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FROM THE MAYOR

A MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL to those in our community celebrating Christmas and the ushering in of a New Year. This year, Prospect Council has installed Christmas lights in a pine tree in Barker Gardens, Prospect Road.

2006 Young Achiever Awards nominations

THE SEARCH IS ON for our talented young Prospect people in the 14-26 age group to enter the 2006 Young Achiever Awards. The Award categories are in art, sport, community service, regional initiative, science and technology, career achievement, environment and outstanding young indigenous achiever award.

I encourage young people and their friends, family and colleagues to put in nominations before 21 December 2005. Nomination forms are available from Council, the Awards Office on 8132 0753 or www.awardsaustralia.com

Return our Prospect Blue Light Discos

I HAVE BEEN advocating for the return of our Blue Light Discos for our young people in and around Prospect. Prospect Council with our SA Police Force used to run very successful supervised discos in Prospect Town Hall until they were suspended during the Civic Centre rebuild. Now I am told that there is no State Government assistance: instead our young people and their parents are supposed to travel to Golden Grove or Port Adelaide.



Jane

Lomax-Smith
State member for Adelaide

Ask Jane

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Please lobby Dr Jane Lomax-Smith, our State Member for Adelaide, (84 Prospect Road, Prospect 5082, phone 8269 1838) for the return of Prospect Blue Light discos as an alternative safe activity for young people in and around Prospect.

Council is a winner

PROSPECT COUNCIL has won a Civic Trust Award of Merit for the upgrade of its Civic Centre on Prospect Road. The judges' comments include:

The jury was impressed with the sense of light and space within this public area of the Civic Centre... The City of Prospect has long been a leader in supporting its arts community and the jury commended the incorporation of public art into the new building and its surrounds... The Prospect Council has demonstrated leadership in environmental and social responsibility in the Civic Centre by incorporating ecologically sustainable design initiatives... and by providing easy access for people with disabilities...

Erin Stanton's *Video Lives - Nailsworth*

ERIN STANTON of Nailsworth, aged twelve months, features in a short film about a day in her life that is among the *Best of the Rest* in the ABC's recent national Video Lives Short Film competition (entrants get to tell us about their place, their community and their life).

From over 140 entries, there were five finalists and a further thirty *Best of the Rest* films of which only twelve were aired on ABC2 digital. Erin's film, *Video Lives - Nailsworth* was one of the films aired and the only featured entry from South Australia.

Helped by her dad, Mark, and a mate, Erin's entry is currently available for viewing online at <http://www.abc.net.au/videolives/vault/bylocation/AUSTRALIASA.htm>

History and mystery – Prospect History Group

WE HAVE HAD two successful meetings and there is a real buzz with residents sharing an amazing lot of Prospect history, recollections and some mysteries. Further planning of activities is on the agenda, so contact Prospect Library on 8344 5454 if you are interested in Prospect and family history.

Mayoral activities

EVERY MONTH I give a report to Council that is available to the public. Some selected activities this quarter are:

- Council tea with MP John Rau and Prospect Rotary Club representatives to present cheque to Council (Dept Sport & Recreation grant for special access play equipment at Broadview Oval).
- Opening the new shared pedestrian/bicycle path, Prospect Road between Fitzroy Terrace and Barton Road.
- Presentation to SA Government Cabinet together with CEO.
- Conduct group National Citizenship Day Ceremony followed by tea.
- Meals on Wheels Prospect & Walkerville AGM and Awards Presentation.
- Panel Member of the national category judges for Local Government National Awards (Management Practices-Increasing Women's Participation).
- Reading of a chapter of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* for children at Prospect Library.
- Completed report on behalf of CEO Performance Review Panel.
- Rosary Primary School opening and blessing of second stage new building.
- Public meeting consultation on 250 Churchill Road.
- Civic reception honouring 22 years of service to Prospect Council by Ann Short.
- Presented winners with medals at the Prospect Petanque Club venue for the 10th Australian Masters Games.
- Elected as President, Australian Local Government Women's Association (SA Branch).

See you in 2006 at Council's **Australia Day Citizenship and Breakfast** (8am St Helen's Park) and at the **Twilight Concerts in the Park** (Memorial Gardens, Friday evenings in February).

Kristina Barnett
MAYOR

Residents can make an appointment with the Mayor (phone Kerry at Council on 8269 5355); or contact Kristina on 8342 9401 (home phone/fax) or email mayor@prospect.sa.gov.au

FROM THE CEO

Your Council – working for you

THE COUNCIL has a strong focus on developing Prospect for the community. In 2004 council set a number of strategic directions to provide a pathway for the future of the City. These strategies were aimed at making Prospect a more liveable city for the community and an outline of achievements so far and our aspirations for 2005 and 2006 is included in this edition.

We also recognise the importance of your involvement in how the city progresses, and the development of a place where living and working is enjoyable. The council is redeveloping its process for community engagement to ensure you are given the opportunity to influence issues of importance.

We will build on our current methods of communication and consultation including our quarterly newsletter and find new ways of informing and involving our community. There is a need to understand the level of community expectation of the council and then to work with the community – either meet that need or identify their priorities.

In early 2006 council will conduct a major survey of the community, covering a wide range of council services to gain feedback on the importance of the service and the council performance. This will enable council to examine its current performance and to compare with previous surveys to gauge how the community believes council is responding to their needs and to assess how performance has changed.

This type of consultation is important for council in service planning given higher demands on council services and the financial constraints in servicing these demands. The issue of financial sustainability is extremely topical given the recent independent review just completed. There is more on the outcomes of the review in this edition.

Continuing the theme of consultation, council will soon be considering the outcome of recent community consultation on amendments to the Residential Development Plan. We received some very pointed feedback on some of the amendments in these discussions. The council will take into account residents concerns as changes to the Plan have long term

impact on development in the city. We will provide further feedback on the outcome of the council consideration.

