

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Since our March 2011 newsletter the SECRA committee has continued to be actively involved in issues of interest to residents of the south east precinct of the city.

SECRA has been represented at workshops on the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project, the development of a vision for the Adelaide City Council's Library services and on improving how Council consults and engages with its community. SECRA representatives also attended an Adelaide City Council briefing on the Adelaide Oval redevelopment and the Government's proposed Adelaide Oval Redevelopment and Management Bill 2011.

The SECRA committee received a briefing by Michael Sedgman, General Manager Finance and Risk, on the Adelaide City Council's 2011-2012 Draft Business Plan and Budget and submitted a letter to Council with comments on the Draft Business Plan and Budget. SECRA also submitted letters on the proposals for the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project in the south east Park Lands and a letter expressing SECRA's concerns regarding the Government's proposed legislation for the Adelaide Oval Redevelopment. These letters, together with the responses to our comments on the draft Business Plan and Budget can be viewed on SECRA's website at www.secra.asn.au.

SECRA's letter expressing its concerns about the proposed legislation, which allows the takeover of the Park Lands that surround the oval by the Government and the leasing of these Park Lands to the Adelaide Oval Stadium Management Authority (SMA), was also forwarded to all South Australian Members of Parliament.

Neighbour Day, which was held on Sunday 27th March 2011 was enjoyed by those residents who, together with Kevin Baker from the Adelaide City Council horticultural area, participated in a walk looking at a number of nominated nature strips within the south east precinct that had been developed and maintained by residents.



ACC 2011-2012 DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

A number of issues raised by SECRA in its submission on the ACC 2011-2012 Draft Business Plan and Budget received favourable consideration as follows:

- Funding will be considered during the year for residential narrow streets with narrow footpaths with the objective of making them safer for pedestrians and cyclists. A number of these streets are blocked by stobie poles which force pedestrians, including those in wheelchairs, on gophers, those pushing prams and using walking frames to walk on the road.
- An extra \$50,000 has been budgeted for the Disability Action Plan Initiatives and further funding for a safety audit of residential streets in the south east area of the city will be considered during the financial year.
- SECRA expressed concern that there was no money in the budget for the undergrounding of powerlines and an amount of \$250,000 has been included in the budget for private undergrounding powerline initiatives on a \$ for \$ basis.
- SECRA supported the creation of a Major Event Space in Tambawodli Park (SE5) **only** if this reduces the number of Major Events taking place in Park Lands close to residents, in particular, Rymill Park and Victoria Park. \$300,000 has been allocated to conduct soil testing, design and prepare plans for consultation on this proposal.

VICTORIA PARK



Now that Clipsal 500 has moved out of Victoria Park work is underway on its restoration as part of the Adelaide City Council's Masterplan for the area. The aim is to establish landscaped open space for sport and recreation, increasing community use and enjoyment of the park through nine new playing fields, running track, five fitness stations, new exercise equipment and the conservation of remnant native vegetation.

The photograph shows work being undertaken on the establishment of the playing fields which will be graded and grassed. It is hoped that this work will not be undone by Clipsal 500 occupying the park in the future.

FAIR TRADE

Your committee has committed SECRA to being a Fair Trade organisation. For SECRA this is straightforward; at our events we shall use Fair Trade products eg coffee and tea



Fair Trade is a global movement that aims to educate and empower members of the community to use their consumer choices to the benefit of the poor. Fair Trade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fair Trade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives. For further information on Fair Trade, visit: Fairtrade.com.au

WHERE DOES YOUR YELLOW BIN RECYCLING WASTE GO?

SECRA is working with the Box Factory Community Centre to organise a bus trip to the Solo Recycling Centre sometime in October 2011. This will be a unique opportunity to see what happens to our recycling waste.

We will advise SECRA members the arrangements for this visit to the Recycling Centre once they have been finalised.

SECRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The SECRA AGM will be held on Tuesday November 15th 6pm at the Box Factory so could you please mark this date in your diaries. A number of positions become vacant at the AGM and all SECRA members are welcome to nominate to fill one of these vacancies. SECRA has been fortunate to have gained three new committee members during this year and their keenness, ideas and initiatives have been most welcome.

The Committee endeavours to have an interesting and informative speaker at our AGMs. We are currently pursuing a number of options for this year's AGM speaker and would also appreciate any suggestions for a speaker from members.

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