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Youth Week in Prospect

TO CELEBRATE National Youth Week the cities of Prospect, Walkerville, Burnside, and Norwood Payneham and St Peters teamed up with the Walkerville YMCA, the Youth Opportunities Association and Drug Arm Australasia to present *Get the Drift!*, a day of workshops for young people focusing on staying positive, keeping active and coping with life's challenges.

This special event took place in April and was attended by over 200 students from local high schools across the Eastern region. The event's main aim was to build young people's resilience with students participating in a range of workshops including:

- *Keeping it real – looking at the bigger picture and coping with life's challenges*; presented by **Youth Opportunities**.
- *Avoid the Dangers – Alcohol & Other Drugs*, presented by **Drug Arm**.
- *Info Expo* – Information stalls about eastern youth and health service providers.
- *Pilates Party*, presented by the **YMCA**.
- *Dumbbells for Dummies*, presented by the **YMCA**.
- *Fantastic Gymnastics*, presented by the **YMCA**.

Resilience has been identified as a key



Blackfriars Priory students attended the recent workshops during National Youth Week.

issue for young people in the eastern community and it is hoped that *Get the Drift!* went some way towards helping young people to explore this important subject and discover ways to maintain a big-picture view of their lives and the challenges of growing up. The workshops provided practical techniques for increasing self-esteem, goal-setting and

positive communication skills including how to apply these to everyday life.

Get the Drift! was the first collaborative Youth Week event held by the four Councils and addressed a number of strategies identified in the **Eastern Youth Action Plan** which was released in March 2009.

The Eastern Youth Action Plan followed a comprehensive consultation undertaken in 2007 and 2008 with young people living in the Eastern region. The plan identifies ten key strategies including information provision, service pathways, education around the impact of alcohol and other drug use, recreation, youth participation, youth profile and youth resilience. The event is likely to be repeated in 2010 with the City of Campbelltown joining the partnership.

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► For more information on the event or the Eastern Youth Action Plan please contact **Mark Crabtree** on **8342 8041**.

Fuse Mentoring Program

DO YOU LIKE MEETING PEOPLE from interesting and diverse cultures and nationalities? Want to learn and grow as an individual, and expand your cultural knowledge base?

Enjoy helping people and seeing people grow in confidence, knowledge and self esteem? Want to give something back to residents within the Prospect Community?

You may want to consider involvement with the **Fuse Mentoring Program**. The program is designed to support young refugees, assisting them to embrace their community, family, work and student life. Often having lived most of their lives in refugee camps, new refugee arrivals are settling into a community for the first time, and sometimes need help and empowerment to settle in their new life in Adelaide.

As a mentor for a young (12-25 year old) refugee, your involvement could range from



Getting to know each other.

helping with school homework, to assisting them with job or housing searches, to simply providing friendship. All that is required from a mentor is a commitment of six hours per month for six months, and an empathy and willingness to help a young refugee find their feet in their home.

Developed and run by Baptist Care (SA), the Fuse Mentoring Program promotes and embraces cultural understanding within our

community, which in turn helps strengthen and shape our growing culturally diverse city.

There are currently sixty refugees looking for a mentor to help them, many of which are located in the Council area.

▶ If you would be interested in becoming a mentor, please contact **Fina Kimati** on **0413 002 753**, or email her at **fkimati@sabaptist.asn.au**

Sister City hit by earthquake

CITY OF PROSPECT sister City **Comune dell'Aquila** has again been hit by a massive earthquake in the early hours of 6 April, killing over 200 residents, injuring 1,500 and leaving over 50,000 homeless. Prospect Mayor David O'Loughlin said "If we were to make comparisons, more have died or been injured or made homeless than the recent tragic Victorian bushfires. Our thoughts and prayers go out to residents of this beautiful city in Italy."

Earthquakes mark the history of L'Aquila, a sister city to Prospect since 1998, the latest registering **6.3 magnitude** hitting central Italy for six seconds with its epicentre near L'Aquila. Italian media are reporting many historic buildings have collapsed and that the death toll is certain to rise.

"The Italian community is one of the foundation cultures of Prospect's and indeed Australia's multiculturalism", said Mayor O'Loughlin. "Our city owes a great

deal to the Italian migrants who helped build Australia. No doubt many of our residents have relatives back in L'Aquila. Council has sent a letter of condolence to the City Mayor. This is a time when our compassion and capacity to give needs to extend beyond our shoreline."

