



Victoria Park

Your committee wishes all SECRA members and supporters a relaxing Christmas with family and friends. We look forward to working with you, and for you, in 2009.

Some of what we achieved (or helped to achieve) in 2008:

National Heritage listing for The Adelaide Park Lands. SECRA's contribution was small but SECRA member Kyle Penick has been recognised for his outstanding contribution over many years to this terrific outcome for our precious Park Lands and all South Australians.

Two well-attended public meetings (in April and November) with the topics: *Water: from the Murray to your garden*, with guest speakers Professor Mike Young of the Wentworth Group of concerned Scientists and Malcolm Campbell, gardening guru; and *The Value of Heritage*, with guest speaker Ian Stephenson, CEO of the National Trust of South Australia.

Submissions made by your committee to the Adelaide City Council on such matters as: *Creating our Future 2008-2030*; Victoria Park Community Land Management Plan; the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy; the ACC 2008/09 Annual Business Plan and Budget; Glenelg to Adelaide Pipeline project; homelessness; heritage; bicycle lanes; car parking.

The reopening of the Box Factory (in May 2009) as a community centre.

More details of our achievements can be read in our Chairperson's 2008 report which will be posted on our updated SECRA website www.secra.asn.au



Clipsal 500



Surely another place can be found for the contractors' camp? Not until the SAJC leave, says Clipsal 500's John Hadaway

In the absence of chairperson Anne Melrose, who is currently overseas, SECRA secretary Heather Nimmo and committee member John Underwood recently met Mr Jason Allen, the new CEO of the South Australian Motor Sport Board, to discuss how we can work together in the future. Also present at the meeting in Victoria Park were Mr John Hadaway, Project Manager for the event (with whom our Secretary has made contact by telephone over the past few years) and Infrastructure Manager, Mr Simon Ward. The meeting was very cordial but Mr Hadaway told us that the contractors' camp (which the previous CEO Mr Daniels said Clipsal 500 would look into relocating) would be returning to its East Terrace site in 2009, because there was no where else to put it until the SAJC removes its stables and associated buildings. (And when will that be, we ask?)

And a few days later the first "donga" arrived (see photos above). Would this eyesore be allowed to be "erected" in Rymill Park or Elder Park? And remain there for six months? We think not.

The ACC needs to get together with the SAMSB and the SAJC to find a new place for the camp, somewhere closer to Wakefield Street, which, we believe, is where the Clipsal 500 people would prefer it. Does the Board have a plan of the car race footprint which they could make public?

Mr Hadaway was happy to provide SECRA with a monthly update on Clipsal 500's activities in the Park and you can view this on our website www.secra.asn.au. However he has not yet responded to our request for details of contractor work times and dates and details of the responsibilities of contractors in the Park. We will put these on the website as soon as we get them.

It's very noticeable that some Vic Park users are not cleaning up after their dogs.

The Terrace.

Members of the committee, and local residents, recently attended the opening of the redeveloped Afton House, now called The Terrace. This is a very impressive boarding house facility. See the SECRA webpage for photographs.

The Box Factory will reopen in May 2009 but the Adelaide City Council will be appointing a full-time coordinator from February so that the community can work with that person to develop a program of activities for the centre. This is a great opportunity for our neighbourhood.

Cheltenham Park Residents Association

The Cheltenham Residents are taking their fight to retain Cheltenham Racecourse for open space (as wetlands) to the Supreme Court. If you would like to make a financial contribution to their legal costs or just find out more you can contact them at www.savecheltenham.info.

Noise

Any event held in the Adelaide Park Lands (other than the Clipsal 500) has to submit an acoustic management plan to the Adelaide City Council and a sound technician must be in attendance at all times. If you are distressed by noise from an event you should ring the ACC's after hours number 82037203. All complaints are logged, investigated and taken into account when granting permission for future events. The ACC website has more information on noise: www.adelaidecitycouncil.com

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WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.....

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