membership renewals are now due. Renewal forms are being sent to those members who did not renew at our AGM. It would be appreciated if the completed renewal forms, together with the membership fee, could be returned at an early date.
- SECRA members are encouraged to invite their residential neighbours and friends who live in the south east precinct to join SECRA. Membership joining forms are available on our web site <http://www.secra.asn.au/> or at the Box Factory.