

## NEWSLETTER Edition 47 AUGUST 2018

### CITY OF ADELAIDE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As occurred with the last Council elections SECRA is combining with the South West City Community Association to hold a "Meet the Candidates" function. This is to be held on Thursday 11 October 2018 at the Box Factory Community Centre and it is proposed to invite South Ward Councillor, Lord Mayoral and Area Councillor candidates to attend. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of candidates and at the conclusion of the function sandwiches, tea & coffee will be provided together with the opportunity to socialise and chat with candidates. Members of the public are also welcome to attend.

The SECRA AGM will be held for SECRA members from 6pm to 6-15pm with the "Meet the Candidates" function commencing at 6-30pm. A notice advertising the event will be distributed closer to the meeting together with a request for nominations for positions on the SECRA Committee.

### ACCESS TO LARGE DEVELOPMENTS VIA NARROW RESIDENTIAL STREETS AND LANES

SECRA recently wrote to the Lord Mayor expressing concern about large developments using small residential streets and lanes for access. While large developments are considered by the State Commissions Assessment Panel and not by the City of Adelaide, SECRA believes that the City of Adelaide should continue to address issues of traffic, rubbish and transition between zones wherever possible as these issues fall clearly within their area of responsibility.

SECRA requested assurances that Council will make strong cases against such developments that place such a disproportionate burden on local residents. SECRA is of the view that Council must continue to have a significant role in the planning and urban design of the city to ensure that the well-being of residents is protected and that the city maintains its reputation as being one of the most liveable cities in the world. SECRA advised the Lord Mayor that it strongly supported Council having a role in these matters but would like the Lord Mayor's equal support in expressing the views and concerns of our membership.

### HUTT STREET

The Hutt Street Working Party was established to address issues relating to a reported increase in violence, drug dealing and anti social behaviour in Hutt Street and surrounding areas. SECRA had two representatives on the Working Party. At the final meeting it was reported that 5 CCTV cameras had been installed near the Hutt Street Centre, a Hutt Street Traders Association has been formed, greening of Hutt Street was due to commence and a report of the role of City Council field staff was due to be considered by Council on 26 August 2018. Members will note the increased presence of police in Hutt Street.

Feedback sought from SECRA members showed that while there was support for the services that have been provided by the Hutt Street Centre, an overwhelming majority of members did not support an expansion of these services or a redevelopment of the Centre on its current site. The SECRA Committee recently met with the Chairperson of the Hutt Street Centre Board and its CEO to discuss the feedback from our members and to gain an insight as to what is proposed for the Hutt Street Centre in the future. A meeting was also held with Intuito Market Research (see below).

The following information was provided to SECRA by Phil Donato, Chair, Hutt Street Centre Board of Directors:

*"We welcome the opportunity to personally invite members of SECRA through our doors to see first-hand the services that we provide. In addition to our staffing group we have approximately 660 volunteers to assist us in the delivery of these services.*

*As stated at our recent meeting with SECRA, we are exploring all options with our stakeholders, and currently working through our service delivery model, which we review constantly to ensure that we best meet the needs of our client group now and into the future. This has led us to some exciting outcomes focused programs like the Pathways to Employment program (where we have been able to re-engage 153 people back into the workforce and 53 people into further education and training) and Aspire. This review will help determine our next steps and future model, and we will keep SECRA informed with information and updates when they become available.*

*Hutt St Centre is dedicated to understanding the current issues surrounding the debate in Hutt Street. To this end, we have commissioned a qualified market research company, Intuito Market Research, to conduct and engage with the relevant stakeholders in the debate. They have been conducting interviews with a variety of residents, traders, local government Councillors, State Government and associated bodies and will extend this first phase of the research to a resident and trader survey over the coming weeks. Hutt St Centre is extremely interested in people's views and the findings from the research will inform our future plans of community engagement.*

*Our role at Hutt St Centre is to continue providing hope for people experiencing homelessness. We look forward to working more closely with SECRA in the future."*

### HOSTING A FORMULA E RACE IN THE CITY OF ADELAIDE

SECRA recently wrote to the Lord Mayor raising concerns about his statement "The prospect of hosting FIA Formula E in the City of Adelaide is an exciting idea that has merit of further investigation. Adelaide is renowned for hosting successful motorsport events and Formula E aligns well with our smart and green credentials."

