

CITY OF WEST TORRENS



Notice of Council & Committee Meetings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Sections 83, 84, 87 and 88 of the Local Government Act 1999, that a meeting of the

COUNCIL

and

- **Urban Services Prescribed Standing Committee**
- **Governance Prescribed Standing Committee**

of the

CITY OF WEST TORRENS

will be held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton

on

**TUESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2016
at 7.00 PM**

**Terry Buss
Chief Executive Officer**

City of West Torrens Disclaimer

Please note that the contents of these Council and Committee Agendas have yet to be considered by Council and officer recommendations may be altered or changed by the Council in the process of making the formal Council decision.

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1. MEETING OPENED

1.1 Evacuation Procedure

2. PRESENT

3. APOLOGIES

Leave of Absence

Cr Dua

Apologies

Council Members:

Cr O'Rielley

4. DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Elected Members are required to:

1. Consider Section 73 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and determine whether they have a conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in this Agenda; and
2. Disclose these interests in accordance with the requirements of Sections 74 and 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19 July 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

(Preliminary report for the agenda to be distributed Friday 29 July 2016)

In the two weeks since the last Council Meeting of 19 July 2016, functions and meetings involving Mayor Trainer have included:

Wednesday 20 July

1.00pm Attended and chaired the Airport Over 50's AGM which was also attended by General Manager Business and Community, Ms Pauline Koritsa.

Thursday 21 July

2.30pm Spoke with Dorothy Karagiannis to discuss issues that the PanHellenic Dancing School are having regarding payment of their hire fees for the Plympton Community Centre.

Tuesday 26 July

6.30pm Participated in the Community Facilities Committee meeting.

Thursday 28 July

3.00pm

Attended the 60th birthday celebration of ABC and Sunday Mail commentator Peter Goers OAM, held in the McDonald's family restaurant at Collinswood.

In addition, after the compilation of this report on Thursday evening as part of the distributed Agenda on Friday, the Mayor also expects to have attended or participated in the following:

Friday 29 July

9.00am

Participated in the LGA Forum for Mayors and Chairpersons at the McCracken Country club, Victor Harbor.

Saturday 30 July

12.30pm

Attended the pre-match lunch and match between West Adelaide Football Club and South at City Mazda Stadium.

Sunday 31 July

3.00pm

With Mrs Rosemary Trainer, as guests of the SA Football Commission attendance at the Official Match Day function and game between Adelaide V Essendon at Adelaide Oval.

Tuesday 2 August

6.00pm

Council pre-brief and dinner

7.00pm

Council Meeting

I will be seeking leave of Council at the above meeting to accommodate my absence overseas in the UK and Ireland for the period 9 August to 15 September, and I thank Deputy Mayor Kym McKay for his assistance during that time as well as during the days leading up to my departure.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's Report be noted and leave be granted.

7. ELECTED MEMBER REPORTS

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. DEPUTATIONS

9.1 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2015/16

Audit and Risk Committee members, Mr Sam Spadavecchia and Ms Elizabeth Moran wish to address Council to present the 2015/16 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report.

10. ADJOURN INTO STANDING COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be adjourned, move into Standing Committees and reconvene at the conclusion of the Governance Prescribed Standing Committee.

11. ADOPTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 URBAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations of the Urban Services Prescribed Standing Committee held on 2 August 2016 be adopted.

11.2 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations of the Governance Prescribed Standing Committee held on 2 August 2016 be adopted.

12. ADOPTION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 AUDIT AND RISK PRESCRIBED GENERAL COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Civic Non-prescribed General Committee dated 20 July 2016, be noted and the recommendations adopted.

12.2 COMMUNITY FACILITIES PRESCRIBED GENERAL COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Facilities Prescribed General Committee dated 26 July 2016, be noted and the recommendations adopted.

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

14. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

15. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

15.1 Breakout Creek Weed Control and Management Plan

Cr Rypp has given notice of his intention to move the following motion:

In response to feedback received from budget consultation, \$20,000 be set aside in a budget review in 2016/17 for the Linear Park at Breakout Creek to counter weed issues and to develop a Management Plan. Further, before any money is spent the administration come back to full Council with a detailed report for further consideration, which will include action to secure NRM involvement financially and operationally in addressing River Torrens' weed issues and our future management plan requirements.

16. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

17. REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

17.1 2015/16 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report

Brief

This report presents the Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Prescribed General Committee for the 2015/16 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended to Council that the Audit and Risk Prescribed General Committee's 2015/16 Annual Report be received.

Introduction

At its 26 June 2012 meeting, the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) recommended and Council subsequently resolved that:

1. *An Annual Report for the Audit and Risk Committee be presented to Council in September of each year, detailing the activities of the Committee during the preceding financial year.*
2. *The Independent Members of the Audit and Risk Committee be requested to attend the Council meeting at which the Committee's Annual Report is presented to respond to any questions or queries the Elected Council may have.*
3. *This draft Annual Report be presented to the Committee for adoption in August of each year prior to its presentation to Council.*

This report acts as the Annual Report of the Committee in line with this resolution. It has already been received by the Committee which has recommended its approval by Council.

Discussion

Audit and Risk Prescribed General Committee Membership

Each Committee serves a four year term which is aligned to the term of the Council. The current Committee was established following the November 2014 Council Elections and during 2015/2016 comprised the following members:

- Cr A Mangos (Presiding Member)
- Cr J Woodward (Elected Member)
- Mr R Haslam (Independent Member)
- Ms E Moran (Independent Member)
- Mr S Spadavecchia (Independent Member)

Meetings and Attendance

This Committee met on four occasions during the 2015/16 financial year. Attendance at the Committee is detailed below:

Committee Member	Number of meetings attended
Cr A Mangos (Elected Member / Presiding Member)	2
Cr J Woodward (Elected Member)	4
Mr R Haslam (Independent Member)	4
Ms E Moran (Independent Member)	4
Mr S Spadavecchia (Independent Member)	3

Committee Achievements

In accordance with s126(4)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, a key function of the Committee is to review the annual financial statements of the Council. This occurred at the 20 July 2015 meeting of the Committee.

In addition, the other substantive issues dealt with by the Committee during the course of the year were:

- The review of the Council annual financial statements (Statements) for the year ended 30 June 2015 and subsequent recommendation to Council to approve the Statements.
- Review of the Auditor's internal control opinion
- Review and approval of the Internal Audit Program 2015-16 including its risk based methodology.
- The review of internal audit reports and the monitoring of the implementation, by management, of recommendations made.
- The review and subsequent recommendation to Council to approve the engagement of the external auditor ensuring that the appointment arrangements comply with legislation.
- The review of external audit findings and the monitoring of the implementation, by management, of recommendations made.
- The review of key assumptions and considerations as part of the 2015/16 Budget process.
- The annual review of the Council and Employee Register of Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality.
- The notation of the 2015-16 annual and mid-year review of the organisation's Strategic Risks.
- The Committee's annual self-evaluation.
- Review and subsequent recommendation to Council to approve the engagement of the external auditor ensuring that the re-appointment arrangements comply with legislation.
- Presentation of the Committee's Annual Report to Council to the 1 September 2015 meeting of Council by Mr Ross Haslam.

Members of the Committee also undertook conflict of interest and informal gatherings awareness training on 17 March 2016, following the commencement of the *Local Government (Governance and Accountability) Amendment Act 2015*.

Independent Members of the Committee, Mr S Spadavecchia and Ms E Moran, will be attending this Council meeting in order to respond to any questions Council may have in relation to this report.

Conclusion

This report presents a summary of the activities of the Audit and Risk Prescribed General Committee for the 2015/16 financial year.

17.2 Development Assessment Panel - Vacancy

Brief

This report seeks to appoint a Presiding Member to the City of West Torrens Development Assessment Panel (DAP) effective from 9 August 2016 until 31 December 2016 in accordance with the provisions of Section 56A of the *Development Act 1993* (as amended) "the Act", following the resignation of the current Presiding Member, Michael Doherty.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended to Council that:

1. Colleen Dunn be appointed as the Presiding Member of the DAP, pursuant to Section 56A (3)(c)(ii) of the *Development Act 1993*, for the period commencing 9 August 2016 until 31 December 2016.
2. That the position of independent member to the City of West Torrens Development Assessment Panel (DAP) made vacant by this appointment remain vacant for the current term and be filled through the expression of interest process for the 2017-18 term of the DAP.

Introduction

At the DAP meeting of 12 July 2016, the current Presiding Member, Michael Doherty, tendered his resignation both as Presiding Member and Independent Member of the DAP, due to a change in his work circumstances. It is therefore necessary for Council to appoint a new Presiding Member.

Background

In accordance with the *Development Act 1993*, which prescribes specific requirements for Council to establish a Council Development Assessment Panel (DAP), the City of West Torrens is required to establish a Development Assessment Panel annually comprising seven (7) members.

The term of office for members is for a period not exceeding two (2) years and members are eligible for re-appointment.

Council has previously endorsed Terms of Reference (effective from 1 January 2015) for the function, membership and operations of the DAP.

Under these Terms of Reference the DAP Membership, taking into account the requirements of the Act, consists of:

- One (1) Independent Presiding Member;
- Three (3) Members of the Council; and
- Three (3) Independent Members.

Further, the Act prescribes at least one (1) Member of the DAP shall be a woman and at least one (1) Member shall be a man and as far as practicable, the DAP will consist of equal numbers of men and women.

Discussion

Section 56A of the *Development Act 1993* (the Act) provides for Council to establish a Development Assessment Panel (DAP) for the purpose of acting as a 'relevant authority' in respect of all development control matters.

The Act also provides for the Council to appoint the Presiding Member of the DAP taking into account the requirements of the Act under Section 56A (3)(b).

At its meeting on 9 December 2014 Council resolved the following:

1. *Cr K McKay, Cr T Polito and Cr G Nitschke be appointed Elected Members of the Development Assessment Panel pursuant to Section 56A(3)(c)(i) of the Development Act 1993, for a two (2) year period from 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2016.*
2. *Mr Michael Doherty be appointed as the Presiding Member of the Development Assessment Panel as detailed in the recommendation of the Confidential Interview Report, pursuant to Section 56A(3)(b) of the Development Act 1993, for a two (2) year period from 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2016.*
3. *Mr Wayne Stokes, Ms Jane Strange and Ms Colleen Dunn be appointed as Independent Members of the Council's Development Assessment Panel, as detailed in the recommendations of the Confidential Interview Report, pursuant to Section 56A(3)(c)(ii) of the Development Act 1993, for a two (2) year period from 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2016.*

Under the Terms of Reference of the DAP (Clause 3.4), the DAP will appoint the Deputy Presiding Member of the DAP at its first meeting. Accordingly at the DAP meeting of 10 February 2015, Ms Colleen Dunn was appointed as the Deputy Presiding Member until 31 December 2016.

Given the resignation of the current Presiding Member, Council must now appoint a new Presiding Member from within the current DAP membership, for the remainder of the term of the DAP ie until 31 December 2016. Ms Dunn, as Deputy Presiding Member, has indicated her availability to undertake this role for the current term.

As the current term of the membership of the DAP expires on 31 December 2016, the Council appointed DAP Selection Panel is currently undertaking the selection process for the 2017-18 DAP period which will result in the appointment of new DAP members including a new Presiding Member in November or December of this year.

Conclusion

As the DAP Selection Panel is already undertaking the process of selecting the DAP members for the next term, it is recommended that Council appoint a short term Presiding Member in the interim period.

17.3 Celebrating Confucius: William Light School Sponsorship Application

Brief

This report seeks Council consideration of a sponsorship application from the William Light School for their 'Celebrating Confucius: the First South Australian Chinese Bilingual School Event' in September 2016

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended to Council that it supports the William Light School for their 'Celebrating Confucius: the First South Australian Chinese Bilingual School Event' by way of a \$3,000 sponsorship towards the cost of staging the event.

Introduction

'Celebrating Confucius : the First South Australian Chinese Bilingual School Event' is a collaboration between the Department of Education and Child Development, the Confucius Institute and the City of West Torrens to be held on Friday 9th September at the William Light Reception to Year 12 School.

This celebration is to mark the school being the first school in the State to teach in both English and Chinese from next year, when Year 3's will have half the curriculum taught in Mandarin. The timing of this event coincides with the visiting Chinese inbound delegation arriving in Adelaide on Thursday 8th of September.

Discussion

The request is for sponsorship (**Attachment 1**) to assist the 'Celebrating Confucius: the First South Australian Chinese Bilingual School Event' with the hire of stage equipment and public address system associated with such a festival.

The 2016 program will include interactive workshops, live performances, exhibitions and authentic food and conclude with a twilight lantern display. It is anticipated to attract up to 1,000 people.

It is anticipated that the visiting Chinese delegation will attend the event and be escorted by the Premier of South Australia. Elected Members and other dignitaries will be invited to attend this event.

Conclusion

That Council supports the 'Celebrating Confucius: the First South Australian Chinese Bilingual School Event' by way of a \$3,000 sponsorship.

ATTACHMENT 1

Sponsorship program application form

Civic Centre
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive
Hilton, SA 5033
Tel (08) 8416 6333
Fax (08) 8443 5709
Email csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au
Website westtorrens.sa.gov.au



Note:

1. Read the Sponsorship guidelines before completing this application.
2. Please attach any additional information and supporting statements.
3. Please type or print legibly.
4. **Applications must be completed in full or they will not be accepted.**

1. Event and organisation details

Event name: Celebrating Confucius: the First SA Chinese Bilingual School

Event description: Launch of the Confucius Classroom

Date(s) of event: 8th September 2016

Organisation / Group: William Light R-12 School

ABN number: 9 2 3 1 0 6 8 9 7 4 5

Date submitted: 7th July 2016

2. Organiser's contact details

Name: Linda Richardson

Position: Principal

Organisation: William Light R-12 School

Address: 21A Errington Street Plympton SA

P/Code: 5038

Telephone:

Facsimile:

Email:

(08) 8297 0488

(08) 8297 8430

Linda.Richardson647@schools.sa.edu.au

3. Event details

Type of event (you may select more than 1)



Education



Community



Environment



Entertainment



Sports



Business



Arts / Culture



Charity



Event attendees (indicate the expected characteristics of your event attendees)

Age range



Under 20



31 to 40



51 to 60



20 to 30



41 to 50



60 plus

Where will the attendees be travelling from?



City of West Torrens



Adelaide metropolitan area



Western suburbs



SA generally

Estimated total attendance?

4. Level of sponsorship requested (tick)		
Type:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Naming rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor support
Cash: \$ \$ 3,000.00		
In kind support (specify): Marketing for the event		
What will the funds be used for? PA and Stage Hiring		
How many other sponsors are involved? 2		
Who are they? DECD and Confucius Institute		
What is their level of support? Joint sponsor		
5. Promotional / media benefits		
Provide details of the media types to be used:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advertorials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Television	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public speaking
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advertising - newspaper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web site	
Provide details of the level of coverage anticipated:		
Quite extensive media coverage from major SA/National broadcasting companies		
6. Research and evaluation of your event		
Will you undertake research prior to or after the event?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, how?		
We have had regular working group meetings with DECD, Confucius Institute and West Torrens City Council since the beginning of the year. We have looked at the nature of this event and have confirmed the name, time and place of this event. Responsibilities for parties and stakeholders involved have been discussed and distributed.		
If not, why not?		
How do you evaluate the effectiveness of your event?		
The number of people attending this event.		
Feedback from the community, various parties and stakeholders involved.		

7. Declaration

I Linda Richardson hereby certify that I have been authorised to prepare and submit this application on behalf of the above-mentioned group or organisation, and that the information contained in the application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature



Date: 7/ 7 / 2016

8. Where to send your completed application

Return this application together with any attachments to:

Administration Officer Community Services
City of West Torrens
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive
Hilton SA 5033

Or email to csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au.

18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

18.1 Local Government Circulars

Brief

This report provides a detailed listing of current items under review by the Local Government Association.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended to Council that the Local Government Circulars report be received.

Discussion

The Local Government Association (LGA) distributes a weekly briefing on a range of matters affecting the general functions, administration and operations of councils through a 'General Circular'.

The indices attached for Members' information in this report are numbers 28 and 29.

If Members require further information, they may contact the Chief Executive Officer's Secretariat. In some circumstances, it may then be appropriate for the Member to contact the relevant General Manager for more information.

ATTACHMENT 1



**Local Government Association
of South Australia**

28.1 Rate Capping Inquiry - Final Report

The Economic and Finance Committee have now released its final report on their Inquiry into Local Government Rate Capping Policies. The LGA is now seeking council feedback on the recommendations made within both the Final Report and a Minority Report. Feedback is due but COB 29 August 2016.

28.2 Liquor Licencing Review Recommendations Released

The Review of the South Australian Liquor Licensing Act 1997 was released on 6 July 2016. This circular contains details of the recommendations that are relevant to local government.

28.3 Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2016

The Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2016 was introduced into Parliament on 6 July 2016. Once enacted, the Bill will repeal the Whistleblowers Protection Act. More information about the Bill is available in this circular.

28.7 REMINDER: Local Government Research & Development Scheme applications close 29 July 2016

Applications from Councils and other "eligible organisations" for funding of projects from the Local Government Research & Development Scheme close at 5pm on Friday 29 July 2016.

28.4 Last Chance to Register - Mayors' and Chairpersons' Forum – 29 & 30 July 2016

The LGA Education & Training service has scheduled the annual Mayors' and Chairpersons' Forum for Friday 29 and Saturday 30 July 2016 to be held at the McCracken Country Club, Victor Harbor. Registration details and program can be found in this circular.

28.5 Call for Submissions - Review of the Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS) Funding Agreement

The Minister for Local Government (Hon Geoff Brock, MP) and the President of the Local Government Association (Mayor Dave Burgess) have agreed to review the CWMS Funding Agreement between the State Government and the LGA. We are seeking comments and/or submissions from councils, other local government authorities, State Agencies and regulatory bodies and other organisations.

28.6 Update on implementation of the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act

This circular provides further information on the implementation of the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act.

28.12 Information sessions on new Native Vegetation Regulations - 27 July

The LGA and Native Vegetation Council will be hosting two information sessions on the new Native Vegetation Regulations. These sessions will be held on 27 July at Stirling and Murray Bridge.

28.8 Annual Report Guidelines – Revised July 2016

The LGA has substantially revised its annual report guidelines for councils. The guidelines focus on the mandatory legislative requirements for council annual report and include a checklist of issues for councils.

28.13 Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act implementation - council contact list

The LGA is developing a contact list of council staff and elected members interested in the implementation of the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act. You can subscribe to this contact list in this circular.

28.10 Reminder - 2016 Jim Hullick Award

Nominations for the 2016 Jim Hullick Award are now open. Further information can be found in this Circular.

28.9 Reminder - Joy Baluch Award

Nominations for the 2015/16 Joy Baluch Award close 12 August 2016. Further information can be found in this Circular.

28.11 ICAC Amendment Bill

The Attorney-General has introduced a Bill to amend the ICAC Act. The amendments are largely operational in nature and, in particular, streamline the relationship between the ICAC and the Ombudsman. A copy of the Bill is available in this circular.

28.14 Applications open for CCTV Grants Program

Applications are now open for the South Australian Government's Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grants Program. Applications will be accepted until 31 May 2017.

28.15 Nature Play Festival 2-15 October 2016

Councils are invited to be part of SA's biggest Nature Play Festival during the October school holidays, between 2-15 October 2016.



Local Government Association of South Australia

29.1 Disability employment targets for local government

The LGA secretariat has been requested to investigate whether there is sufficient evidence across local government to initiate disability employment targets for the sector. The attached discussion paper provides an overview of the approach to disability employment targets in Australia and seeks input from councils by 2 September 2016.

29.4 Council support for communities impacted by domestic violence

The LGA is seeking input to identify the work councils do to prevent violence against women and support members of their communities impacted by domestic violence. Information will be used to define a role for local government in South Australia and make recommendations to the 2016 LGA Annual General Meeting.

29.3 Outcomes from LGA – Murray/Darling Forum

On 11 July the LGA facilitated a forum on the Murray Darling Basin attended by local government representatives of the four South Australian Murray Darling Association regions.

29.5 My Big Idea - Australian Futures Project

The My Big Idea competition is a citizen-led ideas competition focused on creating positive change for Australia. Details and marketing materials are provided.

29.6 2016 National Council Twitter day

Following a successful trial of national Local Government Twitter Day in 2014, State and Territory Local Government Associations and the ALGA have agreed to run it again in 2016. The aim of the day is to showcase the diverse range of council services with your Twitter community, and increase awareness of what local government does.

29.8 Premiers Climate Change Council SA Climate Leaders Awards have now been launched

The Premiers Climate Change Council SA Climate Leaders Awards were announced recently by the Local Government Representative on the Council (Ms Michelle Tucker).

29.7 Council Fire Prevention Officer Policy

Section 105B of the Fire and Emergency Services Act, 2005 (the Act) allows the SA Country Fire Service (CFS) to develop a policy in relation to the appointment of Fire Prevention Officers by councils.

30.3 Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Forum

A forum to discuss the development and progression of Reconciliation Action Plans and Aboriginal affairs across South Australian Councils is being held on 22 August 2016. More information can be found in this Circular.

30.1 Registration Deadline Extended - LGA Comparative HR Metrics Project - Register for 2016

We have extended the deadline for SA Councils to register their interest in joining the HR Metrics Project - seeking to develop a standardised comparative reporting regime. A significant portion of councils' budgets is spent on employee costs. Understanding the make-up and "pulse" of the workforce contributes to effectively managing council finances. Further details can be found in this Circular.

30.2 Nuclear fuel cycle state-wide engagement sessions - Consultation and Response Agency (CARA)

The Consultation and Response Agency (CARA) is encouraging all South Australians to attend state-wide engagement sessions on the nuclear fuel cycle throughout August, September and October.

19. MEMBERS' BOOKSHELF

Nil

20. CORRESPONDENCE

20.1 SA Heath Salmonella Outbreak Investigation - Letter of Appreciation

Correspondence has been received from the Chief Public Health Officer of the SA Health, Dr Kevin Buckett, thanking Council for its involvement in the recent Salmonella outbreak investigation (**Attachment 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence be received.

20.2 2016/17 Local Government Association Membership

Correspondence has been received from the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of South Australia, Mr Matt Pinnegar, regarding Council's 2016/17 LGA membership subscription (**Attachment 2**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence be received.

20.3 Australia Day Council of South Australia Membership 2016-17

Correspondence has been received from the Executive Officer of the Australian Day Council of South Australia, Mr Matt Miles, regarding 2016-17 membership of the Australia Day Council of South Australia (**Attachment 3**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence be received.

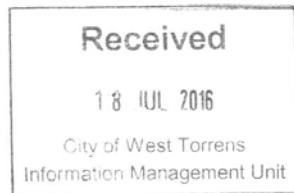
20.4 Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board Minutes

Correspondence has been received from the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board regarding the minutes of the board meeting held on Thursday 26 May 2016 (**Attachment 4**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence be received.

ATTACHMENT 1



Government of South Australia
SA Health

Public Health Services

Citi Centre Building
11 Hindmarsh Square
Adelaide SA 5000

PO Box 6
Rundle Mall SA 5000
DX 243

Tel 08 8226 7100
Fax 08 8226 7102

ABN 97 643 356 590
www.health.sa.gov.au

Mr Terry Buss
Chief Executive Officer
City of West Torrens
Civic Centre
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive
Hilton SA 5033

Dear Mr Buss

RE: COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT IN SALMONELLA OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION

I would like to sincerely thank your Council for its involvement in the recent *Salmonella* outbreak investigation, the largest food borne disease outbreak in South Australia (SA) for 17 years.

