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Representing the Residents of St Peters, College Park, Hackney, Stepney, Maylands, Evandale & Joslin.

Newsletter - December 2023

INVITATION TO BECOME A SPRA MEMBER

For some time, you have been receiving copies of the SPRA Newsletter and other information as you were previously a member or had expressed an interest in the activities of the Association.

The Committee hopes that you have found the content in the regular Newsletters of interest, and, if you attended our public meetings, that the guest speakers and their subjects were entertaining.

We would therefore like to invite you to consider joining the Association and to become more involved in supporting SPRA's activities on behalf of our local community.

The SPRA membership form & payment details are at the end of this newsletter.

ST PETERS HEROES MEMORIAL WW2 PLAQUE GRANT APPLICATION.

In 2017 the St Peters Residents Association was fortunate to receive a \$4000 grant from the Veterans SA - Anzac Day Commemoration Fund for the research, preparation and fixing of bronze tablets containing the names of the fallen Great War servicemen from the then Town of St Peters onto the St Peters Heroes Memorial in St Peters Street.

The memorial, erected in 1922 by citizens of the Town of St Peters, was one of the few Great War memorials that did not feature the names of the fallen.

On Anzac Eve 2019 the SA Governor Hieu Van Le unveiled the two plaques that are now displayed on the memorial. <http://stpeters.asn.au/heroes-memorial>

The Association has recently made another application for a grant to fund an additional bronze plaque to commemorate the local service personnel who died in the Second World War. This plaque will be fixed to the currently blank rear face of the Memorial. The application also included the extension of the lighting to illuminate the rear face.

We should know by the end of December if the application for funding has been successful, and if so, it is planned to unveil the new plaque on Remembrance Day 2024.

Research to date has identified about 50 names. This research has been made easier as the NPSP Cultural Heritage Centre holds in its collection the original WW2 St Peters Roll of Honour board that was displayed in the Town Hall foyer until it was removed in the 1960s building renovations. This lists almost 650 men and women who served in WW2.

<https://vwma.org.au/explore/memorials/10600>

Further research will however be needed, as there will be others with a St Peters connection whose names do not appear on the Roll of Honour.

PROPOSED 40km/h SPEED LIMIT IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS OF MARDEN, ROYSTON PARK, JOSLIN, ST PETERS, COLLEGE PARK AND HACKNEY.

In August the residents in the area bounded by Lower Portrush Road, Payneham Road, North Terrace, Hackney Road and the River Torrens were consulted regarding Council's proposed introduction of a 40km/h speed limit on the local streets. Stephen Terrace is not included as this road is not controlled by Council.

SPRA made a detailed submission which can be seen on the SPRA website at - <http://stpeters.asn.au/traffic>

The results of the consultation will be considered by Council Members at the meeting on Monday 4th December. The recommendation to Council Members is that the 40km/h speed limit should be implemented.

To see the staff report to Council go to: -

https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/files/17893_council_agenda_4_december_2023.pdf?v=609

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR KESTER MOORHOUSE

- I am pleased to say both the Torrens Linear Path and Dunstan Adventure Playground have now been reopened following their renovation works. There will be a modest opening ceremony on Saturday the 3rd of February 2024.
- Meanwhile, the Burchell Reserve park upgrade and flood prevention works are on track to be completed in May 2024.
- The installation of lights at Otto Park, a pet project of mine, has now been completed, allowing residents to safely take their dogs there during the long winter darkness.
- Over summer, works will be undertaken to improve the performance of the Second Creek Gross Pollutant Trap, near the St Peters Billabong, as it has not been collecting rubbish from the creek adequately.
- At the December meeting, the Council will be considering community consultation feedback on the potential implementation of a 40km/h speed limit on the streets between Hackney Road and Lower Portrush Road. A very high level of feedback was received, with strong feelings expressed on both sides of the debate.
- In line with the Council's On-Street Car Parking Policy, there will be an in-depth review of parking throughout Hackney and College Park, anticipated to commence in 2024.
- Traffic Consultants will be engaged in the coming months to prepare concept designs for Richmond Street, with the objective of improving road safety for all road users, in particular pedestrians and cyclists.
- As an action under the Built Heritage Strategy the Council will in 2024 be considering introducing Heritage Plaques, to be placed at certain Local Heritage Places throughout St Peters. The plaques will describe the history and heritage value of the structures.
- Earlier this year I introduced a much needed Council investigation into the feasibility of weekly kerbside food and garden organics waste collection.
- For next year's Council budget, I will propose the reestablishment of funding to replace gravel dolomite verges with greenery, after funding was disappointingly dropped earlier on this year.
- Finally, Ho! Ho! Ho! And Merry Christmas! I warmly invite you to go and enjoy the famous Christmas Lights of Ninth Avenue.