Another important facet of councils is the council



Ray Pincombe

community events, where the opportunity is provided for social interaction in a way that suits different interests in the community. The diversity of these events is shown by the recent Taste of West Africa and the Street Fair and in the new year, the Twilight Concerts and the annual Prospect Fair. The popularity of these events is testament to the local community's interest in local affairs and events and demonstrates a strong community fabric in Prospect.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the community a happy and safe Christmas season and best wishes for 2006.

Ray Pincombe
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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The way forward for Prospect

IN 2003/04, Prospect Council developed a plan to guide its decision-making and operations for the ensuing three years. It's called *Strategic Directions 2004-2007*.

Prospect's vision is:

The City of Prospect is a progressive community which respects its unique heritage and diversity. Where possible, the City of Prospect will build a sustainable future that improves the quality of life of our community. We will be creative and innovative, and focus on people as the City's most important asset.

Strategic Directions 2004-2007 is based on this vision. A vital part of the success of the plan is the continued involvement of the people of Prospect as we achieve objectives and maintain our efforts in the coming years.

Here is a summary of our progress so far.

Broadly, the key strategy areas are:

- Economics – building our economic strength and diversity

- Community involvement – engaging our community in participatory processes
- Sustainability – creating a sustainable urban environment
- Heritage – Ensuring that the heritage character of the city is preserved and improved
- Innovation and technology – working towards an innovative and technologically advanced community
- Creativity – strengthening creativity in our community through arts and culture

So, what was achieved in 2004/05?

- An economic development strategy in partnership with our City's business community to encourage new business and increase the success of businesses in Prospect. This will continue in 2005/06.
- A master plan for development in Prospect that aims to achieve economic, social and environmental objectives involving a residential plan amendment report (PAR) and a commercial PAR. PARs aim to assist in guiding development in the area and maintaining its heritage and character.
- Development of character and design guidelines for residential planning to provide people with guidance for good development and aimed at protecting our heritage.
- Working with other councils, we've taken a regional approach to resource sharing programs to develop a community profile, a procurement program, a crime

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prevention program and various youth initiatives.

- Involvement in the formation of Waste Care SA with our goals being to reduce the amount of kerbside waste and increase recycling.
- The development of a community engagement framework to improve our ability to engage and involve our community. We want to improve our efforts at consulting and informing our key stakeholders – our ratepayers and residents.
- Continued development of our asset management plan including management of long term road and footpath programs and buildings, kerbs and drainage systems.
- Development and launch of our community's reconciliation statement and the re-naming of Cane Reserve as Parndo Yerta.
- Reaffirmation and strengthening of our positive refugee policy and the hosting of a refugee homework program with Lutheran Care, Blackfriars and St Dominic's Priory schools. This successful program won a local government award.
- A stronger cultural focus in our gallery exhibitions, and public art played an important role in the revitalization of Prospect Road.
- Progress in negotiations regarding 250 Churchill Road being developed in the best interests of the community. It will be a major project during 2005/06.

Where to from here?

2005/06 will see the continuation of many worthwhile programs and projects and some new initiatives, both big and small. Some of our key focus areas are:

- Surveying the community early in 2006 to get feedback on a wide range of important issues to help direct Council's future agenda.
- A financial sustainability project critical for the achievement of *Strategic Directions* to ensure that we can fund long term City programs and projects and retain our financial health for current and future residents.
- A demographic plan to help us understand who our people are and meet the varying needs of different community groups and individuals.
- Development of a Prospect Road master plan to properly gauge what can be achieved along such a significant and vital stretch of road.
- The *Places for People* project at Northpark/ Sefton Plaza to strengthen the positive, central role this district centre plays in the life of our community.
- Development of a heritage plan to ensure the protection of our heritage buildings.
- Ensuring the community becomes more involved in the 250 Churchill Road site.

For more information on *Strategic Directions 2004-2007*, go to www.prospect.sa.gov.au and click on Online Services and Documents, then Reports and Plans, then Strategic Plan or contact us on 8269 5355, or admin@prospect.sa.gov.au .

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Councillors' Views

FITZROY WARD

Councillor Matthew Mitchell



THE UNDERGROUNDING of the power lines from Marion Place to Fitzroy Terrace along Prospect Road is currently in full swing.

This is a joint project costing about \$1,000,000 partly funded by the State Government and partly funded by the Prospect Council contribution of approximately \$350,000.

It is unfortunate that the contractors responsible for digging the trenches in the footpath elected to cut the brick pavers rather than remove them resulting in a reinstatement of bricks not exactly the same colour as the pre-existing path.

The undergrounding of wires on Prospect Road has been carried out in stages over several years and I have called for a report concerning the costs and feasibility of continuing the undergrounding north of Barker Gardens as part of an ongoing commitment to increasing the character and amenity of Prospect Road.

HIGHBURY WARD

Councillor Damian Amamoo



Good Neighbours

DUCKING a bold-eyed, yellow-beaked Noisy Miner Bird in the dawn sunlit streets pricked my wandering morning thoughts reminding me Spring had arrived, that our little animals were nesting and accordingly, that Christmas could not be far away.

One former Prospect resident who is likely to have a much better Christmas than anticipated is Iraq refugee **Abbas Al Khafagi** who has recently been granted a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) from the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

Fleeing Iraq from Saddam Hussein and arriving in Australia as a refugee in 1999, Abbas has been through a whirlwind of challenges and isolating experiences. And while a national political debate swirled around him and others in his predicament, it was a young Prospect couple with two young children that took the gentle man in. Demonstrating the fine tolerance and sisterly affection our community has for people who have been dealt a tougher hand in the game of life.

Abbas is now looking forward to the possibility of finding work and contributing to the economic growth of Australia. And meanwhile, he is doing everything he can to be a good neighbour.

"I bought a new ceiling fan the other day, because the neighbours had complained the old one was making too much noise. I tried not to use it but they were still unhappy, so I decided to buy a new one. I just didn't want to make my neighbours unhappy," Abbas says.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year from Damian, Elsie and Orlando.

NAILSWORTH WARD

Councillor Kate Byford



IT IS HARD to believe, but it is almost that time of year again and Carols in the Park will be heard throughout the streets of Prospect. Spring has seen some significant structural changes within council due to three of our great directors moving on.

