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HUTT STREET CENTRE

A meeting was held between the SECRA Committee and the Hutt Street Centre CEO and General Manager, Fundraising and Communications on 14th July 2020. This meeting was very informative and provided the SECRA committee with a better understanding of the services provided by the Hutt Street Centre together with the works currently being undertaken to improve the facilities for their clients.

Of particular interest was the Aspire Program that is undertaken by the centre at their Halifax Street Offices. This program provides three years of complex case management support for people experiencing homelessness. This support sees them into long-term accommodation and homefulness. It is a social impact bond program that is funded by private investment and receives financial benefits from the Government if key outcomes are achieved. The program has approximately 20 case managers based in the Aspire Halifax Street Offices, each supporting 10-15 clients and visiting them in their long term accommodation. The program will support about 600 people over its lifetime and to date has been very successful.

The works currently being undertaken at the Hutt Street Centre will provide clients with improved facilities that will also enable clients to receive services under cover which will obviate the need for them to congregate on the footpath outside the centre. Once the works are completed SECRA members and the wider community will be given an opportunity to visit the Hutt Street Centre to gain an appreciation of the improved facilities and the services being provided by the centre.

Further information on the Hutt Street Centre can be obtained at <https://www.huttstcentre.org.au/about-us/annual-reports-and-financial-statements>

FLOOD MANAGEMENT WORKS IN THE SOUTH PARK LANDS - VICTORIA PARK/ PAKAPAKANTHI (PARK 16) WETLAND

The SECRA Committee met on the site of the proposed Victoria Park wetland with the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project Director on 30th August 2020. The wetland is proposed at the southern end of Victoria Park and will help manage flooding from the Park Lands Creek and downstream residential areas. The design of the wetland includes areas of permanent water, areas that become inundated during 'normal' flows and a broader area that will only become inundated during a large flood event.



The wetland will have a range of features that enhance the amenity and facilitate recreational use of the area such as footpaths and walking trails that connect to the existing path network. New trees, shrubs and grassland areas will be planted, including aquatic species to create the wetland biodiversity and ecology.

The wetland will be located on the northern side of the Park Lands Creek in the area between the Park Lands Creek and the fitness track. This will ensure that the natural woodland on the southern side of the Park Lands Creek will remain but the group of poplar trees alongside the creek will be removed.

The construction of the wetland is anticipated to commence in November later this year and will take about 12 months to build. It is noted that a construction camp and associated works will be present on Victoria Park during this time.

There will be some early works commencing in the next couple of weeks involving the removal of the white poplar trees in the south east corner of Park 16. Removal and eradication of these trees is essential whilst the trees are dormant to ensure that they do not sprout and cause ongoing maintenance issues later with the wetland project.

White poplars are listed within South Australia as an environmental weed species and pose an issue for natural resource management as their dense growth is capable of blocking and diverting natural watercourses which can in turn lead to localised erosion and flooding.

More information can be obtained at <https://bhkcstormwater.com.au>. To stay in touch with project updates or to provide feedback or make an enquiry at any time while the project is underway please email info@southparklands.com.au or call 1300 281 235.



AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE LORD MAYOR

The resident associations within the City of Adelaide have been invited by the Lord Mayor to two afternoon teas to hear progress reports on Council activities and to inform the Lord Mayor on issues in local communities. At the last meeting on 3 June the matters discussed included:

- A strategic property review which documents the Council's property portfolio including the Adelaide Park Lands has been completed
- The Adelaide Football Club's unsolicited bid is now finished and closed. Concerns were expressed about the consultation process. The unsolicited bids policy is now on hold, and the representatives present unanimously agreed that the policy must not include the Park Lands.
- The needs analysis for the Adelaide Aquatic Centre is being followed up and funding support from the Commonwealth for future development was suggested.
- The importance of the Connector Bus and the utility of its current route was raised and unanimously supported. The duplication with trams was considered to be minimal. The proposed consultation by the state government on any route changes was noted. The Council's move for free public transport within the CBD was supported.
- The work that the administration to respond to the Planning Code reform was appreciated by the resident's groups. The lack of community input to Category 2 development was still an issue along with the lack of resident voice concerning changes in their communities build form and the exclusion of any opportunity for representations or observations from the community to the CoA Council Assessment Panel.
- Council was encouraged to continue to seek funding from the open space fund to develop and improve the greening projects within the CBD.