The Italian Prime Minister has not called for international assistance at this time. The City of Prospect has forwarded a letter of condolence to City Comune dell'Aquila Mayor **Massimo Cialente**.

Review of elector representation

CITY OF PROSPECT is currently undertaking a review to determine whether a change of arrangements, in respect to elector representation, will result in the electors of the area being more adequately and fairly represented.

After considering the first round of community feedback in relation to the various options available in regards to the composition and structure of Council, and

the division of the Council area into Wards, Council has adopted as its 'preferred option' to move to a structure of Mayor plus eight (8) Councillors and no Wards.

A second round of consultation has commenced to seek community opinion regarding Council's preferred option. The *Second Consultation Report – Elector Representation Review* is available for inspection at Council's Civic Centre and Thomas Street Centre and on Council's website **www.prospect.sa.gov.au**

Interested persons are invited to make a written submission to the **Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 171, Prospect 5082** by **Friday 29 May 2009**. Any person who makes a written submission will be given the opportunity to address Council, either in person or by way of a representative, in support of his/her submission.

▶ Further details can be obtained from Council's website or by contacting **Justin Commons**, Director Corporate Services on **8269 5355**.

Telling the truth

Back by popular demand!

CITY OF PROSPECT is pleased to invite you to an evening dedicated to sharing knowledge about climate change.

Many were disappointed to learn that the first scheduled screening of *Telling the Truth* had to be cancelled due to extreme heat during the February Twilight Concert series. This was a rather ironic situation given the topic of the film! This event is going ahead on **Friday 22 May 2009** (rain, hail or shine!).

In November 2008, it was estimated that one in a hundred Australians have either seen Al Gore's film *An Inconvenient Truth* or heard a climate change presentation based on his film. This is an amazing statistic but it still suggests that there are plenty more people who are yet to hear these messages.

Telling the Truth is a follow-up documentary to this famous film. It tells the story of seven remarkable Australians, personally trained by Al Gore as volunteer presenters with **The Climate Project – Australia**. Each has taken up the challenge and committed themselves to the defining issue of our time: climate change. *Telling the Truth* is their testament to how all of us, no matter who we are or where we come from, have the power to make a huge difference.

You will hear from **Darren Ray**, Senior Meteorologist, Bureau of Meteorology, who will talk about the latest climate science and trends and the impacts of climate change on South Australia. Please join us. Hot food will be provided for a gold coin donation. All proceeds go to the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Register your interest with Council's Environment Department on **8269 5355** or email environment@prospect.sa.gov.au

Where Prospect Town Hall
128 Prospect Road, Prospect
(Bus 181/182, stop 11)

When Friday 22 May 2009

Time 6.30pm for a 7pm start



Worms, beautiful worms!

Composting and worm farm workshop

APPROXIMATELY 30% of all domestic waste is food material, and 25% of domestic waste is garden material. Home composting is a great way to reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfill and therefore avoiding the production of methane a harmful greenhouse gas, while at the same time providing a valuable resource for your gardens. Composting improves soil condition for healthier plants and improves the soil's water holding capacity.

City of Prospect is committed to encouraging its residents to divert organic material away from landfill and, in recognition of **Composting Week 2009**, will be hosting two free composting and worm farming workshops.

The workshops will be presented by **Christopher Day** from **Every Day Sustainable Living**. Christopher is an expert in every aspect of permaculture and sustainable living and has completed many training programs.

Each workshop will provide participants with a practical interactive demonstration of the 'how to' of composting and worm farming and will cover:

- The benefits of composting and worm farming
- Easy to understand composting and worm farming theory
- How to get the best results and troubleshooting

- Questions and answers.

The workshops will be held in the Town Hall at the Civic Centre, 128 Prospect Road, Prospect (Bus 182/181, stop 11) on:

- **Wednesday 13 May** 9.30am-12.30pm
- **Saturday 16 May** 2-5 pm.

The first six people to register for either of the workshops will receive a free compost bin on the day.

▶ To register your attendance please contact the Environment Department on **8269 5355** or environment@prospect.sa.gov.au

Your planet needs you

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, June 5 annually, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action. This year's theme is *Your Planet Needs You – UNite to Combat Climate Change*, which is a timely reminder that we must all do our bit to combat climate change.

To help celebrate World Environment Day, the City of Prospect invites you to a special evening event to promote environmental awareness.

The event will be held on Friday, 5 June from 6.30 to 8.30pm at Prospect Town Hall, 128 Prospect Road, Prospect (Bus 182/181, stop 11).