Fortunately Prospect staff successfully adjusted to the challenging environment and new faces have been welcomed. My relatively new role as presiding member for the Finance and Administration services Committee has been a wonderful experience and I would like to thank the supportive staff that have assisted me along the way.

Speed limits are on the agenda again and 40 km speed limits are proposed for the suburbs of Collinswood, Nailsworth and Broadview. Galway Avenue however will be exempt from this change and remain a 50 km zone due to its status as a bus route.

Congratulations to all the artists who have had their works displayed at The Prospect Gallery this year. I have been lucky enough to view a number of the exhibitions and I must say I've seen some real talent. Who ever said pigs couldn't fly

obviously missed the fantastic works of some of our youngest artists whose sculptures of flying pigs and fancy frogs left quite an impression.

Good luck to everyone who has nominated for the Australian Citizenship Awards, which will be drawn on Australia Day 2006. This will give Prospect council a chance to thank those who have made a significant contribution to our city and have them recognised for their efforts. We hope to see you there to congratulate the winners.

I am also pleased to announce that our Civic Centre has recently been praised for its artistic and green friendly design. Prospect received an award during the Civic Trust Awards and Brickbats 2005.

Coming up, we have the **Upmarket Street Fair** on Sunday 20 November. This will be a day of entertainment, food and drink, fashion, craft and much more. If you haven't been before please take the opportunity to walk down Prospect road and soak in the atmosphere. Also **Carols in the Park** will be on Friday 9 December in the Memorial Gardens so don't miss that either.

Hope you enjoy this issue of the *Creative Community* and please feel free to contact me on council issues on the following telephone number, 0402 113 235.

KINGSTON WARD

Councillor Cynthia Betterman



A CIVIC RECEPTION WAS held on 28 September in honour of the retirement

of **Ann Short**, Director of Community and Recreational Services, after 22 years with Prospect Council. A slide show on the night illustrated her achievements and how the City of Prospect has expanded its community services over the years. As a community, Prospect is generally caring, generous and tolerant towards those who may need extra assistance in order to be able to participate in our community. In particular I am referring to those who have a disability, are elderly or may come from another country or society. As an example, the last edition of *Creative Community* highlighted the *Homework Tutoring Project* which won a national award for innovation in Local Government. The project provides practical assistance to young people from West Africa, with language barriers, by bringing them together with local students who mentor and tutor them.

Besides community services, the library, exhibitions and events such as the forthcoming summer concerts in the park, are further examples of community development within the City of Prospect. Please telephone the City of Prospect or check the website www.prospect.sa.gov.au if you would like to find out more about what community services are available.

Councillor David Blaikie

Blaikie's summer quiz



1. Why do so many residents put their green waste bin out on the wrong week?
Because they don't mark their calendar or diary when they receive their brochure from Solo each year.
2. Why does the ABC at Collinswood not pay Council rates?
I am a passionate supporter of the ABC, but fail to understand why the City of Prospect must forego \$75,000 in annual rates for the privilege of having such an inappropriate building in our neighbourhood.
3. Why do a minority of residents and businesses fail to separate recycling material from household rubbish in their split bin?
Prospect has one of the lowest contamination rates for recyclables in the metropolitan area, but we can and must do better.
4. Why do some residential and commercial properties in Prospect fail to display street numbers?
Clearly visible street numbers should be compulsory.
5. Why do some properties have no letterboxes, letterboxes that are obscured by foliage or letterboxes that are so user unfriendly?
I have done many years of letterboxing and am flabbergasted at the state of many letterboxes. If I ran Australia Post, I would mandate design standards for letterboxes.
6. Why do so many residents leave 'junk mail' and Messenger newspapers in their front yard?
Civic pride must be encouraged and nurtured.
7. Why do so many households leave hard waste on the footpath without arranging a collection time with Solo?

We all know that much of our hard waste will be scavenged within hours. After that, its time to contact Solo.

8. Why do so few residents attend Council meetings?
It is not uncommon for the Messenger journalist to be the only person in the public gallery.
9. Why is Prospect Council obliged to collect \$226,700 from the River Torrens Catchment Levy in 2005 at no cost to the State Government?
This is just one of the many 'cost shifting' measures which the State Government has passed on to Local Government.
10. Is *non compos mentis* an excuse for not composting organic waste?
I urge every household to purchase a compost bin or worm farm.
11. Why does the State Government blame Councils for controversial planning decisions when it holds all the trump cards?
Local Government does not have the power to prevent developments such as Holdfast Shores, the demolition of the Criterion Hotel and Fernilee Lodge or the wholesale loss of stone villas in Prospect and North Adelaide.
12. Why do some idiots travel at excessive speeds in residential streets?
Testosterone and a lack of respect for others.
13. Why are sewerage rates based on the Capital Value of properties?
It is about revenue or, more particularly, the 'bottom line'.

ST JOHN'S WOOD WARD

Councillor David O'Loughlin



WHAT A WONDERFUL spring we have been having! Terrific weather, blooming roses everywhere and our White Cedar trees in full colour. Love them or hate them, they do look good at this time of year.

As the year draws to a close and we all look forward to Christmas and New Year, I thought we should reflect on the last few months and what's on the horizon in our fair city.

Good Prospects:

- CIBO on Prospect Road – now we have a 'café strip'

- Simply Salubrious: simply yummy
- 'Greek 2 Go' rockets into action
- Café Di Roma's colourful façade
- Northpark – the dome – the skylights – the transformation
- Bus stop No. 10: shelter in a sculpture!
- Xmas lights in Barker Gardens
- The Terraces opposite – looking great
- Prospect Library, friendly staff, great service, art gallery to boot
- Julie Hopkinson – Principal at BAPS for years to come
- White cedars in flower

Poor form:

- New trees on Alice Street: two killed – twice. Expensive and anti-tree
- Pedestrians crushing new plants on Fitzroy Terrace
- Contaminated soil in Mapleton Grove
- The Terrace's driveway into the pedestrian crossing
- White cedar berries

Over the horizon:

- Plans to improve connections between Northpark and Sefton Plaza
 - Coles on Prospect Road – finally under way
 - Main North Nissan – nearly finished and looking great
 - Ribbon cutting at Northpark – the biggest improvement ever – well done!
 - Painted median strips and full-length bike lanes to Prospect Rd – safe enough to ride to school.
 - Twilight Concerts in the Park – see you there.
- Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

If I can assist you with your celebrations – or any other matter – please call 0408 598 863!