Investigation of the food supply chain was a key line of evidence in identifying the source of the outbreak. This could not have been accomplished as quickly without assistance from your Council's Environmental Health team.

The achievements of your Environmental Health Officers are recognised at the state level, both by SA Health and Primary Industries and Regions SA. Furthermore recognition was received at the national level, from food regulators via the National Food Incident Response Group and food epidemiologists via OzFoodNet.

Involvement in a public health emergency such as a *Salmonella* outbreak requires a significant commitment over and above normal work duties. The success of a state wide outbreak investigation such as this is dependent upon the collective contribution of all Councils involved and I thank you again for your Council's valuable efforts.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Buckett".

DR KEVIN BUCKETT
A/CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER
SYSTEM PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

12/07/2016

cc: Senior Environmental Health Officers

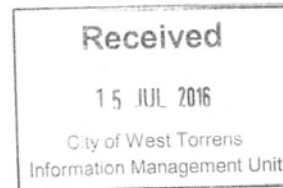
ATTACHMENT 2



Local Government Association
of South Australia

The voice of local government.

In reply please quote our reference: ECM 640508 LT/DB



12 July 2016

Mr Terry Buss
Chief Executive Officer
City of West Torrens
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive
HILTON SA 5033

Dear Terry

2016/17 Membership Subscriptions

I am writing to advise you that the LGA Board, via circular resolution on 27 June 2016, has determined the 2016/17 budget and subscriptions for the upcoming financial year.

The LGA Secretariat has been working on defining the value proposition of the LGA since the membership issue was raised last year. It is overwhelmingly clear that the LGA's most significant achievements have come from a unified sector working together.

As you know, since October 2015 the Board has pursued a number of key initiatives including:

- Establishment of an LGA Audit Committee
- Schemes Review
- LGA Board Governance Review
- Subscriptions Review

These are important issues for the local government. Each is focused on improving our systems of governance, and will contribute to our sector's success. Combined, they are facilitating a thorough analysis of service delivery to ensure that the LGA is on a path of continuous improvement.

The question of value to members has been incorporated into the governance review that is currently underway. The Audit Committee has recognised the need for this work, and recommended that it be undertaken in the next stage of the governance review, following discussions about representation and the structure of the LGA.

My KPI's as the CEO of the LGA include:

- More satisfied members, including more satisfied Board Members, Elected Members and CEOs;
- Annual work plans with delivery against the strategic plan; and
- An annual member survey.

The new LGA strategic plan 2016-20 and annual business plan 2016-17 provides for a direct line of sight between the priorities of the sector and activity of the LGA Secretariat.

The LGA board has also endorsed the funding of a business analytics position and an employee (IR) relations position.

The business analyst will have an internal and external focus to identify benchmark data and processes needed for service review activity across the sector, including the LGA's operations. This in turn will deliver empirical evidence as to the value of LGA services.

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The employee relations (IR) role will engage with stakeholders to prepare a business with recommendations for reform. A positive sector wide industrial relations outcome will provide significant benefits to the sector.

A Communications Plan is being finalised that will incorporate strategies for better connecting and communicating with the sector including Elected Members, ratepayers and communities.

Our analysis has shown the value of LGA services is beyond doubt. The collaboration of councils to establish the highly successful schemes has been game changing for the sector. The campaign for councils on behalf of communities to remain in the planning system is another excellent example of what we can achieve when we stand together and speak with one voice.

The LGA is continuing to define its value, and will in the coming weeks release information that further evidences the benefits of membership. We will be inviting your feedback on this information to ensure that it continues to meet your needs.

Your council's 2016/17 LGA membership subscription has been calculated at \$78,629 (excluding GST), to be paid by 1 August 2016 in accordance with the LGA Constitution.

Annual LGA subscriptions are determined via a population and revenue formula. As mentioned above, a review of the formula was undertaken in the first half of 2016, with the Board resolving to adopt a new formula for application in 2017/2018 year. Before application however, the Board has requested further research on the population bands to ensure an appropriate differentiation between councils of varying sizes. This will be completed and consulted upon well before the next financial year.

Accordingly the formula applied in past years has been adopted for the 2016/17 year. With this formula, two caps are applied; one to ensure no council pays more than three times the average subscription and the second to limit any annual growth to a maximum of five per cent (5%). The invoices have been raised based on data received from the Grants Commission. The LGA has been advised that this data is provisional, but unlikely to change. In the interests of ensuring your invoices are issued in a timely manner, we have proceeded to use this data to calculate your 2016/17 subscription fee. Any alterations will be advised accordingly, if they should occur.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me, or the President, Mayor Dave Burgess on 8224 2022, or a member of the LGA Board.

The LGA remains committed to its purpose to represent and provide leadership and support to member councils for the benefit of the South Australian community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Pinnegar'.

Matt Pinnegar
Chief Executive Officer

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Attach: 2016/17 Invoice

ATTACHMENT 3



Mr Terry Buss
Chief Executive Officer
City of West Torrens
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HILTON SA 5033

Dear Terry

RE: 2016/17 Membership of the Australia Day Council of South Australia

I have enclosed the invoice for this year's membership of the Australia Day Council of South Australia (ADCSA).

The ADCSA is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that conducts events and programs that celebrate Australia Day, discuss and debate national identity and recognise outstanding contributors to the community.

Some of these programs include the Australian of the Year Awards, Australia Day Ambassadors, Citizen of the Year, the "Women Hold Up Half the Sky" Award, the Award for Excellence in Language and Culture, the Australia Day Luncheon, the Australia Day Awards at Government House, an annual Intellectual Debate on national identity with the University of South Australia and the capital city celebration "Australia Day in the City".

Included in the membership is access to all the Australia Day programs and resources which includes:

- The ADCSA website at www.australiaday.org.au/sa which includes the opportunity for your council to list all its events held on Australia Day;
- The Citizen of the Year program which includes provision of frames, certificates and pins for winners. It also includes marketing materials including flyers, posters and other templates in electronic form, along with provision of hard copy posters and brochure displays for Council facilities. There is also a central website that can accept online nominations which will be emailed directly to your council
- The Ambassadors Program which sends inspiring Australians to your community;
- Access to Australia Day merchandise;
- Provision of the Australia Day Event Organisers toolkit;

- The opportunity to send one of your staff to the National Australia Day Conference, with 10 positions from South Australia partially funded;
- Discounted tickets to the Australia Day Luncheon to be held on the 22nd January 2016; and
- Free tickets to the Australian Day Awards at Government House, Australian of the Year Ceremony at Adelaide Oval and Australia Day in the City for your Mayor and a guest.

This membership also makes an important contribution to the overheads and administration of the Australia Day Council of South Australia so we thank you for your assistance in allowing this organisation to continue.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 8463 5436.

Yours sincerely



Matt Miles
Executive Officer

ATTACHMENT 4

**ADELAIDE AND MOUNT LOFTY RANGES
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 119

**Held from 1.09pm to 3.20pm
on Thursday 26 May 2016
at the Cleland Valente Centre
Cleland Wildlife Park**



- PRESENT:**
- Chair: Chris Daniels
- Members: Alexandra Kentish
Russell Johnstone
Mark Searle
Rachael Siddall
Rob Lewis
Belinda Bramley
James Crocker
Julia Grant
Trevor Bennett
Greg Cock
- APOLOGIES:**
- Andrew Grear
Joanna Andrew
Allison Bretones
Peter Pfennig
Karl Telfer
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Brenton Grear, Regional Director
Marguerite Swart, Manager Business Support
Lisien Loan, A/Manager PL and Sustainable Landscapes
Steven Gatti, Manager Water Projects
Kim Krebs, Manager Community Engagement
Sarah Lance, A/Manager Land Marine and Biodiversity Services
Hannah Ellyard, A/Manager Planning & Evaluation
Daniel Casement, Executive Director, PIRSA
Monica Bayer, Minute Secretary
Heather Hill, Principal Policy Officer
James Peters, A/Senior Policy Officer
Observer: Steph Cole, Volunteer Support Officer
Observer: Will Hannaford, District Officer

260516-119-1.0 MEETING PROCEDURE

260516-119-1.1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and acknowledged that it was taking place on Kaurna land and the Aboriginal peoples' ongoing and deep connection with the land. He welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

- 260516-119-1.2 Apologies**
- Apologies have been received from Joanna Andrew, Karl Telfer, Allison Bretones, Andrew Grear, Peter Pfennig and John Schutz.
- 260516-119-1.3 Declarations of Interest**
- There were no additional declarations of interest declared.
- 260516-119-1.4 Consent Schedule**
- The Board **confirmed** the items within the consent schedule be adopted.
- CARRIED**
- 260516-119-1.5 Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 118 held on 28 April 2016 as a true and accurate record.
- CARRIED**
- 260516-119-1.6 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**
- The Board **noted** the matters arising.
- CARRIED**
- 260516-119-1.7 Resolution Register**
- The Board **noted** the resolution register.
- CARRIED**
- 260516-119-2.0 PRESENTATION**
- 260516-119-2.1 PIRSA PRESENTATION**
- The Board welcomed Daniel Casement, Executive Director, Rural Solutions SA Primary Industries and Regions SA - PIRSA to the meeting for presentation with regards to a partnership for sustainable production and partnership opportunities.
- The Board **noted** the information provided.
- CARRIED**
- 260516-119-2.2 NRM EDUCATION UPDATE PRESENTATION**
- The Board received an update on the NRM Education program.
- The Board **noted** the information provided.
- CARRIED**

260516-119-3.0 BOARD MATTERS

260516-119-3.1 St Peters Billabong

Manager Water Projects seeks the Board's approval on continued investment in improving the function of the St Peter's Billabong.

The Billabong was artificially created during the 1970s when the River Torrens was straightened. An old landfill is located adjacent to the Billabong. The Billabong has never functioned optimally, leading the Torrens Catchment Water Management Board to undertake works in the early 2000s. These works did not adequately address poor performance issues which still remain.

Discussion occurred in relation to information presented. Whilst broadly supporting the intent of the works and directions taken, the Board requested that certain information be reconsidered and that the briefing note be revised and resubmitted to the Board at the June 2016 meeting.

The Board:

3.1.1 **notes** this briefing

3.1.2 **requests** the briefing note be revised and resubmitted to June 2016 Board meeting.

CARRIED

260516-119-3.2 Greenock Creek Catchment

A/Manager Planning & Evaluation provided an overview of the current management of Greenock Creek Catchment and the proposal for community consultation regarding potential changes to the management regime.

The Board agreed that further information was required before any community consultation or decisions could be made regarding the future management arrangements for Greenock Creek.

The Board requested that the paper be revised to include further information regarding potential risks of a 'lighter management framework', including to the rest of the Barossa and other prescribed areas.

The Board:

3.2.1 **does not accept** this recommendation.

3.2.1 **requests** further detail regarding the strengths, weaknesses and risks of a changed management regime in Greenock Creek, to Greenock Creek, the Barossa as a whole and other prescribed areas within AMLR.

3.2.1 **notes** this briefing to be withdrawn and to be submitted again for a future meeting

CARRIED

- 260516-119-4.0 WATER PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT MATTERS**
- There are no water planning and management matters for noting.
- 260516-119-5.0 COMMITTEE MATTERS**
- There are no committee papers for noting.
- 260516-119-6.0 FINANCE REPORT**
- Manager Business Support updated the Board, noting that we are tracking well, noting the Creating Resilient Landscapes expenditure and revenue gaps are being resolved.
- The Board:
- 6.0.1 **notes** the financial reports for the financial period ending 30 April 2016.
- CARRIED**
- 260516-119-7.0 REGION'S MONTHLY REPORT**
- The Board **notes** the region's monthly report.*
- CARRIED**
- 260516-119-8.0 PAPERS TO NOTE**
- 260516-119-8.1 Register of Interests**
- The Board **notes** information paper 8.1.*
- CARRIED**
- 260516-119-9.0 OTHER BUSINESS**
- 260516-119-9.1 Barossa Bushgardens Event – Sunday 5 June**
- The Regional Director advised that Northern & Yorke are sending a Board member to the Barossa Bushgardens Event. The Board endorsed Russell Johnstone to attend on its behalf.
- 260516-119-9.2 NCARFF Conference Adaptation Residential Planning Event – Conference**
- Executive Director, Water & Climate Change, DEWNR advised that the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCARFF) Conference would be held in Adelaide during July this year, with Climate Change being one of the key topics.
- A paper will be provided to the board on the adaptation work after the conference.

260516-119-10.0 MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held on 23 June 2016 at Office of Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges, 205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood.

Chris Daniels
Presiding Member



Date:

12 / 7 / 2016

21. CONFIDENTIAL

21.1 Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project - Auditor General's Report

Reason for Confidentiality

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 90(3)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item are:

- (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty because the Auditor-General has directed that all communications and findings from his examination of the Brown Hill and Keswick Creek Stormwater Project under section 32(1)(b) of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 be kept confidential until the reporting responsibility of the Auditor-General to the Parliament of South Australia is completed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to Council that:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council orders, that the public, with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory, General Manager Urban Services, General Manager Business and Community Services, Senior Executive Assistant and Executive Assistant (Agendas and Minutes), be excluded from attendance at so much of the meeting as is necessary to receive, discuss and consider in confidence, information contained within the confidential report (Item 21.1 Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project - Auditor-General's Report), attachments and any associated documentation submitted by the Chief Executive Officer, specifically on the basis of the provisions of Sections 90(3)(g) because the Auditor-General has directed that all communications and findings from his examination of the Brown Hill and Keswick Creek Stormwater Project under section 32(1)(b) of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 be kept confidential until the reporting responsibility of the Auditor-General to the Parliament of South Australia is completed.
2. At the completion of the confidential session the meeting be re-opened to the public.

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1. MEETING OPENED

2. PRESENT

3. APOLOGIES

Leave of Absence

Cr Dua

Apologies

Council Members:

Cr O'Rielley

4. DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Elected Members are required to:

1. Consider Section 73 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and determine whether they have a conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in this Agenda; and
2. Disclose these interests in accordance with the requirements of Sections 74 and 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Urban Services Prescribed Standing Committee held on 5 July 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

6. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

7. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

9. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

10. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

11. URBAN SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS

11.1 George Street Upgrade Stage 2 - Street Consultation Summary

Brief

This report provides a summary of the feedback received from the consultation with residents within the directly affected section of George Street, regarding options for the Stage 2 upgrade works and provides a recommended design solution based on balanced consideration of all consultation previously undertaken with the wider community.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended to Council that:

1. The report be received.
2. The Administration proceeds with the George Street - Stage 2 upgrade based on a revised version of the Option 3 road design (**Attachment 1**). (This design variation will provide an additional two (2) on-street parking spaces and require the removal and replacement of a further two (2) existing street trees.)

Introduction

The section of George Street from South Road to Dew Street (known as Stage 2 George Street) is currently in a generally poor state of repair particularly in relation to footpath and kerbing condition, as well as increased degrading of the road pavement. It has been identified for some time that major infrastructure upgrade of the road is necessary and funding has been earmarked for these works.

The existing conflict between the street trees and infrastructure is the major driver behind the necessity for the upgrade of the infrastructure in the street.

Consultation with the community, and ongoing feedback from residents, has elicited divided opinions in relation to what the most important considerations should be in association with a redesign and reconstruction of the street. The key subjects focused on existing street tree retention versus removal, preservation of on-street parking and the long term cost of asset maintenance and replacement in the street.

Several reports and associated design solution options have been presented to Council over the last few years in relation to this subject.

Most recently, Council's direction to the Administration was for the development of design solutions with a high weighting on the preservation of the existing street trees, as expressed by the community during the consultation process.

Three options were subsequently developed by Council Administration and presented to Council at its meeting on 1 March 2016 (refer to **Attachment 2**) for consideration:

- Option 1 - Retain existing road configuration;
- Option 2 - Narrow the road and retain the maximum number of trees; and
- Option 3 - Narrow the road and maintain a balance between retained trees and on-street parking.

At the meeting of 1 March 2016, Council resolved to undertake consultation with the residents of the section of the street where the proposed stage of works are to be undertaken, to understand the desires of this section of the community.

Discussion

Consultation was then undertaken with the residents of the street during March 2016. Residents were provided with schematic plans for each of the three options, a detailed letter outlining the key elements of each option (with information on on-street parking preservation, existing street tree preservation and likely opportunities for new tree plantings). Further to this, a one page questionnaire (and return prepaid envelope) was included, as well as an invitation to an information session which was held at the Council chambers on Tuesday 22 March 2016.

The information session was attended by approximately ten residents, with a presentation of the options and an opportunity for the residents to ask questions of the staff and discuss the various plans.

Approximately 70 properties in the section of George Street from South Road to Dew Street were forwarded consultation information on the options for the upgrade. 26 feedback forms were received during the consultation period with the vast majority of these identifying the resident and property as was requested (demonstrating that there was no feedback from outside of the impacted area, nor multiple responses from individual properties). The number of forms returned represents feedback from approximately 37% of the properties in the street.

The feedback form was structured to not only request if the resident liked or disliked each of the options, but also requested an explanation of why they felt this way on each option. Additional information gathered from this feedback enabled Council Administration to more clearly understand the desires and drivers for many of the respondents.

The following outlines the main themes which were collated from the feedback received, it is noted that not every respondent completed all elements of the questionnaire.

- Although the option to say that none of the options were suitable, six (6) responses indicated a dislike of all three options, with seven (7) responses also specifically calling for the removal of all or the majority of existing trees along the section of road.
- Option 1 - "Retain Existing Road Configuration" had 12 responses nominate support of the option.
Of these, five (5) responses specifically noted the preservation of existing trees being of the highest importance.
Six (6) responses in support of Option 1 have commented on the desire for additional traffic related control in the street ranging from speed restrictions to 'resident only' access and 'no commercial vehicle' restrictions.
- Option 2 - "Narrow Road and Retain Maximum Number of Trees" had three (3) responses nominate support of the option.
Within the commentary on this option there were 11 responses which specifically indicated that this option provided insufficient on-street parking.
(This option included an allowance for five (5) on-street parking spaces)
- Option 3 - "Narrow Road and Balance between Retained Trees and Parking" had Seven (7) responses nominated support of this option.
Within the commentary on this option there were five (5) responses which specifically indicated that this option provided insufficient on-street parking allowance.
(This option included allowance for 11 on-street parking spaces.)

In summarising the responses from residents in the section of George Street from South Road to Dew Street, the following can be concluded:

- The scale of residents directly requesting the removal of all trees is effectively the same as the scale of residents who directly requested the retention of trees above all other considerations.
(It is noted however that in real numbers we are talking about 5 - 7 people)

It is felt from the commentary and discussion with residents, that several people who supported Option 1 and not Options 2 and 3 did so due to concerns over the existing traffic volumes or associated road safety concerns. The 'narrowing' of the road, as described in Options 2 and 3, have potentially led these residents to believe that the safety of the road may be adversely affected.

It is believed this is most likely a misunderstanding of the design concept of Options 2 and 3. At present oncoming traffic, particularly commercial vehicles need to consider giving way to each other where on-street parking is present on both sides of the road. The concept for Options 2 and 3 have a narrowed road carriageway, but there will no longer be any parking intrusion within these traffic lanes (except at bus stops) and hence will greatly improve traffic flow and safety along the street, with wider and clear two way traffic flow. Any on-street parking provided is indented into the verge.

- It is also evident that there is support for Option 1 over Options 2 and 3 due to the higher extent of on-street parking provided within this option.
- Option 2 and Option 3 have the same road arrangement concept, with the difference coming from the number of on-street indented parking spaces being provided (and hence the number of existing trees removed and replaced). Option 2 provides five (5) on-street spaces, with this increasing to 11 spaces with Option 3.

The development of Option 3 was done under the belief that the provision of on-street parking would be an important consideration to the local residents. It is believed that this is shown to be supported with the number of responses specifically indicating that the amount of on-street parking was insufficient reducing from 11 responses for Option 2, to five (5) responses for Option 3.

- It is interesting to note that there were no specific comments (either positive or negative) provided with any responses in relation to the scale and extent of the location of new trees proposed be to implemented in relation to any of the options.

Through the workshop and the questionnaire feedback, there were two specific concerns raised in relation to individual properties, both related to on-street parking provision and both at the South Road end of George Street.

On the southern side of the road from No.155 to No.121A, there are eight (8) existing row cottages which currently have no driveway access from George Street. All of these properties currently have access from Harley Pearson Lane to the rear of the properties. Due to the existing narrowness of the laneway and the manner in which the garaging for some properties has been established, a number of these residents have expressed difficulty in vehicle access to their properties from the laneway and a reliance on the on-street parking.

Currently there are five (5) on-street parking spaces within the vicinity of these properties on the southern side of the road and none on the northern side. The Option 3 proposal indicates the preservation of two (2) parking spaces within the vicinity of these properties, which would be located on the northern side of the road.

It is also noted that this vicinity also accommodates bus stops on both sides of the road, which impact on the ability to provide on-street parking.

It is considered that as a variation to Option 3, an additional on-street parking space could be accommodated in this vicinity; however this would result in the necessity to remove and replace an additional existing street tree.

It is also considered that several of these properties could establish new driveway crossing places to enable parking of a vehicle off the road in the front yard of these properties. Given the 'heritage' style of these dwellings, there may be difficulty in planning approval being granted for carports over these parking spaces which are forward of the buildings; however this has not been tested through the planning process.

Council Administration have already discussed this concept with a number of the property owners in this vicinity, where simple assessment has been made of other potential restrictions and it would appear viable to get access to these properties, subsequently alleviating/reducing these residents' concerns in relation to loss of on-street parking.

It is noted that due to remaining existing restrictions (eg the bus stop, stobie poles and retained street trees) it likely that some of these properties will not be able to achieve new access from George Street should they so desire. This will need to be assessed on a property by property basis on request from residents either as part of the upgrade works or at any point in the future.

All of these residents also have the option available to them of rearranging the access configuration of their garages off Harley Pearson Lane to provide improved setback and hence accessibility.

The operator of the commercial property at 135 South Road (on the south eastern corner of George Street and South Road) has also raised grave concerns in relation to the impact he perceives would occur to his business with Options 2 or 3, due to the resultant loss of on-street parking on the southern side of George Street at the south road end. These being the same spaces as located in front of the row cottages.

He feels that many of his customers use these on-street spaces as do many of delivery and collection trucks of various scales. The reduction in the number of spaces and relocation of these to the far (northern) side of George Street he believes will be critically detrimental to his business or any future business in this location.

Any option which removes parking and/or the ability of loading goods from the southern side of the road would be considered unacceptable to this respondent. In previous designs of changes to the road configuration, preservation of on-street parking on the southern side was considered, however all versions resulted in the preservation of less trees and less on-street parking spaces. Consequently all options with new road geometry have located the on-street parking on the northern side of the road.

It is noted that this site has a rear of allotment area, accessed from George Street, which can be used for parking. This area at present has little to no delineation of parking spaces to assist with the efficient accommodating of customers or service vehicles. It has also been observed (from historical aerial photography) that parts of this area are often utilised for storage of stock which would also compromise customer parking and servicing.

Documentation associated with previous Development Applications on the site has shown the potential provision of 4 - 6 parking spaces within this rear area.

The existing historical crossover to the site from George Street is also narrower than would comfortably accommodate two way traffic movements and again could be an access deterrent factor. It would be simple in association with any of the options for upgrade of the road for this access point to be widened to an appropriate standard for two way vehicle movements at minimal cost to the project.

