



# ST PETERS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

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

## Newsletter - December 2024

### SPRA MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

**Please consider joining the St Peters Residents Association.  
Membership subscriptions for 2025 can be paid now.  
See the details at the end of the Newsletter.**

### NINTH AVENUE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Ninth Avenue Christmas Lights displays are up and running again, with a few changes this year to reduce traffic congestion. The displays have become very well-known across Adelaide and bring joy to thousands of families and community groups across the 28 days that the lights are on.

NPSP Council, in consultation with SAPOL, will erect traffic barriers from 7.30pm to 10.30pm for the two weeks from Fri 13 to Fri 27 December. The barriers will prevent all right hand traffic movements into Ninth Avenue from Stephen Terrace and out of Ninth into Stephen.

Council will also be supplying additional litter bins and be checking for illegal parking across driveways.

SPRA however has concerns that the cost to Council for providing the traffic management for this community-organised event over the duration of the event will be about \$40,000. For more details see the Council Minutes for the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 meeting.

[https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/files/23286\\_council\\_minutes\\_8\\_october\\_2024.pdf?v=514](https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/files/23286_council_minutes_8_october_2024.pdf?v=514)

### RECENT SPRA SUBMISSIONS.

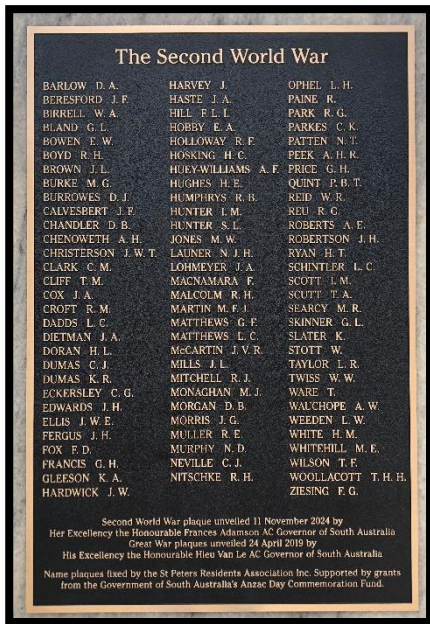
Over the past few months SPRA has made several submissions on proposals to change the Planning & Development Code.

These submissions can be seen on the SPRA website.

- Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP)  
<https://stpeters.asn.au/greater-adelaide-regional-plan-submission-2024nov04>
- Future Living Code – Co-located Housing Amendment.  
<https://stpeters.asn.au/future-living-submission-2024nov06>
- Draft Urban Greening Strategy for Metropolitan Adelaide  
<https://stpeters.asn.au/greening-strategy-2024jun>

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SECOND WORLD WAR PLAQUE UNVEILING

On the afternoon of Remembrance Day over 200 people, mostly relatives, gathered at the St Peters Heroes Memorial in St Peters Street for the unveiling by the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency Frances Adamson AC, of a new bronze plaque.



The plaque records the names of 89 men from the former Town of St Peters who died as a result of their service in the Second World War, and was funded by a grant to SPRA from the SA Government's Anzac Day Commemoration Fund.

The unveiling ceremony at the Memorial was organised by the NPSP Council Events Team. As well as speeches by Her Excellency and Mayor Robert Bria, SPRA President David Cree spoke about the men who are now named on the memorial and told the story of Sub-Lieutenant Reid Gavin Park. Reid Park lived in Adelaide Street Maylands, attended Prince Alfred College and was killed aboard his motor torpedo boat in the English Channel. David's address can be seen on the SPRA website <https://stpeters.asn.au/heroes-memorial-ww2-speeches>

The reading of the names of those on the Memorial by the School Captains of Prince Alfred College and St Peters College was particularly poignant, as many of those who died were their age, or not much older.



A major part of the project was to locate and to invite as many descendants and relatives as possible, and some of those in attendance had travelled from all eastern states and the ACT. Photos – Top Bunk Photography.



## NPSP = NO PRETTY STOBIE POLES?

Stobie poles are a uniquely South Australian invention, and a distinct part of our local streets. Designed by James Stobie in 1924, these concrete and steel poles have stood the test of time. South Australian Power Network (SAPN) celebrates residents and artists transforming their infrastructure into vibrant public artworks.