While SECRA is disappointed that these resident's meetings do not have full reports from council's administration staff on relevant issues nor do they yet have formal minutes or agendas, we remain positive that they will develop into a positive conduit between the Lord Mayor and the south east residents. The Lord Mayor has indicated an interest to meet with SECRA members and this has been curtailed by the COVID 19 restrictions. However, would SECRA members be interested in participating in a Zoom meeting with the Lord Mayor rather than a face to face meeting? Please let us know your views by email.

HUTT STREET ROUND TABLE

In June 2020 the Lord Mayor convened a “Round Table” meeting to develop a Common Vision for Hutt Street. Representatives from Hutt Street traders, SA Police, SECRA and the City of Adelaide attended the meeting. The purpose of the round table is to provide an opportunity to work together to address challenges and identify opportunities to improve Hutt Street. A second meeting is to be held on 24 August 2021 to follow up the progress made at the initial meeting.

While on the subject of Hutt Street following the COVID 19 restrictions, SECRA encourages residents to shop locally to support local businesses so that Hutt Street can continue to offer the range of services and facilities which make it such a desirable local precinct. SECRA has also lobbied for the reopening of the Post Office, Bank SA and the free City Connector Bus following their closure. SECRA would also like to acknowledge the work of the State Government in providing short term emergency accommodation during COVID 19 and hopes that this will continue beyond this crisis.

SUBMISSIONS BY SECRA

SECRA has recently made three formal submissions on your behalf and these are placed on the SECRA website at regular intervals:

- 8 March - *Adelaide Park Lands Building Design Guidelines*
- 16 June - *Golden Wattle Park/Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W) – Draft Community Land Management Plan (CLMP)*
- 21 July - *City of Adelaide 2020-21 Business Plan and Budget. (see summary below)*

CITY OF ADELAIDE DRAFT 2020-2021 BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET

SECRA's submission on the City of Adelaide Draft 2020-2021 Business Plan & Budget supported the following Key Activities:

- Continue support for the Adelaide Zero Project and other initiatives to achieve functional zero homelessness.
- Implement City Access projects (walking, cycling and public transport) in partnership with the State Government, including the North-South and East-West city bikeways.
- Activate main streets and develop unique precincts to support a diverse range of businesses and communities.
- Increase street tree canopies and green infrastructure in city hot spots and public spaces.
- Implement improvements to city-wide waste and recycling services to support transition to the circular economy.
- Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands and connect our community to nature.
- Review and improve the way we collect and present data to share insights with the community.

SECRA listed the following services as those that were valued by residents in the south east precinct of the city:

- support and enhance the Park Lands, in particular horticultural services and maintenance
- strengthen our community, such as the Hutt Street library, the Box Factory Community Centre and the Connector bus
- maintain our streets
- result in a well-planned, liveable city where heritage buildings are protected
- provide infrastructure that encourages active transport, such as walking and cycling
- provide environmental services, given the climate emergency
- support Hutt Street and other local businesses

ADELAIDE 500

The Adelaide 500 has been a matter of concern for SECRA due to the length of time taken for staging the race and the impact of the race upon residents. Following the visit of Christine Everingham, a co-author of the book, 'Wrong Track: What Drove Supercars to Newcastle', SECRA requested the financial details and evaluation of the Superloop Adelaide 500 event. Initially a FOI application received no response and when it was received there was more blacked out text than actual text on the outcomes of the race. SECRA contacted the Premier regarding the FOI report and received a reply which indicated that there was a balanced approach to the disruption to the city and the financial benefits generated (which were not disclosed).