The loading and unloading of delivery vehicles from the public road is an activity discouraged by Council, acknowledging that there are numerous locations across Council where this occurs due to historical circumstances. On roads with a traffic volume and percentage commercial vehicle volume such as George Street, the undesirability of commercial servicing from the road becomes greater.

In association with Options 2 and 3, which remove the on-street parking which this business desires, Council Administration has been investigating localised design alternatives, but have been unable to develop a solution to accommodate 'safe' commercial vehicle loading from the street which does not compromise more on-street parking or potential access to the row cottages.

The proposed provision of at least one additional on-street space in this vicinity and the row provision of off street parking for the cottage dwellings should both assist in the parking availability of customer parking to address this respondent's concern.

Proposed alterations to Option 3, although providing some benefit to the commercial property owner's concern, will not however address his concern in relation to service vehicle loading and unloading from the street.

Conclusion

In endeavouring to provide some degree of balanced consideration between the above feedback from residents of the section of George Street proposed to be effected by upgrade works, earlier feedback from the wider community and previous directions of Council, the following conclusions are made.

It is felt that there is not overwhelming support or justification of support for either of the extreme positions reflected in all consultation undertaken to date, ie removal of all trees or retention of all trees.(above any other consideration).

Although not evident as being of great consideration to the community (given limited commentary on the subject one way or another within the consultation feedback), Council Administration reinforce that the Option 1 arrangement of maintaining the existing road arrangement and existing street trees is unmanageable from the perspective of physically undertaking replacement works and the high frequency and cost of repairing infrastructure into the future.

Council Administration believes that the solution to the road upgrade which would bring the greatest balance from overall feedback received from community would be the adoption of an Option 3 design, with the variation of including an additional two (2) on-street parking spaces (resulting in the removal and replacement of two (2) additional existing street trees).

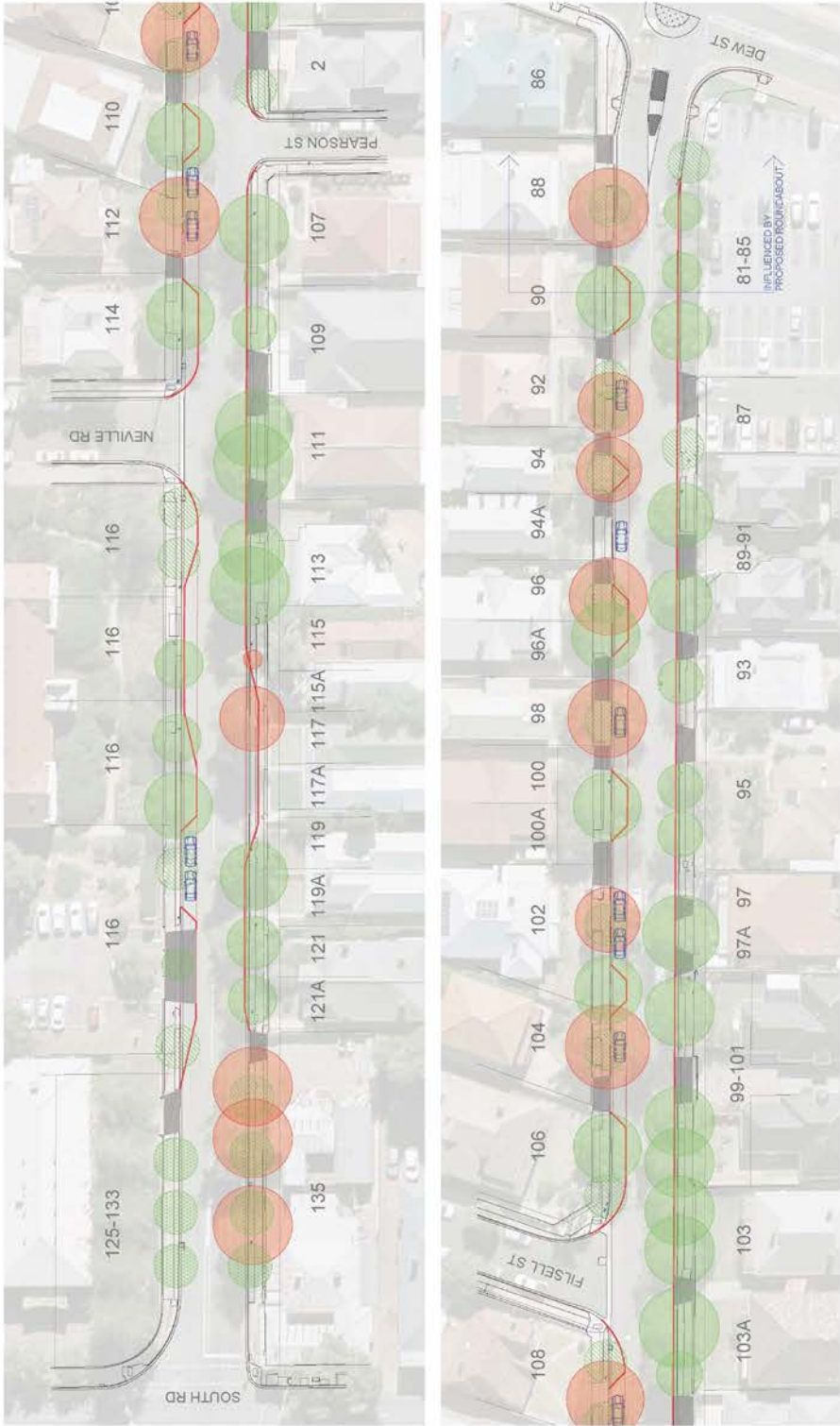
The revised option would preserve 34 of the 50 existing street trees (68%). In offsetting the removal of 16 existing street trees, the project would be able to accommodate the replanting of approximately 29 new street trees.

The current proposal for the establishment of these new street tree would include 'valued added' techniques associated with the planting of the tree to encourage improved growth, vitality and health during establishment and the life of the trees.

The revised option would provide for 13 on-street parking spaces compared to 39 for the existing road arrangement (33%).

ATTACHMENT 1

Option 3 - Narrow road and balance between retained trees and parking
George Street upgrade - Stage 2



ATTACHMENT 2

11. URBAN SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS

11.1 George Street Stage 2 - Design Options

Brief

To provide Council with a report on options considered for the proposed reconstruction of the pavement, kerb and water table, and footpath on George Street, between Dew Street and South Road, Thebarton.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended to Council that:

1. The report be received.
2. Administration proceed to undertake Community Consultation to implement Option 3.
3. A further report be presented to Council following the Community Consultation period.

Introduction

This report outlines the recent works undertaken by Council Administration to develop options for the upgrading and rejuvenation of George Street, Thebarton.

At the Council meeting of 2 July 2013, Council considered a report on options for the proposed replacement of the Plane trees in George Street between Dew Street and South Road, Thebarton (**Attachment 1**) and resolved the following:

"that the Administration provide further options on how to best address reconstructing the road whilst retaining the existing trees."

Background

In 2009 as part of a two staged plan, the Administration consulted with the community and Ward Councillors and subsequently removed the existing Plane Trees along the eastern section of George Street, Thebarton between Port Road and Dew Street, and replanted with Water Gum (*Tristanopsis laurina*) trees.

The plan to undertake the replanting project resulted from ratepayer/resident complaints and the Administration's assessment of the appropriateness of the tree species in addressing issues such as:

- Street amenity - extensively pruned canopies due to power line clearance (ETSA),
- Road /Pedestrian Safety - traffic visibility concerns (cannot be alleviated by pruning) and pedestrian trip hazards.
- Sustainability - proven (and/or threatening) substantial infrastructure damage, including utility services damage.

The decision to evaluate the appropriateness of the Plane Trees in George Street was driven by a number of important factors and considerations including:

- Damage to road infrastructure (accelerated deterioration of pavement damaged kerb affects overland stormwater flows).
- Damage to services and utilities (eg water mains affected by tree root intrusion).
- Damage to adjacent properties (eg fencing and footings affected by tree root intrusion).
- Safety of pedestrians (eg uplifted footpaths causing trip hazards).
- Safety of traffic (eg uplifted pavement and broken kerbing affecting traffic flow).

- Tree health – (eg excessive canopy pruning under power lines, lack of growth space may hinder growth).
- Loss of amenity (eg visual amenity reduced from removal of existing trees or excessively-pruned trees).
- Future maintenance cost (regular repair of kerb, pavement and footpath required).
- Asset life expectancy (life cycle design for road and pavement reduced).
- Proper management of risk in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 to reduce the exposure to future liability claims.

The timeline of events relating to this tree replacement project is briefly summarised below:

- 7 August 2012 - Council resolution to proceed to undertake public consultation on the proposal to remove the existing Plane Trees along George Street, Thebarton (Dew Street to South Road) and replace them with Water Gum trees.
- 2 April 2013 - A report summarising the consultation outcomes was presented to Council. Council resolved that a further report be presented to Council canvassing options for the proposed replacement of the Plane Trees along George Street Thebarton taking into consideration feedback received from the public consultation process.
- 7 June 2013 - Council considered a petition from Kathryn Clark, Head Petitioner, of 12 Filsell Street Thebarton, on behalf of 643 petitioners, seeking to oppose the removal of London Plane Trees from George Street in Thebarton and where it resolved the following:
"As per the Urban Services Standing Committee decision at the meeting held 2 April 2013 and subsequent reschedule of Council, a further report be presented canvassing options for the proposed retention or replacement of the Plane Trees, and the Head Petitioner be advised accordingly."
- 2 July 2013 - A report presenting six options for the reconstruction of George Street was presented to Council. The report recommended (see Introduction) further development of Option D, which included:
 - Replace the plane trees on the northern and southern sides with new (and more appropriate) species.
 - Narrow the carriageway to 7.0m.
 - Create a parking bay on the southern side by extending the kerb out by approx 2.3m.
 - Extend the northern kerb out by approx 0.5m to increase the verge width.
 - Prohibit parking along the northern side of the street.
- 2014 to Present - Council Administration has been undertaking detailed investigation into numerous option for upgrade of this section of George Street.

An ongoing and steady stream of complaints has been received from the community in relation to the current condition of the infrastructure along this section of George Street. These have predominately focussed around concerns over lifted and trip hazards along footpaths and lifted kerbing causing pooling of water and persistent inconvenience water over the road.

Resultantly Council has undertaken isolated section of infrastructure damage where it was considered risks and hazards were greatest and where works could be undertaken will minimal impact on existing street trees.

In many areas, existing infrastructure has been removed but is unable to be replaced with similar without compromise of the existing trees. In these locations, temporary rubble repairs have been made and subsequently maintained. This in itself has also brought about further complaints from the community in relation to unsealed, dusty, muddy and unfinished works.

Discussion

Options previously developed and presented to Council predominately had a focus on whole of street removal or retention of existing street trees; however subsequent to the above resolution Council Administration has continued investigations into various road arrangement options based on the underlying principle of retaining as many trees as possible within the street.

To enable critical consideration between options, detailed information has also been determined for these options in relation to impacts of parking allowance in the street and impacts on infrastructure management.

- **Option 1 - Retain Existing Road Configuration**

The existing trafficable road carriageway has a typical width of 9.8m which facilitates parking on both sides of the road and two way traffic movements.

The existing street arrangement includes a total of 50 street trees and the provision of a maximum of 39 on-street parking spaces (combined totals for both sides of the road).

In numerous locations along George Street the existing conflict between the street trees and infrastructure are insurmountable based on the current road arrangements.



Typical Examples of Existing Street Tree and Infrastructure Conflicts

Reinstating sections of kerbing and road pavement in a manner sympathetic to existing tree trunks and roots would result in Council not providing an acceptable infrastructure service provision standard. In simple terms, there would need to be several lumps and humps in the finished road surface and sections of elevated or missing kerbing which would result in frequent and extensive pooling of stormwater along the road.

Further to this, retaining the existing proximity between the street trees with the infrastructure will also result in the necessity for the infrastructure in the street to be renewed at a much higher frequency than is typical across the city. Where such conflicts occur, substantial infrastructure replacement will be required on a 4 to 7 year frequency, as compared to major infrastructure upgrade on an average road which would occur every 20 to 25 years.

Alternatively, if the existing tree roots were to be cut back to the extent necessary to facilitate the replacement of infrastructure to a line and level to provide an appropriate service standard, then it has been considered by Council Arboreal staff that this would have serious health and life expectancy consequences for the trees. Should individual trees survive such pruning, then it is most probable that the trees would experience substantial focused regrowth in these locations which would once again result in expediency of further infrastructure damage and necessary replacement.

In summary, selection of this option, whilst preserving all the existing street trees, would result in Council being unable to meet reasonable infrastructure service standards for the street and require an ongoing capital investment in infrastructure replacement far in excess of that typically anticipated. Council Administration are not supportive of this option for these reasons.

- **Option 2 - Narrow Road and Retain Maximum Number of Trees**

This option involves the narrowing of the trafficable road carriageway to 7.0m, from the existing 9.8m typical width.

The narrowing of the road enables the kerb alignment along the southern side of the road to be brought in by 0.5m, providing greater offset to the existing street trees on this side. This would facilitate the construction of the new kerbing to an appropriate service standard in a manner which would substantially minimise any impact on the trees.

This additional offset should also ensure that the frequency to which future upgrades to road infrastructure would be required should become more comparable to that typically experienced.

On the northern side of the road, the kerbing would be brought in by 2.3m. Similarly to that described for the other side of the road, this would facilitate the improved outcomes for infrastructure and tree management.

The additional width provided to the verge on the northern side of the road facilitates the provision of the establishment of indented parking spaces. However to avoid the existing tree and infrastructure conflicts, these can only be adopted where there are no existing street trees. Under the basis of only providing parking where there is no existing street tree, this option would only be able to accommodate the provision of 5 parking spaces.

Based on the narrower road carriageway, there will also now be the requirement to provide indented bus bays to satisfy necessary road design standards. The establishment of the bus bay on the southern side of the road would subsequently conflict with 2 existing street and require their removal.

At the western end of George Street, on the approach lanes to South Road, there is the necessity to retain the existing road carriageway and lane widths as part of the appropriate operation of this intersection. There are 3 existing street trees in this section which currently conflict with the kerbing and as such would be recommended for removal.

In working closely with Council's Arboreal staff, a design concept has been developed which would enable the replacement of these 3 existing plane trees with 4 new trees. These new trees would be planted with the assistance of underground 'tree infrastructure' which would assist in healthy tree establishment and growth, whilst minimising future road infrastructure conflict.

Opportunity would exist for the selection of semi advanced sized trees, of species suited to the location. It has also been identified that the same opportunity for new trees would exist on the directly opposite northern side of the road in this location. The combination of new planting to both sides of the road could enable the establishment of an 'entrance statement' style planting when entering George Street from South Road.

Through these investigations, several further locations were identified along the street where new street trees could be established as part of any upgrade independent of the option selected.

Although this option would still result in the loss of 5 existing street tree, offset replacement of nearly triple this number of trees could still be provided.

Including allowances on both sides of the road, there is currently the provision of 39 parking spaces along this section of George Street. This option would see the number of parking spaces being reduced to 5, which is only 13% of the current.

Although there is currently not an extremely high demand for on street parking, Council Administration was concerned that this would be excessive and hence developed Option 3.

- **Option 3 - Narrow Road and Balance between Retained Trees and Parking**

This option has the same basic road arrangement alteration as Option 2, however includes some selective removal of existing street trees to provide more on street parking.

As such this option includes,

- 7.0m wide road carriageway.
- 0.5m offset of kerbing along southern side of road, providing reduced tree/infrastructure conflict.
- 2.3m offset of kerbing on northern side of road, providing reduced tree/infrastructure conflict.
- Indented parking on the northern side of the road.
- Indented bus bay requiring removal of 2 trees.
- Western end of road, South Road approach requiring removal of 3 trees, but with provision for new feature entrance tree planting.

For this option critical review of the existing street trees was undertaken with Council's Arboreal staff and consideration was given to where additional indented parking could be achieved.

Many factors were utilised in developing the ultimate recommendation associated with this outcome,

- Desire to balance the provided parking along the street.
- Seeking to maximise the number of parking spaces which could be achieved through the minimum number of removed trees.
- Trying to select trees for removal which would facilitate the greatest opportunity for new replacement trees.
- Trying to select trees for removal which had other contributing negative factors (ie, poorer structure, low hanging limbs over road, evidence of previous vehicle damage to tree or trees causing the greatest existing infrastructure damage)

For this option, Council Administration has developed an arrangement which will ultimately provide for the provision of 11 on street parking spaces, which is 28% of the existing.

As a result of this arrangement a total of 14 existing street trees would require removal, which represents retention of 72% of the existing 50 trees; however this option would also facilitate the establishment of 27 new street trees.

Several other options, all being variation of the above concepts, were reviewed in detail as part of the investigations. These have not been described within this report as they were shown to provide substantially less favourable outcomes. As example, Options 2 and 3 as presented, consider the preserved parking to be retained on the northern side of the road. When comparable options for the preservation of any parking of the southern side of the road were considered in detail, there was an increase in the number of existing trees necessary to be removed or a reducing in the number of parking spaces which could be preserved.

Summary of Options and Costs

The following table provides an overview of the key consequences of each of the options discussed above:

Option	Existing Trees Retained	Car Parks Retained	New Trees	Comments
Option 1 Retain Existing Road Configuration	50 (100%)	39 (100%)	0 to 4	This option does not provide a lasting solution to infrastructure damage caused by trees
Option 2 Narrow Road and Retain Maximum Number of Trees	45 (90%)	5 (13%)	16	Tree removal due to bus bay and South Road intersection approach. Excessive loss of parking. Provision for some new trees
Option 3 Narrow Road and Balance between Retained Trees and Parking	36 (72%)	11 (28%)	27	Provides balance between tree removal and retention of car parking. Provision for additional tree planting.

No detailed cost estimation has been determined for any of the options presented in this report.

It is considered however that the cost for each of the options outlined above would be of a similar order of magnitude. Each option will involve the complete reconstruction of all surface infrastructure along the road segment (ie road pavement, kerbing and footpath).

Although Options 2 and 3 would have a narrower width of road pavement to reconstruct (and hence reduced cost), to a reasonable extent this would be offset by the costs associated with the more intricate works of constructing indented parking bays in these options.

Council's Asset Management systems have clearly identified George Street as a high priority candidate for complete renewal or upgrade of the magnitude proposed in these options, with the necessary funds already being allocated within Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

ATTACHMENT 1

11. URBAN SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS

11.1 George Street - Stage 2 Street Upgrade

Brief

To provide Council with a report on options considered for the proposed replacement of the Plane Trees in George Street, between Dew Street and South Road, Thebarton.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended to Council that:

1. The report be received.
2. The Administration further develop Option D and provide Council with detailed costs and staging of tree replacements as part of the 2014/15 budget process.

Introduction

At the Council meeting of 2 April 2013, Council resolved that the Administration prepare a further report canvassing options for the proposed replacement of the Plane trees taking into consideration feedback received from the public consultation process. This report has been prepared in response to the February 2013 resolution.

Background

The timeline of events relating to this tree replacement project is briefly summarised below:

- 7 August 2012 – Council resolution to proceed to undertake public consultation on the proposal to remove the existing Plane Trees along George Street, Thebarton (Dew Street to South Road) and replace them with Water Gum trees.
- November/December 2012 – initial round of consultation with the community via a letterbox drop, public notification on the Council's website and Messenger Newspapers and article in the Talking Points Summer Edition.
- February 2013 – further detailed consultation with the community was undertaken.
- 2 April 2013 – A report summarising the consultation outcomes was presented to Council.

The complexity of this issue is best summed up in the quote from Mayor Trainer in a recent media article: *'There is one group of people who want to keep the trees at all costs, another group who live in the area and have to deal with their footpaths and infrastructure being damaged and another group of 50,000 ratepayers who have to pay for it to be maintained if they are not removed.'*

In any planned future infrastructure upgrades, Council has an obligation to evaluate, consider and adopt upgrades that are consistent with current road design principles, safety, impacts on the general environment and cost to the community. The upgrade of George Street will require adherence to all of these processes.

The decision to evaluate the appropriateness of the Plane Trees and the proposal to replant with Water Gums (or any appropriate species) in George Street are driven by a number of important factors and considerations:

- Damage to road infrastructure (accelerated deterioration of pavement damaged kerb affect overland stormwater flows).
- Damage to services and utilities (eg water mains affected by tree root intrusion).
- Damage to adjacent properties (eg fencing and footings affected by tree root intrusion).
- Safety of pedestrians (eg uplifted footpaths causing trip hazards).
- Safety of traffic (eg uplifted pavement and broken kerbing affecting traffic flow).
- Tree health – (eg excessive canopy pruning under power lines, lack of growth space may hinder growth).
- Loss of amenity (eg visual amenity reduced from removal of existing trees or excessively-pruned trees).
- Future maintenance cost (regular repair of kerb, pavement and footpath required).
- Asset life expectancy (life cycle design for road and pavement reduced).
- Proper management of risk in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 to reduce the exposure to future liability claims.

From the above, it is clear that the decision to adopt any particular upgrade strategy is not based on meeting only one or two of the above factors, or focussing solely on one particular aspect of preserving the visual amenity of a street. If damage to infrastructure is not accorded importance in an evaluation, the cost issue to the overall community could be quite considerable when, for instance (in layperson's terms), the upgraded pavement may only last 40 years before requiring reconstruction, instead of 80 years.

Council's obligation is therefore to take a considered view on the matter by taking a balanced view of all of the above factors.

Plane trees in the George Street environment

Although this species of tree can tolerate unfavourable "growing conditions", it is clear (in hindsight) that these trees have been planted in the wrong location, having regard to the constrained growing area, tree/utility conflicts and tree health. The trees on the northern side, located under powerlines, have been heavily pruned in the past resulting in irregular growth habits and greater lateral development of the trees. If the trees are to be retained, there is limited scope, given these site conditions, for implementing measures that would significantly improve "growing conditions" for these large trees.

George Street conditions, transport and land uses

George Street, Thebarton, is a very important major collector road in the Council's road hierarchy. It has traffic signals at the Port Road intersection and the South Road intersection. These traffic signal linkages mean that it provides convenient and safe access to the two major arterial roads in the immediate area.

In the Council's Transport Strategy, George Street is also defined as a Freight Route and Social Access route. It services the adjacent Commercial Zone, Industry Zone and Neighbourhood Centre Zone, in addition to a large Residential Zone (**Attachment 1**). Therefore, it not only provides access for local residential traffic, but also a mix of commercial and industry-generated traffic. There is also a bus route along George Street which connects the City with the western suburbs. Across South Road, the bus route continues along Ashley Street, Torrensville.

At the Commercial Zone end of George Street, a number of major redevelopments have occurred in recent years, including new office buildings and redevelopment of the car yard site. Further redevelopment of industrial and commercial sites is envisaged.

On a broader scale, the extension of the tramline to the Entertainment Centre has resulted in some redistribution of traffic in the general area, due to closures of some side street access to Port Road.

The tram extension has also created some parking impacts in the general area, due to 'park and ride' opportunities for City workers.

The Government's 30-year Greater Adelaide Plan envisages higher densities on a number of major road corridors, which would also impact the George Street area.

The section of George Street, where the road reconstruction is proposed, is between Dew Street and South Road. This section of George Street is characterised by residential land uses on both sides. Some of the larger residential allotments have undergone redevelopment into multiple dwellings in recent years and further redevelopment of this residential area is envisaged.