Council will be announcing the winners of its Community Environmental Grants for 2009 and will launch its newest environmental initiative, a brochure for garden enthusiasts.

Following the official proceedings, there will be a presentation by the Urban Biodiversity Unit on *Creating a Wildlife Friendly Garden*. Participants will learn how to encourage native wildlife to return to our urban environments. A light supper will be provided and all attendees will receive a free native plant starter pack.

▶ For more information or to register your interest please contact Council's Environment Department on **8269 5355** or environment@prospect.sa.gov.au

Water-sensitive gardens

by CATRIONA MURPHY

WITH THE drought having gone on for so long, one may assume that the most environmentally conscious response is to minimise or completely replace garden areas.

In fact, the opposite is true.

Gardens help to balance your block's microclimate through water conservation and temperature moderation.

This lowers household energy consumption by reducing dependence on air conditioners.

There are many small but effective ways in which you can design and maintain a garden using little water in addition to natural rainfall.

Design – Plant choice

Australian natives are ideal because they are adapted to our intense sunlight, lack of rainfall and infertile soil. Group plants with similar water requirements to ensure that they are not over or under-watered.

Minimise evaporation

This is essential if you want to cultivate a garden largely on natural rainfall. This can be done by using shady areas in the garden, replacing lawn with low water use ground covers, and by covering bare soil with mulch.

Improve soil quality

Nourished plants use water more efficiently than those that are nutrient deficient.

Soil fertility can be enhanced by adding organic matter, such as compost, which improves the structure and water-holding capacity of the soil.

Rainfall harvesting techniques

By digging level contours around each plant, water is caught and allowed to sink in to the surrounding soil.

Excess water can be channelled to



Understanding solar technologies.

IMAGE COURTESY OF SOLAR SHOP AUSTRALIA

Making solar power simple

UNDERSTANDING your solar power options can be a daunting task.

With so many different solar panel technologies available and more government incentives than you can poke a stick at, knowing where to start can be difficult.

To help assist those residents who might be considering solar power as an option for their home, the City of Prospect in partnership with the **Solar Shop Australia** is running an information session on *Making Solar Power Simple*.

The session will cover:

- Why solar? – the environmental benefits
- Government incentives available for solar
- Solar and your energy bill

- How solar power works
- Different panel technologies
- Selecting the right system for you
- Question and answers

The seminar will be held in the Prospect Town Hall at 128 Prospect Road, Prospect SA (Bus 182/181, stop 11) on Thursday 4 June 2009 starting at 7pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

Participants will walk away with a greater understanding of solar technologies and will be better equipped to make a more informed decision.

▶ To register your attendance please contact the Environment Department on 8269 5355 or environment@prospect.sa.gov.au

areas of the garden that receive less rainfall by digging a small trench along the bottom of a slope.

Maintenance – when to water

To minimise evaporation, water during the coolest part of the morning or evening.

Be guided by the weather rather than habit: for example, don't water when it is hot or windy and leave one to two weeks after heavy rain.

How much water to deliver

Encourage plant roots to go deeper by watering less frequently, but for longer –

enough to moisten the soil 2-3cm below the surface.

If the upper 3-5cm of soil is still moist when you press your finger into the soil, the plant does not need water.

Watering methods

Drip irrigation is the most effective way to water. It allows single droplets to soak into the soil, whereas sprinklers leave droplets on leaves and soil exposed to evaporation.

Tap timers are useful to prevent you from forgetting to turn off watering systems.



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Wood you please...

... TAKE RESPONSIBILITY this winter for the smoke your wood heater produces?

Wood smoke contains many different chemicals, some of which are toxic. When these chemicals are inhaled they cause health problems in young children and the elderly, particularly those with respiratory (breathing) and cardiovascular (heart) illnesses.

Domestic wood-burning heaters are one of the main sources of pollution affecting air quality in the Adelaide metropolitan area in winter – second only to motor vehicle emissions.

The secrets of successful burning:

- Only burn dry and seasoned wood. Seasoned logs should make a 'crack' when banged together not a dull thud.
- Keep air vents open for 20 minutes when starting and reloading the fire to ensure there is a vigorous flame
- Keep the fire burning brightly but let it go out at night. Most heaters burn better with three or four smaller logs rather than one or two large logs.

If your fuel does burn completely, excessive wood smoke will be emitted from your flue, and you will waste your fuel.