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Please call the City of Prospect on **8269 5355** to confirm that a Justice of the Peace is available or to make an appointment.

Carols in the park

Friday 9 December 2005

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- 7.15-9pm carols
- Father Christmas drops in
- 9.15pm short fireworks display

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Hello and welcome

THORNTON HARFIELD has recently joined the City of Prospect in the newly created position of General Manager Environment and Community Services. Following a structural review of Council's administration – the environmental, natural assets (parks, gardens and street trees) and town planning portfolios of Council have been combined with a view to providing better integration of services leading to observable benefits to the environment in which the community lives, works and recreates.

Most recently holding a general management position with the Rural City of Murray Bridge and previously having over eight years with the City of Adelaide, Thornton brings fifteen years of local government experience covering a wide range of council activities, operational service delivery, policy formulation and strategic direction.

Being self described as an "accessible people person", Thornton looks forward to meeting and engaging with the community at all levels – individuals, interest groups, clubs and associations, commercial and residential ratepayers alike.

When asked about how he views his role in local government and specifically with the City of Prospect Thornton said,

"Whilst we will always have the excuses and pressures associated with busy work



Thornton Harfield.

schedules, I believe anyone involved in public administration needs to take the time to experience and feel the community first hand and not try and understand the needs of ratepayers from behind a desk full of papers.

"I look forward to getting to know the community and Elected Members, the staff and the culture of The City of Prospect and hope to play my part in making this Council the most desirable place possible for people to live, invest and conduct business or to socialise and recreate, and to ensure that this Council is seen as a leader within local government with a community proud of its achievements."

... and the early signs are good !

When asked how the first few weeks at the City of Prospect have been, Thornton had this to say:

"The City of Prospect is a busy place full of busy people and this certainly applies to the staff within the Council itself. I've found the staff groups to be very active and knowledgeable as well as being extremely helpful and accommodating which is very important to a new employee. I can see that The City of Prospect is not content with just doing what it must, but rather prefers to push the boundaries and strive for higher outcomes for the community – all this adds up to a pretty dynamic environment which I expect will make working life both challenging and interesting."

Hazardous household waste depot

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Further information may be obtained by contacting the EPA on 8204 2004.



Prospect's Civic Centre.

Civic Centre upgrade wins Civic Trust award

THE CITY OF PROSPECT, Civic Centre Upgrade, was entered into the 2005 Civic Trust Awards and was one of three winners in the *Materials* Category. The Award of Merit was presented at a ceremony held at Parliament House on Thursday, 27 October 2005.

The Civic Trust Inc. was formed in 1969 to address issues of interest and concern in urban development in South Australia. Civic Trust judges were impressed with the sense of light and

space in the civic centre and the incorporation of public art into the new building and its surrounds.

The jury further commented that the Civic Centre Upgrade adds to the ambience of Prospect Road and should be a catalyst for future development in the area.

The Award is an excellent example of Prospect Council demonstrating leadership in environmental and social responsibility.



Award winner

Prospect's Community Development Manager Kevin Sharp and Lutheran Community Care Project Officer Cathy Lawson are pictured above holding the Local Government Innovation Award for the Refugee Homework Tutoring Project.

This award-winning project brings together the resources of the City of Prospect, Lutheran Community Care, Blackfriars and St Dominic's high schools to assist newly arrived young people from West Africa with practical homework assistance.



Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the Staff and Management of the City of Prospect.



W.T. Smith Reserve to be upgraded

COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY PLANNING a significant upgrade of W.T. Smith Reserve, on the corner of Braund Road and Gladstone Road, Prospect. The small reserve, the size of a typical house block, currently consists of lawn with scattered trees. Our vision is to replace the lawn with plantings of native trees, shrubs, ground-covers and grasses, and to provide paths and seating. The upgrade will reduce mowing and irrigation requirements, attract birds and improve the aesthetics of the area.

All existing trees will be retained and the Reserve will remain an area for quiet relaxation rather than active recreation.



W.T. Smith Reserve.

Council staff have drafted a concept plan for the Reserve upgrade, and we are seeking comments on this concept plan from residents and Reserve users. The concept plan is available from the Civic Centre and Thomas Street Centre, and can also be downloaded from our website. Comments will be accepted until

close of business on Friday 13 January.

Comments can be posted to the City of Prospect Civic Centre, 128 Prospect Road, Prospect 5082, or submitted by email to admin@prospect.sa.gov.au.

For more information please contact Dave Hemmings or Spencer Trowse on 8269 5355.



New tractor for Parks and Gardens

Council have purchased a new 4-wheel drive tractor for gang mowing of Prospect Oval, Broadview Oval and Cane Reserve.

This machine is also fully utilised within the the City's services department with many jobs requiring its versatility, power and manoeuvrability.



Green motor for green team

PARKS AND GARDENS have just taken possession of their new replacement Tipper Ute which is run on straight LPG (gas) fuel which has the nickname of a 'green motor'.

Not only does the environment

get to benefit, but this vehicle will cover approximately 750 kilometres on a full tank around town.

Hopefully more of these vehicles will be introduced into the fleet in the future.



Christmas/New Year customer service hours

COUNCIL OFFICE

The Council Office will close at 1pm on **Friday 23 December** and will re-open on **Tuesday 3 January** at 8.45am.

COUNCIL DEPOT

The Council Depot (City Services) and its operations will be closed to the public between 1pm on **Friday 23 December** and 7am on **Tuesday 3 January** (other than a small crew who will maintain watering systems).

THOMAS STREET CENTRE

Thomas Street Centre will close at 1pm on **Friday 24 December** and will re-open at 10.15am on **Tuesday 3 January**. During this time library items can be returned in the after hours chute which is located in Thomas Street next to the bike rack.

