

**From John Underwood, Chairperson**

The fourth SECRA AGM held on 12 November 2009 was well attended and was our first held at the renovated Box Factory. We have been using the Box Factory for our monthly SECRA Committee meetings and we look forward to using this excellent community facility for our future AGMs and public meetings.

At the AGM Anne Melrose stepped down as the SECRA Chairperson. Anne is to be congratulated on her leadership and a job well done during her two years as Chairperson.

SECRA has continued to be actively involved in representing the interests of local residents.

I recently attended a meeting with representatives of the Festival of Arts and the Adelaide City Council to discuss the "A Little More Light" event which is to be held at Victoria Park on 27 February 2010 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Festival of Arts. The event will not be the normal fireworks display but a 45 minute pyrotechnic and musical spectacle of a type not seen in Australia before. The event will be free and is expected to attract up to 70000 people. The meeting was held to discuss what actions are being taken in order to minimise the effect of the event on local residents. From my discussions the event appears to be very well organised and the organisers were very receptive to suggestions that will make the event more resident-friendly. The Adelaide Festival of Arts is encouraging local residents to attend the event as it will be a "one off" spectacular which is unlikely to be seen in Adelaide again.

Anne Melrose, Heather Nimmo and I also met with representatives of the SA Motor Sport Board to discuss the 2010 Clipsal 500 race in Victoria Park. They are introducing initiatives to reduce the inconveniences caused by the event on local residents and further details of this meeting are provided in this newsletter.

SECRA has also reviewed the Adelaide City Council draft policy document "Events in the Park Lands". A copy of SECRA's submission to Council on this draft policy document can be found on our web site.

The Secateurs Gardening Group was launched at the Box Factory Christmas Market held on 12 December 2009. Five planter boxes are located in the garden area on the northern side of the Box Factory.

2010 will be an interesting year for SECRA as both State and Local Government elections will be held. In the case of the State elections SECRA will be writing to the two major political parties seeking their views on a number of issues of importance to residents in the south east precinct of the city. We would welcome your suggestions.

On behalf of the SECRA Committee I extend our best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

### **GOGET CAR SHARE COMING TO HUTT STREET.**

*like owning a car only better* Adelaide City Council continues to support car sharing. *A resident reports ...* We have been using the GoGet car share service for six months, both here in Adelaide and also in Sydney, where the company originated (it also now operates in Brisbane and Melbourne). Being cautious types, we began on the starter plan, but were sufficiently impressed by the initial experience to upgrade. We now pay a monthly subscription of \$29, which provides access to a new economy runabout (5-door Toyota Yaris or similar) for \$4.90 an hour - the minimum hire period - plus \$0.35 per km; GoGet supplies the petrol, and there are obviously no servicing, repairs, insurance or other charges to worry about.

The booking system (on-line or via 1300 number) is efficient, and we've been impressed by the company's overall helpfulness, e.g. providing at very short notice (7 am Saturday) a new swipe card to access a pre-booked car after I had managed to lose my wallet in Sydney the previous evening.

Indeed our only complaint to date is that the closest Adelaide 'pod' (where GoGet cars are parked and returned) is in Sturt St, some 20 minutes walk from our place. Hence our delight at the news that the SE corner is shortly to get its very own pod, hopefully the first of several. For further information on this remarkably efficient, economical, and eco-friendly operation, visit [goget.com.au](http://goget.com.au); you may also be interested in a recent Sydney Morning Herald article on car share schemes:

<http://smh.drive.com.au/play-the-car-sharing-market-20091126-jspa.html>

### **Clipsal 500**

**The good news is that half the contractors' camp will be moving from its spot right next to East Terrace. The bad news is that half will be staying (but won't be erected until mid-January).** CEO Jason Allen assures us that they have been trying to find a new position for the contractors' camp but haven't been able to find a site that provides water, electricity and sewage. We continue to argue that a spot needs to be found closer to Wakefield Road.

### **Concert Times**

Thursday 11 March	6.30pm-9.45pm	no fireworks
Friday 12 March	6.30pm-10.30pm	no fireworks
Saturday 13 March	5.15pm-9.45pm	Skyshow fireworks
Sunday 14 March	5.15pm-10.00pm	no fireworks

### **Skyshow**

SECRA began when a group of residents objected to Skyshow being relocated from Bonython Park to Victoria Park. Our argument (which convinced the Adelaide City Council) was that we had five months of Clipsal 500 and didn't need another noisy event in a quiet residential area and a local park. Now we have *six* months of Clipsal 500 *and* Skyshow.

Jason Allen and Events Manager Brian Gleeson are determined that the event will be family-friendly, free (the gates will be open from 6.30pm) and fun. There will be plenty of police on hand. They encourage people to arrive and depart by public transport (as they do to the car race).

The **Halifax Street gate** will open on Friday 5 March. The **Community Liaison** person **Jane McDonough** will soon be on site. Her number is 83065500 if you want more information.