

### SOUTH-EAST CITY NEWS – EDITION 10 – APRIL 2007

*We hope you had a relaxing Easter with family and friends.*

#### **Victoria Park**

We know that many of you have been very involved in the fight to save Victoria Park from permanent structures for motor racing. You will have been gratified to see how much support we received (and are continuing to receive) from so many different people and organisations.

**But one question remains - Why is this Masterplan so important to the government? At this stage we have been beaten by the bully-boy tactics of the Rann Government aided and abetted by the Council which failed in its duty to act as custodian of the Parklands.**

Even before the sham consultation period had concluded Foley had demanded that the Council approve his building and when, on the advice of the Parklands Authority, Council said no, Foley demanded that the Council say what they would approve – **and within the week.**

This was a preposterous demand which the Council should have rejected out of hand. But no! they caved in, brought back a councillor who was on sick leave and with the casting vote of the Lord Mayor wrote themselves into the history books as champion despoilers of the Parklands.

Councillors who stood by their principles were Magasdi, Angove, Brine and Clearihan. Those who sold us out were Moran and Hayward (Motor Sport Board members), Darley, Taylor and the Lord Mayor

When asked by the then Deputy-Lord Mayor Cris Magasdi to confirm that he had met with representatives of the SAMSB in 2006, the Lord Mayor confirmed that he *did* meet Andrew Daniels and Roger Cook of the SAMSB on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 to discuss plans for a permanent building for motor Sport in Victoria Park. The Lord Mayor didn't believe that Steve Ploubidis of the SAJC was at that meeting. So clearly this building is the plaything of the elites of motor racing, funded by the tax-payer and the SAJC through the sale of Cheltenham. Guess who is laughing all the way to the bank!

You will of course realize that that was a few months before the SECRA public meeting with the Lord Mayor where he denied all knowledge of such plans for Victoria Park. As we now know the plans were well advanced and were in fact based on a design actually prepared by the Council even before the 2003 election; yet not one councillor made this known at the time of the election. We wonder why.

**To lose after a clean fight is one thing but to be cheated and deceived in the process is very hard to take and impossible to forget!**

Working in conjunction with the Adelaide Parklands Preservation Association we will continue to fight for the best possible outcome for Victoria Park. It is imperative that we do all we can to temper the outcomes through the lease process (ACC) and the planning process (DAC). *David Plumridge, Chairperson.*

#### **Annual General Meeting.**

SECRA will hold its inaugural annual general meeting at 6pm on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ladies Auxiliary Hall, TPI Building, corner of south Terrace and Hutt Street. You should have received advance notice of the meeting and nomination forms for the committee. Three committee members have to stand down (and are able to renominate). By ballot, they are: David Plumridge (Chair), Doug Sweet (Treasurer) and Jan Davis (Committee member). There is also one vacancy for an additional committee member. Nominations must be received by post by the last mail on 24 April 2007

**Our guest speakers will be Greg Mackie OAM and the Hon. Ian Gilfillan who is a member of the Parklands Authority and Deputy President of the Adelaide Parklands Preservation Association Inc.**

Greg commenced as Executive Director of Arts SA in January 2004. He has a strong background in the arts and will talk to us about the role of the arts in city life.

In 2002 Greg was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his contribution to the arts.

**Please note that the AGM is open to financial members and those who wish to join at the meeting.**

## Bring back the Wards

Council has decided to bring back wards. The model is for 3 wards of 2 councillors each and in addition 5 councillors as well as the Lord Mayor, elected at large. SECRA asked for 5 wards but supports the Council decision for 3 wards. The only problem is that the suggested ward boundaries are unworkable, with parts of the East End and even parts of the south-east corner being lumped in with the North Adelaide ward. We have made a submission on this (see our website for more details). We will address the Council in support of our submission at a special meeting of Council being held at 4.30pm on Tuesday 24th April.

## 2007 Clipsal 500

Organisers adopted almost none of the SECRA and APPA recommendations to reduce the impact of the race on residents. They did colour coordinate the temporary buildings and screen the contractors' camp with ACC screens and there was less loud noise during the construction but that was about it.

The after-race concerts were louder than ever and rerouting helicopter joy rides away from East Terrace resulted in noise problems for those living near Hutt Street and South Terrace. We are trying to organise a meeting with the relevant authorities to regulate this 'non-core business'.

As we go to print, the Motor Sport Board is about to relinquish its hold on Victoria Park – it now remains to see how long it takes (and how much it costs) the Council to make good all the damage that has been done the flora and fauna of the park and its surrounds.

Do these costs count as part of the multi-million boost Clipsal gives to our economy?

And the proposed new building will do absolutely nothing to improve conditions in the park.....!

## Ada Street Under Threat

Ada Street is one of those well-preserved precincts that features typical workers' cottages that have been lovingly conserved by their owners. The cottages have been recognized as contributing to the heritage streetscape by the Council – that is, all except no 18 which for some strange reason was left off the list. Now it is under threat of demolition and replacement with inappropriate development. This threat exists over many parts of the south-east corner and is due to the Council's failure to properly assess the heritage of the area and prepare lists of properties that should be listed.



We understand that funds on this year's Council budget to do this work have been reallocated to other projects so once again our heritage goes unprotected.

## Bits and Pieces

- Approval for the development on the corner of Hutt St and South Tce seems to have lapsed- perhaps we can hope for a better proposal next time and it is now more than 7 months since the Karidis' development on the corner of Hutt and Angas Streets got its planning approval
- *SECRA has supported residents in their concerns about the Licensing application for the Dragon Court restaurant at 242 Hutt St as well as the new café going in to the Channel 10 building. We have also been involved in the review of the Public Schools Club licence.*
- The promised upgrade of the Box Factory seems to have stalled – we are following up with Dr Jane Lomax-Smith to find out the current status of this pre-election commitment.
- *We have made submissions on the Council's Precinct Licensing Policy and the Outdoor Dining Policy as well as plans for the South Parklands Creek which is being 'upgraded' by Council.*
- We have expressed our concern at a proposal for a community garden to be established in Park 17, near the croquet club. Not a great deal of detail was provided by the Council and it is not clear whether this is a 'make work' program or a 'community development' program each of which would require quite different responses and levels of resourcing. We believe that what homeless people need is a home and better access to the services that can help them make that transition as quickly as possible. A vegetable garden in the park hardly seems to be a suitable response.
- *Plans for the conversion of the Womens Temperance League building to a restaurant and function centre are currently being assessed by the Council's Development Assessment Panel.*
- Rubbish collection is a bone of contention for many residents. The current system of recycle collection is well below accepted standards and the practice of lining up numerous wheelie bins in front of certain houses to make collection easier is not fair or acceptable to residents who are affected; and the collection of cardboard from commercial premises is still a very untidy process.

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**We welcome your comments and suggestions.....**

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