



SOUTH EAST CITY NEWS

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CHAIRPERSON' S REPORT

We are closing in on the end of another productive year for SECRA.

The date of our Annual General Meeting is being proposed as **Thursday 6th November** please pencil this date into your diaries. It is likely that the meeting will be held in the early evening and be at Waverly House in the grounds of St Andrews Hospital. A guest speaker has yet to be determined but further details will be provided to members closer to the date.

The primary reason for raising this issue now is that I would like to encourage members to consider nominating for a position on the Committee. Nominations are required 3 weeks prior to the AGM (16 October) so if you would like to nominate, please contact me through the SECRA website and I will ensure a form is forwarded to you.

The Committee will be meeting on 22nd October to consider, among other business, future directions for SECRA and your input on this issue would be appreciated. Please take this opportunity to have your say so that your views can be reflected in those discussions and at the AGM.

On other issues, the ACC has invited participation by SECRA, APPA and the North Adelaide Society in a workshop on an Adelaide Parklands Management Strategy. Doug Sweet, Glenyss Steedman and I will be attending on your behalf and you will be kept informed of any issues of importance arising from that. Please take the time to look at the document on the ACC website and send in your views as well (see section Victoria Park Developments).

The ACC is also calling for submissions on its Development Plan Review. SECRA will consider making a submission to the ACC (submission required by 4th November) but in any event, will continue to call for preservation of heritage in the south east and for the opportunity for resident input on local planning and development matters. We note with concern the recent disempowering of local government on these issues.

Other issues of ongoing concern for members such as the Glenelg to Adelaide Parklands Pipeline project and Afton House, are also discussed in more detail later in this newsletter.

I would also draw your attention to the Car Sharing Plan launched recently in Adelaide. Members can find out more about this new initiative for Adelaide at www.goget.com.au. This plan has the support of the ACC and of State Government and fits neatly with SECRA's desires for transport options that reduce reliance on private transport (and associated car parking).

Finally, it is pleasing to finally see the Rymill Park Lake with water and, following the rains of the past few weeks, the Parklands looking so green and attractive. It is a shame the same cannot be said for the mess left by the SAJC. It is important that Council takes leadership on this issue and gets the clean up started. This may require leaving the debate on who pays to be ground out behind closed doors. Having said that, whatever is determined regarding responsibility to pay, how much of the bill

being footed by ratepayers should be transparent.

Hopefully, with the finalisation of the Adelaide Parklands Management Strategy we may finally be able to put to rest the prospect of Parklands covered in commercial facilities to cater for commercial events and, with continued vigilance, see the Parklands enhanced and preserved for the future.

Anne Melrose
Chairperson, SECRA

VICTORIA PARK DEVELOPMENTS

Draft Victoria Park Master Plan

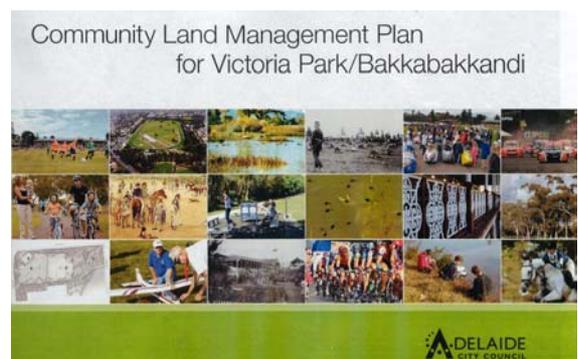
The Adelaide City Council has released the Draft Victoria Park Master Plan which envisages the Park being revitalised as a major area of recreational activity (and associated infrastructure).

Members are encouraged to view the Plan and the Draft Community Land Management Plan at: www.adelaidecitycouncil.com

The ACC wants to “transform the Park into a 'People's Park' rivalling some of the great city parks of the world”.

The Plan features continued restoration of the Heritage Grandstand, improved playing fields, the creation of a wetland and aquifer recharge facility, picnic settings and walking and cycling trails.

Members' attention is drawn to page 14 of the Plan in which it is proposed that the SA Motor Sport board be “encouraged” to move the Clipsal 500 Event parking (currently amongst the trees at the end of Angas Street) further into the Park in an 'open grassed area’.



SECRA considers this should be a mandatory requirement as although we do not support any parking on the Parklands, if there is to be parking it should not be in one of the significant 'treed' areas.