The Council's Transport Strategy recommends a minimum desirable carriageway width of 11m (without bicycle lanes) for a Major Collector Road. Such a width would allow on-street parking to occur on both sides of the road as well as two traffic lanes. However, this is not achievable in George Street.

George Street has a very limited road reserve width. The existing carriageway is approximately 9.8m. The verge width is relatively narrow with a footpath, service installation (high voltage cables etc) and trees planted within this width. Trees planted on the verge have in some instances encroached or "grown" into the footpath area and uplift of footpath pavers is evident in some areas. Tree root intrusion is also evident in some locations, with potential damage to private boundary fencing.

Risk management issues therefore need to be addressed by Council, including footpath trip hazards, damage to road infrastructure from tree planting (damage to pavement and uplift of kerbs) and damage to private properties from tree planting.

As detailed in the road design standard, *'the objectives of new and existing road projects should be carefully considered to achieve the desired balance between the level of traffic service provided, safety, whole of life costs, flexibility for future upgrading or rehabilitation, and environmental impact.'*

Context sensitive design (CSD) is an approach that provides the flexibility to encourage independent designs tailored to particular situations. CSD seeks to produce a design that combines good engineering practice in harmony with the natural and built environment, and meets the required constraints and parameters for the project.

The challenge is to develop a design solution that takes account of the competing alternatives and the trade-offs that might be needed. Factors that should be considered in these trade-offs include:

- *mobility and reliability*
- *environmental impacts*
- *safety*
- *loss of consistency of design (a safety issue)*
- *reduction in the life of the infrastructure*
- *capital costs*
- *whole of life costs (e.g. maintenance costs, vehicle operating costs)*
- *aesthetics.*

The end product must be internally consistent, consistent with the expectations for the type of road, and compatible with road design principles presented in this guide and other relevant documents. The reasons for adopting any particular design criteria and/or parameters must be robust, defensible and fully documented.'

Discussion

At the Council meeting on 06 April 2013, it was resolved that:

'A further report be presented to Council canvassing options for the proposed retention or replacement of the Plane Trees along George Street Thebarton taking into consideration feedback received from the public consultation process.'

As part of the review of options, the Administration sought an independent arboriculture assessment of the Plane trees (**Attachment 2**). The Arborist has noted that *"it is obvious that this species of tree has been planted in the wrong location regarding future tree/utility conflicts as well as optimum tree health. This ongoing pruning work is going to have a negative impact on the subject trees wellbeing and ultimately reduce their life expectancy."*

It can be said, in particular to the stand of Plane trees on the northern side, that their life expectancy will be greatly reduced by the ongoing necessity to prune the trees away from the powerlines. This pruning would also decrease the amenity of the street.

In accordance with road design principles, a minimum lane width of 3.5m has been adopted for all options.

Where removal of the plane trees is listed in the option, there may be scope to stage the removal of the trees, eg removing every alternate tree first, planting new trees in their place and waiting for the new trees to become more mature before replacing the remaining plane trees.

Six (6) options have now been developed by the Administration (**Attachments 3 to 8**) which are discussed in detail below.

OPTIONS

EXISTING – retain existing trees and existing road configuration

- 9.8m carriageway.
- On-street parking permitted both sides.
- Retain all trees.

In retaining the existing status, it is evident that Council would be required to place a higher level of service in maintaining its infrastructure within this section of George Street to ensure that a suitable level of service (fit for purpose) is maintained. There would be repeated damage to kerb and gutter, footpaths and service utilities resulting in higher maintenance/renewal costs.

There would be a need to continually prune the trees on the northern side to keep clear of the high voltage power lines. The necessity for extensive pruning would continue to detract from the street amenity and have a negative impact on the subject trees' wellbeing and ultimately reduce their life expectancy. The cost to underground the high voltage power would be extremely high.

The level of risk from public liability and property damage would increase with the continued growth of the trees.

This option does not affect on street parking.

Not Recommended

OPTION A

- Narrow the carriageway to 7.0m.
- Create a parking bay on the northern side by extending the kerb out by approx 2.3m.
- Extend the southern kerb out by approx 0.5m to increase the verge width.
- Prohibit parking along the southern side of the street.

With this option the narrowing of the road to a minimum width would allow for additional verge area to be made available around the trees, in particular to the southern verge. Infrastructure and utility damage would continue to occur, with some mitigation afforded to the kerb and gutter on the southern side, due to its replacement away from the trees.

There would be a need to continually prune the trees on the northern side to keep clear of the high voltage power lines. The necessity for extensive pruning would continue to detract from the street amenity and have a negative impact on the subject trees' wellbeing and ultimately reduce their life expectancy. The cost to underground the high voltage power would be extremely high.

The level of risk from public liability and property damage would increase with the continued growth of the trees.

This option would decrease the availability of on street parking.

Not Recommended

OPTION B

- Narrow the carriageway to 7.0m.
- Extend both kerbs out by approx 0.9m to increase the verge width.
- Prohibit parking along both sides of the street.

With this option the narrowing of the road to a minimum width would allow for additional verge area to be made available around the trees on both sides of the road. Infrastructure and utility damage would continue to occur, with some mitigation afforded to the kerb and gutter on both sides of the road due to its replacement a further 0.9m away from the trees.

There would be a need to continually prune the trees on the northern side to keep clear of the high voltage power lines. The necessity for extensive pruning would continue to detract from the street amenity and have a negative impact on the subject trees' wellbeing and ultimately reduce their life expectancy. The cost to underground the high voltage power would be extremely high.

The level of risk from public liability and property damage would increase with the continued growth of the existing trees.

This option would eliminate the availability of on street parking.

Not Recommended

OPTION C

- Narrow the carriageway to 7.0m.
- Create a parking bay on the northern side by extending the kerb out by approx 2.3m.
- Extend the southern kerb out by approx 0.5m to increase the verge width.
- Replace the plane trees on the northern side with new (and more appropriate) species.
- Prohibit parking along the southern side of the street.

With this option the narrowing of the road to a minimum width would allow for additional verge area to be made available around the trees on the south side and partially on the northern side of the road. Infrastructure and utility damage would continue to occur, with some mitigation afforded to the kerb and gutter on the southern side of the road due to its replacement a further 0.5m away from the trees. The infrastructure on the northern side would benefit from the increase in verge width and with the planting of a more appropriate tree species.

There would not be a continued need to extensively prune the trees on the northern side to keep clear of the high voltage power lines resulting in positive impact on the street amenity.

The level of risk from public liability and property damage would decrease for the northern side and increase on the southern side with the continued growth of the existing trees.

This option would decrease the availability of on street parking.

Not Recommended

OPTION D

- Narrow the carriageway to 7.0m.
- Create a parking bay on the southern side by extending the kerb out by approx 2.3m.
- Extend the northern kerb out by approx 0.5m to increase the verge width.
- Replace the plane trees on the northern and southern sides with new (and more appropriate) species.
- Prohibit parking along the northern side of the street.

With this option the narrowing of the road to a minimum width would allow for additional verge area to be made available around the trees on the north side and partially on the southern side of the road. Infrastructure and utility damage would decrease, with some mitigation afforded to the kerb and gutter on the southern side of the road due to its replacement a further 0.5m away from the trees. The infrastructure on the both sides would benefit from the increase in verge width and more notably with the planting of a more appropriate tree species.

In particular, the southern side would benefit from the introduction of bio-infiltration beds, which are able to be installed due to the absence of underground utility services. The ability to introduce bio-infiltration beds would dramatically improve the growing conditions for any new trees.

There would not be a continued need to extensively prune the trees on the northern side to keep clear of the high voltage power lines resulting in positive impact on the street amenity.

The provision of appropriate new tree species on both sides would also dramatically reduce any future damage to infrastructure/service utility/property and mitigate public liability.

This option would decrease the availability of on street parking.

RECOMMENDED

OPTION E

- Narrow the carriageway to 7.0m.
- Extend both kerbs out by approx 0.9m to increase the verge width.
- Prohibit parking along both sides of the street.
- Replace the plane trees on both sides with new (and more appropriate) species.

With this option the narrowing of the road to a minimum width would allow for additional verge area to be made available around the trees on the north side and southern side of the road. Infrastructure and utility damage would decrease. The infrastructure on both sides would benefit from the increase in verge width and more notably with the planting of a more appropriate tree species.

There would not be a continued need to extensively prune the trees on the northern side to keep clear of the high voltage power lines resulting in positive impact on the street amenity.

The provision of appropriate new tree species on both sides would also dramatically reduce any future damage to infrastructure/service utility/property and mitigate public liability.

This option would eliminate the availability of on street parking.

Not Recommended

(Note: a number of other combinations may also be possible using A to E).

The following table summarises the potential for each option to address the relevant factors:

Option	Existing	A	B	C	D	E
Issue Addressed?						
Damage to infrastructure	X	Partly	Partly	Partly	√	√
Damage to services	X	X	X	Partly	√	√
Damage to properties	X	X	X	Partly	√	√
Pedestrian safety	X	X	X	Partly	√	√
Traffic safety	X	Partly	Partly	Partly	√	√
Tree health	X	Partly	Partly	Partly	√	√
Loss of amenity	√	√	√	Partly	√	Partly
Future maintenance cost	X	Partly	Partly	Partly	√	√
Future asset cost	X	Partly	Partly	Partly	√	√
Risk management	X	Partly	Partly	Partly	√	√
Parking impact	√	Partly	X	Partly	Partly	X

It can be seen by this table that **Option D** provides the most benefit by mitigating future damage to infrastructure/utility services/property, minimising the risk for public liability claims and providing for on-street parking. In particular this option enables the inclusion of bio-infiltration beds which greatly improves the growing environment for new trees and eliminates the need to continually prune the trees on the northern side which eventually would reduce life expectancy for the existing Plane trees and have a negative impact on their wellbeing.

This option would also greatly reduce the high ongoing costs associated with the repeated damage to infrastructure/service utility/property and mitigate risks of public liability claims.

In terms of costs for all the options, it can be said that all options would generally cost the same to construct due the fact that all options would require full road reconstruction.

With regard to the consideration of feedback received from the public consultation, it is proposed to undertake the replacement and repositioning of trees in a staged approach so that the immediate loss of amenity to the street is kept to a minimum.

Attachment 9 provides an Artist's impression for Option D.

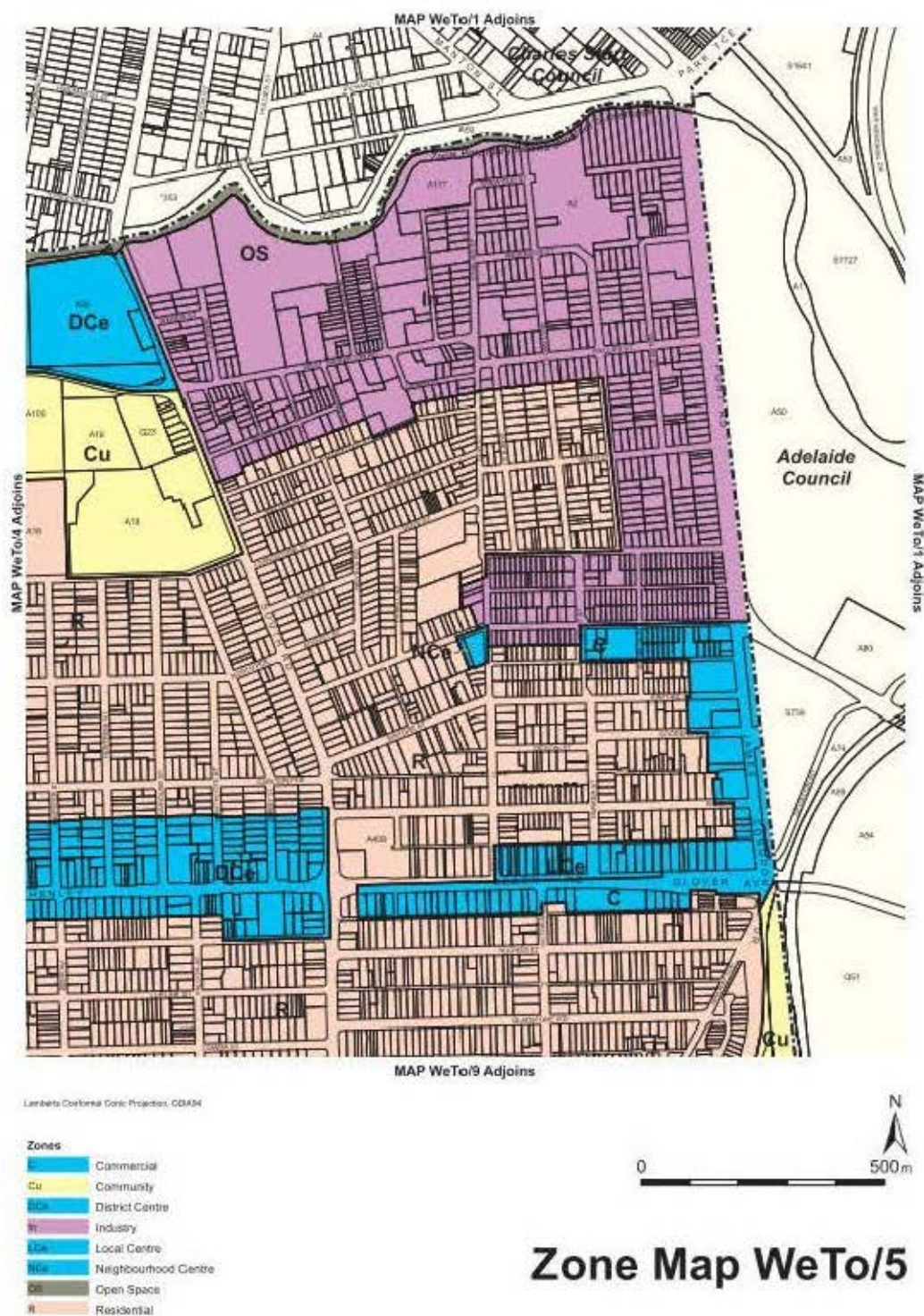
Conclusion

Following a resolution of Council to provide a report canvassing options for the proposed replacement of the Plane trees taking into consideration feedback received from the public consultation process, the Administration undertook to identify available options.

In reviewing the available options, and taking into consideration of feedback received from the public consultation, Option D is the preferred option as it presents the best long term sustainable outcome and reduces the immediate and long term maintenance costs together with minimising the associated risks to Council.

It is therefore recommended that the Administration further develop Option D and provide Council with detailed costs and staging of the replacement of the trees as part of the 2014/15 budget process.

ATTACHMENT 1



ATTACHMENT 2



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This survey has been commissioned by Enio Trombetta from the City of West Torrens. It can be used as part of a future arboricultural asset management plan.
- 1.2 This survey identifies and numbers the trees located within the council verge. Tree size and condition are summarised. The results of the inspection of both the site and trees are considered, and the best course of action is to pursue any problems recommended.
- 1.3 The subject trees within this report are located within the council verge on the north and south side of George Street, Thebarton. They over hand public footpaths, some private properties as well as George Street.
- 1.4 The recommendations made take into consideration the location of the trees, the arboricultural management requirement and the potential risk factor posed by the individual trees.

2.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 2.1 The instructions request:
 - 2.1.1 Identifying individual trees locations.
 - 2.1.2 An observation of the size and condition of the trees as well as radial canopy measurements.
 - 2.1.3 Tree and canopy structure.
 - 2.1.4 Possible infrastructure damage
 - 2.1.5 Estimated useful life expectancy

3.0 LIMITATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS

- 3.1 This is a stage 1 'Ground report'. The trees were inspected from the ground only. A climbing inspection was not recommended or performed.
- 3.2 The report reflects the trees as found on the day of inspection. Any changes to site conditions or surroundings, such as construction works or landscape works, may alter the findings of the report.
- 3.3 No soil samples were taken for laboratory analysis.
- 3.4 The inspection period to which this report applies is two months from the date of the report.
- 3.5 The roots were not inspected below ground.

4.0 THE SITE

- 1.1 As mentioned earlier, the trees assessed in this report are growing within the council verge on the north and south of George Street, Thebarton.
- 4.1 The majority of the trees growing environment is in compacted clay soil with areas of semi-pervious and impervious concrete and bitumen. None of the trees are growing in ideal conditions; however, the majority seem to be coping efficiently.
- 4.2 George Street is a frequently used public thoroughfare between Port Road and South Road. It is used constantly throughout the day by the public. Most areas under the trees get constant use throughout the year.



Figure 1: Showing aerial view of site. The surveyed area is highlighted in yellow.

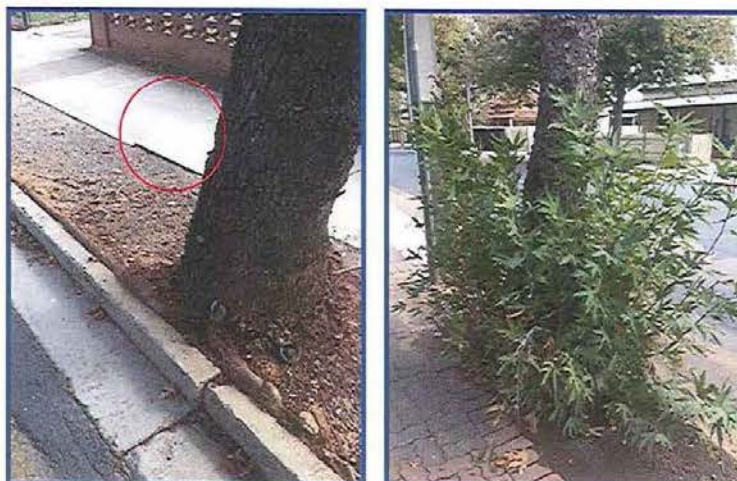
5.0 TREE DISCUSSION

- 5.1 "Right tree, right place" is a slogan used by the arboriculture industry as a whole to emphasize the need to match trees to planting sites. Due to the environmental requirements and characteristics of *Platanus* species, it is obvious that the wrong tree has been selected for this location. This problem has clear ramifications such as high ongoing pruning costs, and a reduced life expectancy for the subject trees.
- 5.2 The tables show that the trees range in size from small to medium with the majority of the trees in good condition, despite their poor growing conditions. They are categorised as being in poor (P), fair (F), good (G) or excellent (E) condition.
- 5.3 The majority of the trees located on the southern side of George Street have been pruned to a high standard. The trees located on the northern side are located under low voltage powerlines. Therefore, most of the trees have been heavily pruned in the past resulting in irregular habits and greater lateral development.



Figures 2 & 3: (above left) One of the many trees conflicting with utility services located on the northern side of George Street. Branch stubs and over extended lateral epicormic growth is evident due to the heavy handed pruning techniques required to prevent the tree from damaging the services. (Above right) an example of a tree growing without sufficient growing space. The zone of rapid taper can become damaging at an early age when it is not given ample room to grow.

- 5.4 Below the flare, the trunk divides into large structural roots which quickly taper as the forces within the roots lessen. This segment of root is called the zone of rapid taper. Tapering roots cause the greatest conflict with paving. Tapering roots can withstand compaction and can exert significant lifting force. As the wood expands, the soil at the base of the tree can lift at a rate of up to 5-10cms every 10 years. This process it what makes zones of rapid taper roots so damaging to paving.
- 5.5 When the trunk flare or side of a root comes in contact with an object, the tree adds wood in that location in response to the restriction. The stress in the tree causes significant wood to be added to give the tree stability. This increase in wood causes significant damage to urban structures.
- 5.6 Condition is used here to describe both the health of the tree and its structural form and habit. For example, a perfectly healthy tree may display certain structural defects and therefore be described as having poor condition despite its healthy appearance.
- 5.7 It is important for the future health of the trees and the safety implications they have on the site users that all future pruning is carried out on a professional level and is in strict accordance with AS 4373 2007 "Pruning of Amenity Trees".
- 5.8 The formative pruning of the less mature trees is critical in the prevention of serious structural defects when the trees mature. The removal of co dominant stems is a good example of such pruning practises. The majority of the trees growing on the southern side of George Street are not restricted by over head utility services. Therefore, they have the most potential to become healthy well formed trees if they are pruned correctly.



Figures 4 & 5: (Above left) the zone of rapid taper becomes damaging at an early age and its expansion does not stop until the tree matures. The red arrow indicates a trip hazard caused by the uplifting of the repaired sidewalk. Pavers are more ideal in this situation as they 're-set' several times to roll over the expanding root system. This system has already been implemented on the southern side of George Street. (Above right) provides an image of a mass of epicormic growth emanating from the base of a subject tree. This indicates that some trees are struggling with their restrictive growing conditions.

- 5.10 Platanus species such as London Plane Trees and Oriental Plane Trees are a long-lived, robust and tolerable species capable of thriving in hot climates and coping well in unfavourable growing conditions. They are also decidedly tolerant of heavy handed pruning and can cope with being pollarded/ lopped on a regular basis. Although the Plane Trees located within the council verge of George Street are growing in an extremely restricted environment I believe their average useful life expectancy is still in excess of 50 years.
- 5.11 The growing environment for the trees can be improved by adding a coarse mulch layer within the surrounding verge area where applicable. This will also serve to improve the visual amenity of the site.

6.0 HAZARD ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 A hazard situation requires a tree with a potential to fail, and a target that would be hit if the tree fails to be abated by pruning, removal or other remedial action. A target can be for example, people, vehicles, a structure or animals.
- 6.2 Targets present:
- 6.2.1 George Street and the adjacent footpaths as well as private properties receive regular use throughout the year.

6.3 HAZARD RATING

6.3.1 Failure potential of the tree, on a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (severe), within the inspection period of the report.

2 – Medium: due to the weakly attached epicormic growth.

6.3.2 Size of part most likely to fail, on a scale of 1 (small) to 4 (large)

1 – <15cm: Small diameter branched and epicormic growth are most likely to dislodge

6.3.3 Target rating of the tree, on a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (severe), within the inspection period of the report.

2 – Medium: The adjacent areas around the trees receive regular use.

This results in a hazard rating of 5, which is a low score that shows few problems with the trees and identifies that abatement is not currently required in the near future.

7.0 LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

7.1 From the 49 trees assessed, only one specimen has a stem circumference greater than 2 metres, when measured at 1 metre above natural ground level, therefore fulfilling the criteria contained within the *Development (Regulated Trees) Variation Regulations 2011*, which declares that when a tree has a trunk circumference of 2.0 metres or more, when measured at a point of 1.0 metre above natural ground level, it is declared as a regulated tree for the purposes of paragraph (a) of the definition of "significant tree" in section 6A of the *Development Regulations 2008*.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 As mentioned in the tree discussion, it is obvious that this species of tree has been planted in the wrong location regarding future tree/ utility conflicts as well as optimum tree health. This ongoing pruning work is going to have a negative impact on the subject trees wellbeing and ultimately reduce their life expectancy.

8.2 Replacing these trees with smaller species is certainly an easier solution, yet larger trees such as *Platanus* species contribute to the environment in ways that smaller trees such as *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* (Tuckeroo) cannot. Larger tree canopies are needed to cool cities, reduce energy consumption, improve water and air quality and help make liveable communities. The larger the tree, the greater its benefit.

9.0 SURVEY TABLES

9.1 The tables summarise the observations made at the time of inspection. They also provide comments relating to the health and structure as well as potential issues relating to the trees. The survey has been carried out in 2 sections. Survey table 1.0 includes trees located on the south of George Street and survey table 2.0 includes trees located on the north.