Season's Greetings, Cr Kester Moorhouse

ENQUIRY INTO ADELAIDE'S URBAN FOREST

State Parliament's Environment Resources and Development Committee has been looking into the state of Adelaide's tree canopy in the context of the concerns about the effect of residential subdivisions, urban infill and higher density living on the declining tree canopy in metropolitan Adelaide.

A Conservation Council report estimates that 75,000 trees a year are being lost from Greater Adelaide. A 2018 study estimated that 23% of metro Adelaide is covered by trees, with 52% being on private land, 26% on State government land and 11% on local government land.

An Interim Report of the committee has recommended; _

- Cancelling the current ability to remove trees within ten metres of a residential dwelling or swimming pool.
- Formation of a specialist panel to review tree species with no legal protection.
- Reducing the trunk circumference for a regulated tree from the current two metres to one metre and for a significant tree from three metres to two metres.
- Strengthening protection of urban trees by widening the definition of significant and regulated trees to include a canopy cover measurement in addition to trunk circumference.
- Increasing fees for removing a regulated tree from \$326 to \$3,000 and from \$489 per significant tree to \$4,000.
- Increasing the fine for illegally removing a protected tree to ten times the fee for legally removing it.

A copy of the Interim Report can be found at <http://stpeters.asn.au/urban-forest-2023oct>

GREATER ADELAIDE REGIONAL PLAN

A discussion paper was put out by the State Planning Commission to canvas options on where land could be provided to accommodate an estimated 300,000 new dwellings in Greater Adelaide over the next 30 years. The estimate for new housing needed is based on a population growth projection of 670,000 by 2051.

The paper suggests that new dwellings should be built in existing suburbs with some residential development on greenfield sites on the urban fringes and some in satellite cities (such as Victor Harbor and Murray Bridge).

It envisages that 70 per cent of the new housing needed should be built in existing suburbs. Three types of infill housing are being investigated by the Commission.

- Strategic Infill,
- Corridor Growth and
- Neighbourhood/Centre Infill.

Areas denoted for possible Strategic Infill sites include the Stepney triangle, that is the area bounded by Payneham Rd, Magill Rd & Nelson Street, which is currently a light industrial area.

Land to be investigated for possible Neighbourhood/Centre Infill includes the former Highways Department carpark off Holton Court St Peters and the Adelaide Caravan Park in Richmond Street College Park The caravan park site was previously zoned for multi-storey residential development by former Planning Minister John Rau.

Corridor Growth Infill on arterial roads is to be investigated and includes Payneham Road, Magill Road and Kensington Road. In SPRA's submission to the Commission we

pointed out that these roads adjoin many high quality historic and character single-storey (predominantly) residential areas.

With properties fronting these main roads being largely single allotments, there will not be enough space in many cases for multi-storey apartment buildings to be built without very adverse impacts on adjacent residents.

In our submission we also pointed out that there are places in our council area, such as the southern side of North Terrace Kent Town, which allow multi-storey housing and which have not been developed. SPRA is of the opinion that there should be no new rezoning for multi-storey apartments until the existing areas available have been utilised. We also opposed rezoning the land off Holton Court for multi-storey housing, as it is close to the River Torrens banks and should be included in the River Torrens Linear Park.

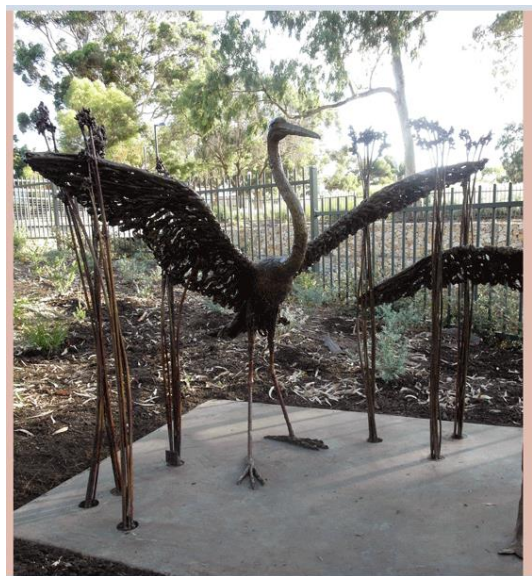
See the SPRA submission at <http://stpeters.asn.au/development-plan>

EGRETS STOLEN FROM LINDE RESERVE

In April this year the Committee wrote to Council following the observation that the beautifully artistic sculpture “The Egrets” was missing from their usual position in Linde Reserve, Stepney.

