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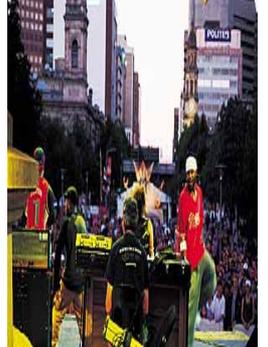
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# Capital City Committee Adelaide

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## **The Role and Composition of the Capital City Committee**

The Capital City Committee celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2008. The Parliament of South Australia established the Capital City Committee under the *City of Adelaide Act 1998* ('the Act') in recognition that a thriving 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 oversee shared priorities for the development of the city.

In 2008–2009 the Committee comprised the Minister for the City of Adelaide, the Hon. Jane Lomax-Smith (Chair); the Right Hon. Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Michael Harbison (Deputy Chair); the Minister for Urban Development and Planning, the Hon. Paul Holloway; the Premier of South Australia, the Hon. Mike Rann, Councillor Ralph Clarke; and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Stephen Yarwood. The Minister for State/Local Government Relations, the Hon. Gail Gago represented the Premier at the meetings.

When formal decisions are required, they are referred to State Cabinet and the Adelaide City Council and an annual report is presented to Adelaide City Council and State Parliament.

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

'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 convened five meetings in the 2008–2009 financial year that were held on 5 August 2008, 8 October 2008, 18 December 2008, 26 February 2009 and 26 May 2009.

## **Governance Structure**

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The Capital City Committee is a facilitation and coordination body with no executive authority. It is supported by a Steering Committee in its endeavours to coordinate key strategic directions for the City.

During 2008-2009 this group comprised the Deputy Chief Executive, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Director of the Capital City Project Team, the Chief Executive Officer of the Adelaide City Council and the Executive Officer, Office of the Chief Executive, Adelaide City Council.

The Capital City Project Team provides secretariat support to the Steering Committee and the Capital City Committee.

### **Project Team**

From 30 June 2008 through to 30 June 2009 the staff comprised

Beatrix Smith	Director Capital City Project Team (until 12 September 2008)
Maria Harrison	Director Capital City Project Team (commenced 24 November 2008)
John Mercer	Project Manager, Capital City Committee
Alison Dwyer	Project Manager, Capital City Committee (until 9 December 2008)
Lisa Bianchi	Personal Assistant/Executive Support Officer (commenced 1 September 2008)

## **Capital City Committee Priorities**

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The priorities for the Capital City Committee for 2008 – 2009 remained the same as those from the previous year. The Committee agreed that the following items would continue to form the Capital City Committee's direction:

1. City Safety
2. River Torrens Precinct
3. Victoria Square
4. Green City Accord (now referred to as the Adelaide Green City Sector Agreement)
5. North Terrace
6. Affordable Housing
7. Communication with Federal Government

The Capital City Committee plays an active role in influencing or directly managing these objectives. The governance arrangement under which the Capital City Committee operates necessitates that the majority of its work is in the area of "influencing the outcome of an activity".

The Committee plays an active role in ensuring cooperation between the Adelaide City Council and State Government agencies to achieve these objectives. The Committee acknowledges this ongoing cooperation and expresses its gratitude to these bodies.

# Major Activities

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## 1. Adelaide Green City Sector Agreement (formerly the Green City Accord)

The Adelaide Green City Sector Agreement (the Agreement) has been under development throughout 2008 – 2009. It will establish a partnership between the Adelaide City Council and the State Government to develop and brand Adelaide as an environmentally sustainable and climate change resilient city.

The agreement aims to coordinate and combine efforts and resources for effective investment in urban sustainability. It will maintain and build on previous work to enhance Adelaide's international profile as a 'green city'. The long-term objective of the Agreement is for Adelaide to be an acclaimed leader amongst internationally recognised environmentally sustainable cities by 2020.

The Agreement includes a schedule of agreed activities under the following key areas of focus to provide direction for Capital City Committee activities and projects into the future:

- Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Leading by Innovation and Demonstration
- Green Building and Urban Design
- Energy
- Sustainable Transport
- Waste to Resources
- Water
- Adelaide Park Lands

The Agreement has progressed through Council and the State Government for final sign off by each party in the next financial year.

## 2. Building Innovation Fund

The Premier announced the *Building Innovation Fund* on 4 June 2008. It builds on the successful Capital City Committee *Building Tune Ups* program that ran for 3 years until 2006.

