

## **NEWSLETTER** Edition 36 April 2014

### **RESIDENTIAL STREET DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

SECRA members are reminded that 2 May is the deadline for a submission to the Residential Street Development Scheme. This is where you can work with your neighbours to put forward ideas to the Adelaide City Council for the 2014/15 ACC budget about how to improve your street, eg traffic calming; street trees; planter beds, etc. The Consultation Pack involves completing a number of questions to enable the council to better evaluate the submissions. The completion of all sections of the Consultation Pack increases the chances of success of the submission. The Consultation pack is available at <http://yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com/residential-street-development-program>.

In the past the SECRA committee has asked that narrow streets with inadequate footpaths be a priority in any development of residential streets. However because these streets have required the removal of power poles and the undergrounding of the power lines to enable the footpaths to be widened such work is very expensive and has not been undertaken. SECRA will not be making a submission on the Residential Street Development Scheme this year but will be relying upon residents to make submissions as they are in the best position to identify how their streets can be improved. SECRA members are therefore encouraged to make a submission.

However if you just want a tree planted or a hole-in-the-road fixed - something small or routine - the best approach is to inform a Councillor or contact the ACC Customer Service Centre, Ph. 8203 7203. If you contact the Customer Service Centre you will be given a reference number and this will be of assistance if following up the matter.

### **ABOUT TIME – SOUTH AUSTRALIA’S HISTORY FESTIVAL**

During the month of May 2014 a “History Festival” will be held in South Australia and there will be many interesting activities in the City of Adelaide including walking tours, exhibitions, events and guided tours of historical and interesting buildings. The program is available at <http://www.abouttime.sa.gov.au>.

The Festival will commence with “Open House Adelaide” on the weekend of 3 and 4 May 2014. A booklet listing this weekend’s events in Adelaide is available at the Hutt Street Library, The Box Factory and at <http://www.openhouseadelaide.com.au>. There will be four walking tours, “Grote Eco Tour”, “Keith Conlon’s Adelaidia Tour of King William Street”, “City West out of the Shadows” and “Adelaide’s Inspiring Women”. Guided tours of many buildings normally not open to the general public will also be held on the weekend. Buildings include The Adelaide Mosque, Adelaide Town Hall, Artlab Australia, Ayres House, Carclew, Freemasons Grand Lodge, Government House, MFS Headquarters, SA Pathology Laboratory, South Australian Film Corporation, the two cathedrals, a number of city churches, including St Johns, and many other buildings! Numbers for each tour will be limited so it is recommended that you book early if you wish to join one of these tours.

In the last newsletter SECRA members were offered a guided tour of the new Adelaide City Library but there were not enough members interested to warrant a guided tour. However for those interested in visiting the library there will be guides provided from 10am to 5pm on 3 May and from 12noon to 5pm on 4 May.

### **VICTORIA PARK \_ FUNDING REQUEST & OCCUPATION BY CLIPSAL 500**

On 20 March 2014 SECRA wrote to ACC requesting funding for some landscaping in Victoria Park and raising concerns about the damage to the park by Clipsal 500. This letter can be viewed on the SECRA Web Site. As a result of this letter the Lord Mayor, Stephen Yarwood and Councillor Michael Henningsen joined SECRA Chairperson, John Underwood, for an inspection the park on their bicycles. The Lord Mayor and Councillor Henningsen now have a much better understanding about SECRA’s concerns regarding the damage and inconvenience caused by Clipsal’s occupation of Victoria Park and the need for landscaping along the East Terrace side of the Park between Halifax Street and South Terrace.

### **LED STREET LIGHTS**

There have been some concerns raised about the brightness of the recently installed LED lights in McLaren Street. These LED lights are in the 4000 to 4500 Kelvin rated range which is a level of brightness that you would expect to see at a night match at an oval. While there is an argument that the bright lights are for enhanced pedestrian safety LED lights in the 3000 to 3500 range would give a warmer light which is easier on the eye, brings out more natural colours of the stone in our heritage cottages and brickwork etc while still providing a safe street for pedestrians. SECRA committee sees the benefits of LED street lights (cheaper to run - and better for the environment) but would prefer that the Adelaide City Council uses the “softer” lights (Kelvin rating of 3000-3500 range) in narrow residential streets, in heritage areas and where the lights shine into bedroom windows."