Anyone can submit a request to decorate a Stobie pole via the SAPN website <https://www.sapowernetworks.com.au/about-us/stobie-pole-art/> When providing approval for creating a Stobie pole artwork, SAPN instruct residents to follow any additional local Council requirements. Unfortunately, our opportunity to participate in this creative process has stalled.

In May 2023, Council first advised residents that requests for mosaic artworks would not be approved due to the drafting of a new Arts and Culture Plan. Council endorsed the Plan in January 2024 providing a further two years for Council to develop additional guidelines on top of SAPN's existing guidelines. This year, residents seeking approval have received the response that Council is now preparing a Public Art Masterplan, and again, mosaics cannot be installed during its drafting period.

It is disappointing that Council actions to supposedly encourage public artworks are actually doing the opposite,

Given the Council is preventing mosaic artworks, St Peters resident Travis Cox has decorated more than a dozen public artworks in the neighbouring Town of Walkerville, including collaboration with that Council for SALA 2024. These artworks now bring joy and visual interest to residents in Gilberton, Walkerville, and Vale Park.

Several of these artworks are celebrated by SAPN as examples to inspire others:

<https://www.sapowernetworks.com.au/about-us/the-stobie-pole-a-century-of-service/>

SPRA would like to see [Travis Cox](#), and others, brightening our local streets instead of needing to travel further afield to admire them.

While other councils across South Australia encourage Stobie pole art, NPSP appears to be the only council actively blocking mosaic installations. It is over twelve months since NPSP Mayor Robert Bria told ABC Radio Adelaide that this sort of permanent art is one that the council is considering [Council cautious but Adelaide artist says stobie pole art OK with SA Power Networks](#).

Council's stance raises questions, with community groups such as Hindmarsh Greening working in partnership with SAPN and City of Charles Sturt to create beautiful Stobie pole mosaics.

Public art has the power to foster community pride and enhance our shared spaces, and SPRA encourages Council to provide a pathway for residents and artists who wish to contribute to this uniquely South Australian streetscape beautification.

SPRA is interested in members comments on painted and mosaic art on our local Stobie Poles. Please email [info@stpeters.org.au](mailto:info@stpeters.org.au)



## LINDE RESERVE SCULPTURE STOLEN FOR THE SECOND TIME.

In April this year the Committee wrote to Council following the observation that the beautifully artistic sculptures “The Egrets” were missing from Linde Reserve, Stepney.

<https://stpeters.asn.au/stolen-egrets-linde-reserve-2023apr>

One of the great features of Linde Reserve is the collection of public art sculptures by metal artists Will Kuiper and Meliesa Judge. <https://www.liquidmetalstudios.com.au/linde-reserve.html>

Now another one of the Kuiper & Judge bronze sculptures in Linde Reserve has been stolen. This time it is the large and exquisite German migration work “Leaving”, which depicts a mother with her two children leaving for a new life in South Australia.



This is the second time this bronze artwork has been stolen.

SPRA will be writing to Council to stress the importance of reviewing the security and the valuations of artworks in all public reserves and places across the City. Council should examine the installing of security cameras in parks and reserves, and particularly in car parks, where artworks are likely to be loaded into vehicles, if stolen."

It is hoped that all the stolen artworks in Linde Reserve will soon be replaced as they should be covered by the NPSP insurance policy.

## RIVER TORRENS LINEAR PATH LIGHTING

A SPRA member in Hackney recently approached the NPSP Council regarding the hazard at night due to lack of lighting on the River Torrens Bike path from the Sir Douglas Nichols Bridge on the east side of the zoo, to the Hackney Road Bridge (see map). "It is dark, scary and a danger", the resident said, "in fact, so dark that I had to swerve to avoid crashing into a koala sitting in the middle of the path, and my son said he almost ended up in the Torrens one night due to his speed, the sudden blackness, lack of visibility, and possibly a drop or two of red!"



Josef Casilla (NPSP Project Manager Assets) was extremely helpful. Apparently, the well-lit path on the opposite bank is due to Walkerville Council's actions. NPSP are only responsible for the adequate lighting from Richmond Street down the bike path to the Hackney Bridge – the Council boundary. The responsibility for lighting the problem area beyond Hackney Road lies with the Adelaide City Council.