The project supports the third sector agreement entered into under the Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007 between the South Australian Government and the Property Council of Australia.

Through the program, the State Government and the Property Council of Australia, will work together to encourage owners of commercial office buildings to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through capital investment. State Government funding of \$2.4 million has been dedicated to the 4-year program. This investment will support initiatives such as:

- connecting co-generation plants to the grid;
- using photovoltaics in building cladding; and
- the uptake of other innovative technologies as they become available on the market.

The first round of applications for program funding, which is administered through the Sustainability and Climate Change Division and covers the whole of South Australia,

closed in June 2009 and grants have been allocated to support the following projects in the City:

- \$134,000 to Aspen Group for capital works to install green roof systems to MTAA House, 55 Currie Street in the City;
- \$214,000 to Aspen Group for capital works to develop and install a 'green wall' on the former telephone exchange at 208 Franklin Street in the City;
- \$27,000 to Aspen Group for a feasibility study on a 'green wall' system for the City Central Tower 8 on Franklin Street; and
- \$20,000 to Chesser Properties Pty Ltd for a feasibility study about sustainable concepts for large-scale office buildings, focussing on Chesser House in Grenfell Street. The study will compare the energy performance of technologies using solar, wind geothermal heat exchanger systems and natural ventilation.

The second round of successful projects is likely to be selected in 2010.

### **3. City Safety Strategy Group/West End Operations Plan**

The Capital City Committee established the Capital City Safety Strategy Group (CCSSG) in December 2007. The group is focussed on increasing safety in the West End precinct.

In March 2008 it commissioned a study into the behaviour and activities of visitors and residents of Hindley Street and its immediate surrounds. This research project was to:

- Analyse the causes of crime and behaviour issues for Hindley Street and environs
- Identify directions and potential trial projects to address causes of crime and behaviour issues.

The Hindley Street and Environs research project has been completed and has led to a number of trial projects to bolster safety in the area. This includes the partial closure and restriction of traffic along Hindley Street over a series of weekends.

The work of the group continues to focus on identifying and testing strategies that increase safety in the precinct, such as suggesting that extra police officers might be stationed in the area during periods of peak activity.

The research project also promoted further work to be undertaken with the Department of Planning and Local Government to develop an operations plan for the West End precinct. The project will consider urban densification plans, the growth of international student numbers and the university sector and the development of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

This study will be used to assist the Department in the development of its master planning process. The West End Precinct is defined as that part of the CBD bounded by North Terrace, West Terrace, King William Street and Wright Street. The study, to be undertaken in 2009 - 2010.

### **4. Glenelg to Adelaide Park Lands Recycled Water Project**

The Capital City Committee has maintained a keen interest in the development of this project through its membership of the Project Reference Group and Community Advisory Group.

The Glenelg to Adelaide Park Lands Recycled Water Project is expected to be completed by the end of 2009 and commissioned in early 2010. When completed, it will provide 3.8 billion litres of high quality recycled water annually from the Glenelg Waste Water Treatment Plant. The production capacity of the plant is 5.5 billion litres, which may also provide opportunities for additional recycled water initiatives, such as extending current uses to include new dual reticulation schemes for future property developments in the City.

As well as supplying existing customers, the project will provide up to 1.3 billion litres each year to irrigate Adelaide's Park Lands. This will provide a sustainable long-term solution for watering the Park Lands. This will reduce the stress on the City's existing water sources including potable water, the River Torrens and the local groundwater system.

The project will reinforce Adelaide's position as a green city and a leader in water conservation and contribute to a range of significant environmental benefits including:

- Reduced discharges of treated wastewater to the Gulf St Vincent
- Increased annual reuse of treated wastewater from the Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant by more than three times
- Reduced stress on existing irrigation water supplies, including potable supplies from the River Murray and Mount Lofty Ranges
- Improved health of the River Torrens and quality of the water in the Torrens Lake

## **5. Green Cathedral Precinct**

The Green Cathedral Precinct is a collaborative partnership between St Peter's Cathedral, St Mark's College, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) Inc, South Australian Cricket Association, Next Generation Health Club, Memorial Drive Tennis Club and Tennis SA. It seeks to showcase innovative and efficient uses of natural resources within the precinct. This includes energy and water initiatives to establish a leading sustainable precinct in the heart of the city. This in turn will demonstrate the environmental and community benefits to others along the River Torrens corridor.