SECRA's major criticism of the current Adelaide 500 race is the length of time taken to set up and take down the infrastructure associated with the motor race especially in Victoria Park and to have this repeated with a Formula E race would be untenable not only for residents of the city but for those persons commuting to work in the city with road closures and restrictions. Holding another street race in the city and the associated loss of recreational areas of the Park Lands and road closures, etc. would have an adverse effect on residents and the Council's objective to have Adelaide as one of the most liveable cities in the world.

While SECRA is supportive of environmentally friendly initiatives such as electric vehicles it does not support the holding of another street race in the city and its preference would be that no such races be held in the city but at the new Tailem Bend racing circuit.

## RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM SECRA

Below is a summary of responses to recent questions submitted to the City of Adelaide Council by SECRA.

- When will the Council's vehicles fleet become less polluting?

*Council's diesel fleet is Euro 5 compliant, passenger vehicles are now hybrid and many of the smaller maintenance machines are now electric (eg scrubbers, sweepers, garden and utility vehicles) and plant and vehicle tenders have a clause that low pollutant and alternatives energies would be looked at favourably. Council is also exploring hydrogen fuel cell technology.*

- When dealing with congestion why is there no mention of cycling and walking in the Integrated Business Plan (as opposed to private vehicles and public transport)?

*Improvements to cycling and walking are integrated into the Residential Street, Laneways and Main Street budget lines which focus on better footpaths for walking, integrating greening, creating a more welcoming and accessible city with a total proposed investment of more than \$13m in those three categories. Council encourages feedback on other community priorities to inform our Main Street and Residential Street Improvement Program budget.*

- Will the Council commit to an annual allowance for improving infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians (e.g. traffic lights that don't require pedestrians to press a button to get the "green man": raising the road to the level of the footpath at intersections; a pedestrian crossing on Hutt St at Carrington Street?

*Council encourages feedback on other community priorities to inform our Main Street Improvement Program budget, such as improving pedestrian facilities on Hutt Street. Council is also proposing investment in its Smart Move Strategy, to include an allocation for smart technology implementation, which will assist all street users; and investigation of how the city's walking links can be improved.*

- Will the Council be reviewing the Connector bus route and if so will it consult with the community on any changes?

*Council continues to monitor the performance and usage of the free City Connector service and investigates proposals put forward from the community. The service is 50/50 funded by CoA and the State Government and at this present time there are no immediate plans to change the free City Connector timetable or route. Any proposal to change the service would include consultation with the community.*

- Will the Council join SECRA in requesting a meeting with the Minister for Tourism (through our local member Rachel Sanderson) to discuss ways to ameliorate the disruptive effect the car race is having on residents in the SE, Park Lands users (and Fringe events are also denying access to Park Lands users through blocking off the Park Lands Trail) and the wider Adelaide community through road closures?

*Council is happy to facilitate a meeting between SECRA and the Minister of Transport, so that SECRA is able to share its concerns about the impacts of the Adelaide 500 and other road closures. The Council Events team is also happy to meet separately with SECRA to further understand their concerns about the impact of events on the access to the Park Lands and the Park Lands Trail in particular.*

NOTE: SECRA wrote to our local member, Rachel Sanderson, and requested a meeting with the Minister for Tourism identifying a number of issues that SECRA wished to discuss. SECRA received a written response from the Minister for Tourism to these issues but disappointingly no meeting.

## VICTORIA PARK NEW TOILETS AND CHANGE ROOMS

SECRA was consulted during the concept and planning stage for a proposed public toilets and change rooms building in Victoria Park and recognised the need for such facilities. Having canvassed members SECRA submitted a submission supporting the location of the building in the centre of the Park just south of the central garden. This location was preferred as it was convenient for both those using the sporting facilities and for the general public using the pedestrian/cycle route through the Park. The construction of buildings in the Park Lands has often been subject to criticism however the City of Adelaide is to be congratulated on the completed structure as it is relatively unobtrusive.



NOTE: Membership of SECRA is available to all residents in the South East Precinct of the City of Adelaide and Associate Membership is available to non-residents. Membership application forms are available on the SECRA website [www.secra.asn.au](http://www.secra.asn.au)

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