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The Role and Composition of the Capital City Committee

State Parliament established South Australia's Capital City Committee under the City of Adelaide Act 1998 ('the Act') in recognition that a vital and successful capital city is critical to the overall success of the State. The Committee provides a regular opportunity for the State Government and the Adelaide City Council to consider, debate and ensure implementation of the priorities for the development of the city in a constructive way.

In 2005-2006 the Committee comprised the Premier, Mike Rann (Chair); the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Michael Harbison (Deputy Chair); the Minister for Urban Development and Planning, Paul Holloway; the Minister for Tourism, Jane Lomax-Smith; Councillor Judith Brine AM; and Councillor Anne Moran. Prior to reallocation of portfolios following the State Government election in March 2006 the Minister for Environment and Conservation, John Hill, attended the meetings in recognition of the priority accorded the Adelaide Green City initiative in the Committee's program.

Where formal decisions are required, they are referred to Cabinet and the Council. A regular report on the outcome of Committee meetings is provided to the Adelaide City Council and an annual report is presented to Adelaide City Council and State Parliament.

The Committee's functions are set out under Section 10(1) of the Act, which states that:

'The Capital City Committee is established as an intergovernmental body to enhance and promote the development of the City of Adelaide as the Capital City of the State and, for that purpose, may

Identify and promote key strategic requirements for the economic, social, physical and environmental development and growth of the City of Adelaide as the primary focus for the cultural, educational, tourism, retail and commercial activities of South Australia.

Promote and assist in the maximisation of opportunities for the effective coordination of public and private resources to meet the key strategic requirements identified by the Committee, and recommend priorities for joint action by the State Government and the Adelaide City Council (within established budget processes and programs).

Monitor the implementation of programs designed to promote the development of the City of Adelaide.

Make provision for the publication (as appropriate) of key strategies, goals and commitments relevant to the development and growth of the City of Adelaide that have been agreed by the parties who are (or will be) required to undertake responsibility for their implementation or delivery.

Collect, analyse and disseminate information about the economic, social, physical and environmental development of the City of Adelaide, with particular emphasis on assessing outcomes and identifying factors that will encourage or facilitate future development within the City of Adelaide.

Take on other tasks incidental to the preceding paragraphs.'

The Committee held four meetings in the financial period 2005–2006.

Highlights

Implementation of the Social Sustainability Agreement between State Government Support Agencies and Adelaide City Council

Following an Interagency Partnership Agreement by the Adelaide City Council and the Department for Human Services being endorsed a 'Social Sustainability Partnership Action Group' (SSPAG) was established in January 2006.

Membership is made up of executive and senior staff from the Partnership agencies, including

- Department for Families and Communities (Chair and executive management)
- Adelaide City Council (executive management)
- Department of Health
- Central Northern Adelaide Health Services
- South Australian Police
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Social Inclusion Unit
- Department of Education and Children's Services
- Department of Correctional Services

SSPAG partner agencies have committed to an Implementation Plan for 2006-07 for ongoing development and management of the four key proposed actions/programs. These are, to develop

- a Services and Social Infrastructure plan
- an MOU between Minister/s and Council
- a comprehensive community profile
- an overarching/strategic Inner City service provision and funding model
- a quick response model
- appointment of a neighbourhood liaison officer

Meetings will continue on a quarterly basis during 2006-2007.

Construction of Affordable Housing Units in Whitmore Square, including roof top garden

A 'community roof garden' has been established on a 15 unit social housing development at 10-14 Hocking Place. It is a generous shared access roof garden of 80 square metres planted out with low-water tolerant plants. Some space has been allowed for residents to grow herbs and or vegetables.

The social housing project is a Multi Agency Community Housing Association (MACHA) joint venture funded by SACHA and the Adelaide City Council (ACC) that is intended to provide innovative, well-designed housing for homeless and lower income people in the inner city.

North Terrace Redevelopment

Opening of new Water Feature

“14 Pieces” – a major new water sculpture replacing the Lavington Bonython fountain on North Terrace – was commissioned in October 2005. It is a uniquely South Australian artwork designed by local artists and made from local materials. The artwork has been designed to use water conservatively, recycling its water and reflecting our usually dry climate and the ancient, worn and weathered nature of much of the South Australian landscape.