The Capital City Committee has an interest in the development of this important precinct that will complement environmentally sustainable initiatives within the area.

In November 2008, the South Australian Government provided \$100,000 towards the development of a Feasibility Study for the Green Cathedral Precinct. The Green Cathedral Precinct Steering Group, managed by the Anglican Church, will publish the Feasibility Study findings in August 2009. The Church is expected to work with its partners to identify funding opportunities to support further development of the Project.

## **6. Green Roofs/Green Walls**

The Committee promotes the installation of green roofs and walls that may provide the following benefits:

- Reduced energy consumption within the interior space through shading and insulation
- Reduced noise level from outside
- Up to 25% less cooling demands for upper floors in commercial and high rise buildings
- Up to 10% savings in winter fuel bills
- Up to 20% increase in the efficiency of photovoltaic panels on green roofs

A demonstration green roof project was developed at Hocking Place in 2006 and more recently the Adelaide Zoo has installed several green walls and green roofs as part of its current refurbishment. Further projects scheduled for 2009 – 2010 as part of the Building Innovation Fund, are a green wall to be installed on the old telephone exchange in Franklin Street and a green roof on MTAA House in Currie Street.

## **7. North Terrace Precinct**

The North Terrace Redevelopment is an initiative of the State Government and Adelaide City Council through the Capital City Committee.

The Capital City Committee and Council adopted the Master Plan for North Terrace in 2002. The Master Plan covers the entire length of North Terrace from Port Road in the West, to Hackney Road in the East.

Stage 1 from Kintore Avenue to Pulteney Street was delivered in September 2005 and Stage 2, covering the area from Pulteney Street to Frome Road, was finalised in December 2008.

The stages delivered have significantly improved the public realm and have won numerous national design awards. They have also helped to enliven and invigorate the cultural institutions along the northern edge of North Terrace. The value of this project was further highlighted by the enormous success of the Northern Lights Exhibition, during the 2008 Adelaide Festival of Arts.

In June, Minister Holloway announced funding of \$2,060,000 for work to commence on Stage 3. This funding is being matched by the City Council. Stage 3 has been developed in consultation with officers from Planning SA, Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, and Council's design staff. It will redevelop the Prince Henry Gardens adjacent to Government House on North Terrace and cost \$4,120,000. This section of the Master Plan recognises the Prince Henry Gardens as being a Civic Garden that will become an elegant and relaxing garden celebrating prominent South Australians and their achievements. Completion of the project is expected in 2010.

## **8. Plus 30 Network**

The Capital City Committee was a member of the Plus 30 network until June 2009. In 2008, the Lord Mayor attended the Plus 30 Network Conference in Durban, South Africa, as the official representative of the Committee. Albeit that the importance of the network's work was recognised by the Capital City Committee members, it was recommended that, as the Committee's priorities were no longer aligned with those of the Plus 30 Network group, formal membership with the group cease for the forthcoming year. The Capital City will evaluate membership of other relevant associations in forthcoming years.

## **9. SA Water Thebarton Depot Site**

The State Government has announced that the SA Water Thebarton Depot site will be returned to the Adelaide Park Lands as an urban forest. The State Government allocated \$800,000 towards its development. The Capital City Committee project team has undertaken to facilitate the process of this return. Delays to this process have arisen due to the extensive decontamination and refurbishment requirements as well as the extension of the Coast-to-Coast Light Rail along North Terrace and Port Road to the Entertainment Centre.

The remediation and associated works are expected to be complete in 2010.

## **10. Social Sustainability Partnerships Action Group**

The Social Sustainability Partnership Agreement signed by the Premier and the Lord Mayor on 1 June 2005 required the establishment of a Social Sustainability Partnership Action Group. The Group consists of senior officers of nine Government agencies/departments and the Adelaide City Council. It provides the ongoing structure for developing, managing and monitoring social sustainability outcomes for the City and is linked to the South Australian Strategic Plan.

The Group has been instrumental in addressing rough sleeping in the Park Lands with over 60 people identified, supported and housed in the last year. A revised version of an Integrated Response Protocol between SSPAG agencies for such work is being developed and is expected to be finalised in 2009/10.

The Group tabled a draft report entitled Services and Social Infrastructure Planning Process at the Capital City Committee's meeting on 26 February 2009. A review of this document is underway with a new Planning Process expected to be delivered in 2009/10.