One of the great features of Linde Reserve is the collection of public art sculptures by metal artists Will Kuiper and Meliesa Judge.

In May the Council confirmed in correspondence to SPRA that the missing egrets were presumed stolen and that an insurance claim has been lodged. SPRA understands that the artists provided a quote to recast the sculptures and that the insurance claim has been paid.



In October, the Committee resolved to follow up with correspondence enquiring whether the Council has any plans to replace the stolen sculptures and, if so, what measures will be taken to reduce the risk of further thefts and damage to artworks within all Council reserves.

This enquiry was sent to Council in early November, and despite follow up requests a reply has not been received.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTRE

The NPSP Cultural Heritage Centre, located in the St Peters Town Hall, is about to embark on a project to digitise hard copies of the accession registers and other records. To make this possible volunteer assistance is needed. Do you have -

- An interest in local history.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Excel to type information into spreadsheets.
- A good working knowledge of the basic Microsoft suite of products.
- Good attention to detail.
- English as first language or an excellent command of the English language both spoken & written.
- The ability to read & interpret abbreviations, slang, & also make inferences on what is written.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Nigel Jordan, the Council's Volunteer Co-ordinator, on 8366 4631 NJordan@npsp.sa.gov.au

CITY OF NORWOOD PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS' BIENNIAL COMMUNITY SURVEY

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters' Biennial Community Survey is underway, with residents and business operators being asked for their views about how the Council can continue to improve its services.

Undertaking the Survey will assist Council to prioritise services, programs and infrastructure.

It will also help to identify areas where the Council can improve performance to meet the community's needs and expectations.

To take the Community Survey online, [click here](#)

SPRA WEBSITE QUICK ACCESS

You can use this QR code to quickly get to the SPRA Website for more information.



SEASONS GREETINGS

The Committee of the St Peters Residents Association wishes you and your family a very happy and safe Festive Season.

**PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO JOIN THE ST PETERS RESIDENTS ASSOC
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**

For 50 years SPRA has been a non-party political resident action group.

All residents of St Peters, Hackney, College Park, Maylands, Stepney Evandale & Joslin are invited to become involved in the St Peters Residents Association, and to help shape our local community.

If you have an interest in stopping over-development, encouraging historic conservation, or promoting anything that would make our area a better place in which to live, SPRA would welcome your involvement. SPRA monitors development proposals and council performance and makes representations to Council on local issues.

Financial membership allows you to join the committee. Are you interested?

We appreciate the support of our members. It ensures continued representation at Council level to protect the things that are special about our locality - low-density living and the generally good amenity.

- **Do you love where you live and care about the preservation of your suburb?**
- **Would you like to become more involved in your local community?**
- **Do you have a spare couple of hours per month? – You can be involved as little or as much as you like.**
- **Can you assist in hand delivering our newsletters to residents in your suburb?**
- **Enjoy the personal satisfaction of making a valuable contribution to your community.**
- **Meet new people and make new connections in your community.**

If you would like to get involved, or need help with any local matter, phone David Cree on 0418 622 163 or email to info@stpeters.asn.au

If we want to continue to live in an attractive and pleasant area, then we need your continued membership and support.

SPRA MEMBERSHIP FORM to 31 Dec 2024

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| Name | |
| Address | |
| Phone | |
| E-mail | |
| Household | \$20.00 |
| Seniors / Concession / Student | \$10.00 |
| Donation | \$ |

**Payment may be made direct to the SPRA Bank Account
BSB 065-129 A/c 0090 0651**

**Please send an email advice to info@stpeters.asn.au
with your name, address & contact details.**

**Payments may also be made by Credit Card or BPay.
Please email info@stpeters.asn.au for details if you wish
to use these payment methods.**



**or – send this form with payment to: -
Anne Bowman – SPRA Treasurer 30 Third Ave, St Peters 5069**

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