9.2 The trunk circumference of each tree has been included. 1 specimen is deemed 'regulated' under current legislation.

9.3 The approximate location of the numbered trees can be seen in Appendix B.

SURVEY TABLE 1.0 GEORGE STREET - SOUTH SIDE

Tree No.	Botanical Name	Location	Approx Height	Canopy Radius N S E W	Tree Health	Trunk Circ.	Comments
1	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	George Street adjacent 135 South Road	5	2 2 2 2	Good	1.13	
2	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	George Street adjacent 135 South Road	6	3 3 3 4	Good	1.21	Over extended lateral to the west. Mass of basal epicormic growth
3	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	George Street adjacent 135 South Road	5	3 3 3 3	Good	1.20	
4	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	121a George Street	4	2 2 3 2	Good	0.80	Conflicting with stobbie pole and service wires
5	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	121 George Street	7	4 4 5 3	Good	1.42	
6	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	119 George Street	7	4 4 4 3	Good	1.45	
9	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	117 George Street	6	3 3 5 3	Good	1.30	Over extended lateral to the east. Mass of basal epicormic growth
11	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	115a George Street	4	1 1 1 1	Fair	0.30	Main stem covered in epicormic growth
12	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	113 George Street	6	4 4 2 3	Good	1.50	Contains deadwood. Conflicting with stobbie pole and service wires
13	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	113 George Street	5	3 3 3 3	Fair	1.00	
14	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	111a George Street	5	5 4 5 4	Good	1.40	
15	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	111 George Street	5	4 5 4 2	Good	1.50	Conflicting with service wires
16	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	109 George Street	4	1 1 1 1	Fair	0.30	Conflicting with service wires
18	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	107 George Street	3	1 1 1 1	Fair	0.30	
19	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	107 George Street	5	4 3 4 4	Good	1.10	

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23	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	103a George Street	5	4	3	4	4	Good	1.30	Conflicting with stobbie pole and service wires. Basal epicormic growth
24	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	103a George Street	6	5	6	5	6	Good	1.40	
25	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	103 George Street	6	4	3	4	3	Good	1.30	
26	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	103 George Street	8	4	4	4	4	Good	1.30	Conflicting with service wires
28	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	101 George Street	6	3	3	4	4	Good	1.30	
29	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	101 George Street	5	4	3	4	3	Good	1.20	Mass of basal epicormic growth
31	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	99 George Street	5	2	4	3	2	Good	1.30	Conflicting with stobbie pole and service wires.
34	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	97a George Street	5	4	4	4	4	Good	1.60	
35	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	95 George Street	4	3	2	2	2	Good	0.80	Conflicting with service wires
36	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	95 George Street	6	3	3	2	2	Good	1.20	Conflicting with service wires
41	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	91 George Street	4	2	3	4	4	Good	1.00	
42	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	89 George Street	5	3	3	3	4	Good	1.20	Conflicting with stobbie pole, service wires. Basal epicormic growth.
45	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	87 George Street	5	3	2	3	3	Good	1.00	
46	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	87 George Street	5	2	2	3	3	Good	0.90	
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SURVEY TABLE 2.0 GEORGE STREET - NORTH SIDE

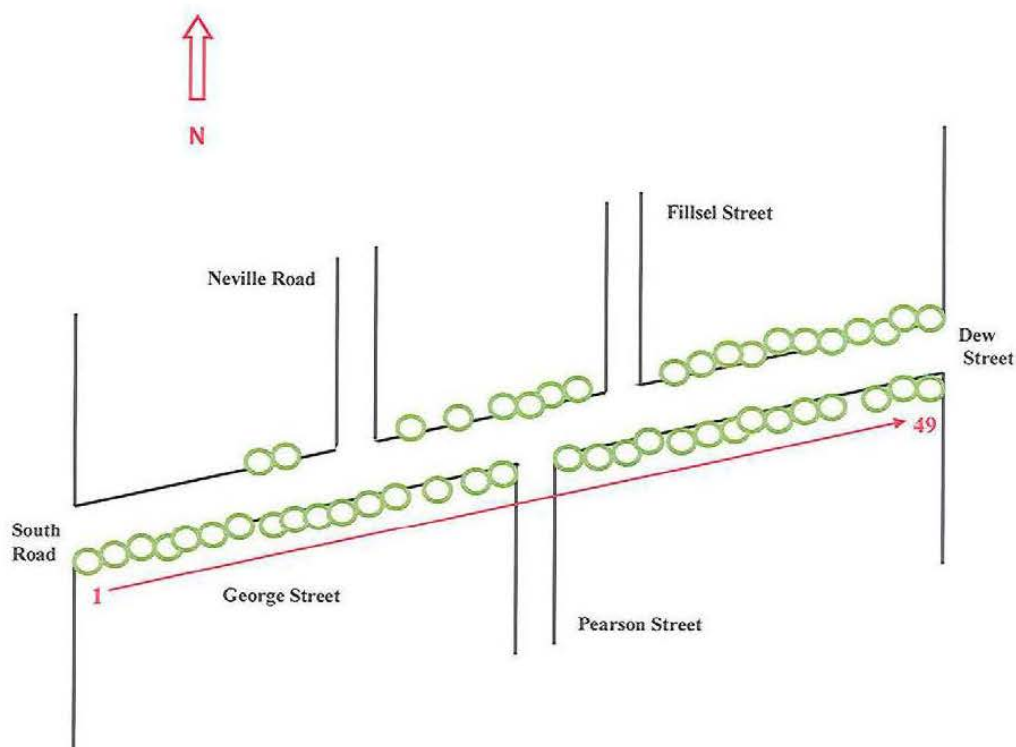
Tree No.	Botanical Name	Location	Approx Height	Canopy Radius N S E W	Tree Health	Trunk Circ.	Comments
7	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	116 George Street	5	3 3 4 2	Good	1.20	Conflicting with powerlines
8	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	116 George Street	4	3 3 3 3	Good	1.20	Conflicting with powerlines
10	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	116 George Street	4	1 1 1 1	Good	0.60	Conflicting with powerlines
17	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	114 George Street	4	4 4 4 4	Good	1.4	Conflicting with powerlines
20	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	112 George Street	6	4 4 5 4	Good	1.40	Conflicting with powerlines
21	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	110 George Street	6	4 4 4 4	Good	1.40	Conflicting with powerlines
22	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	108 George Street	5	4 3 4 4	Good	1.10	Conflicting with powerlines
27	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	106 George Street	8	3 5 3 4	Good	1.30	Conflicting with wires
30	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	104 George Street	5	4 6 5 4	Good	1.40	Conflicting with powerlines
32	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	102 George Street	6	2 2 3 3	Good	1.10	Conflicting with powerlines
33	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	102 George Street	7	2 3 3 4	Good	1.10	Conflicting with powerlines
37	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	100 George Street	6	4 6 4 4	Good	1.50	Conflicting with powerlines
38	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	98 George Street	5	4 6 3 4	Good	1.20	Conflicting with powerlines, stobbie pole and wires

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39	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	96a George Street	4	3	3	3	4	Good	1.10	Conflicting with powerlines
40	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	96 George Street	5	4	4	3	3	Good	1.10	Conflicting with powerlines
43	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	94 George Street	8	3	3	6	2	Good	1.70	Conflicting with powerlines and stobbie pole
44	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	92 George Street	6	3	3	3	2	Good	1.10	Conflicting with powerlines
48	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	90 George Street	5	3	3	4	3	Good	1.30	Conflicting with powerlines
49	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	88 George Street	7	4	4	3	4	Good	2.05	Conflicting with powerlines

APPENDIX A: SITE PLAN

MAP #1: TREE LOCATIONS



The subject trees have been surveyed starting with the most western specimen on the corner of George Road and South Road and ending with Tree No. 49 on the corner of George Street and Dew Street. Refer to the survey table for exact tree locations.

APPENDIX B: REFERENCES

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APPENDIX C: DISCLAIMER

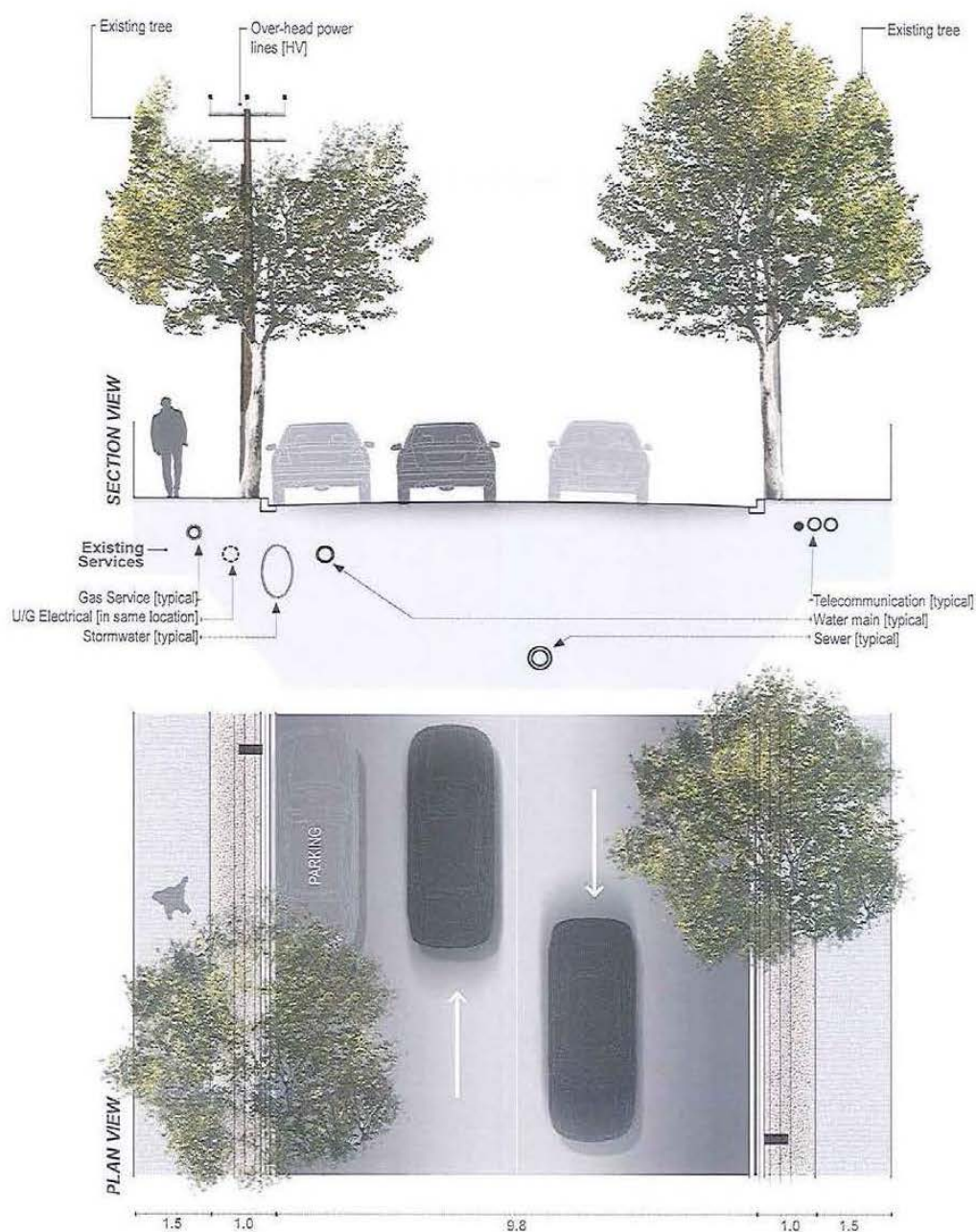
This report only covers identifiable defects present at the time of inspection. The author accepts no responsibility and cannot be held liable for any structural defect or unforeseen event/situation that may occur after the time of inspection, unless clearly specified timescales are detailed within the report.

The author cannot guarantee trees contained within this report will be structurally sound under all circumstances, or that the recommendations made will result in the tree being made safe.

Unless specifically mentioned, this report will only be concerned with above ground inspections, undertaken visually from ground level. Trees are living organisms and cannot be declared as safe under any circumstances. The recommendations are made on the basis of what can be reasonably identified at the time of inspection therefore the author accepts no liability for any recommendations made.

Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources. However, the author can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.

ATTACHMENT 3



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ATTACHMENT 4



GEORGE STREET

Streetscape Options

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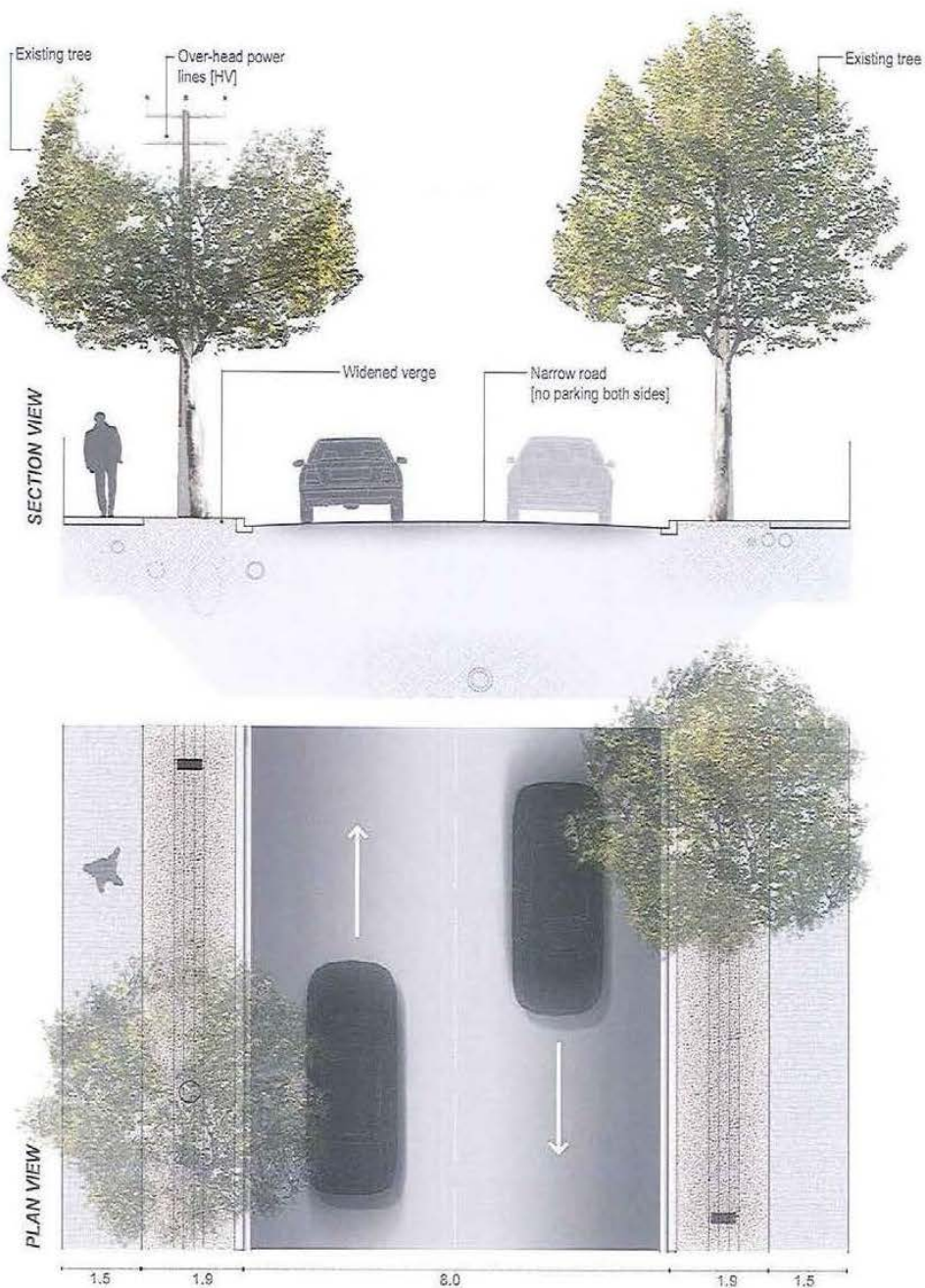
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2. Parking bay north side
3. No parking south side

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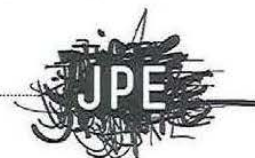
GEORGE STREET

OPTION 'B'
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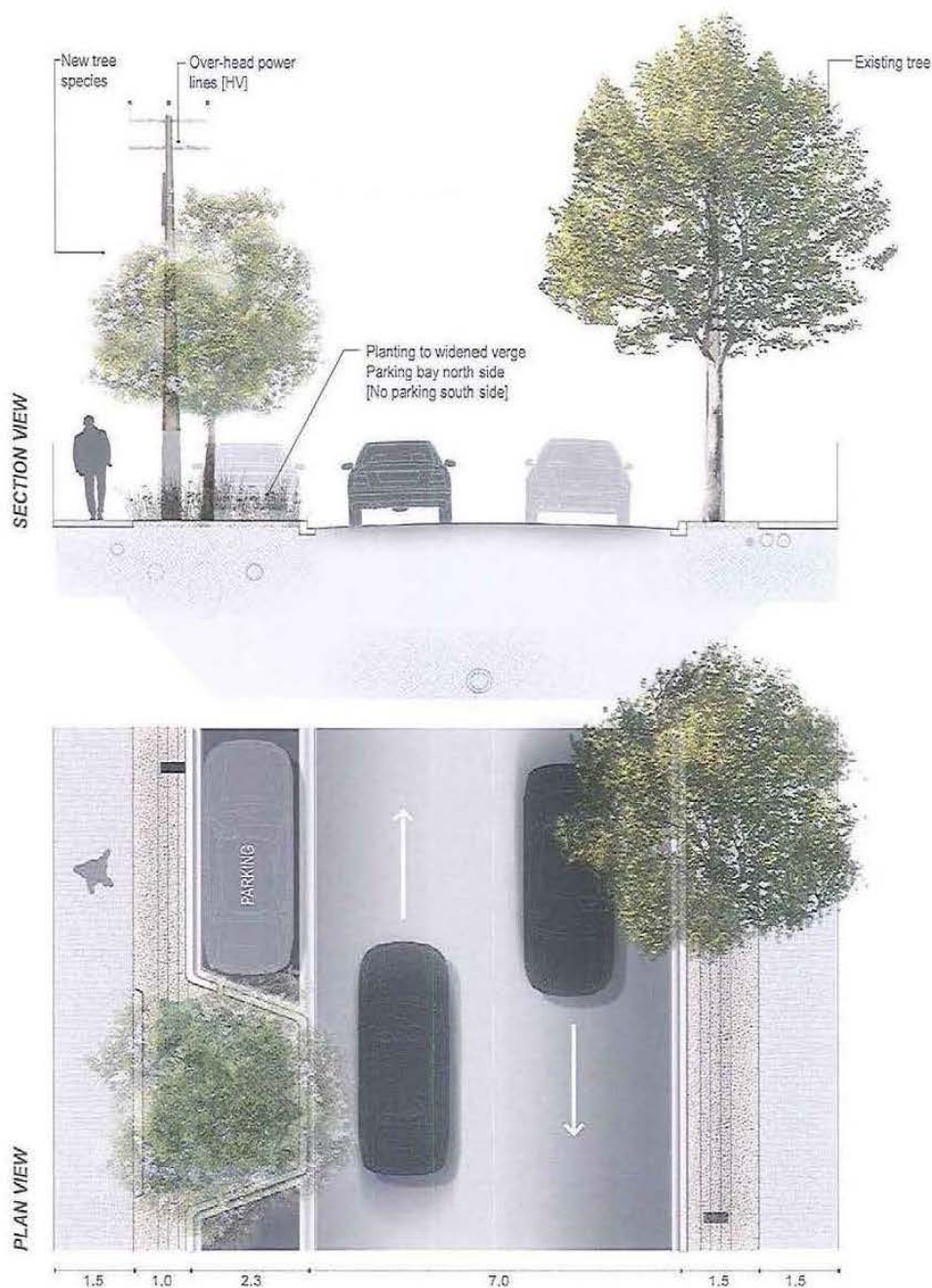
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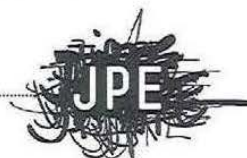
OPTION 'C'

1. Remove trees on north side & plant new
2. Parking bay north side
3. No parking south side

Streetscape Options

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ATTACHMENT 7



GEORGE STREET

Streetscape Options

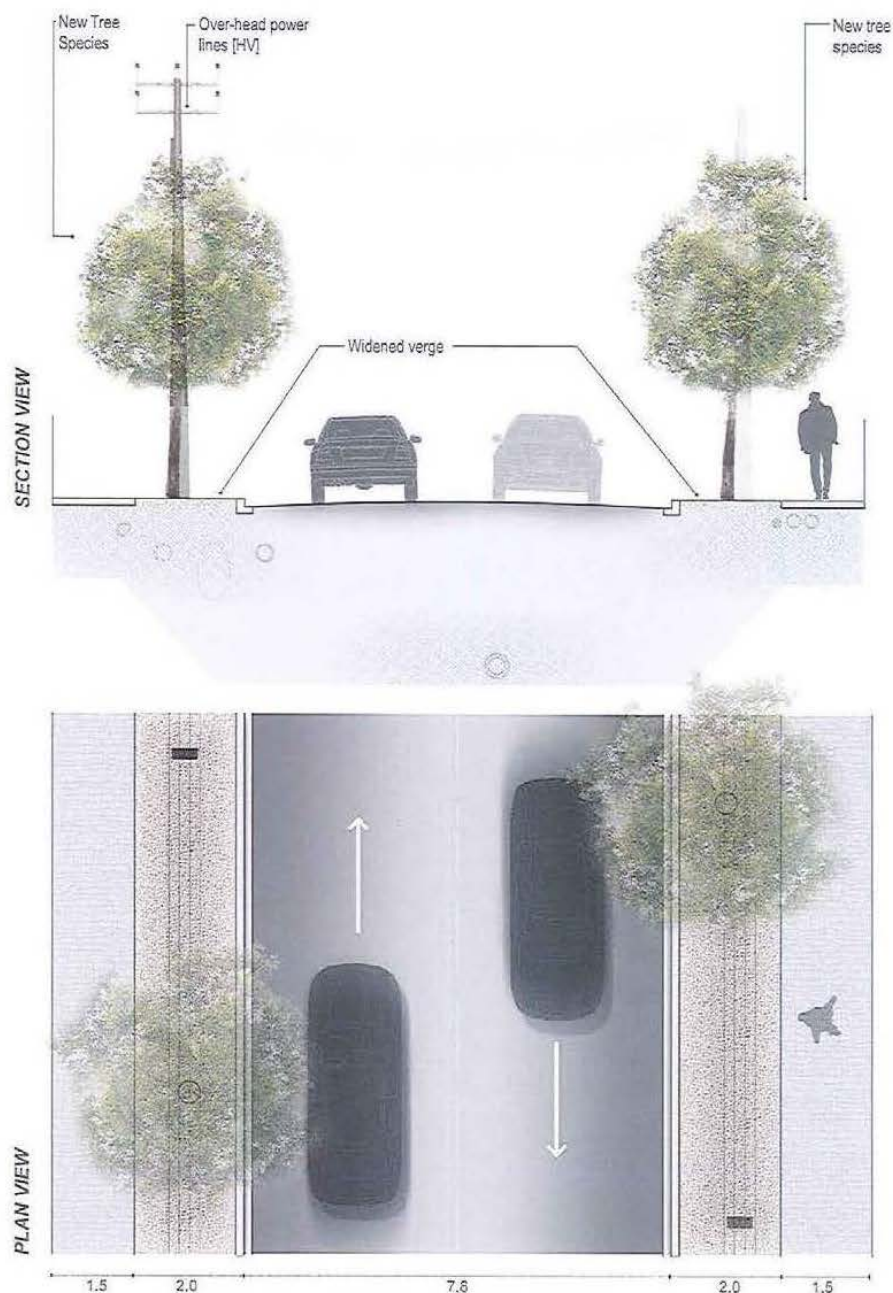
OPTION 'D'