Check there is no smoke from your flue 20 minutes after starting your fire by going outside and looking at your flue. If there is still smoke visible you may need to adjust the fuel or air vents to get a better fire.

What does the law say?

The Environment Protection Act 1993 (the

Act), section 25, states:

A person must not undertake an activity that pollutes, or might pollute, the environment unless the person takes all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise any resulting environmental harm.

Smoke and odour from burning wood is a form of pollution and it may cause environmental harm.

An authorised officer under the Act may issue an expiation notice or an Environment Protection Order (EPO) to achieve compliance with the general environmental duty. Penalties ranging from \$300 to \$4,000 may be applied.

Talk to your neighbour

Neighbourhood complaints concerning wood heater smoke occur at this time each year. Issues such as these are best handled by working together with your neighbour.

You may feel anxious, but remember that they are sometimes not aware they are affecting you.

Free mediation services are available that can be of assistance in resolving neighbourhood wood smoke issues. This approach also has the benefit of avoiding costly legal processes.

For further information, contact a South Australian Community Legal Centre with a community mediation service on 8384 5222.

► For more comprehensive information on how to use wood heaters efficiently please visit www.epa.sa.gov.au or contact Council on **8269 5355** for a free *Clear Skies* DVD.

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The dolphin team from Prospect Centre.

Drains are just for rain

HAVE YOU SEEN THE DOLPHINS in Milner Street and Braund Road? During 2008/09 students from Prospect Centre's *Work and the Community* program have been stencilling blue dolphins onto some stormwater side entry pits. **Elisia Brook**, Education Officer with Natural Resource Management (NRM) has been delivering this Waterwatch program to school groups.

The message on the stencils, *Drains are just for rain*, raises awareness that the stormwater that drains from houses, businesses and streets eventually goes into the sea. Our precious marine life is affected by the quality of water flowing into drains. Garbage and leaf litter pollutes the water.

Residents near the stencilled drain covers are notified about the project through letterboxing of information presented on a blue dolphin shape. Useful tips for stormwater protection are given.

Dolphin-safe actions you can do include:

- sweep up and compost leaves, grass clippings and other garden waste;
- don't put any oils, paints, fertilisers and pool chemicals down the drain;
- pick up your dog poo and compost or bury or bin it; and
- sweep up all building materials such as sand, soil and gravel.

Prospect Council and Prospect Centre are committed to this program. Teacher **Meredith Ide** recommends this project to other groups of all ages. She said it has been a valuable learning tool for her students in becoming more familiar with the environment and making connections with the local community. She feels it is important to become involved in this awareness program, to continue to educate the public about maintaining clean streets, gutters and drains.

Good news is that eleven baby dolphins have been spotted in the Port River. So let's create an even better environment for the dolphins to breed in!

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OVER THE PAST twenty years, numerous residential developments and redevelopments involving demolition, building and construction works have sprung up across metropolitan Adelaide.

These developments have provided social and economic benefits but have come at a substantial cost to the environment.

Most dramatic has been the amount of soil that has been disturbed and washed into the stormwater system, suffocating plants and animals in our creeks, rivers and along our coastal waters. Extensive seagrass beds along Adelaide's beaches have been lost following the influx of soil carried by stormwater. This seagrass provides breeding habitats for fish and other marine life.

Constructed wetlands do not function efficiently to remove pollutants in stormwater if they too become choked with soil. The solution is to prevent the loss of soil in the first place. It is illegal to allow soil to enter the stormwater system under the *Environment Protection (Water Quality) Policy 2003*. Polluters are liable for a \$300 on-the-spot fine in addition to cleanup costs should soil be left on or around road areas.

If you are demolishing and/or building a new house, ensure your builder installs soil and erosion controls. A number of building companies charge an environmental levy. Consumers are advised to make sure that this levy is used to fund onsite pollution prevention strategies and *not* the payment of fines when incurred.

▶ Council can provide a *Handbook for Pollution Avoidance on Commercial and Residential Building Sites* free of charge. Please call Council's Environment Department on **8269 5355** for a copy.

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FROM THE MAYOR

What a load of rubbish!

by Mayor DAVID O'LOUGHLIN



“WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH! You must be joking – it can't be done.” I said when we first started exploring the range of options to improve our once leading-edge, now outdated waste collection system.

How could we think raw meat off-cuts and prawn heads would be ok in the green bin, and that our old split bin could be replaced with a junior model for garbage (and thankfully a separate full-size one for recycling) and only collected every two weeks?