It is designed to engage with the public and offers the viewer the option of physically entering into and being surrounded by the fragments and the pools of still water with their reflective qualities – or, when dry, to view the reflected sky from the polished dish forms of 14 Pieces.

North Terrace Solar Precinct

The North Terrace Solar Precinct was completed this year with the installation of solar panels on the roof of the State Library adding to the existing installations on Parliament House, the SA Museum and the Art Gallery. Adding creative flair to the precinct is the installation of the innovative solar mallee trees. Located on the Festival Centre plaza, the indigenous mallee tree provides an abstract contemporary form for solar lights, which provide energy to the electricity grid during the day and become a colourful light show at night.

International Solar Cities Congress 2008

Through the Committee, Adelaide was successful in a bid to secure the 3rd International Solar Cities Congress, to be held in February 2008. Planning for the Congress commenced this year and is being lead by the Capital City Project Team. At least 1,000 delegates are expected to attend the Congress

International Recognition

The Capital City Project Team put Adelaide on the world stage this year. Adelaide's solar cities program was presented in Oxford at the 2nd International Solar Cities Congress and at the UN-Habitat's World Urban Forum in Vancouver. The Capital City Committee partnership was showcased at the International Centre for Sustainable Cities PLUS Network conference and the World Planners Congress in Vancouver.

Capital City Committee Work Priorities

Projects

Security in the City

During 2005 the Capital City Committee initiated a review of CCTV (closed circuit television) systems in public places within the CBD with a view to enhancing public safety as well as the systems effectiveness for security purposes. The Committee considered a progress report of the activities of the Review of CCTV in Public Places Working Group (the Working Group) in June 2006.

City Report Card

The Capital City Committee published the Adelaide City Centre Report Card-2005 to highlight the many developments - commercial and residential - in the city over the previous three years, as well as green star rated developments. The Report Card also presented the 2004 Business Opinion Leaders Survey results and outlined some of the State Government and Adelaide City Council budget commitments to developing the city centre. The Adelaide City Centre Report Card focused on projects, initiatives and other developments that are having, or will have, a significant impact on the city's fabric and how we see, and live in, the city centre. It is a map-based graphical view of major developments underway, or completed, in the city centre over the three years, as well as photographs depicting many examples.

The map highlighted activity in the five key priority areas for the city where the objectives of the State Government and Adelaide City Council clearly converge – Living City, Working City, Inclusive City, Green City and Working City.

Marketing Adelaide

Signage/Arrival Experience

The Capital City Committee at its March 2005 meeting directed that work be undertaken with Great Southern Railways (GSR) to improve signage and the arrival experience for interstate travellers.

In response, a team was formed, comprising the CEO and staff of GSR, PlanningSA, Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI), TourismSA and the Capital City Project Team. A master plan was prepared on a cost share basis with GSR and the priority actions identified by the master plan will be staged over a 3-year period. This work includes the possible renaming of the railway station at Keswick as the "Adelaide Parklands Terminal".

Workforce Growth Plan

The Adelaide City Council's 'Workforce Growth Plan' identifies establishing a target for State Government employment in the city as a key initiative to boost growth in the city's workforce.

The Capital City Project Team prepared a report on State Government employment both within and outside of the CBD. The CCC agreed that as proposals for relocating State Government offices arose, the Department of Administrative and Information Services (DAIS) would consult and liaise on a case-by-case basis with the Adelaide City Council.

The construction of City Central Tower 1, a 5 star building, followed a commitment by the State Government to lease floor space. SA Water will be amalgamating three sites into a new 5 star building in the City.

Priority Precincts

The Committee received a presentation and discussed the tram extension to North Terrace. Its impact on further development of North Terrace and opportunities to improve access to, and link with, the Riverbank areas are under further consideration.

The new Development Plan for the City has enhanced sustainable development requirements. To support developers a range of green retrofit fact sheets have been prepared by Council.