1. Staged removal of trees and plant new to both sides
2. Parking bay south side

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ATTACHMENT 8



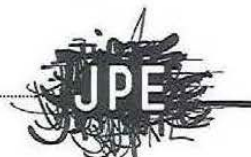
GEORGE STREET

OPTION 'E'

1. Remove all trees
2. Plant new trees 1 metre from kerb
3. No parking both sides

Streetscape Options

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ATTACHMENT 9



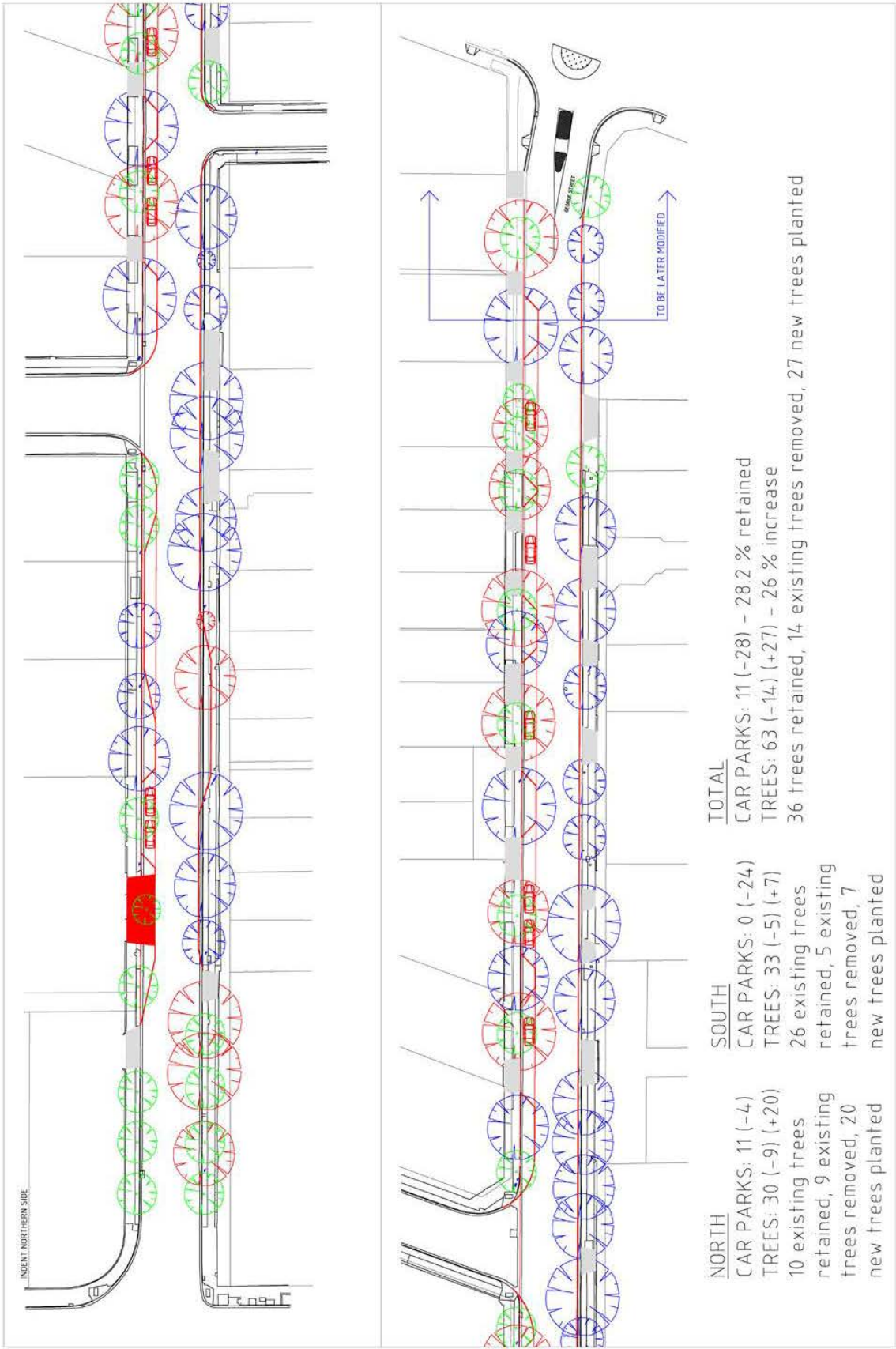
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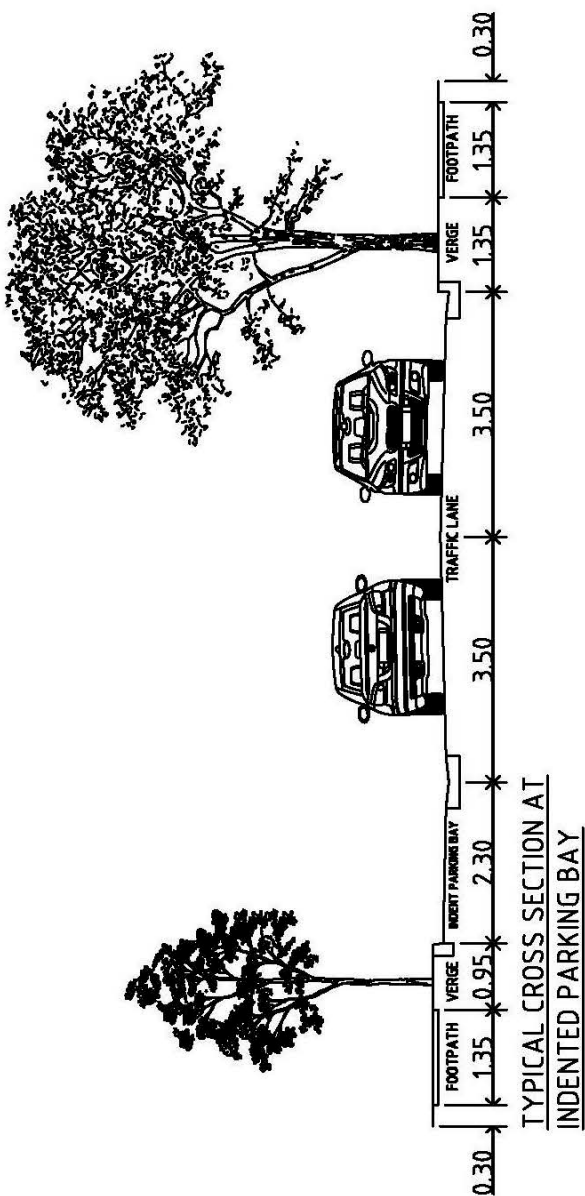
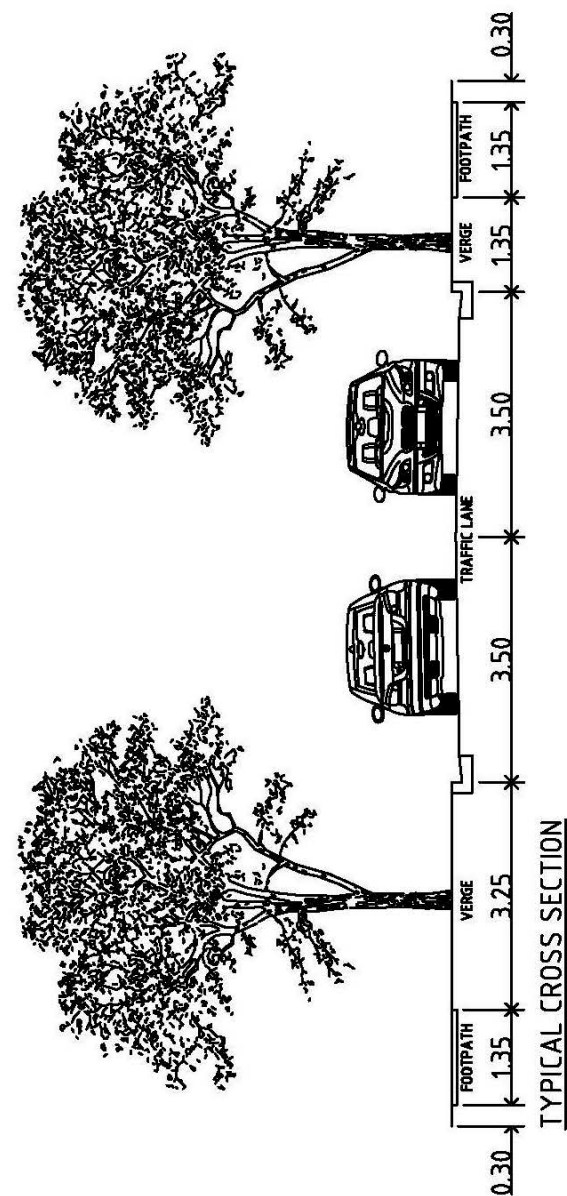
GEORGE STREET

Artists impression of 'Option D' - integrating new tree planting and rain gardens within the existing streetscape.



ATTACHMENT 2





11.2 Alteration of Parking Controls in Talbot Street, HILTON

Brief

To provide Council with a report on the proposed Parking Control changes in Talbot Street, Hilton in response to the resolution of Council on 7 June 2016.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee recommends to the Council that:

1. The report be received.
2. The Administration proceed to install parking controls of 3hr parking Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm on the western side, and 1hr parking 10am – 10pm every day on the eastern side in Talbot Street Hilton as requested by the residents of the street.

Introduction

In response to a letter received by Council on 22 November 2015 from residents of Talbot Street Hilton requesting changes to the existing parking controls in the residential section of the street, a survey of those residents was undertaken in March 2016.

Following that survey, a report was presented to Council on 3 May 2016. At that meeting it was resolved that:

1. *The report be received.*
2. *The residents of Talbot Street be consulted on the preferred options of:*
 - a) *retaining the current time limit (being one hour at all times) on the eastern side of the street and derestricting the time limited area on the western side of the street, or*
 - b) *resident parking permit only on the eastern side of the street and 3 hour parking Mon-Fri 9am-5pm on the western side of the street (free parking permit not available).*

In response to the resolution of Council, a further survey of residents was undertaken on the two specific options (**Attachment 1**).

Replies were received from twelve (12) of the twenty-one (21) residents surveyed with three (3) residents favouring option 1 and nine (9) residents favouring option 2.

The residents' preferred alternative would provide some parking solely for residents at all times (permit zone one side), greater business hours access to parking and unrestricted after hours parking for visitors and local business customers and would allow additional access to street parking for RSL and Star Theatre patrons (business hours' time limits one side) but does not conform to the current policy.

Information provided with the survey advised residents that free parking permits would not be available.

Following the further survey, Council at its meeting held 7 June 2016 considering these results, and resolved the following:

"that the item be deferred to the 5 July 2016 meeting of Urban Services Prescribed Standing Committee."

Further to Council's resolution for deferral, discussion between the Ward Elected Members and Administration were held and subsequently the Ward Elected Members undertook to canvas the matter with the residents.

Discussion

Time limit parking controls of one hour limit at all times were originally installed in Talbot Street in 1997 in response to resident complaints regarding regular excessive parking intrusion into the street, mainly by Star Theatre patrons and RSL Club attendees. High levels of parking within the street are a problem due to the restricted width of the street. With a 6.5 metre road width, the street is not wide enough for a high level of unrestricted parking on both sides of the street. If this occurs, the trafficable lane is reduced to a single vehicle width with few passing places and little room for driver error. Excess parking on both sides of the street also significantly restricts access to and egress from access points (driveways) along Talbot Street.

The relatively short one (1) hour time limit was intended to dissuade parking by patrons of the RSL and particularly, of the Star Theatre, and was imposed as it is less than the duration of most events held at the Theatre. Due to both regular and variable timing of events at the venues, the parking restrictions apply "at all times".

When the controls were originally installed, Council's Parking Permits policy of the time allowed residents to obtain a parking permit for a \$10 fee, transferable between vehicles and without an expiry date. Policing by Compliance staff was largely limited to times when parking in the street was likely to be at high levels, such as for school holiday events at the Star Theatre.

In March 2016, in response to the residents' request, all Talbot Street residents and property owners were surveyed on possible alternative parking controls for the street.

Residents and owners were asked to respond on whether they were in favour of changing the parking controls or not and offered a range of options from which to choose, with those options offered being provided in consideration of the restricted width of the street and the random times at which activity at the Star Theatre and RSL can occur.

A coordinated response was received which was signed by residents of 18 of the 19 properties within the street requesting alternative controls to the proposed options.

The unified resident response requested:

- a Permit Zone for resident permit holders installed on the eastern side of the street; and
- a three (3) hour time limit 9am-5pm Monday-Friday installed on the western side of the street; and
- each residence be issued with a free, on-going, transferable resident parking permit.

The installation of a permit parking zone along one side of the street for resident permit holders does not conform to Council's current Parking Permits and Exemptions Policy. Such zones had previously only been installed where an individual residence had no off-street parking available, there was no opportunity to create parking space within the residence and high levels of on-street parking regularly preventing parking within a reasonable proximity of the residence. The current Policy does not provide for such zones.

The request for free, open ended permits also does not conform to Council's current Parking Permits and Exemptions Policy. While there was a precedent for the issue of free permits with those issued to residents of Mallen Street and Burt Avenue due to parking by Hilton Hotel patrons, Council recently resolved that that arrangement will not be continued indefinitely and that access to permits for residents of those streets will be on the same terms as for all other residents from the end of 2017.

Due to the limited 6.5 metre road width of Talbot Street, removal of all parking restrictions from the street is not a safe, convenient or legal option given the likelihood of high levels of parking occurring at various times.

In response to the canvassing by Ward Councillors, it is proposed to change the parking controls to 3hr parking Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm on the western side, and amend the 1 hour time limit on the eastern side to 1hr parking 10am – 10pm every day (**Attachment 2**). It was proposed by the residents that a review of the new arrangements be undertaken in April 2017 to attain the effectiveness of the changes.

Conclusion

Approval is sought for the Administration to proceed with the installation of parking controls in Talbot Street Hilton as canvassed with the residents of the street (**Attachment 2**). The residents' preferred alternative would provide extended parking for residents on the western side and greater business hours access to parking and unrestricted after hours parking for visitors and local business customers and would allow additional access to street parking for RSL and Star Theatre patrons (business hours' time limits one side).

ATTACHMENT 1



5 May 2016

The Owner / Resident
Talbot Street
HILTON SA 5033

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Survey on the Current Parking Controls - Talbot Street Hilton.

Following the recent survey of residents on parking controls in Talbot Street, a report was considered by Council at the meeting held on 3rd May.

Council resolved that further consultation with residents be undertaken on two options for altered parking controls and that a review be undertaken on the timing of policing of parking controls within the street to ensure policing coincides with events held at Sir Donald Bradman Drive venues.

Council also decided that an exception will not be made to provide free parking permits to Talbot Street residents (*consistent with conditions for other residents*).

A range of permits for visitors, trades/services and community services are available to assist with non-resident parking in time limited zones.

Options

Option 1: retain the current time limit (one hour at all times) on the eastern side of the street and derestrict the time limited area on the western side of the street; **or**

Option 2: install 'resident permit parking only' on the eastern side of the street and 3 hour time limit parking Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm on the western side of the street.

Action

Your views on altering the existing parking controls are requested.

Mail - a survey form and reply paid envelope are enclosed for you to provide your reply to Council.

Email – send replies to csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au with "Parking survey reply" as the subject. Please include your name and property address and which option you prefer.

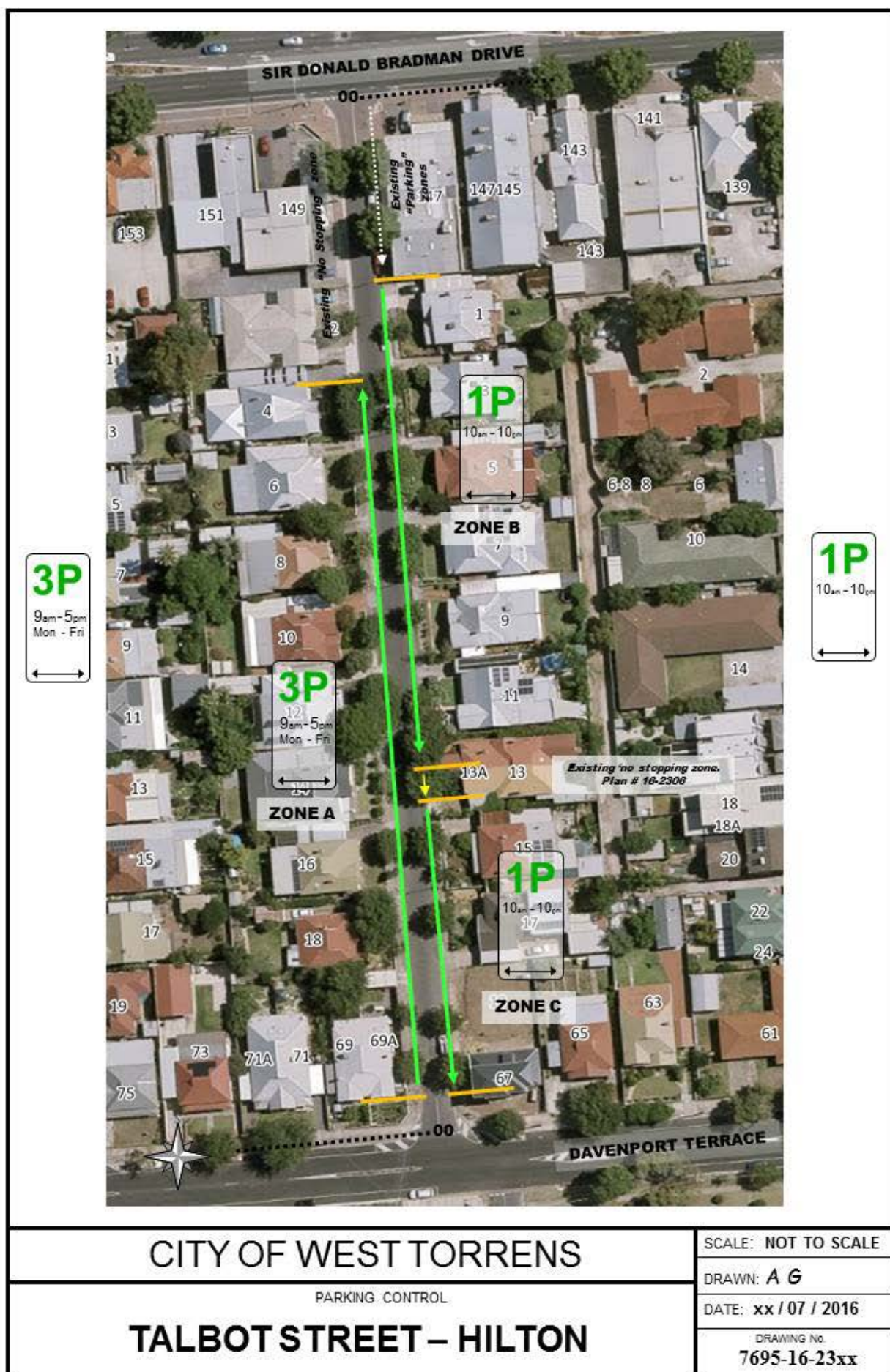
Deliver - correspondence can be delivered 'after hours' to the mail box by the Sir Donald Bradman Drive entrance to the Council offices.

Please reply to Council **by 5pm on Monday 16 May 2016.**

If you require further information about parking controls, please contact the City Assets section by telephone on 8416.6333 for assistance.

Andy Gourlay
Parking & Traffic Officer
City Assets

ATTACHMENT 2



11.3 Proposed Road Closure in Holland Street, THEBARTON

Brief

To commence the process to close a section of Holland Street Thebarton between Winwood Street and the William Goodman Bridge (**Attachment 1**) associated with the Thebarton Technology Hub Master Plan upgrade.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the closure of the section of Holland Street Thebarton between Winwood Street and the William Goodman Bridge is proposed and that the Chief Executive be authorised to give the required advance public notifications in accordance with the Road Traffic Act.

Introduction

At the meeting of 7 June 2013, Council endorsed the Thebarton Technology Hub Master Plan. The Master Plan was developed in conjunction with Bio-Innovation SA and covers the area of Thebarton bounded by the River Torrens Linear Park to the north, Port Road to the east, West Thebarton Road / Phillips Street to the south and South Road to the west.

Discussion

Following the completion of the *Thebarton Technology Hub Master Plan Report (2013)*, the Administration engaged consultants to develop concept streetscape designs for Stirling Street, Winwood Street, Anderson Street and Holland Street.

Upon completion of the concept designs, the Administration determined that initial construction works within the precinct should be focussed on Holland Street, due to the community benefit that would be provided by a Greenway between Thebarton and the River Torrens Linear Park trail and Entertainment Centre Precinct.

The concept design for Holland Street included the following improvements to the streetscape:

1. Off-street bikeway between Phillips Street and Winwood Street to be located on the east side verge, separated from traffic lanes by tree pits and parking lanes. Pedestrian access would be provided within the west side verge, whilst still providing a 6.2m wide vehicle carriageway.
2. The 'Meeting Place' at Holland Street, consisting of a shared plaza between Winwood Street and the Torrens River. It is proposed to redevelop this short length of Holland Street, replacing the traditional vehicle roadway with a predominately pedestrian plaza suitable for community gatherings, small community events and food trucks.

The conditional closure to vehicular traffic of the section of Holland Street between Winwood Street and the southern kerb alignment of Winwood Street is required to convert the area to the proposed shared plaza for predominately pedestrian use (**Attachment 2**). The development of the design for Holland Street, including the creation of a plaza, has been the subject of consultation with the adjoining property owners being the University of Adelaide and Lion Company (owners of the brewery site) who are both in agreement with the redevelopment.

Due to concerns at the time with the structural soundness of the William Goodman Bridge which crosses the River Torrens between Manton Street Hindmarsh and Holland Street Thebarton, the southern end of bridge was closed to all vehicular traffic by the Thebarton Council in 1990. The effect of the resolution was to exclude all vehicles between the southern bank of the River Torrens and three metres south of the southern bank to restrict use of the bridge for pedestrian traffic only.

While Section 359 of the *Local Government Act 1934* has been repealed, the previous road closure under that legislation remains in effect and needs to be rescinded as part of the proposed road closure process. The appropriate current legal provision for the conditional closure of roads is Section 32 of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*.

There are proposed exceptions to the road closure to enable limited vehicle access into / out of the adjacent Lion Brewery site when required for maintenance functions by their staff and to enable access to water, gas, electricity or telecommunications infrastructure within the closed section of the street by those infrastructure service providers. It is also proposed that Council allows access by food vans or similar vehicles on occasions to service community events in the area.

Section 32 of the Road Traffic Act requires that Council gives notice of its intention to make a road closure order at least one month before passing such a resolution:

1. by a notice published in both a newspaper circulating generally within the State and a newspaper circulating within the Council area;
2. by post to each ratepayer of land immediately abutting the section of road subject to the proposal;
3. (if the road runs up to the boundary of another Council) by post to that Council; and
4. (if the road intersects with a highway) by post to the Commissioner of Highways.