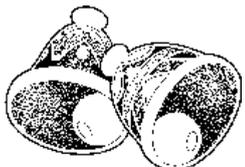


WASTE COLLECTION DAYS
All waste collection days will be as normal over the Christmas/New Year period.

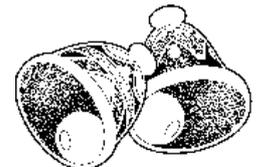
For any queries, telephone Solo Resource Recovery on 8295 5077.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Council Staff can be contacted during the festive season in relation to emergency situations by calling **8269 5355**.



The City of Prospect wishes you and your families a happy, healthy and safe festive season.



Your city service



▲ Prospect Oval cricket season under way

The front page picture shows Council's old 1920s vintage roller, still in action rolling the Prospect Oval cricket pitch (above) in readiness for the new season. The roller has been restored to its former glory and is being driven by Parks and Gardens team member **Michael Pallett**.



▲ Bollards at Prospect Oval

Recycled plastic bollards have been installed on the northern mound of Prospect Oval to create a safe family area for all users.



◀ New landscaping

The area in front of the North Adelaide/ Prospect Croquet Club has been re-landscaped utilising native plants to create a natural setting.

ces at work



▲ Narnu Wirra fencing

New fencing in the reserve creates a protected environment for the families of Prospect.

▼▲ Major street tree pruning

Providing regular clearances over the roadway has created a pleasing arch effect in Linley Avenue (top left) and in Jacaranda Avenue (above).



▲ Log fencing at Cane Oval

Parndo Yerta is the new name for Cane Oval and the picture shows the new log fencing around the oval.

Environmentally friendly do-it-yourself

DO YOU LIKE your street and home to be tidy, healthy and safe? Then next time you're doing some DIY building, renovation or landscaping work around your home, spare a thought for our native plants, fish and animals... because they do too!

Many of the materials that we use in DIY building and home improvements may look harmless, but they have the potential to pollute or spoil your local environment if they are not used and disposed of correctly. Anything that is washed or blown out onto your street or

into a stormwater drain will end up – untreated – in your local creek, river, lake or beach with potentially harmful results.

So don't let your all good work go down the drain. And don't get caught doing the wrong thing, because we can show you how to do the right thing by following the advice in a new fact sheet produced by the Catchment Water Management Boards.

The fact sheet *Eco-Friendly Advice for DIY Projects* covers issues such as:

- Vehicles delivering materials.
- Stockpiles of soil, sand and landscaping supplies.
- Painting.
- Plastering.
- Concrete and mortar mixing.
- Brick and paver laying and cutting.
- Tidying up your site.
- Recycling waste.
- Council waste disposal.
- Hazardous waste disposal.
- Where to find further information and resources.

The fact sheet is available from the Civic Centre and Thomas Street Centre, and can also be downloaded from our website www.prospect.sa.gov.au.

You can also make sure any tradespeople or contractors you employ are also eco-friendly. Tradespeople must check with the relevant authorities regarding trade waste disposal and compliance with their legal obligations to prevent stormwater pollution on building sites.

For more information please contact Environment Officer Dave Hemmings on 8269 5355.

Eco-Friendly Advice for D.I.Y. Projects

DON'T POLLUTE STORMWATER

Managing dirt, soil, sand and landscaping supplies

Vehicles delivering materials

- Materials being delivered to your site should be covered during transit to prevent anything blowing off.
- Vehicles should enter and leave your site by one stabilised, compacted access point (such as your driveway). This prevents mud and soil being tracked onto the road and stops your whole site becoming churned up.

Stockpiles

- Soil, sand and landscaping supplies such as mulch, bark chips or gravel should be placed well away from street gutters and covered securely at the end of each day. If the pile is too large to cover, or it will be left out for more than a day, surround it with a silt fence, hay bales or sand filled bags.

Tidying up

- Scrape and sweep up any soil, sand, mud or other material left or spilled onto the road, verge or footpath as soon as possible. Don't sweep or hose them into your street gutter or stormwater drain.

Painting and plastering

Painting

- Use environmentally friendly paint products where possible.
- Paint waste and wash waters from both water-based and oil-based paints should be diverted into and collected in a containment area.
- Oil-based clean-up material such as mineral turpentine should be filtered through paper towelling for reuse, or left to evaporate if you are using small quantities, or taken to a licensed waste depot.
- Unused paint should be allowed to dry in the tin and then disposed of as solid waste in your rubbish bin, or it can be kept in a sealed container and disposed of at a licensed waste depot.

Plastering

- All plaster residues, wastes and wash waters should be allowed to dry within your on-site containment area, then disposed of according to your Council's hard waste requirements.

TIPS

- Make a clean-up containment area by digging a shallow depression in your garden, or placing soil in a circle on your lawn. You can easily restore it when you have finished.
- Line your paint wash containment area with newspaper. It will soak up the liquid and when this is dry, dispose of the newspaper in your rubbish bin.

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Around the Community

Rotary Club of Prospect

ONE OF THE MANY Community and International projects undertaken by this Rotary Club is raising sufficient funds to assist in the container freight costs of educational and other materials to the needy children of our near overseas neighbours.

One particular project has been identified by the Club in India called *Donations in Kind*. To raise \$500, a share of the cost of freighting a container (\$3,500), the Club is conducting a sale of pre-loved household goods and sporting gear.

If you are cleaning out your house or shed, our Rotary club will arrange for a pick-up, and will conduct a garage sale and use the proceeds to provide the freight funding.

We have been amazed at what we found in the many sheds and garages belonging to our members.

To achieve our goal we are seeking support from the residents in the area. If you have any saleable and usable goods or equipment and would like to support this project, please contact the project co-ordinator, Keith Healey, on phone/fax 8369 3353, or mobile 0429 092 863, and arrangements can be made for a pick up.

What is Rotary?

IT IS AN international organisation of men and women devoted to serving the needs of local, national and international communities. There are over 100 Rotary clubs in South Australia.