Josef contacted the ACC on the resident's behalf and Linh Nguyen (ACC Asset Manager) responded assuring the resident the request had been recorded and will be taken into consideration when they set priorities in future planning discussions. In the meantime, the danger to cyclists and pedestrians remains. SPRA will be watching to see if the ACC makes any changes.



## ADELAIDE CARAVAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT.

In early December the owners of the Adelaide Caravan Park on Richmond Street Hackney lodged plans for a \$70m complete redevelopment of the present caravan park. The roughly triangular 1.4 hectare site is bounded by Richmond Street, Twelftree Reserve, the River Torrens and Old Mill Park Reserve.

From the details released to the press and on the Aspen Group's website it appears that the current caravan sites and cabins will be replaced by –

- A six story building containing 78 fully furnished studio and one-bedroom rental apartments on Richmond Street with some facing the Old Mill Reserve.
- Twelve three-story townhouses facing Twelftree Reserve.
- Twelve multi-story townhouses facing the river.
- Twenty four other multi-story townhouses on Richmond Street and in the centre of the site.

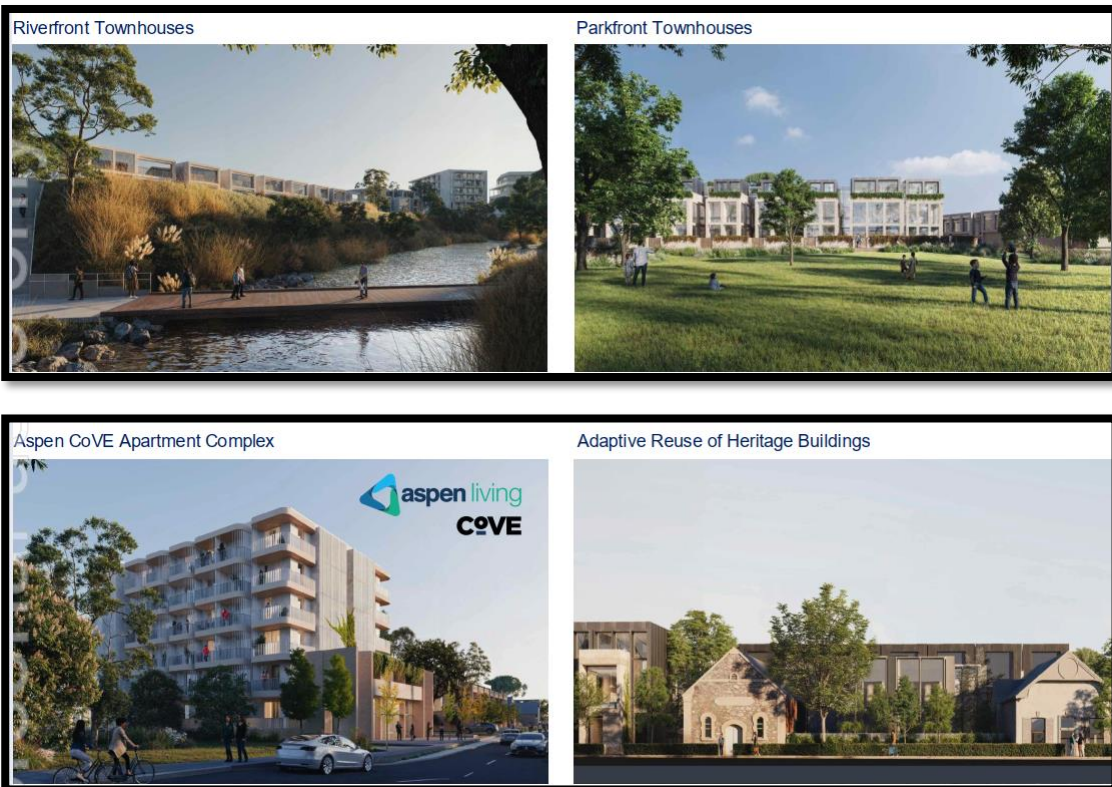


It is likely to be several months before the proposal is released for consultation, however SPRA will be closely watching the application and making a submission at the appropriate time.