Although the previous road closure by the Thebarton Council is currently still in effect and the proposed road closure will not affect traffic flow into the adjoining Council nor on a road under the control of the Commissioner of Highways, notifications of the proposed closure to seek concurrence with it from the City of Charles Sturt and the Commissioner of Highways will be made to ensure strict compliance with the requirements of section 32(5) of the Road Traffic Act.

Following public notification and consultation, a further report will be provided for Council to consider any written submissions made on the proposal and, if appropriate, to resolve to formally make the road closure.

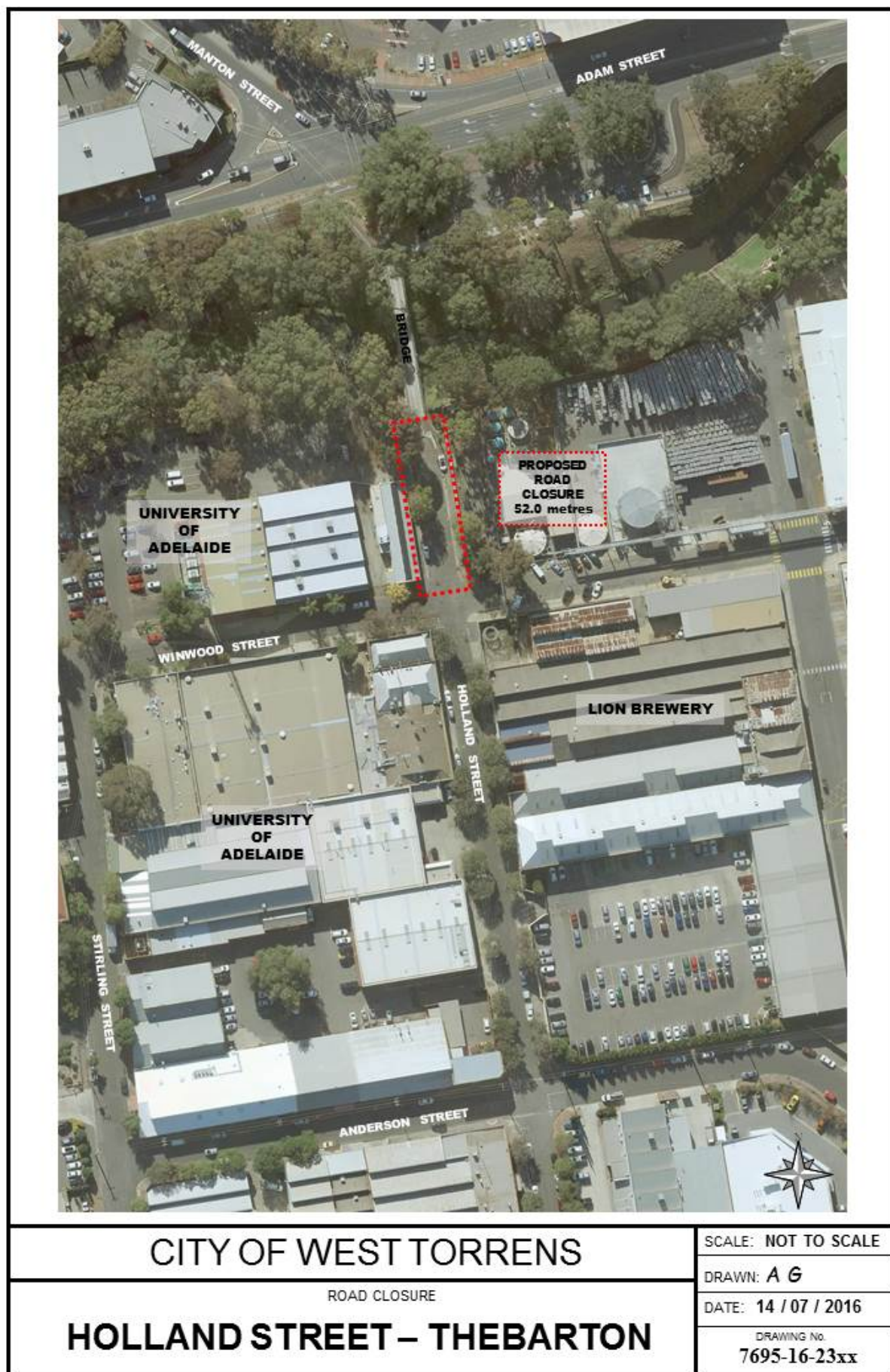
The Social impact of replacing a section of traditional vehicle roadway with a predominately pedestrian plaza suitable for community gatherings, small community events and food trucks will be beneficial to the community.

Construction of the Holland Street road upgrade between the Torrens River and Anderson Street is currently under construction.

Conclusion

It is appropriate that the Chief Executive be authorised to give the required advance public notifications to commence the process to close a section of Holland Street Thebarton between Winwood Street and the William Goodman Bridge associated with the Thebarton Technology Hub Master Plan upgrade.

ATTACHMENT 1



ATTACHMENT 2



Thebarton Streetscapes Concept Designs / the Meeting Place at Holland Street



11.4 Urban Services Activities Report

Brief

To provide Elected Members with information on activities within the Urban Services Division.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the Activities Report be received.

This report details the key activities of the City Assets, City Development and City Works Departments.

Special Project Work	
New Drainage System - Lockleys Catchment Rutland Ave Stage 2	Design options for the improvement of localised stormwater management, including the incorporation into modified traffic control devices, has recently been completed. It is anticipated that consultation with the residents of the street will commence in early August 2016.
New Drainage System - Lockleys Catchment May Terrace Stage 3	The excessive amount of inclement weather and changing service authority commitments have seen the commencement date for the main on-site civil works on this project has been delayed to the week commencing 8 August 2016, with some service alterations will be occurring prior to this date. Residents in the street, key businesses and the school are scheduled to be notified of the upcoming works in early August 2016.
Stormwater Management Plan	This project has been awarded and initial engagement with Adelaide City Council, City of Charles Sturt, Stormwater Management Authority and the Adelaide Mounty Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board will begin shortly to enable commencement of the investigation works.
Rankine Road, Mile End - Stormwater Drainage	The excessive amount of recent inclement weather has delayed the contractor engaged to undertake these works. Prior to the commencement of the on-site works notification to residents of the street will be undertaken.
Recycled Water Pipeline Extension	The new pipeline from the Council connection meter located at Barwell Ave, Marleston will supply recycled water for irrigation to the Westside Bikeway (at the Dog Park) and Rex Jones Reserve. The project is underway on site with completion scheduled for mid to late August 2016. Inclement weather has continued to delay the completion of this project.
River Torrens Linear Park, (Pedestrian Light Project)	The River Torrens Linear Park Pedestrian Lighting Project for 2015/16 for the Stage 5 works from Frontage Rd to Henley Beach Rd has been completed. Additional pedestrian lighting works (an extension to Stage 5) north of Henley Beach Rd (western river bank) to Riverway (Fulham Gardens) have now commenced and are scheduled for completion in August / September 2016. Design works have also commenced on the next stage (6) of pedestrian lighting for the 2016/17 program of works, from Henley Beach Rd to Tapleys Hill Rd, Lockleys / Fulham.

<p>Westside Bikeway, Moss Ave / Ritchie Tce - Pedestrian Lighting</p>	<p>The Administration has finalised the design and the procurement process to install new pedestrian LED lighting to replace the existing lights along the Westside Bikeway, (Moss Ave - between Barwell Ave and Tennyson Ave, including the dog park.)</p> <p>The project has been awarded and is scheduled to commence in late September 2016.</p> <p>Design works have also commenced for the 2016/17 stage for the bikeway from Barwell Ave to Richmond Rd, Marleston.</p>
<p>Anna Meares Pedestrian Lighting (Stage 1 & 2)</p>	<p>The Administration has finalised the design and the procurement process to install solar pedestrian lighting on the Anna Meares shared pathway along Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Adelaide Airport - for Stage 1 & 2.</p> <p>The project has been awarded and is scheduled to commence in October 2016.</p>
<p>Falcon Reserve</p>	<p>The reserve upgrade was completed and opened to the public at an event organised the Youth Team (Community Services) on 11 July 2016 which included an official opening by Mayor John Trainer.</p> <p>The Administration will not be replacing the continued loss (stolen / damage) of the plants within the reserve in the short term. Options for future replacement of the plants is being investigated.</p>
<p>Capital Works</p>	
<p>Road Reconstruction Works</p>	<p>The following is an update on roadworks occurring in our City:</p> <p>2015/16 Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - West Thebarton Road / Phillips Street - the development of the concept design is continuing. - West Beach Road - detailed design works are continuing. - Norma Street, Mile End - Concrete works have been completed. Asphalt works have been delayed by shallow underground services and a leaking water main. These have been completed and asphalt works will be undertaken when the weather improves. - Military Road, West Beach - Revised design to be considered to include bicycle lanes. - Tennyson Street, Kurralta Park - Construction works have commenced. - Works are ongoing for the construction of Holland Street (Winwood Street to Anderson Street).
<p>West Thebarton Rd / Phillips St Thebarton</p>	<p>Civil works for undergrounding the power lines are continuing.</p>

Kerb & Watertable and Road Reseal Program - 2015/16	<p>The 2015/16 Kerb and Watertable and Reseal Program is completed except for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Devon St (Dew to Parker) - The reseal was delayed due to shallow services all the way along the road. - Newbury St (Henley Beach Rd to Ashburn) - The reseal is delayed waiting on water services in front of house #12 & house #6 to be lowered.
Footpath Program 2015/16	The 2015/16 footpath program has been completed
Kerb & Watertable 2016/17	Tenders for the annual contract are currently being evaluated.
Bicycle Management Schemes	<p>Frontage Road shared use path design has been finalised with construction scheduled to begin shortly.</p> <p>The tender for the Watson Avenue bridge and path extension has closed and a contract has been awarded as a design & construct project. Detailed design by the civil contractor is nearing completion.</p>
Playground Upgrade 2015/16 & 2016/17	<p>The following is an update of the program of works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halsey Road Reserve, Fulham - works completed. - Graham Cres Reserve, Novar Gardens - works completed. - St Andrews Cres Reserve, Novar Gardens - works completed. - Mountbatten Ave Reserve, West Beach - works completed. - Memorial Gardens, Hilton - concept plans are being developed. - Kesmond Reserve, Surrey Rd, Keswick - playground project (equipment & footprint) is currently being designed with the former child health building (former Jaguar Club) remaining on site. - Kevin Ave Reserve, West Beach - has commenced with an expected completion by the end of August 2016. <p>Consultation signage for playground replacement will be installed in the next month at the following playgrounds nominated for the 2016/17 upgrade program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lyons Street Reserve, Brooklyn Park; - Joe Wells Reserve, Netley; and - Kings Reserve, Torrensville;
Reserve Irrigation Upgrades 2015/16 and 2016/17	<p>The following is an update/status on the current program of works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cummins Reserve, Novar Gardens - completed. - Sir Donald Bradman Drive / Mulga St, Brooklyn Park - completed. - Myer Ave Reserve, Plympton - completed. - Neville Rd Reserve, Thebarton - completed. - Brecon Court Reserve, Lockleys - completed. - River Torrens Linear Park, (Torrens Ave), Lockleys - completed. - Hoylake Ave Reserve, Novar Gardens - completed. - Carolyn Reserve, Fulham - in progress.(expected completion in August) - Kings Reserve, Torrensville, (staged project) - in progress. - Westside Bikeway, Marleston / Plympton, (staged project) - in progress. - Camden Oval, Novar Gardens, (staged project) - in progress.

	<p>The following reserves are nominated for 2016/17 irrigation upgrades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richmond Oval, Richmond; - Frank Norton Reserve, Torrensville; - East Parkway Reserve, Fulham; - Golflands Reserve, (westerns section), Glenelg North; - Joe Wells Reserve, Netley; - Tyson Avenue (wide verge area), Ashford; - Camden Oval, Novar Gardens (staged projects); continued program from 2015/16; and - Westside Bikeway, Marlestone / Plympton (staged project, selected areas within the linear park), continued program from 2015/16. <p>Design works have commenced for the irrigation upgrades.</p>
Parking and Traffic Management	
Parking East Street Torrensville	<p>Builders requested temporary kerb clearance for access to building site within Thebarton Senior College.</p> <p>Control (previous): Unrestricted</p> <p>Control (new) - No Stopping 7am - 6pm Mon - Fri (15m)</p>
Parking Albert Street Thebarton	<p>Alter controls for the installation of an updated pedestrian ramp facility.</p> <p>Control (previous): 2P 8am - 5pm Mon - Fri (48m)</p> <p>Control (new) - No Stopping (9m) & 2P 8am - 5pm Mon - Fri (39m)</p>
Parking Mortimer Street Kurralta Park	<p>Alter controls for road rebuild and installation of rain gardens.</p> <p>Control (previous): 2P (48m)</p> <p>Control (new) - No Stopping (213m)</p>
Parking Mortimer Street Kurralta Park	<p>Alter controls for road rebuild and installation of an updated pedestrian ramp facility.</p> <p>Control (previous): No Parking 9pm - 9am (121m)</p> <p>Control (new) - No Stopping (13m) & No Parking 9pm - 9am (98m)</p>
Property and Facility Services	
South Australian Amateur Football League (SAAFL) - Thebarton Oval	<p>Copies of the lease have been provided to the SAAFL for execution.</p>
Torrensville Bowling Club	<p>Consultants acting on behalf of the Torrensville Bowling Club have provided revised concept plans which adequately address the Administration's concerns relating to the creation of a "pinch point" adjacent the north-western corner of the proposed extended site. Whilst the consultants also identified a location for additional carparking this has been determined to be unsuitable. Alternative locations are being investigated on the southern side of the complex.</p>
Road Closure (U-Store-It) - Everard Ave	<p>The duplicate Road Process Order has now been received from the Surveyor-General. Receipt of this document finalises this matter from a Council perspective.</p>

Thebarton Theatre Complex - Fire Safety	<p>Building and fire compliance works for Stage 1 & 2 on the Thebarton Theatre have been completed and commissioned.</p> <p>The procurement process is also currently underway for the next two stages (Stage 3 & 4) of the fire building and compliance works. This will provide some efficiency in completing the two stages as one single contract. The updated procurement process is expected to be finalised by the end of August 2016.</p>
West Adelaide Football Club	The Club has advised that it received no responses or expressions of interest in relation to its recent campaign to seek additional public or commercial use of the facility.
Lockleys Oval/Apex Park Masterplan & Multipurpose Community Facility	<p>The initial meeting of the Project Advisory Group (which has been established to provide guidance to the Administration and the Community Facilities General Committee in relation to the implementation of the Masterplans for Lockleys Oval and Apex Park) has taken place. The group was advised that a number of meetings/discussions have occurred with the consultants and an initial revised draft concept plan has been considered. The Group discussed /considered a range of matters including operational models for the facilities and alternate location(s) for the clubroom building at Apex Park.</p> <p>Preliminary site investigations have also occurred at Apex Park.</p>
Lockleys Oval WA Satterley Hall	The project has been awarded with building works underway on site. The scope of works includes new Disability Discrimination Act compliant toilet facilities, upgrade to existing toilet facilities and fire compliance works. Works are now expected to be completed in August 2016.
River Torrens Linear Park - Toilet Facilities, (Holbrooks Rd, Underdale)	The project is underway on site for the installation of the new toilet facility on the River Torrens Linear Park (near Holbrooks Rd, Underdale). Inclement weather has delayed the project, with commissioning of the facility expected in early August 2016.
Camden Oval Complex Masterplan	A number of meetings have occurred with the consultant and a draft concept landscape plan has been developed and considered by the Community Facilities General Committee. A meeting has also occurred with representatives from the Football Federation of SA (FFSA) and WT Birkalla Soccer Club in relation to the provision of a new synthetic pitch.
Weigall Oval Stage 1	Detailed design and documentation of Stage 1 has commenced.
Packard Street /Allchurch Avenue Road Closure	A letter has been sent to all owners of property adjoining the proposed road closure "parcels" advising them of the proposal and seeking an indication from them as to whether they may have any interest in purchase of same. There has been some discussion with some owners but to date no formal response has been received. The Administration has also had an initial discussion with consultants in regard to engaging them to oversee/conduct the road closure process.

Civil and General Maintenance

Monthly Update	Concrete, Block Paver & Asphalt Footpath/Dr Crossover		957m ²
	Kerbing & water table / Invert		41m
	Road Repairs		24m ²
	Line marking		1,370m
	Graffiti Removal	Council property	14 locations (142m ²)
		Private property	94 locations (468m ²)
		Bus stops	7 locations (15m ²)
	Signage	Regulatory	88
		Street nameplates	3

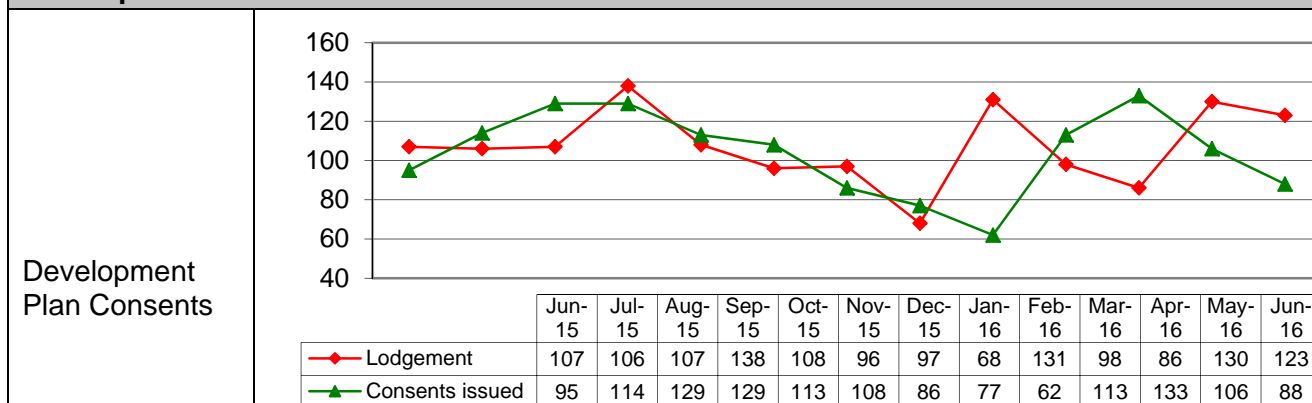
Drainage and Cleansing Services

Monthly Update	Pump Station inspections	Chippendale	Completed
		Shannon	Completed
		Riverway	Completed
		West Beach	Completed
		Duncan - Laneway (Lockleys)	Completed
	Illegal rubbish dumping		3.1t
	Road Sweepers		114t

Horticulture Services

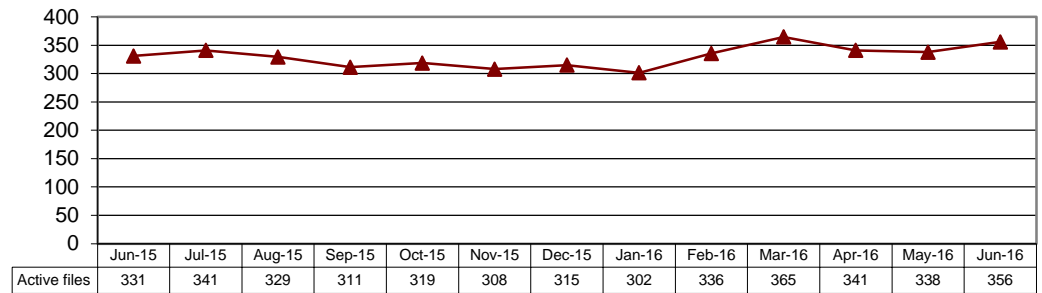
Monthly Update	Trees Pruned		827
	Removals		24
	Weed Control (Reserves, Verges, Traffic Islands)		21,140 litres

Development Assessment



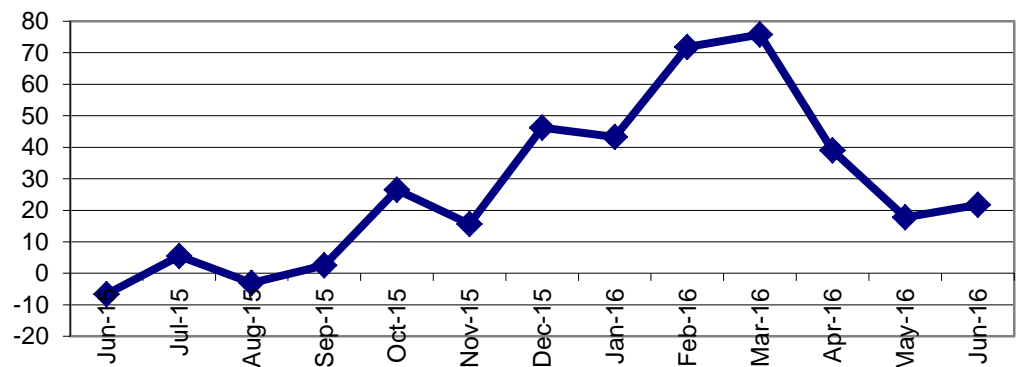
Development Plan Consent, is the process where applications are assessed against Council's Development Plan or the Development Act's residential code requirements, not all applications are assessed against the Development Plan (e.g. most demolitions, small verandahs, small sheds).

Active files -
Development
Approval

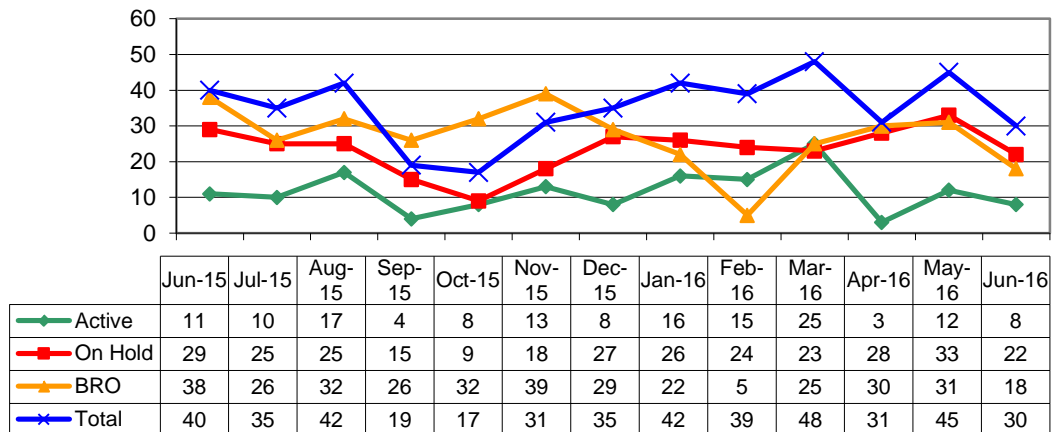


Active files shows all development applications that have been lodged with Council but are yet to receive a decision, it includes applications for Development Plan Consent, Building Rules Consent and Land Division Consent.

Difference in
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Earlier



Active files -
Building Rules
Consent



Building Rules Consent, is the process where applications are assessed against the Building Code of Australia (BCA), not all applications are assessed against the BCA (e.g. land divisions, tree removals) and some are only assessed against the BCA. The number of Building Rules Consent only application lodged for the month are shown on the BRO line.

