

SECRA member update – November 2022

SECRA AGM

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 9 November. Thank you to those who attended and also to those who sent apologies.

From the AGM:

- 1 The motion that membership fees be increased for individual membership from \$10 to \$20, and increased for family/household membership from \$15 to \$30 was passed. The increase will begin on 1 January 2023.
This increase will cover the cost to SECRA of Public Liability and Not for Profit Protector/Association Liability Insurance.
- 2 2023 committee members are Anne Ballard, Mark Gishen, Peter Lumb, Doug McEvoy, Heather Nimmo, Elizabeth Rushbrook. They will meet on 13 December to decide who will take on the executive positions and also to start planning for 2023.
- 3 **Meeting discussion:** Those attending were invited to share ideas and expertise to help determine what projects and community events SECRA might initiate in 2023, and learn how members could be involved in these projects.

The following projects are already underway and were discussed. The coordinating committee members' personal emails are included so you can contact them directly if you wish to be involved and especially if you have a related area of expertise.

A *The Planning and Design Code Expert Review* has a deadline of 16 December. Elizabeth Rushbrook is leading SECRA's work on this on behalf of our members and presented an outline of an approach that SECRA's response might take. Elizabeth's email address is itqueen@bigpond.com

B SECRA was advised the day before the AGM that our application for a *Green Adelaide grant* to plant more trees and increase biodiversity in Victoria Park had been unsuccessful. This proposed project has instigated partnerships with local schools and other resident associations and ideas for how it could proceed were discussed. Doug McEvoy with Heather Nimmo are coordinating this. In the time since the AGM SECRA has received supportive messages from our partners in this project. Doug's email address is dougmcEvoy@hotmail.com

C If you have suggestions/ideas for other activities in 2023 please send them to secra.sa@gmail.com

Do you live in a property with a strata title? If so you are invited to the forum described below

Is your apartment building future proofed?

Attend the City of Adelaide Strata Forum on 30 November

Hear about projects that can future proof your strata building and potentially provide cost savings or increase the value of your apartment.

Learn from a panel of experts and strata owners about sharing solar, installing EV chargers and better waste management at this free Strata Forum on Wednesday 30 November.

Your strata development may be worth millions and there's opportunities to improve liveability, add value and provide cost savings. However, upgrades require thoughtful asset planning. Learn how to move beyond just a maintenance approach, with support and perspectives from experts and peers.

Location: Meeting Hall behind Town Hall (Paul Kelly Lane) on Wednesday 30 November from 5:00 pm.

Register to attend in person or watch

online: <https://adelaidestrataforum.eventbrite.com.au>

Adelaide Council Elections

We congratulate and welcome our new Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM. SECRA congratulates all the re-elected and new councillors and particularly those elected to represent South Ward. Our 3 South Ward representatives on council are Kieran Snape, Henry Davis, and Mark Siebentritt. We look forward to meeting with them.

As they have been elected to represent us, we suggest that if you have any concerns about matters related to our south city area you email them as a first step, and if you wish cc your email to SECRA. The SECRA committee is a small group of volunteers and while we would like to, we can't follow up all your concerns all the time. Of course if you need further help we will do our best to assist.

The councillors' email addresses are not currently on the City of Adelaide website. This area of the City of Adelaide website is being updated and the addresses will be available in the next few weeks. We'll let you know when this information is available.

Season's Greetings

Best wishes for the holiday season to you all. Keep well and safe. The SECRA committee does not plan to meet again after 16 December (which is the deadline for the *Planning and Design Code Expert Review* submissions) until early February. However we will be monitoring our email mailbox, and will respond to your emails. If necessary we'll send an email update as over this period.

Kind regards

Anne, Mark, Peter, Doug, Heather and Elizabeth