Council has *always* collected weekly, every week without fail – and people will never change their habits, ever.

This was a far cry from the days when the local pig farmer collected our food scraps from the back lane, or when we stockpiled rubbish in a corner of the yard until rubbish day in the vain hope the Labrador could resist attacking it. Or when we had the incinerator and every Saturday was burning day. Or what about when we had only one galvo bin, with a lid that rolled down the street at dawn waking the dead?

These may be fond memories for some, but they prove that we can and do change long held habits, sometimes because it makes sense to and sometimes because the rules change.

The rules have changed and change every day. State Government targets for recycling are a minimum of 75% by mid 2010, higher landfill levies are already with us and more stringent legislation is on its way to 'encourage' us to comply. This may be enough reason to change, but I am more inspired by wanting to improve

our paltry 45% recycling rate.

I listened and asked questions and I changed some habits. At home we started using the compostable bio-bags and breathable bin system to collect food scraps. We put them in the green bin. Unbelievably, our green bin smells better than the old faithful split bin ever did! It smells earthy, like a compost heap on wheels, and it still only gets collected every fortnight. We had improved our recycling rate overnight!

Our old split bin still has an overflowing recycling section, but now has a near empty front section, with only soft plastic ever seeing the inside. If we keep a weekly collection, I don't know which bin should be picked up more often, the one that doesn't have anything smelly in it or the one that doesn't smell.

I am now a believer, a convert, a planet saver. Not that I wasn't before, I've just taken the next step.

Many of you that I talk to have similar aspirations. For many, being average isn't good enough. In Prospect, you want to be leading rather than following the pack.

Our recent survey proves this. The vast majority of over 550 respondents were very supportive of the proposed waste system, with many wanting even more information such as who will supply the new bins (*Council will*) and what happens to the old ones (*split bin recycled, green bin is your own to keep*). Not everyone will be happy – some still have their incinerators hoping for a return to the good old

days, but this has been one of our largest survey results in recent history, with the vast majority willing to move with the times.

That's why I love living here, and am proud to be your Mayor. It is why we keep asking for you to get involved, to have a say. We value your opinions; they make us think more broadly and help us shape the future of the city in the ways you want to see.

It is why council has such a high level of community consultation, from setting the annual budget, reforming our waste system, improving Churchill Road, upgrading Prospect Oval and Memorial Gardens, revitalising Prospect Road, introducing traffic calming, and the *Your Street Your City* campaign, where you really do get to have a say about the shape and texture of the community.

So get on board, tell us what you think, come to a public meeting, talk to your neighbours and family, and then us, not just about what we should treasure and keep, but about the change we need in our city.

While you are at it, kick-start the revolution and put your food scraps straight into the green bin (no plastic please). If you want to try out the compostable bio-bag system, call council on **8269 5355**. The first 20 residents to register their interest will be eligible for a free kit.

You too could suddenly find your rubbish never smelt so good!

FROM THE CEO

Troubled times ahead

by MARK GOLDSTONE

THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS has become so embedded in the language of politicians and economists it has become the 'all consuming' topic of conversations around board rooms, pubs and barbecues.

Renowned economist Richard (Dick) Blandy (who has recently been providing advice to City of Prospect) describes the crisis as two significant worldwide problems – economic and financial. The inability of overseas banks to behave like banks and provide credit has severely curtailed the capacity of business to produce. The drop in global productivity has impacted on jobs. Increased unemployment and the reduced capacity of people and businesses to repay loans has caused fire sales of properties and the downward spiral of the value of assets. Business and consumer confidence has fallen dramatically, causing severe downturns in spending. The G20 commitment to invest \$1 trillion into the global economy through measures such as increased funding for the International Monetary Fund and

a trade credit package will go some way to easing pressure on banks to again lend money.

So far, our City has escaped the impacts of the GFC relatively unscathed. I recently popped into a local café for a coffee and the place was packed. I commented to the owner that 'clearly there was no recession happening here'. He replied jokingly 'that Adelaide is ten years behind the rest of Australia'. Well perhaps not ten years, but we are in a far stronger position than most other states. SA has a massive capital works program on the go, building new defence sites and major infrastructure projects such as Northern Expressway and South Road upgrades all in full swing. Our mining industry is buoyant and the public sector stable. Jobs in these industries are relatively secure. Defence, civil works, government and mining are all strong employers of Prospect residents.

