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As we prepare this edition the Minister for Local Government has announced that the term of the present Council needs to be extended by 12 months to allow a full review of its representative structure. This is an inordinately long time given that extensive work was done before the ill-advised abolition of wards and that computers can crunch the numbers very easily. A simple rescission of the legislative change made last August is all that is needed and there is no valid reason why the review cannot start right now and be completed in 3 months. We now have a 'caretaker' council with at least four members having expressed their intention to not seek re-election. The track record of this Council in areas such as Parklands management, planning policy, heritage protection and other more basic services has been less than what residents would have expected. On a more positive note the Council is to be applauded for its decision to poll ratepayers on the questionable idea of the tram extension and the upgrading of North Tce and Pulteney St are of a high standard. Its commitment to the housing of needy young people is also to be commended. *David Plumridge, Chairperson*

SOCIAL HOUSING ISSUES IN FOCUS Following our concern about Government proposals to increase the size of Afton House (a plan subsequently withdrawn by Minister Weatherill) and the difficulties experienced in managing such a large number of people in crisis at one location, we convened a meeting to discuss the issues and to be better informed. Speakers from MACHA, St Johns Youth Services and the Hutt Street Centre told an interested gathering of SECRA members about the services they provide and the challenges they face with limited resources and increasing demands. An 'open day' at MACHA's newly opened boarding house at 341 Angas Street was very informative. The boarding house for 45 men has been carefully refurbished and is well managed with 24 hour supervision. SECRA has asked the Minister to consult with us when the Government reviews its social housing policies.



WHEN IS A SIGN NOT A SIGN? It seems that when a sign is attached to a trailer and becomes moveable, it is no longer classed as a sign. SECRA members expressed their horror when a very large sign appeared in Hutt Road advertising a brand of fast food. Whilst we appreciate the need to support local businesses we reckon that parking a trailer sign in the Parklands and on a major approach road to the city is not the right way to win our support. Most businesses do the right thing and accept Council control of signage – It is simply a matter of being a good neighbour!



CLIPSAL QUESTIONS RUFFLE FEATHERS Our special Clipsal edition asked a number of pertinent questions and our members added many more. It is quite clear that Clipsal causes much disruption and disquiet for residents and some local businesses – some would argue that it has now outgrown the Parklands location. **SECRA's position is quite clear;** Firstly, we accept that the state is committed to Clipsal until 2015 (but not necessarily in the Parklands). Secondly, we are totally opposed to any plans for a permanent grandstand in Victoria Park and thirdly we are determined to try to get a better deal in terms of set-up and take-down times, levels of noise, especially helicopter and military aircraft and the visual impact in the Parklands. We also totally support the retention of picnic-style horse racing and SAJC's original plans to upgrade their facilities within their existing footprint. SECRA has joined forces with the Adelaide Parklands Preservation Association (APPA) to prepare a sensible and measured submission to the Motor Sport Board seeking their cooperation in achieving a better deal for local residents and greater respect for the Parklands.



A FEW FACTS ABOUT ADELAIDE Population estimate at June 2003 was 13,734 (ABS). 46% of current residents own the property they live in, and 53% rent. City households are 30% lone persons with 52% in group households. 18% are in family households. 55% of city residents are in paid work. (ACC 2004) The number of international students in Adelaide due to rise to 21000 by the end of the year. (Messenger).

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