A recent Civic Reception was held in honour of Ann Short (centre left) Prospect's retiring Director of Community and Recreational Services, to whom we bid a fond farewell.

The Rotary Club of Prospect meets regularly at the Old Adelaide Inn, 160 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide from 6.15-7.30pm on Wednesdays.

North Adelaide Croquet Club

CROQUET IS A GAME for all ages, all seasons and a great way to have outdoor exercise, fun and mental stimulation.

The North Adelaide Croquet Club, Menzies Crescent, Prospect, is a vital, progressive Club with excellent facilities. It welcomes new members and provides coaching for beginners.

At present the Club is holding inter-club competitions, including Night Doubles and Saturday Premierships. Schools' participation is finished for this year after a successful series to introduce the game to students from Wilderness College and St Dominic's Priory.

A Town and Country competition was held, also the Prospect Mayor's Prize Invitation Singles and Swiss Singles. The

State Squad and events in the Croquet Australia Competition used the North Adelaide lawns for practices. They provided excellent opportunity to view croquet played at top level.

If you would like to come and watch the play and have a trial hit, feel welcome to visit on Club days, Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Saturday afternoons. Enquiries Kay 8344 6759.

Do you have questions...

... about things like climate change risk and vulnerability? or the House of Representatives and its functions? Do you want to know how many dots there are on a ladybird? How long is the Amazon River?

Need answers? Don't know where to look?

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Australian birds in Prospect – part 2

LAST ISSUE I talked about the New Holland Honeyeater. The White-Plumed Honeyeater is Prospect's other small honeyeater.

It is rather shy, but still very pretty – an olive green, with a distinctive white stripe on the each side of the throat. It perches in larger trees with plenty of protection, sometimes in large, very noisy groups.

Another common native bird is the Magpie Lark. Often mistaken for a small magpie, it is immediately recognisable from the way its head bobs backwards and forward as it walks.

As with the magpie, the males and females are different – the male has a white eyebrow and black throat; the female, a white throat with a black stripe down its cheek and over its chest.

It's worth trying to spot its nest – a very



White Plumed honeyeater.

large cup made of mud, often high up in a tall tree. Sometimes you can see a bird in it, with just its head and tail poking out either side.

For more information, try the *Birds SA* website at <http://www.birdssa.asn.au>. This has lots of links to other interesting sites, some of which have photos.

If you missed previous issues, want to ask questions, or make comments or corrections, send me an email – David Cox, prospectbirds@e-access.com.au – enjoy the birdwatching!

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Blackfriars opens its doors to the world

THREE SENIOR STUDENTS of Blackfriars Priory School have come a long way to complete their secondary education – all the way from mainland China!

In 2006 this number will grow to fourteen, with four international students currently studying English at the South Australian Language Centre, and a further three students from Hong Kong and four students from mainland China soon to arrive in Adelaide.

International students bring with them varied cultural backgrounds that add depth and richness to the school. These students are vigorously pursuing their studies and aim to enter university in Australia and secure qualifications in a number of courses, including engineering, commerce, law, marketing and international relations.

Leaving their home country to study requires courage and commitment. To assist them and to broaden their



Blackfriars students from China meet with Principal Dr Paul Hine and Coordinator Ms Angela Honner to discuss the International Students Program.

experience of Australian life, international students are placed with host families in the local community. The Homestay Program provides payment in return for full accommodation and board and can be a very rewarding experience for all concerned.

If you are interested in becoming a host family in the Homestay Program, or if you would like further information please contact Angela Honner, the International Student Coordinator, on 8269 6333.

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Bring your friends and family to the ever-popular free Twilight Concerts every Friday evening in February from 6.30 to 8.30pm in the Memorial Gardens (behind Prospect Oval in Flora Terrace)

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2005

8pm Sunday 18 December

A carol service by candlelight

A service of Lessons and Carols, featuring the renowned **St Cuthbert's Choir**, in the beautiful setting of our State Heritage listed Church building.

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Saturday 24 December

Carol Eucharist

Christmas Day

10am Sunday 25 December

Choral Eucharist

Come and join us this Christmas in celebrating God's promised gifts of hope, love, peace and joy!

Prospect Council Home Assist Program

The HomeAssist Program offers a range of support services for the frail aged, younger people with disabilities, financially disadvantaged people and carers.

- General assessments
- Home security assessments including information, advice and practical assistance on security issues
- Short term domestic help (following illness or hospital discharge)
- Transport
- Bill paying/banking
- Shopping
- Minor home and garden maintenance
- Information and referrals to agencies
- Trades and Services Register of reputable people for a wide range of home maintenance, domestic and gardening jobs

For caring and confidential assistance contact Jean King, HomeAssist Co-ordinator.

Thomas Street Centre
1 Thomas Street, Nailsworth SA 5083
Telephone 8342 8180

This program is funded by Home and Community Care and participating councils.

Child care centre wins award

PROSPECT COMMUNITY Child Care Centre is proud to announce that they have received the *Start Right Eat Right Award* from the Department of Health. This new state-wide award recognises child care centres which provide healthy, varied food to children, have trained staff and promote good eating habits.

To obtain the award staff were trained in nutrition by a Nutritionist and *Start Right Eat Right* Project Officer Julie-Anne McWhinnie. "This training helped us to

provide food at our centre which helps growing children," said Centre Director Tania Mahoney, "and it gave us the most up-to-date information on child nutrition.

"Nutritious and safe food is important to children. Parents using our centre can be confident that the meals at our centre will meet their children's needs."

All of the centre staff also undertook training in food hygiene and safety. This and food practices at the centre were audited by the Prospect Council.

Experts in nutrition say that the food provided in child care plays a major part in their overall nutrition. Child care centres provide food to children under five – the age when lifelong eating habits are forming.

Poor eating habits in childhood are linked with weight problems in adults. Many diseases in adulthood, such as heart disease, some cancers and osteoporosis also have their beginnings in childhood because of what we eat.

Encouraging children to eat a wide variety of food, in a positive, safe eating environment leads to good eating habits for life. This and more is being achieved by children at the Prospect Community Child Care Centre.