The Australian Reserve Bank expects the Australian economy to pick up from late 2009, with quarterly growth gradually recovering to around trend rates by late 2010. It is important during this time that Federal, State and Local government continue to keep the flow of money in the economy, supporting jobs and productive outcomes that build our community so that we can take full advantage of the recovery.

This is a critical time for all employers to

continue to support and invest in their people, in education and training and in ideas.

This is also a critical time for our community. We must measure and respond to the health of all our businesses and residents. We must keep an eye on our neighbours and fellow workers and friends. Look for signs of stress and be ready to provide support. We cannot afford to let anyone fall through the cracks.

Council has in place support arrangements for ratepayers who are under financial stress and may require special arrangements to pay bills such as council rates. Talk to one of our friendly Customer Service staff. Your social and financial well-being is important to council and you will be treated in absolute confidentiality.

Council will continue to strongly progress its planned infrastructure projects and services that support employment and investment in productive outcomes that benefit all our community. We will continue to run our community events and maintain our social services as we work our way through a truly enormous global challenge.



ELECTED MEMBERS' REPORTS

HIGHBURY WARD

Risky business

by Councillor
DAMIAN AMAMOO

"SIT DOWWWN ROMANI"
I offer, as my

11 month old son stands in the bath fingering the railing gingerly, resolute that he is BIG and TALL, and that I need to start taking notice.

"You'll fall" I intone meekly as he flashes a triumphant smile, his rock-solid confidence not the slightest bit affected by his shaking legs.

Later, I am in 10 feet of water snorkelling at Port Noarlunga Beach watching my ten year old son, Orlando, casually weave in between rock ledges that swirl with sea grasses while I keep flickered attention into the deep, my eyes chasing shadows with imaginary dread.

Some people say that risk-taking is 'hard-wired' into children at birth.

Looking back, I certainly took risks in my younger days, with some wild parties, boosted by an experimental curiosity.

Sometimes, we would attempt daring feats, trying to out do each other that would invariably end up with me spraining a leg or catching a cold.

My first car was a Mazda Capella 1973, with a top speed of about 120 km an hour.

That was when it wasn't broken down on the side of the road. In those days, your car was just something to get you to the beach, to uni or to your girlfriend's house.

Today in 2009, you can walk up to a metropolitan car yard and purchase a turbo-charged car that will do 0-100km in less than six seconds for the price of a six-cylinder family car.

We live on Churchill Road and sometimes I am woken between 1-4am by a distant but very far off rumble that grows into a veritable rocket explosion by the time it passes your house.

The speeds involved can be astronomical, making it impossible to attempt to even get dressed and out the door, let alone take down a numberplate.

Recently, this type of drag race ended tragically for another inner metropolitan council, where young drivers and their passengers were killed and critically injured.

The sporting car club of South Australia (www.sportingcarclubsa.org.au) has a regular 'hill-climb' race event where people can enter their normal street car and race it up a hill in a timed, legal, supervised environment with crash protection and medical staff on hand.

It is held in 'Collingrove' in the Barossa Valley and is a great day out for all the family.

That way we can keep Prospect's streets safe for our families and keep our risk-taking children alive long enough to take our place.



Hello!

by Councillor
MONICA LEE

I WOULD FIRSTLY like to take the opportunity to thank all who supported me and voted me in the recent supplementary election.

In meeting Prospect residents, one message that came through time and time again was what a great place Prospect is to live in.

I could not agree more. And I believe that Prospect is set to get even better.

I am excited to come on to Council at a time where the transformation and rejuvenation of our city is beginning.

All those who took the opportunity to take part in the public consultation meetings regarding the Master Plans for Prospect Road and Churchill Road have contributed to assisting with a positive change for all; especially those on Churchill Road, a long neglected part of Prospect.

I do hope that residents continue to maintain an interest in these Master Plans and contribute to discussions and consultation whenever the opportunity arrives.

The last few weeks have been a very steep learning curve. Since being involved in discussions with Staff and other Councillors, I have come to realise how little I did know about Council issues and responsibilities. I have also discovered how much I could have known if only I had taken the time to ask. Prospect Council is full of informative and helpful people who *do* listen. It is also important to become informed by taking the time to ask questions and finding out about why and how.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped me to become part of the City of Prospect. I look forward to representing the residents of Highbury Ward and working to make Prospect an even better place to live and work.



NAILSWORTH WARD

Time to plan our strategy once more

by Councillor
MIKE MULVIHILL

I T IS THAT TIME of the year again when Council considers its business planning process, which of course incorporates budget decisions.