## **11. Student Housing**

The State Government and Adelaide City Council are agreed that a key priority is to establish Adelaide as an internationally recognised education city. The Council's stated aim is to increase the number of students studying in the city to at least 66,000 by 2010. The South Australian Strategic Plan sets a target (T1.16) of doubling the State's share of international students by 2014.

South Australia's international student numbers have grown from 23,304 in 2007 to almost 28,000 in 2008. Students from more than 130 countries choose South Australia as their study destination, thereby creating substantial social and economic benefits for the State. International education is the third largest export industry in South Australia, worth \$805m in the 2008/2009 financial year.

One of the City of Adelaide's competitive advantages is that it remains a safe and welcoming place with a high level of student amenity and accessibility. Council, Government Departments, the private sector and support agencies are currently building on the existing range of programs to heighten safety, provide student support services, and improve public spaces in and around places of study and student housing.

The Capital City Committee will continue to monitor issues relating to international students and assist the resolution.

## **12. Victoria Square**

In 2008, the State Government and Adelaide City Council sponsored the Victoria Square Community Ideas Competition. The purpose of which was to generate community interest in the redevelopment of the Square and to find ideas that will shape its future planning and design.

Adelaide City Council has committed funds in its 2009/10 budget to finalise the production of a draft Master Plan for the regeneration of Victoria Square / Tarndanyangga.

The Council has established a reference group of stakeholders from local and State Government (including the Capital City Committee project team) to guide the development of the project. Community and stakeholder consultation will take place throughout 2009 – 2010 and a draft master plan design will be produced for further consultation.

## Capital City Forum

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Under the *City of Adelaide Act 1998* the Capital City Committee must convene an annual forum. In particular, clause 10.2 of the City of Adelaide Act, 1998, states that the members of the Forum must be 'determined by the Committee', viz:

The Committee must convene a forum ("the Capital City Forum") drawn from members of the City of Adelaide community determined by the Committee, and seek advice from, or share information with, the members of the forum.

The arrangements for the Capital City Forum (the Forum) are not prescribed by the Act, but are to be determined by the Committee.

Forums are intended to be consultative and advisory in nature. The purpose is to ensure that key City stakeholders are involved, informed and provided with an opportunity to contribute to the development of the City. Forums enable the Committee to share information with stakeholders on issues affecting the City and plans for its future development. Forums are also a means for the Committee to receive feedback on its strategies and progress towards development objectives for the City of Adelaide.

A new format for Capital City Forums introduced in 2005/06 has proved successful and reflects the Committee's view that Capital City Forums should address major strategic issues in a more substantial way and focus around achieving results. An attempt has also been made to make the forums more topical by inviting high profile speakers to partake, such as participants of the *Thinker in Residence* programme.

A Capital City Committee Forum was convened in May 2009 called '*Cycling: Towards a Healthy and Sustainable Community*'. Facilitated by Dr Ian Radbone, Transport Planner with Adelaide City Council, the forum explored the role that cycling plays in building a healthy and sustainable community. Speakers and topics included:

- Keynote Speaker - Associate Professor Chris Rissell, Director of Health Promotion at Sydney's South West Area Health Service, discussed obesity prevention and active transport options with an emphasis on cycling advocacy.
- Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Stephen Yarwood provided an update on Adelaide City Council's Bicycle Action Plan and its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to support an accessible carbon neutral city.
- The Minister for the City of Adelaide, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith highlighted State Government initiatives that have seen the number of cyclists entering the City double over the past five years.
- SA Tourism Commission Chief Executive Andrew McEvoy spoke on the tourism opportunities that cycling brings to the community.
- Martin Small, Director for Road Safety in the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure provided an update on the existing and proposed cycling networks.
- Dr Ian Radbone closed the forum after facilitating a question and answer session focusing on the attitudes and behaviours of cyclists.

This event attracted 75 participants, including representatives from local councils, State Government agencies, property developers and universities, as well as members of local bicycle user groups and representatives from health organisations.

Actions resulting from the forum include the Capital City Committee allocating \$60,000 to support cycling based events in the City and a further \$60,000 to support the establishment of another Adelaide City Bike (free bike hire) node within the northern part of the CBD. The Capital City Committee project team will work with Adelaide City Council to progress these initiatives in the next financial year.