Petanque at Prospect

MAYOR KRISTINA BARNETT was pleased to be involved with the 10th Australian Masters Games, and is seen in the above photograph presenting the medals for the Triples events at Prospect Petanque Club.

Prospect Library

Did you know about...

- *Our free Home Library Service?*
If you are unable to visit the Prospect Library because you are housebound permanently or temporarily, we can bring the library to you. Not only books, but DVDs, CDs, videos and magazines are available for loan.
- *Our free Bus Service?*
Once a month the Prospect Community Bus can collect you and bring you to the library for a 45 minute visit to choose your books and then take you home again.



For more information on these services please telephone the Library on 8342 8170.

A taste of West Africa

THE SOUNDS AND FLAVOURS of West Africa came alive in the Prospect Town Hall on Sunday 30 October 2005. It was the inaugural *A Taste of West Africa* where we were entertained by multiple artists including the Afrikiko band, The Sierra Leone Cultural Dance Troupe, a Fashion Parade of West African Regional Costumes and the Tamm Tamm Drummers.

Our tastebuds were also tantalised by tasty morsels from the West African cuisine. Young and old alike were happy to join in for an introduction to the culture of some of our newest community members.

Thanks go to the members of the West



The Sierra Leone Cultural Dance Troupe.

African Community, and in particular to Jasmine Judah and Marvin James for their efforts in organising this event.

Broadview Church prepares for Christmas

THE BROADVIEW CHURCH is looking forward to an exciting Holiday Season under the leadership of our new Pastor, Cohn Todd.

The highlight of our festivities for the community will be again joining with Nailsworth Church of Christ to bring an evening of Christian Celebration in song and entertainment in the Pash Reserve at Derlanger Avenue, Nailsworth on Sunday, 18 December.

The evening will commence with a free BBQ at 6.15pm prior to an exciting program for the children and adults. This is an opportunity to be involved with friends and neighbours whilst endeavouring to show our children the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome.

The playgroup has had a very successful year with the parents receiving as much fellowship and fun as the children. We will resume on Thursdays at 10am-12 noon in the new school year with a weather policy of 35°C forecast the evening before causing cancellation. The children look forward to their Christmas break-up.

Our Christmas Eve service at 11.30pm is always a blessing with all visitors welcome and our coffee shop will be open from 9.30pm to have a chance to unwind before we see in Christmas Day.

God's richest blessings on all who live in the area and we give thanks that we have the freedom to do so.

If you have any enquiries please call Carol on 8261 7060 or June on 8344 2285.

Christmas Church Services

Christmas service times for the combined Anglican parishes of Broadview and Enfield are as follows.

Sunday 18 December
7pm Crib service for all ages
 St Philip's Broadview

Saturday (Christmas Eve) 24 December
11pm Sung Eucharist
 St Philip's Broadview

Sunday (Christmas Day) 25 December
8.45am Sung Eucharist
 St Clement's Enfield

Sunday (Christmas Day) 25 December
10am Sung Eucharist
 St Philip's Broadview

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PEOPLE IN PROSPECT



Meet Danielle Cillessen

I've been playing soccer since I can remember. I started out with school soccer at Nailsworth Primary School playing with the boys, but progressed to club soccer when I was about eleven or twelve. I played at West Adelaide Soccer Club for three years, and since then I have played at Adelaide City Women's Football Club in the premier and premier reserve leagues.

Playing for a club like Adelaide City has given me opportunities to play interstate in tournaments with teams from all across Australia and the world. This year we travelled to Canberra for the 'Kanga Cup' to compete in the under 18s. On the way there, our bus trailer caught on fire and postponed the already long trip to a hefty 22 hours of travelling. Nothing was damaged, luckily.

During the week we were put on strict diets and had a 9.30pm curfew which didn't go down too well with some of the girls. We also had recovery sessions at the AIS most days, which involved cold water plunges which were terrible. Nevertheless we carried on, and played an amazing tournament and won the grand final on penalties 5-4 against the Bellwest Foxes, Canberra. I was lucky enough to take and score a penalty, which was awesome!

Living in Prospect is great for me. It's a good community, with everything I need close by. I've lived here all my life and I enjoy living in this friendly community. Thanks to the people of the Prospect City Council for helping and supporting me with my soccer.



Thomas Street Centre

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Sunday 2-5pm



Pictured are the Year 5 and 6 Winners, Petros Bakopoulos and Brooke Jarvis, being congratulated by Mayors Kristina Barnett and John Rich.

Nestle Write Around Australia

NESTLE *Write Around Australia* is a national creative writing program, sponsored by Nestle and relevant state and public libraries of Australia. The program has two focuses; a writing competition and creative writing workshops held in libraries

with top Australian children's authors. SWAP Library Network participated with workshops with noted children's author Kirsty Murray. The Adelaide Zone winners' presentation evening was held at the Walkerville Town Hall on Tuesday, 27 September.

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Author Josie Montano with her new book *Little Penguin*.

Children's Book Week

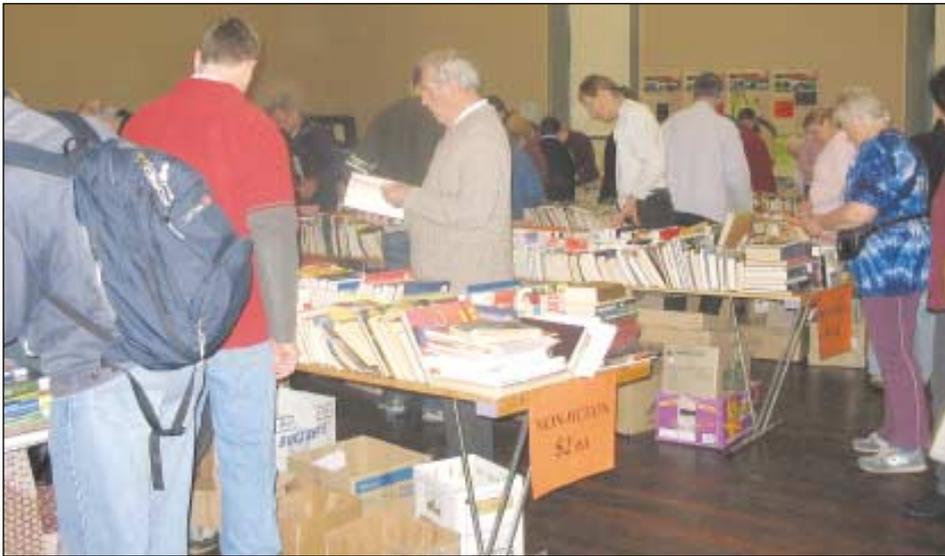
PROSPECT LIBRARY hosted Queensland author Josie Montano for 'meet the author' sessions with local schools during Children's Book Week. During her visit children joined in celebrating the launch of Josie's new book titled *Little Penguin*.