Matters that may be of concern include the adequate provision of parking for occupants, traffic issues on the narrow Richmond Street, and the stability of the high river cliffs adjacent to the site.

The site includes two Local Heritage Places, the former Hackney Mission Chapel (C1906) and the former Park Farm Barn (C1838-47). We will be taking an interest in how these buildings are preserved and reused as a part of the project.

It is however pleasing to see that the masterplan will include a new, publicly accessible path network, which will complete a missing link along the River Torrens Linear Park on the eastern side of the river.



Photos from Aspen Group website.

## **ANN STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

SPRA has written to Council to seek clarification and urge action regarding a proposed pedestrian crossing on Ann Street Stepney.

About four years ago Council circulated Stepney residents following concerns posed for pedestrian safety by traffic traversing Ann Street in the vicinity of the Avenues Shopping Centre. We understand many residents responded, requesting that traffic in Ann Street be restricted to one-way or part one-way access. To date, nothing has resulted from that survey.

Sometime later, residents requested that Council take action to improve pedestrian safety in Ann Street, particularly in the vicinity of the Avenues Shopping Centre. Parking in this area is permitted on both sides of the street, which means that only one motor vehicle at a time can safely traverse Ann Street. Although there is a speed limit of 40km/h, motorists frequently ignore this and speed through Ann Street, ignoring oncoming traffic and pedestrians attempting to cross the street. When vehicles are parked on the Avenues Shopping Centre side of the road, pedestrians cannot see beyond the cars to ascertain if vehicles are coming from the Magill Road end, without the dangerous manoeuvre of venturing out into Ann Street itself. It is a matter of time before a pedestrian is killed or severely injured. There are no traffic calming measures in Ann Street, apart from the 40km/h speed limit.

Once the Otto development near the Magill end of the street is completed, there will likely be even more traffic on Ann Street and the danger to pedestrians will increase exponentially. It appears that the urgency of measures to improve pedestrian safety in this part of Ann Street has been played down or ignored by Council, which has taken no action to alleviate this dangerous situation for at least the past two years.

We look forward to hearing what action Council intends to do.

## **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FORUM with Nick Champion.**

Nick Champion, Minister for Housing, Urban Development, Housing Infrastructure and Planning, spoke at a Community Alliance Forum on housing on 21 November, along with Michelle Lensink shadow spokeswoman on planning and Robert Simms Greens Party MP in the Upper House.

One of the questions to the panel asked was whether the population-fuelled high demand for housing was consistent with Australia cutting its greenhouse gas emissions and living more sustainably.

The Minister pooh-poohed the concern that high immigration might be placing pressure on the supply of housing in SA, stating that household formation rate was more important, such as when marriages break-up and new households form.

An interjection from the audience pointed out that the Albanese government had presided over a record immigration intake of over 600,000 people per year for two years straight. The Minister replied that he was not into “blaming migrants” and went on to extol Paris which has a lower environmental footprint than Adelaide. It did occur to some in the audience that a large part of Paris’ population lives in high-rise flats outside the charming tourist-friendly city centre in the fairly notorious ‘banlieues’

The other two speakers also picked up on the population growth concern. Ms. Lensink said the Coalition had committed to reducing the size of the permanent migration intake by 25 per cent with a ban on foreigners buying homes. Robert Simms stated that “population growth is not driving housing shortages in our State”. He went on to criticise capital gains tax concessions for investors, negative gearing and Airbnbs. He appeared to not like private investors in the rental market, urged more government investment in housing and suggested a tax on vacant houses.

The Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP) proposes an expansion of residential land up until 2051 to cater for projected housing needs. This plan is based on a projected population increase of 670,000 people in the Greater Adelaide region from 2021 to 2051. This growth suggests over 22,000 extra people, on average, each year. While this growth is much less than that being imposed on our bigger capital cities, it is still an issue worth considering.

The “Future Living – Co-located Housing” Code Amendment to allow back garden housing development in six council areas, together with the GARP proposal to stack people into multistorey housing on our busy main roads (including Payneham Road and Magill Road) points to the pressure in securing sufficient residential land and containing Adelaide’s spread in future.

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE ST PETERS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.**

**YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE TO PASS THIS FORM ON TO A NEIGHBOUR OR FRIEND  
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**

For over 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](mailto: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 2025**

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

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