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Council recently released a report entitled 'Ageing well in Adelaide: a policy plan for 55's and over'. It looks at a wide range of issues that affect the quality of life of older citizens ranging from safer footpaths, and better lighting through to initiatives to help older people live in their own homes longer. We commend Council for this timely report -many initiatives will lead to a review of existing policies but others will require extra funding, none of which is in this year's budget. Funding for giant plasma screens and events such as Clipsal seems to rate a higher priority at City Hall. Undoubtedly the City's South-East is home to people from all strata of society – some will look for support as they grow old while others may never need help. What we all deserve is dignity as we age and a community in which we feel safe and secure. Governments have a role to play but just as important is a caring community, to which we all can contribute.

At our Victoria Park meeting over 100 residents gave a clear message to Lord Mayor Michael Harbison that we are very concerned about the future of Victoria Park in particular and the Parklands in general. We expect the Council to be a strong advocate and to clearly oppose the use of the Parklands for commercial activities. David Plumridge, Chairperson.

BRING BACK THE WARDS Council has appointed the Panel to review representation structures. Chair is Brian Hayes QC, with Marjorie Schultz, Graham Hugo and Bill Cossey. Consultation should start soon and the Panel is to report in March 2007. We would be pleased to hear from any members who have views about optimal council representation

A NEW LIFE The Temperance Building in Hutt Street, recently sold at auction we hear, is to be transformed into a restaurant which might be a bit of a shock for its hallowed walls. The Women's Christian Temperance Union was formed in 1886 and dedicated to promoting sobriety and fighting drunkenness. The temperance movement was an influential and widespread movement, linked closely with the nonconformist churches. It helped to campaign for women's suffrage hoping to fight the evils of drunkenness through representation in Parliament



TRAFFIC CALMING Slow points and other devices have been installed in East Tce, north of Wakefield Road. This should deter some of the hoons but other parts of East Tce also need attention to stop the road becoming a race track (all the time) Council should now consider similar measures for East Terrace south of Wakefield Rd. Incidentally the new slow points will have to be removed each year for Clipsal - and by the way it would be nice to see the red/yellow/blue kerbs painted out after the race.

BAKEHOUSE THEATRE This theatre is part of our community and deserves our support. The Bakehouse is at 255 Angas Street in a former bakery. It produces 10 shows a year and it serves as a "development house" for emerging and established artists. The Bakehouse is a great, intimate theatre where contemporary and classic theatre is presented by exciting and professional companies. The theatre is funded by ArtsSA but relies on ticket sales to keep afloat. The next play – **Just Like That** - runs Sept 27-30 and October 4-7 at 8 pm Bookings 8227 0505



CIVIC TRUST AWARDS SECRA has entered the Clipsal V8 Supercar Race set-up in Victoria Park for a Brickbat Award in this year's Civic trust Awards. Nothing seemed to be worthy of nomination for an award for excellence. Go to the website below to cast your vote, Choose from The Pie-Cart, Holdfast Shores, The Law Courts or **THE CLIPSALE SET-UP!** <http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,22606,20375210-5006301,00.html#>



HUTT STREET PRECINCT NEWS Congratulations to Richard Abbott on his election as the new President of the Hutt Street Precinct Association. SECRA has always sought to act in a complementary way with the Hutt St group and Chairperson David was pleased to meet up with Richard for a coffee and a talk about how we can work together for the overall betterment of the City's South-East. We will support the Association in its efforts to improve parking in Hutt Street and we look forward to support in our campaign to save Victoria Park from permanent racing infrastructure and new buildings in the middle of the park. Working in unison we can become a strong voice for the South-East corner of the city.

KARIDIS GETS THE GREEN LIGHT After numerous development applications, appeals to the ERD Court and waiting for a change to the Council's Development Plan the Karidis development on the corner of Angas and Hutt Street has finally been given provisional development approval. The convenient change to Mixed Use Zoning has legitimized a 5 story building with underground parking on this prominent corner site. It will probably be the tallest building in Hutt Street and will certainly dwarf the rather charming office building alongside. Some will say that that's progress and others will undoubtedly shed a tear for what we have lost



VICTORIES AND VIGILANCE Thanks to the strong submissions made by many SECRA members and others backed up by our own lobbying, good sense prevailed and Cirque du Soleil and the 4-WD Show will not be staged in Victoria Park. Undoubtedly these victories are only achieved by 'people power' and by being continually vigilant.

The Council's consultation process is seriously flawed and we call on the Council to review and change its policies on commercial use of the Parklands in general and Victoria Park in particular. Clipsal is more than enough!

STOP PRESS Over 700 people went to the public meeting called to stop the rezoning and sale of SAJC's Cheltenham Racecourse. It was good to see quite a few SECRA members in the audience showing support for the local people. Of course our concern is SAJC plans for Victoria Park. There is growing opposition to any intensification of racing at Victoria Park and SAJC has no right to expect that it can simply sell its own assets and then exploit community Parkland assets.

We welcome your comments and suggestions.....

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