VICTORIA PARK COVID 19 DRIVE THROUGH TESTING STATION

A new drive-through COVID-19 testing location was opened in Victoria Park on 5 August and conducted 900 tests on its first day. Unlike the drive-through facility at the Repatriation Hospital, the Victoria Park clinic does not require a GP referral. To be tested persons must be in a motor vehicle or on motor cycle.

SECRA has been informed that testing station does not impinge upon the safety of users of the park and will stay there on a as needs base basis.

THE PARK LANDS TRAIL THROUGH LOT 14

On 30 April the Chairman of the South Australian Planning Commission informed SECRA that the Minister of Planning had approved the continuation of the Park Land Trail through Lot 14. We believe that SECRA can add value to the process by presenting a community perspective and valuable expertise which has been recognised in our responses to the City of Adelaide consultations on Park 21 W, council budgets and strategic planning initiatives.

Therefore, SECRA nominated Mr John Underwood as the appropriate contact person to work with the Council and Renewal SA for this project. John is a long-standing member of SECRA, and immediate Past President, has an engineering background and has developed a strong relationship with the Council over many years.

RECOVER & REIMAGINE

South Ward Councillor, Helen Donovan, has advised that the Recover & Reimagine team are continuing to work through the 200+ ideas received. Some of the activities already commenced are summarised below.

Musee Exterieur Art Trail

The first stage of the Musee Exterieur Art Trail was kicked off in North Adelaide on Bastille Day. The Musee Exterieur Outdoor Art Exhibition is being held in partnership with the City of Cherbourg, France. The exhibition will mirror an exhibition held in Cherbourg of paintings from the Thomas Henry Museum entitled Le Musée fait le Mur and will transform the streets into an open-air gallery. The walking trail will take visitors on a tour of up to thirty paintings from the collection.

Outdoor heaters

Due to popular demand, and in collaboration with the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC), we are completing the distribution of a further 120 outdoor heaters to eateries across the city and North Adelaide. This brings to total number of free heaters provided to City of Adelaide businesses to 140.

Winter Weekend

A series of Winter Weekend events have kicked off in the East End! Events will be held over 5 weekends on Friday and Saturday nights (5pm to 10pm) in multiple locations. Some of these locations include; East End, Leigh St, Peel St, Hutt St, Vardon Ave, O'Connell St and Melbourne St. In each of these locations there will be 2 firepits with live music. The event is being delivered with the support of a grant from the State Government. For more information please visit <https://explore.cityofadelaide.com.au/whats-on/winter-weekends/>

Gilbert Place Street Closure

Gilbert Place is being blocked off to traffic for the next four weekends on Friday and Saturday afternoons/nights to allow for more outdoor dining. The activation stemmed from an idea that was submitted to the Recover and Reimagine team. The businesses in Gilbert Place (Hains and Co, Red October and The Pancake Kitchen) have taken the lead in theming the events while the City of Adelaide and State Government have supported them with road closures and licensing for extended outdoor dining. The event is capped at 300 people to align with COVID-19 safe measures.

Music in the Streets

Music in the Streets runs from July to the end of September with local musicians providing performances over lunchtime every Friday. The program encompasses six locations throughout the City and North Adelaide. For more information please visit <https://explore.cityofadelaide.com.au/blog/music-in-the-streets/>

Student Sound Snacks

Student Sound Snacks kicked off in July. The event involves a line-up of talented Tabor College students giving 45 minute sets of diverse music genres and ensembles over an 8 week period. The sessions occur every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 1:15pm in varying locations on Hutt St. The feedback from the first sessions, has been extremely positive with the Cibo owners particularly expressing their gratitude to Council for all the assistance they have received during the past few months.

Tree wrapping in Melbourne Street

The wrapping of 45 trees that line Melbourne Street has been completed. The objective of the idea was to brighten Melbourne Street and spark interest and excitement amongst residents and shoppers. The decorations will be in place for 8 weeks (pending weather).

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