Removal of SAJC Infrastructure

SECRA is very concerned about the lack of action in removing the remnants of horse racing in Victoria Park – particularly in view of the fact that the last event was held in December 2007 and the lease expired on 28 April 2008.

We would urge the ACC to either act as a good manager of community assets and enforce the make good provisions of the lease arrangements, or come clean on what cost will be picked up by ratepayers which should more appropriately be borne by the SAJC.

Clipsal 500

SECRA previously contacted the SA Motor Sport Board re: the temporary construction compound for the first year of the new temporary stand identifying location, ongoing access from small residential streets and noise of machinery etc as issues of concern.

Residents near Victoria Park (no formal notification received by SECRA) have recently received notification from the SAMSB re: the planning and construction of new temporary buildings and other works for the 2009 event (19 -22 March).

Residents were informed that “engineering contractors will mobilise on site from Monday 8 September while civil works required for the new temporary pit building and temporary shed structure are scheduled to commence on Wednesday 10 September. Resurfacing of some road areas within Victoria Park is scheduled to commence on Saturday 11 October”.

Australian International Three Day Event

At the same time, notification was received of road closures for the above horse event (to be held 14-16 November). Wakefield Road between Dequetteville Terrace and East Terrace and Bartels Road between Dequetteville Terrace and East Terrace will be from 9am on Friday 14th November to 10pm on Sunday 16th November 2008.

Bicycle Action Plan

The ACC has adopted a Bicycle Action Plan for 2008/2011 and has committed \$3 million over the 3 years towards the cost of implementation. Part of these funds have come from the so-called Green Levy on rates raised to combat the impacts of climate change.

The Plan aims to create safer and more convenient access for cyclists by completing the primary bicycle lane network by the end of 2008/09 and installing on-street and off-street self-secured bicycle parking at key locations in the CBD.

After that, the plan optimises opportunities for cyclists by completing the secondary bicycle lane network by the end of 2009/10 and completing the Park Lands trail.

In the south-east we can expect to see improved bike lanes on Halifax Street which will link through from Sturt Street (which is to have our first Copenhagen-style bike lane) to the path across Victoria Park as well as better continuity of lanes on the primary north-south road networks.

Afton House

The construction phase of Afton House is nearing completion.

SECRA remains concerned about ongoing management of the facility and has written to the managers of Afton House offering our participation in any community consultation and/or community management structures to be established.

We would like to be good neighbours with Afton House and recognise the work being done for some of the most disadvantaged of our community.

However, we consider that having 24 hour on site management in place is the minimum required to provide security for neighbours and other community members..

Glenelg to Adelaide Park Lands Recycled Water (GAP) Project

This project, jointly funded by Commonwealth and State governments, aims to provide more than 3.8 billion litres of high quality recycled water annually, primarily to irrigate the Adelaide Park Lands.

It will be piped underground from Glenelg to the Park Lands and CBD and will reduce our dependence on other water sources, including the River Murray. This landmark project will provide a sustainable long-term solution for watering the Park Lands and will provide opportunities for the development of additional recycled water initiatives.

This project will reinforce Adelaide's position as a green city and national leader in water conservation. It is also a key project under the Government's 4-way strategy to secure our future water needs.

The four strategies cover:

- Water Use
- Desalination
- Recycling
- Catchments

This project is being undertaken in partnership with Adelaide City Council and will be delivered by the CityGreen Alliance, which comprises SA Water, United Water, Leed Engineering and Construction, Leighton Services and Guidera O'Connor.

Construction of the Glenelg to Adelaide Park Lands Recycled Water Project is approaching, with works proposed to commence in the Park Lands in late September 2008. The project will be completed, with water available in the Park Lands for irrigation, by mid 2010.

A range of communication activities are being undertaken to keep the community and other stakeholders up to date on the timing and location of construction activities.

An information pack has been mailed to more than 6,500 residents and businesses adjacent to the pipeline route in West Torrens and the City of Adelaide. The CityGreen team is also visiting residents and businesses on the pipeline route in advance of works commencing to explain the project and answer any questions on the construction program.

SECRA has written to the project managers requesting that there be no car parking on the Parklands and that use of local roads during the construction phase be minimised.

For further information, visit the GAP project website at www.gapreuse.com.au, call the Projects Information Line on 1800 812 362 or email us at: gapreuse@sawater.com.au. Information displays will also be available for view from mid-September 2008 at the Adelaide City Council and West Torrens City Council Customer Service Centres and at the North Adelaide Community Centre.