Forums

In June 2005 the Committee agreed to support a new approach to the Capital City Forum that moved away from the then current model of consulting an appointed group of opinion leaders. The new approach is to develop the Capital City Forum as 'events' focussed around specific issues of interest to the Capital City Committee, drawing on its work program. This approach puts at its centre the importance of involving and consulting stakeholders across a broad range of sectors.

North Terrace Forum

The first of the new CCC Forum Series, Realising the potential- next steps for a vital North Terrace, was held on 11 August 2005. Minister Lomax Smith and the Lord Mayor introduced the Forum. Around 80 people from State Government, Council, the North Terrace cultural and education institutions as well as retail, business, tourism and marketing sectors attended.

The Forum considered how the non-infrastructure goals of the redevelopment as a visitor destination and as a centre for innovation, learning and the economy could be realised.

City Safety Forum

The second of the revised CCC Forum Series, Night Vision: Making Adelaide A Safer City At Night held on 3 November 2005, was planned in conjunction with Adelaide Safe Community. Minister Lomax-Smith and the Lord Mayor introduced the Forum and key note speaker, Mr Henk Harberts, who outlined the World Health Organisations 'Safe Communities Program' and gave an example of how this has been implemented in the Latrobe City Council area.

Approximately 50 people from State Government, Council, Adelaide Safe Community Committee, the South Australian Police as well as hospitality, transport, business, tourism, health and community sectors attended.

The Forum provided an opportunity for city stakeholders and community members to identify collaborative responses and actions to increase safety at night so that the community can be confident Adelaide is a safe City.

THE GREEN CITY PROGRAM

Building Tune Ups Project – Stage two of the Building Tune Ups Project was completed this year. Ten participating office buildings were audited and costed upgrade specifications were provided to the building owners. The specifications target improvements in energy and water efficiency, using the Australian Building Greenhouse Rating and National Australian Building Environment Rating Scheme benchmarks.

Ecological Footprint – Adelaide City Council has undertaken an ecological footprint study for the city. Which has demonstrated that city living has a lower footprint than non city living.

The report showed the City had a footprint of 6.5gha/cap, 0.5gha/cap lower than the State which was in turn 0.7gha/cap lower than the national footprint. In context this has a 0.13gha/cap lower than London's footprint of 6.63gha/cap.

The report reinforces that there is less reliance on private vehicles if you live in the city and that city living provides the opportunities to reduce energy usage and promote mobility key areas for reducing the footprint.

Zero Waste - Make Adelaide a Zero Waste City

Work was undertaken in the 2005-2006 year by a cross council and state government working party to understand the waste management landscape in the area bounded by the City of Adelaide.

This work resulted in the development of a draft background paper and action plan that is yet to be jointly considered by Council and State agencies. It is envisaged that Council will consider the recommendations of the paper as part of Council's review of its Environmental Management Plan.

Green retrofits awards

The CCC Project Team will be working with the Sustainability and Climate Change Division (of DPC) and the ACC on developing a 'green awards' scheme that recognises outstanding green retrofits.

Solar City – Adelaide is well on its way to being a solar city.

- Adelaide City Council is leading the Solar Cities Adelaide Incorporated bid for funding under the Federal Government's solar cities program.
- Planning for the 3rd International Solar Cities Congress has been underway. This event will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 17-21 February 2008.
- The North Terrace Solar Precinct was completed with the installation of solar panels on the State Library and the innovative solar mallee trees on the Festival Centre plaza.
- Twelve solar lights were installed in Victoria Square. The lights were designed locally by the University of South Australia.
- Adelaide City Council sought expressions of interests for delivering a Solar Electric Connector bus in the city.

Cycling and Walking – A city free bike scheme commenced and is being administered through Bicycle SA. Adelaide City Council completed stage one of a Park Lands trail for shared use by cyclists and pedestrians.

Innovative Water Use – A business case for National Water Initiative funding was submitted through the South Australian Department of Water, Land, Biodiversity and Conservation, to implement water reuse scheme. Stage 2 of the North Terrace

Redevelopment Project is under construction and incorporates water sensitive urban design features.

