

Two presentations that may be of interest:

1. ***NIMBY or QUIMBY? Future 'Planning' for Adelaide.*** Public Forum: 7pm, Monday 29 April, Norwood Town Hall. No need to book.

What is the planning future of Greater Adelaide? Can QUALITY IN MY BACKYARD be expected? Or will it be a DEVELOPERS' DREAM and promote a NOT IN MY BACKYARD attitude?

Politicians and experts will give their vision of the future for our city and its surrounds and consider how. Organised by Community Alliance South Australia.

The forum will deal with the **BIG questions**:

- Is the 30 Year Plan still viable?
- How can genuine consultation occur?
- How can we make the planning and development system more transparent?
- What role should local government have?
- How can we protect our heritage?
- What powers should the minister have to 'fast track' planning changes?
- Where does the environment fit into the future of Adelaide?
- Is high-rise outside of the CBD a sensible solution?

2. ***Not in my backyard: Community responses to higher density living - is it all in the mind?***

Dr Wendy Sarkissian, Australian social planner and ethicist. Wednesday 29 May 2013 5.30pm for a 6pm start, Allan Scott Auditorium, UniSA City West, Hawke Building level 3, 55 North Terrace, Adelaide. Register for this FREE event at <http://e.ybookingmanager.com/E4117192625392>

Why is there such strong community resistance to proposals for higher density housing in Adelaide's neighbourhoods? Aren't people just being unreasonable and ignoring the need to make our cities more sustainable? Isn't Adelaide's 30-Year Plan what we must have to be sustainable - despite community resistance?

Australian social planner and ethicist Dr Wendy Sarkissian, who has lived and worked in Adelaide for many years, believes that so-called NIMBY responses to housing density increases are both reasonable and helpful.

Dr Sarkissian argues that neighbours are resisting proposed higher density housing because humans, like all animals, are hard-wired to protect our territories. Further, the 'core territory' of home is one to which we have the strongest place attachment. It has strong symbolic as well as psychological importance.

Naturally, instinctively, we will defend our homes and neighbourhoods at all cost.

That means that unless planners, designers, governments and developers understand and respect this 'instinctive' response, the battles will continue. And unless community engagement approaches are sensitive to the deeply emotional nature of these responses, those processes will fail to support sustainability initiatives.

Proposing her "Homing Instinct" approach to housing design and community engagement, Wendy argues that two things need to change. We need housing that is more 'home-like'. And we need engagement processes that reflect greater emotional intelligence than the processes we currently employ.

http://w3.unisa.edu.au/hawkecentre/events/2013events/Wendy_Sarkissian.asp

3. Proposed new Adelaide City Council library

Council has announced plans for a brand new, state of the art public library to be created in the heart of the city. Lease negotiations are being finalised for a large space in the 'Rundle Place' building. The site will include a large space for events and exhibitions, a bigger and better Digital Hub that will provide ongoing access to new technologies, a number of public meeting rooms, a pop-up café as well as a dedicated area to explore local history. The library will also offer traditional services, including a large selection of books, magazines, DVD's, newspapers and literature, and will offer extended opening hours in line with Rundle Mall trading.

The Hutt Street and Tynte Street Libraries will remain open to the public. To ensure continuing services in the South West precinct of the city, flexible library services will be provided at the South West Community Centre; staff will be available to assist customers with browsing the library catalogue and facilities will be provided for pick up and returns.

Consultation closes on 31 May 2013 and SECRA will be making a submission. Further information is available at <http://yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com/central-city-library> and residents are encouraged submit their comments and ideas using the consultation pack which is available on this site (or at the ACC libraries).

4. Burnside Residents' Group

SECRA's Chairperson has been contacted by the recently formed Burnside Residents' Group President seeking support against high rise development along Fullarton and Greenhill Roads which have the potential to obscure the view of the hills from the Park Lands and, in particular, from Victoria Park. As was the case with the South West City Residents Association the Burnside Residents' Group was formed to provide a strong residents' voice against the SA Government's DPAs to allow high rise development in residential areas.

It would appear that the Burnside DPA process is now at the stage where it is about to be sent to the parliamentary Environment, Resources and Development Committee for consideration.

The President of the Burnside Residents' Group also expressed their residents' concern about Clipsal's occupation of Victoria Park and indicated that they would be prepared to support SECRA in its efforts to have Clipsal treat Victoria Park with more respect and not abuse its "so-called right to occupy the park"!

5. Riverbank Development Masterplan

While the Riverbank development is outside SECRA's area, your committee made a submission on this project during the public consultation period as the existing RAH site is included in the Riverbank Development area. SECRA expressed an opinion that, ideally, much of the existing RAH site should be returned to Park Lands or, at the very least, a wide Park Lands corridor should be created to provide a link between the eastern Park Lands and the River Torrens. Such a corridor would accommodate a much needed "off road" trail for pedestrians and those cyclist (including south east city residents) who are reluctant to ride on the roads as is currently required if cycling between the eastern Park Lands and the River Torrens.

6. Fundraising Cocktail Party for SALA on Hutt Street, Saturday 4th May 5.30pm

Box Factory Community Centre, 59 Regent Street. Cost is \$25 for drinks and nibbles.

Bookings essential. Phone Yvonne (*Hutt Street Precinct Association* coordinator) on 041 338 1728 or email hspa@live.com.au

7. Historic McLaren Street walk and talk, Saturday 4th May 3-5pm

Meet at the Box Factory Community Centre. ACC Councillor, Heritage Architect Sandy Wilkinson and resident Heather Nimmo will guide you along one of Adelaide's oldest streets, and beyond.

Phone Yvonne on 041 338 1728 or email hspa@live.com.au to register your interest for this FREE event.

8. Stop Press Minister Rau reduces ACC local heritage properties from 77 to 38. He has not yet released the *Residential and Main Street DPA* for public consultation. Draft ACC **Active City Strategy identifies Victoria Park as a cycling hub, "including mountain biking". (??) p.31.**