



Unley Outlook

A strong voice for our community

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It has been my privilege to serve as your local Member of Parliament for the past four years. In this newsletter I will touch on some of the issues which have recently been of interest or concern in our community and as always welcome your feedback, questions and views. With your support I hope to continue to represent you after the March 20 election.

The former Julia Farr Building

The Julia Farr name has a long and respected history. However, the former Julia Farr building has been allowed to languish and become an eyesore and object of neglect, attracting criminal and anti-social behaviour.

The former Julia Farr building in Fisher Street Fullarton began life as the Home for Incurables in 1878, changing its name in 1981 to the Julia Farr Centre. Its founder was Julia Warren Farr, wife of the St Peters College headmaster at the time – George Henry Farr.

In 2004 it was sold to developers by the Rann Government as a site for multi storey development.

While the site has a long history, my involvement began in 2006. Since being elected Member for Unley I have been in continuous contact with Fullarton residents, organised meetings with residents, the property's owners, Unley Council and the police. My focus has been to address their concerns, facilitate a way forward with the development and attempt to minimise the negative impacts of this ongoing situation.

The current owners remain optimistic that they will be able to develop the site in a manner complementary with the surrounding neighbourhood and consistent with local sensitivities.

Having sold the property unconditionally for maximum price I do not believe it is acceptable that after so many delays the Rann Government can wash its hands of any responsibility to the residents of Fullarton to find a solution.



ABOVE David with Isobel Redmond and Hon David Ridgway at the Julia Farr site.

David with Vida Biggs at Fern Ave Community Garden

Glenside Redevelopment Update

Unfortunately residents of Frewville, Eastwood and Glenside look likely to pay a high cost for the loss of amenity from the Rann Government's sell off of Glenside to developers.

An SA Health traffic and parking report identifies significant increases in traffic for local residents. The report also outlines an expectation that traffic associated with the retail development currently serviced by Main Avenue, Frewville will increase by 800 movements just on Thursday evenings.

Also of concern and identified in the report,

- An extra set of traffic lights on Fullarton Road between Glen Osmond and Greenhill Roads
- An additional T junction at Fullarton Road where the Glenside Oval now sits
- A potential five fold increase in traffic through Amber Woods Drive, Glenside as it is identified as a secondary access point to the development
- An additional road off Greenhill Road between Fullarton Road and Conyngham Street
- Entry to the site by staff vehicles and commercial trucks from Flemington Street
- Potential to open up the Chessington Avenue pedestrian entry to vehicular traffic

The Liberal Party along with the Member for Bragg Vickie Chapman and I have consistently opposed: the carve up of Glenside's grounds for shops and housing, plans for the downgrading of the facility's mental health aspect and the loss of open space and significant trees. A Redmond Liberal Government will put an end to the sell off of open space at the Glenside Campus.

TOP: David talking heritage with Fashoda Street residents
OPPOSITE: David addressing 'Save Glenside' rally

Urban infill plans threatens Unley heritage

The heritage buildings and character streetscapes of Unley and other inner Adelaide suburbs are at risk and must be guaranteed greater protection by the Rann Government.

The draft 30 year plan for Greater Adelaide would result in more urban infill and higher density developments in heritage suburbs. Planning Minister Holloway has admitted that under the plan 70% of all future growth will be within Adelaide's current boundaries.

The sell off of open space and disregard for heritage we have seen at the Glenside campus shows that the current State Government is prepared to steamroll local government and residents when it comes to planning issues.

The Unley Council should be congratulated on their Unley Development Plan and the balance it provides for both the needs of development and heritage value. I have been involved with many heritage and development issues and as the candidate during the 2006 campaign, warned of the danger to our Unley streetscapes posed by Labor policies. I am once again urging the Government to guarantee that character suburbs will be preserved in their 30-year plan for future generations.

A State Liberal Government will uphold these principles and reflect local community views on planning, development and heritage streetscapes in inner Adelaide.





David helping the Salvos serve Christmas Day lunch.

Environment Watch—Stormwater Management and Flood Mitigation

Water security continues as a major concern for our state. The reduction of stormwater waste was recognised as a priority by the Liberal Party which has led on this issue releasing a detailed strategy to harvest stormwater in May 2008.

(<http://www.saliberal.org.au.php/policies>)

The Liberal Party also committed to a desalination plant in January 2007 to reduce Adelaide’s reliance on and impact upon the Murray River system. Despite the State Government’s earlier rejection of this concept it now figures very prominently in their taxpayer funded advertising!

The issue of stormwater management has an added significance in Unley due to the coinciding need for flood mitigation.

Prior to the 2006 election Mr Rann visited flood victims in the Greenhill and Keswick Creek system and promised flood mitigation.

After 5 years with no progress the Rann Government’s belated policy on stormwater harvesting (provided through federal funds) will not come into full effect until 2050! Furthermore the Parliamentary Public Works Committee has been told that Labor’s plan excludes stormwater mitigation for Unley.



David inspecting Lake Alexandrina

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