Biodiversity in the City – As part of the Premier's Million Trees Program, Adelaide City Council planted 15,000 trees, shrubs and ground cover in the Park Lands, adding to the 75,000 planted in previous years. The Council also developed a brochure pack on establishing local native gardens and ran a community bat-monitoring program. Through a contribution from the Capital City Project office, a rooftop garden was installed on top of the social housing development at Hocking Place.

Roof Mounted Wind Turbines – Five roof mounted wind turbines have been purchased from Scotland based company Renewable Devices. The turbines will be installed on city buildings in the coming year.

Womadelaide – This annual international music festival is committed to environmental sustainability. The Capital City Committee supported a submission to the Banksia Foundation for recognition of their zero waste program. Womadelaide is a finalist for the 2006 Banksia awards.

Sustainable Mobility – To recognise the importance of sustainable mobility, a business-to-business lunch and a special 3 degrees event were held in conjunction with the World Solar Challenge. The Committee also supported a visit to Adelaide by Perth's Hydrogen Fuel Cell bus for the Emerging Technology Conference.

Conferences – The third event under the Business of Sustainability banner was a successful conference focussed on waste, water, energy and the built environment. Held in November/December 2005, international keynotes were brought to the stage including Joe Van Belleghem, US and Canada Green Building Councils, Dr Martin Gibson, Director of Envirowise in the UK and Prof Anne-Grete Hestnes, Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Adelaide also hosted the International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements and a Go Organic Festival in September 2005.

Presentations – The green city story was presented on the international stage again this year to audiences in the United Kingdom, USA and Canada. The project team also participated as 'experts' in a UN Habitat Jam session and were active contributors to the International Centre for Sustainable Cities PLUS Network. Locally, the green city story and associated projects were presented in a range of fora including events for Engineers Australia and the Planning Institute, a University of SA training course, the Australian New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference and an Australian Business Women's event.

Publications – Work under the green city program has been highlighted in print this year including a contribution to Professor Chris Daniel from the Centre for Urban Habitat's book, Adelaide Nature of a City: The ecology of a dynamic city 1836-2036. The Council contributed \$250,000 towards publication of this book. Recognition of our solar initiatives in the German Magazine, Nu Energie and in Place Magazine with a nomination of the solar mallee trees for the Adelaide Prize.

International Visitors – Jonathon Porritt, Chairman of the UK Sustainable Development Commission visited Adelaide, speaking about sustainable development with the public and private sectors. Members of the International Solar Cities Initiative visited Adelaide to commence planning for the 2008 International Solar Cities Congress and to speak at the Business of Sustainability Conference. Professor Tim Beatley from the University of Virginia toured Adelaide with plans to incorporate the Green City story in his next book on sustainable cities.

3 Degrees – The monthly 3 Degrees networking forum concluded this year following a number of successful events. Some of the topics covered were

- Organic food production
- Agri-culture - reconnecting people, land and nature

- Solar house day
- Sustainability and project homes
- Sustainability in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens
- Recycling domestic organic waste

Governance Structure

The Capital City Committee is a facilitation and coordination body with no executive authority to bind either the State Government or the Adelaide City Council through its decisions. It is supported in its endeavours to coordinate key strategic directions for the City through a Steering Committee. During 2005/06 this group comprised the Director of the Capital City Committee, the Project Director of the Capital City Green City Project, The Chief Executive Officer and the General Manager of Strategy and Policy for the Adelaide City Council. The Capital City Project Team provided executive support to this Steering Committee and the Capital City Committee.

Project Team

The Project Team was relatively transient throughout the year due to a new appointment of Director and modifications to work priorities. Tim O'Loughlin was appointed in November 2005 following the departure of the previous incumbent Margaret Caust.

Following an initial analysis of the structure of the team the temporary marketing manager for the Green City Program was reassigned and the Adelaide City Council officer moved into a line agency to implement the CCC Social Sustainability Agreement.

From beginning of 2006 through to 30 June 2006 the staff comprised

Tim O'Loughlin	Director, Capital City Committee
Beatrix Mead	Project Director, Green City Program
Kate Joannou	Project Officer, Capital City Committee
John Mercer	Project Manager, Capital City Committee
Alison Dwyer	Project Manager, Green City Program
Susan Howard	Office Manager