As I write, you have access to a draft proposal and by the time of publication your feedback and ideas will be before us for consideration.

I find it interesting to reflect on how the



planning process has changed during the two and a half year life of this current council.

There has certainly been a significant evolution, partly due to the shared history and common understanding within the current elected members and council staff, but also as a result of a relatively recent organisational restructure and an inclusive approach to strategic planning.

This time last year I wrote about the high level of community ownership of our vision statement.

That vision has resulted in six strategic directions that now drive our thinking and underpin all our planning decisions:

- Service delivery
- Community wellbeing
- Economic vibrancy
- Environmental sustainability
- Heritage and character
- Asset management

We now have clear and agreed strategic long-term goals that form the basis of our 10-year financial plan.

We also have a twenty year infrastructure and asset management plan. In addition, we have improved reporting and management systems as well as additional checks and balances, such as our audit committee.

All of the above combine to give us the confidence to offer you a forward looking and progressive plan, one which incorporates significant investment in the future.

That said, we are facing ongoing worldwide economic uncertainty and I very much look forward to addressing your feedback from the 2009/10 *Draft Business Plan*.

Talking of addressing your feedback, I have spent several hours today reading your responses to the recent 'waste management review'.

Firstly, I am very impressed by both the volume and the quality of your observations, opinions and questions.

We begin the process of working through this material tomorrow evening.

At first glance there appeared to be a large divergence of opinion but there is in fact very strong community support for improved recycling and composting.

It is how we achieve this end that is the essence of the debate.

Fortnightly waste collection is, not surprisingly, the most controversial proposal and will undoubtedly consume much of our energy.

Given we are only beginning to work through this consultation phase, I cannot add any further to the debate in this issue, but I expect we will continue a robust dialogue in the next edition.

KINGSTON WARD

So, which planet do Councillors come from?

by Councillor
ASHLEY DIXON



Some would have we're from Mercury, where it's very, very hot, Others would say Neptune, where it's very, very not, Gaseous Saturn some say, is from where they commute us Yet others make claim we appear from Uranus.

THE TRUTH IS we live next door to you; across the road; on the corner; in the next street. We, are you. We are you who find the time and have the inclination, motivation and energy to put back into the community we all share. At this time of the year, every year, we begin the long haul of putting the budget together; trying to keep the rates as reasonable as possible whilst ensuring the city remains viable and sustainable environmentally, financially and socially.

We pay rates just like you do (bugger); we don't sit around in long cloaks with blackened faces and sharpened teeth pondering just how

high we can hike the rates and get away with it. Every cent of revenue goes on roads and footpaths and drains and parks and home care for the aged and twilight concerts and street lighting and waste collection and street trees and inspecting food and hairdressers premises and inoculating children and library services and the list goes on, and on; in fact everything we detail in the annual report on the website. No orgies (despite my attempts to create a budget line for this item), no fully funded trips to Las Vegas (shame); we don't even get a gold Rolex after six months service. Or twenty five years.

We take funding away from items we would dearly love to see funded; we cut here, we add there. We weigh all the things we know we must do and all the things the community want us to do; we throw global warming into the mix, add a pinch of our own flavouring, a parkful of seasoning, and knead and knead and need. We ponder why our State Governments over many years contribute so little to the mix compared to the other States; then we place in the oven, turn on the greenhouse gas (mindful of our carbon footprint), and bake for three months – April through June – taking it out regularly to inspect, add, remove and frown. The oven has a window, so anyone of you can take a peek and suggest changes to the recipe whilst it's warming up. More of this? Less of that? Your call.

Late June we take it out, add the icing if we have any, and serve it up ready for your consumption. Every year we tinker with the recipe to see if we can come up with a flavour everyone likes the taste of. We haven't succeeded yet; work in progress, till the end of time.

Thank you for your welcome feedback

by Councillor
GRACE FITZPATRICK



THANK YOU to all the residents who have continued to take the time to contact me regarding their concerns and feedback.

Residents have contacted me regarding a broad range of issues ranging from the new proposed waste management system to concerns over the new State Government planning codes that only allow Council to protect between 30-50% of character and heritage homes in our city.

While the new code is designed to get rid of red tape especially for simple building approvals such as carports and swimming pools.

Unfortunately for inner suburbs such as ours it neglects to take into consideration the extensive need to protect both character and heritage.