Development Assessment Panel Decision

With Recommendation

Not with Recommendation

Jun-15

Jul-15

Aug-15

Sep-15

Oct-15

Nov-15

Dec-15

Jan-16

Feb-16

Mar-16

Apr-16

May-16

Jun-16

With Recommendation	13	14	13	12	17	8	3	9	7	6	13	11	14
Not with Recommendation	1	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1

Building Rules Consent issued

Certifier

Council

Jun-15

Jul-15

Aug-15

Sep-15

Oct-15

Nov-15

Dec-15

Jan-16

Feb-16

Mar-16

Apr-16

May-16

Jun-16

Certifier	60	49	63	58	43	46	40	29	46	49	51	47	64
Council	52	29	53	46	41	41	38	34	34	29	45	45	41

Not all Building Rules Consents are assessed by Council, about half are assessed by private assessors known as Private Certifiers, these privately certified assessments still need to be registered and recorded with Council.

Full Development Approval issued

Approvals

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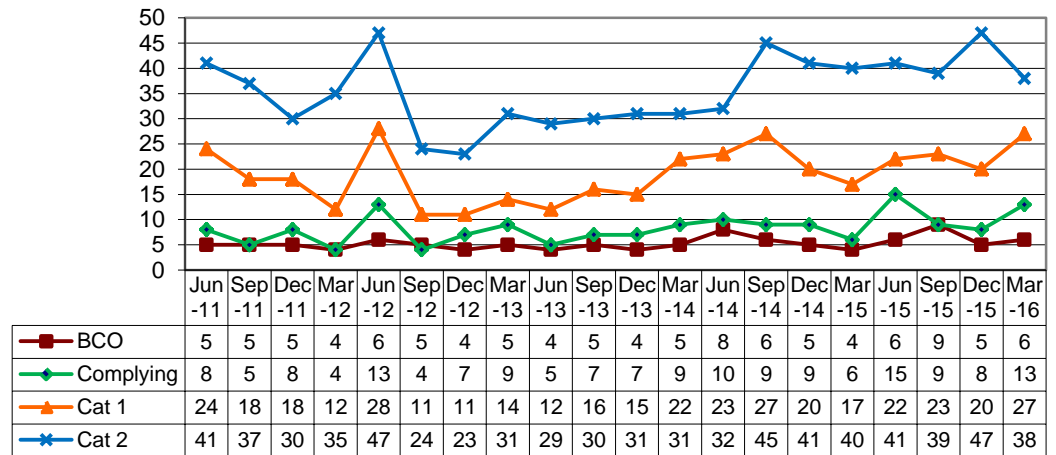
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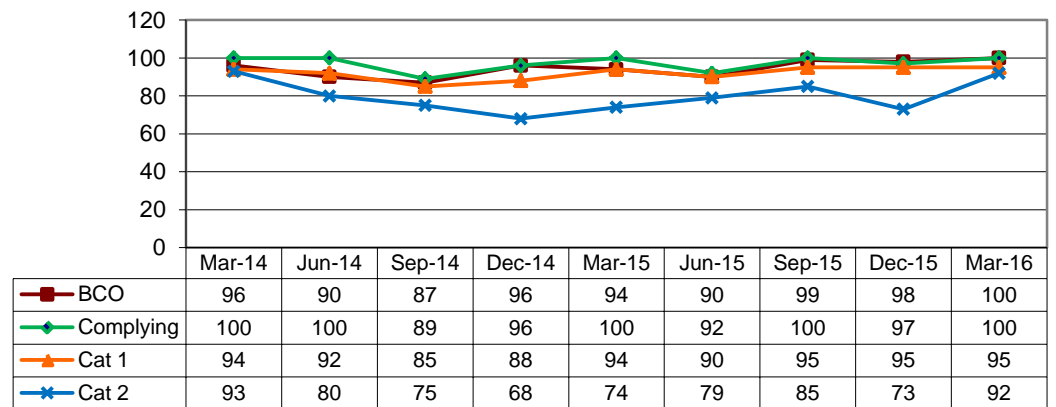
Development Approval means that all required assessments have been undertaken and all required consents granted, the approvals number most accurately shows the proposals that will actually be undertaken.

Median
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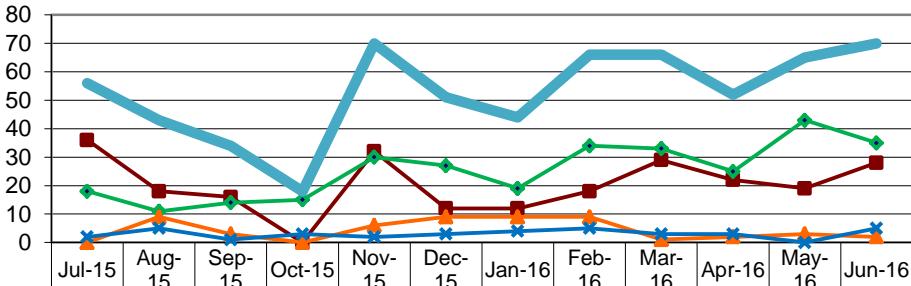
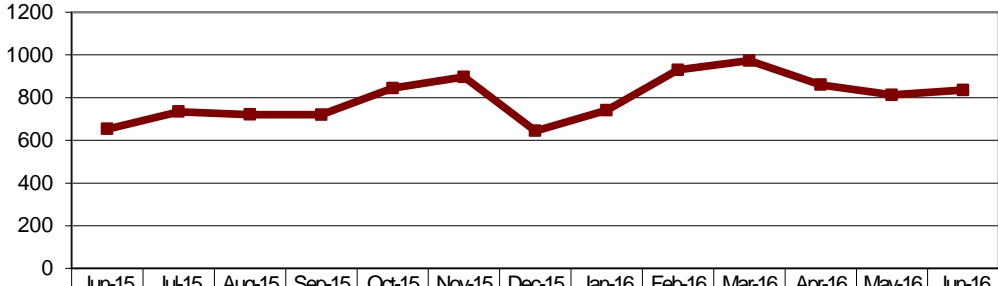
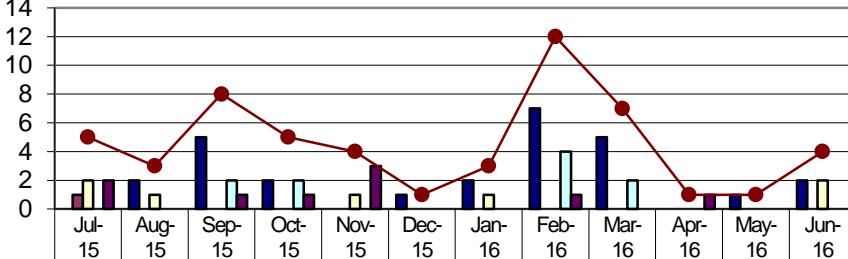
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 Category 2 - 60 days

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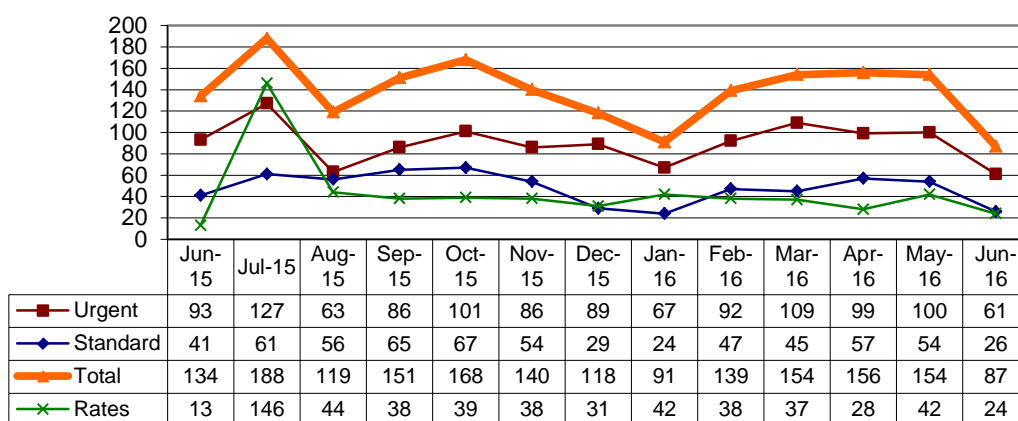
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Other Licence	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0																																																																			
Restaurant Licence	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0																																																																			
TOTAL	5	3	8	5	4	1	3	12	7	1	1	4																																																																			

Section 12 Searches

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When a property is purchased, the purchasers are provided with a Form 1 (commonly known as cooling off paperwork) Council contributes to this Form 1 with a Section 12 Certificate, the certificate provides the potential purchaser with all relevant known history for the property. Prior to settlement on the property the relevant Conveyancer will also request a Rates statement from Council to ensure the appropriate rates payments are made by the purchaser and the vendor (seller).

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1. MEETING OPENED

2. PRESENT

3. APOLOGIES

Leave of Absence

Cr Dua

Apologies

Council Members:

Cr O'Rielley

4. DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Elected Members are required to:

1. Consider Section 73 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and determine whether they have a conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in this Agenda; and
2. Disclose these interests in accordance with the requirements of Sections 74 and 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Governance Prescribed Standing Committee held on 5 July 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

6. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

7. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

9. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

10. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

11. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 Local Government Association Annual General Meeting 2016 - Calls for Notice of Motion and Voting Delegates

Brief

This report provides notice of the 2016 Local Government Association Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 21 October 2016 at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The voting delegates to the LGA Annual General Meeting be Mayor Trainer and Cr Demetriou (proxy).
2. The recommended process for the lodgement of Notices of Motions for the LGA Annual General Meeting, contained within this report, be adopted.
3. Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to finalise the wording of any Notices of Motions and submit them to the LGA.
4. Expenses be reimbursed in accordance with Council policy.
5. Subject to their confirmation, Council approves the attendance of spouses/partners of attending Elected Members and further, consistent with Council policy, that the cost of any incidental meals be met by Council.

Introduction

The Local Government Association (LGA) has advised of its upcoming 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Friday 21 October 2016 and is calling for Notices of Motion for the AGM (**Attachment 1**).

Discussion

The LGA AGM will be held on Friday 21 October 2016. The Agenda will be available to download from the LGA website (www.lga.sa.gov.au) prior to the AGM.

A call for attendees for the AGM and Conference will be provided at a later date once the LGA provide further information. A report will be presented to Council seeking nominations once this call has been made.

Voting Delegates

The LGA has advised that the nominated Council voting delegates as notified for to the 2016 Local Government Association Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) held in April 2016 will remain the same unless Council advise otherwise. These were Mayor Trainer and Cr Demetriou (proxy) and, in line with current practice, it is proposed that they remain as the voting delegates for upcoming AGM.

Notices of Motion

The LGA is calling for motions for the AGM which are to be received no later than COB Friday 9 September 2016.

The LGA has slightly amended its process for the submission of motions, i.e. it no longer withholds the motion template until it has reviewed/approved draft motions. This ensures the approval of a Council motion to the LGA rests with Council rather than the LGA.

No other changes to the submission process are proposed, so in line with previous practice it is suggested that the process outlined below be followed if Elected Members wish to lodge a Notice of Motion for the LGA AGM:

1. Draft Notices of Motions to be provided to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) by **Wednesday 24 August 2016**.
2. Administration to discuss the draft Notices of Motion with the relevant LGA Policy Officer, ensuring that issues of concern are not being raised elsewhere.
3. Draft Notices of Motion to be presented to the **Tuesday 6 September 2016** Council Meeting for approval.
4. The CEO will subsequently finalise the wording of any Notices of Motion to facilitate any changes of a practical nature without the need to refer back to a formal Meeting of Council.
5. Administration to provide approved Notices of Motion to the LGA by COB on **Friday 9 September 2016**.

Two motions were received for the OGM, held in April 2016, which Council approved and resolved to submit to the October 2016 AGM. These motions are:

1. That the Local Government Association actively seeks the repeal of sections 14 and 17 of the *Local Government (Accountability and Governance) Amendment Act 2015* amending sections 73, 74, 75 and 90 the *Local Government Act 1999*, related to the new conflict of interest provisions and informal gatherings on the basis that they are impracticable and unworkable.
2. That if sections 14 and 17 of the Local Government (Accountability and Governance) Amendment Act 2015 are not repealed then the Local Government Association seeks the application of the same provisions to parliamentarians

These two motions will automatically be provided to the LGA for inclusion in the upcoming AGM agenda, as resolved by Council, by 9 September 2016.

Conclusion

The LGA has advised of its upcoming AGM on 21 October 2016 and is calling for motions for the meeting.

ATTACHMENT 1




2016 LGA Annual General Meeting - Notices of Motion & Appointment of Delegates - Circular 27.6

To	Chief Executive Officer Corporate Services Staff Elected Members Governance Officers	Date	6 July 2016
Contact	Jacqui Kelleher Email: jacqui.kelleher@lga.sa.gov.au		
Response Required	No	Respond By	9 September 2016
Summary	The 2016 LGA Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday 21 October at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, 98 Port Road, Hindmarsh. This circular provides information about Council Notices of Motion and appointment of delegates.		

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the LGA will be held on Friday 21 October at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, 98 Port Road, Hindmarsh.

Notices of Motion

Pursuant to Clause 25 of the LGA Constitution (available here: <http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/corpdocs>) "*any ordinary member may give the LGA notice of a motion it proposes to move at a General Meeting. Notices of Motion must be received by the LGA no later than 42 days prior to the meeting*".

The template to submit a Notice of Motion is available here: [2016 LGA Annual General Meeting - Council Notice of Motion form](#)  (27 kb)

Notices of Motion must be received by COB **Friday 9 September 2016**. The LGA is happy to assist Councils in the development of proposed notices of motion. This can include advice on endorsed policy positions and any other relevant factors in support of a motion. Late notices of motion may be submitted, however, councils are reminded that Clause 25.5 of the LGA Constitution provides for absolute discretion of the LGA President to determine that a late notice of motion may be dealt with at the next (ie 2017) general meeting.

Voting Delegates

Clauses 36 & 37 of the LGA Constitution outline the qualifications and appointment of voting delegates. Unless contrary advice is provided to the LGA, the nominated Council voting delegate as notified for the LGA Ordinary General Meeting held in April 2016, remains the same. Councils may appoint new voting delegates by completing and returning the form below by COB Friday 9 September 2016.

[2016 LGA Annual General Meeting - Appointment of Council Delegate form](#)

Notice of Motion and Voting Delegate forms should be forwarded to the LGA by the due date to lgasa@lga.sa.gov.au or fax 8232 6336. For further information contact Jacqui Kelleher, Manager Executive Services on 8224 2022.

11.2 Section 270 Internal Review of Council Decisions Annual Report

Brief

This report presents the 2015-2016 annual report detailing those requests for internal reviews of Council decisions in accordance with s270(8) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee recommends to Council that the Section 270 Internal Review of Council Decisions Annual Report, as required by Section 270(8) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, be received.

Introduction

Section 270(8) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) requires Council to consider a report in relation to requests for internal reviews of Council decisions on an annual basis. The Act also prescribes the content of the annual report as follows:

- the number of applications for review made under this section; and
- the kinds of matters to which the applications relate; and
- the outcome of applications under this section; and
- such other matters as may be prescribed by the regulations.

Consequently, this report provides the required information and ensures Council's conformance with s270(8) of the Act.

Discussion

The Act prescribes that a person can apply for an internal review of any Council decision, defined by the Act as a decision made by Council itself, a Council employee or a contractor/person/entity acting on behalf of Council.

Four (4) requests for an internal review of Council decision were received during the 2015-2016 financial year as follows:

Description of matter	Date Received	Outcome of Review
Internal review request received regarding refusal of a rate remission application.	13 November 2016	Review completed and decision upheld.
Internal review request received regarding abatement of a barking dog.	22 January 2016	Review completed and decision upheld.
Internal review request received regarding abatement of a barking dog.	18 April 2016	Review completed and decision upheld.
Internal review request received regarding Native Plant Giveaway.	26 May 2016	Review completed and decision overturned by Council at its 21/6/2016 meeting

Conclusion

This annual report is provided to Council for its consideration in accordance with s270(8) of the Act.

11.3 Legislative Progress Report - July 2016

Brief

This report provides an update on the status of proposed legislative changes affecting local government, dealt with in Parliament, by the Local Government Association or contained in the Government Gazette during the preceding month.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the report be received.

Introduction

This report provides a monthly update on the progress of Bills through Parliament, using Parliament's defined stages, as well as items contained within the Government Gazette that relate to the City of West Torrens. It also contains information provided by the Local Government Association (LGA) relating to proposed amendments to legislation or other relevant matters.

Discussion

Summary of Proposed Amendments to Legislation

Liquor Licensing Act 1997

The former Supreme Court Judge, Mr Tim Anderson has completed a review of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997* (Review) and released his report on 6 July 2016.

The Review consists of 129 recommendations to improve both the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997* and the State's broader liquor licensing framework.

The key recommendations relevant to local government include:

- Extend the application of Small Venue Licence to include North Adelaide.
- Implement a clear delineation of responsibilities between relevant planning authorities and the Licensing Authority.
- Remove the ability of council to object or make a submission on matters that are dealt with or addressed at the planning level and remove the ability of council to intervene in the liquor licensing process.
- Allow local councils in limited circumstances, to prohibit the consumption and .or possession of liquor in public places within their relevant local government area.
- Allow the Minister and Commissioner to revoke or vary any prohibition.

The LGA is continuing to advocate on behalf of its members.

Further information can be found in the Local Government Circular 28.2 - 12 July 2016.

Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2016

The *Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2016* (Bill) was introduced into the House of Assembly on 6 July 2016 which largely addresses the issues raised by the LGA via submission in December 2013 as part of the Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993 review. The Bill was adjourned in the House of Assembly at its second reading on 6 July 2016.

Key features of this Bill are:

- Greater interaction and consistency with the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012;
- Scope of the term 'appropriate disclosure of public interest information';
- Definitions of 'public officer' and 'maladministration';
- Introduces broader penalties;
- Amendment to list of 'appropriate authorities';
- Process for managing disclosures; and
- Confidentiality of disclosures.
- The requirement for Elected Members to deal with disclosures made to them, in certain circumstances, in line with the provisions documented in the Bill

Once the Bill is enacted, the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* and section 302B of the *Local Government Act 1999* will be repealed.

The Bill retains some features of the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* including the requirement for a CEO of a council to ensure that one or more officers or employees are designated as responsible officers and the provisions regarding false or misleading disclosures.

The Bill also provides that the regulations may prescribe qualifications for designated responsible officers or employees, but regulations are yet to be drafted.

No feedback opportunity has yet been made in relation to the contents of this Bill.

Further information can be found in the Local Government Circular 28.3 - 12 July 2016.

Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2016 [To amend the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012*]

The Attorney-General has introduced the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2016* (Bill) to amend the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012*. The Bill was passed the House of Assembly at its third reading on 6 July 2016. The Bill was adjourned in the Legislative Council at its second reading on 7 July 2016.

The amendments are largely operational in nature and, in particular, streamline the relationship between the ICAC and the Ombudsman.

The key amendments include:

- The Office of Public Integrity (OPI) will have the ability to assess complaints and refer them directly to the appropriate authority (such as the Ombudsman) without further referral to the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC).
- Clarification of the ICAC's primary role to investigate serious and systemic corruption in public administration.

Further information can be found in the Local Government Circular 28.11 - 14 July 2016.

Disability Services (Inclusion and Monitoring) Amendment Bill 2016

[To amend the *Disability Services Act 1993*]

The *Disability Services (Inclusion and Monitoring) Amendment Bill 2016* (Bill) to amend the *Disability Services Act 1993* was introduced into the House of Assembly by Dr Duncan McFetridge MP on 10 March 2016 proposing the mandatory requirement for every council to develop a disability inclusion action plan and report on it in its annual report. The proposed amendment also provides an expanded role for the Ombudsman to investigate reportable incidents and convictions within the disability sector.

The House of Assembly disagreed with the Bill on 23 June 2016 and rejected a motion for a subsequent reading.

Further information can be found in the LGA Circular 12.1.

Dog and Cat Management (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2015

[under the *Dog and Cat Management Act*]

The *Dog and Cat Management (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2015* (Bill) was introduced into the Legislative Council on 18 November 2015. The Bill proposed a number of key amendments that have long been sought by Councils, including mandatory microchipping for dogs and cats. In addition, the proposals include changing the title of animal management officers to 'authorised persons' and increasing the powers to bring them into line with the powers available to authorised persons under the *Local Government Act 1999*.

This Bill received assent on 6 July 2016 but has not yet commenced.

Government Gazette Notices

Fees and Charges - 1 July 2016

The following Acts and associated Regulations has been varied to include the new fees and charges schedule for 2016 which came into operation on 1 July 2016:

- *Local Government Act 1999*
- *Environment Protection Act 1993*
- *Disability Services Act 1993*
- *Expiation of Offences Act 1996*
- *Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991*
- *Road Traffic Act 1961*
- *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*
- *Development Act 1993*
- *Food act 2001*
- *South Australian Public Health Act 2011*
- *Freedom of Information Act 1991*
- *State Records Act 1997*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*
- *Environment, Resources and Development Court Act 1993*
- *Emergency Service Funding Act 1998*
- *Heritage Places Act 1993*
- *Native Vegetation Act 1991*
- *Private Parking Areas Act 1986*
- *Dangerous substances Act 1974*
- *Children's Protection Act 1993*

- *Fair Work Act 1994*
- *Heavy Vehicles National Law (South Australia) Act 2013*
- *Controlled Substances Act 1984*

Further information can be found in Government Gazette No 37, 23 June 2016.

Emergency Management (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2016 [under the *Emergency Management Act*]

The *Emergency Management (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2016* (Amendment Act) came into operation on 1 July 2016 as proclaimed by His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council.

The key amendments to the *Emergency Management Act* (Act) include:

- Clarification of the authority of the State Emergency Management Plan
- Enable the efficient operations of the State Emergency Management Committee
- Ensure the emergency management arrangements are clearly defined
- Provide objects and principles to address clarity on role and function
- Clarification of various emergency management definitions

The amendments to the Act will be reflected in the new State Emergency Management Plan and associated documents.

Further information can be found in in Government Gazette No 37, 23 June 2016 or in Local Government Circular 27.5 - 4 July 2016.

Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016

The *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016* (Act) is significant legislation for councils in South Australia and is anticipated will assist in resolving local nuisance complaints through councils in which will commence in two stages throughout 2017.

The first stage will come into operation on 1 February 2017 to enact litter provisions and the bulk of the supporting elements of the Act. On this date, section 235 of the *Local Government Act 1999* - ability of a council to give security will be repealed and section 236 of the *Local Government Act 1999* - state government not liable for debts of a Council will be amended.

The second and final stage will come into operation on 1 July 2017 to enact the local nuisance specific provisions of the Act.

The EPA will be working collaboratively with the LGA and councils to ensure the legislation is well implemented and delivers on its purpose of providing community outcomes relating to local nuisance, litter control and illegal dumping across the state.

The EPA has also prepared a fact sheet explaining the key elements of the new Act and is seeking a liaison officer to facilitate information and awareness sessions for council staff.

Regulations are currently being prepared by the EPA in conjunction with a working group involving the LGA and representatives from five different councils.

Further information can be found in the Local Government Circular 28.6 - 13 July 2016 and Government Gazette No 42 - 21 July 2016.

Bills previously reported on where status remains unchanged

- *Road Traffic (Bicycles on Footpaths) Amendment Bill 2016* (adjourned in the House of Assembly at its 2nd reading on 26 May 2016).
- *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Misconduct and Maladministration) Amendment Bill 2015* (adjourned in the House of Assembly at its 2nd reading on 19 November 2015).

Acts Assented to but Not Yet Commenced

- *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* - Received assent on 21 April 2016 - Expected commencement in 2018.
- *Dog and Cat Management (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2015* - Received assent on 6 July 2016

Conclusion

This report on legislative amendments is current at 25 July 2016.

12. MEETING CLOSE