Local history at Prospect Library

IN OCTOBER the Prospect Local History Group met informally for a second time at Prospect Library. Lyn O'Grady of the Walkerville Historical Society was a guest speaker and she told of her experiences in setting up a history group. Her advice will prove valuable in further developing the Prospect Group.

The next meeting is planned in early 2006 at a time yet to be arranged. We welcome anyone interested in the history of Prospect to please register their interest in the meeting by phoning the library on 8342 8170.

The Local History Collection at Prospect Library is slowly growing, thanks to support from residents. The library is always seeking papers or photos relating to the history of the area and is most happy to take copies. Please contact Andrew or Lianne at the library on 8342 8170 if you can assist.



Come along for the annual

Christmas Puppet Show

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▲ **Book sale success**

Bargain hunters turned out in force again this year for the Friends of Prospect Library's very successful book sale held in Prospect Town Hall in September.

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2-3.30 pm

Make a mosaic tile and pot

(9 years and over)

Friday 20 January

Calendar making

2.30-3.15pm (all ages)

Wednesday 25 January

Decorate a pet bowl

2.30-3.15pm (all ages)

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Fourth Prospect Portrait Prize

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Come to the gallery in December and January and place a vote for the \$1,000 People's Choice Award. You can also vote electronically on www.prospect.sa.gov.au.

Closing date for voting is 5pm Friday 20 January 2006. If you choose the People's Choice winner, your name goes in a draw for a bottle of champagne.

All prize money is generously donated by Fenwicks Real Estate, Prospect.



Helen Nieuwendijk with her work at the opening of *Dialecticaline*, drawings by staff and graduate students from the SA School of Art for the international drawing conference *Drawing is Everything* in September.



Prospect Gallery enjoyed some *Farm Livin'* in October when work with a farm theme was on show by young students of the Studio's *Art Start* classes. Teacher Judith Carletti and her students had great fun at the opening.



Classes in the Studio 2006

Monday evenings

Life drawing with Di Fenwick

Tuesday mornings

Prospect Painters with Jacky Briner

Wednesday mornings

Drawing with Di Fenwick

Wednesday afternoons

Children's art with Judith Carletti

Thursday mornings

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November in the Gallery featured the works of student Rossanne Pellegrino and teacher Greg Donovan in *Ricordo*. They had been working together as part of the Helpmann Academy Mentorship Scheme.



New Artist in Residence

MEET Michael Kumnick (left) our latest Artist in Residence at Prospect Gallery. Michael will be in the Studio on Tuesdays and Wednesdays making small clay models of anyone who happens to be around. He has already ventured out into the Library and will eventually be seen even at your local shopping centre.

If you'd like to sit for Michael, he can carve a quick little figure in ten minutes. To book time for a sitting, please ring Prospect Gallery on 8342 8175.

prospect GALLERY

Exhibitions 2006

All exhibitions open on the first Sunday of the month at 3pm except October (date and time to be decided)

4 December 2005

Fourth Prospect Portrait Prize

Contemporary self portraits in any medium

National art competition

First prize: \$5,000, Packers' Pick \$500

People's Choice voting starts

22 January 2006

Prospect Portrait Prize closing

People's Choice winner \$1,000

5-26 February

Findinghome

Canadian and Australian tapestry postcards exchange

5-26 March

Revamp 2

Invited artists working with recycled material
Martin Corbin

2-30 April

Watch This Space

Selected works by class of 2005 Year 12 Art students
National Youth Week event

7-28 May

Suspended in Time

Sculpture and textiles
Fred and Mollie Littlejohn,
Fiona Buchanan

4-25 June

Earthworks

Assemblage and sculpture
Pamela Kouwenhoven

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Tues. 10.15am-8.30pm

Wed-Fri. 10.15am-6pm

Sat. 9am-4pm Sun. 2-5pm

Closed Mondays

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Town Hall Markets PROSPECT

Arts, Crafts & Imagination

An art and craft market for the Prospect community on Saturdays from 9am-1pm at the Town Hall Vine Street Plaza.

This market is supported by the Prospect Road Main Street Association and the Prospect Council.

For stallholders registration please contact Melitta on **8260 1660**



The Quote Trap....

... ONE OF THE MOST COMMON MISTAKES made by sellers is believing the price the agent quotes for the sale of their home.

Once you sign-up with the agent, if the selling price is less than the price you were quoted, too bad. There is nothing in the "standard" real estate agreements that compels agents to honour their quotes.



The 'Quote Trap' catches thousands of sellers who are told one price before they sign-up and another price after they have signed-up.

As absurd as it seems, if a home sells for any price, the agent still gets paid.

**DON'T SIGN
ANYTHING!**

Your Solution...

INSIST ON A WRITTEN QUOTE GUARANTEE, just as you would with any business. You should only pay the agent if you get the price you were quoted - or more. Don't accept any excuses about "the market". Granted, no one can know *exactly* what any home will sell for; but the agent can give you a price range ~ from a low point to a high point - and if your home sells below the lowest point of the price range, do not pay the agent.

An agent who is telling the truth about the price of your home will have no qualms about giving you a written commitment that the words you hear are the truth.

**...Unless
you are
sure that you
have been
given an
honest
quote.**

For a FREE QUOTE and a PRICE GUARANTEE, please call us anytime.

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