Adhering to new planning changes, Planning SA recently gave Council a very short timeframe to put in a complicated submission to apply for protection of both character and heritage throughout our city. Planning SA have in a recent forum indicated that this process is now finished and as far as I am aware the only way we can modify our submission for protection is to apply directly to the Minister.

I have concerns about the lack of flexibility and the one size fits all approach taken.

This is why Council's Development Plan is so important and why I encourage residents to have their say about what they want their City's development vision to be.

Everyone should have received *Your Street, Your City* consultation brochure in your mail box. I encourage you to respond if you have not done so already.

Please continue to inform both us, your Elected members and Council directly. Part of our role I firmly believe is to convey residents concerns and feedback directly to Council.

Many residents have recently raised concerns with me regarding Council's proposed introduction of a new waste management system.

Like many residents I have been concerned about odour and capacity issues associated with a fortnightly collection, especially in relation to nappies (with a 7 month old baby, I really do understand residents concerns) this is why myself and Councillor Amamoo agreed six months ago to trial a fortnightly bin for our nappies, so far smell and capacity have not been a problem.

There is nothing like having a personal experience of the new system to address one's concerns.

I actively encourage residents to contact Council directly if they would like to trail the new proposed food management basket detailed in the consultation brochure.

Many residents have asked me why do we need to change to a 3 bin system? The answer is simple, State Government has legislated that by 2010 Councils have to divert 75% of their waste away from landfill. This is an environmental issue and as a community we have to be part of the solution. I encourage residents to contact me after working hours on 8342 0730 to further discuss their concerns.

Consultation and communication with ratepayers is vital for good decision-making, thank you to everyone who have taken the time to contact me with constructive feedback regarding how Council communicates and engages with the community. Like many, I believe both a consistent approach is needed as well as using a wide range of communication tools to ensure residents are confident that Council is communicating in a meaningful manner. Please continue to contact me with your feedback. In 2009 I look forward to Council's ongoing implementation and refinement of its Community Engagement Policy and practices.

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DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2009-10

Services and Revenue

(including rates)

City of Prospect has commenced considering its 2009-10 Budget and Rating Policy. The 2009-10 Draft Budget and Rating Policy have been incorporated as part of the **Draft Annual Business Plan 2009-10**. This article provides a preview of the services Council is proposing to provide to the community and what is planned for this financial year. It also provides a preview of how your rates will be spent in 2009-10.

The **Annual Business Plan Summary 2009-10** outlines the following:

- Strategic Directions and Council Services
- Measuring Achievement of the Annual Business Plan 2009-10
- 2009-10 Key Financial Indicators
- Budget Highlights
- Infrastructure-Asset Management Plan
- Rating Strategy (Rates Revenue, Rating Policy and Valuation)

Strategic Directions and Council Services

Council's Draft Budget 2009-10 has been prepared in a strategic context and is based upon the publication *Strategic Plan 2008-2011*.

This preview outlines the long-term objectives and priorities for the community.

Councils are required to provide certain services under various Acts of Parliament (including the Local Government Act).

City of Prospect also provides other services to meet the needs of the community.

These services have been determined based on previous community feedback and consultation.

What is planned for 2009-10?

Council will continue to deliver a wide range of services at a standard that the community expects and will keep its rate rise at a responsible level. This demonstrates an ongoing commitment to providing value for money services. At the same time, Council will continue to maintain and upgrade the City's assets, particularly roads, footpaths, parks and gardens.

In keeping with sound long term financial planning, the Draft Budget 2009-10 was prepared in line with our underlying assumptions which include an aim to:

- Achieve an operating surplus;
 - Fund asset depreciation;
 - Increase rate revenue in the order of 6.5% plus an extra \$75,000 increase in rate revenue from the commercial sector to part fund Economic Development programs within the City;
 - Increase Operating Expenditure by the Local Government Price Index with the exception of other
- external cost pressures including:
- Asset management – ageing infrastructure
 - State and Commonwealth Government pressures, e.g. Environmental Management, Environmental Health etc.
 - Increasing cost of waste disposal
 - Increasing cost of fuel
 - Loan borrowing of \$2m to fund capital works.

To view the full Draft Annual Business Plan 2009-10 visit Council's website at www.prospect.sa.gov.au

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1 25.67% of budget
Service Delivery



Core activities for 2009-10

- Customer services
- Financial management
- Governance
- Human resources management
- Information technology
- Occupational health and safety
- Rates administration

- Records management
- Risk management

2009-10 Operating Projects

- Governance Initiatives \$90,000
- IT Support Officer \$59,173

2009-10 Capital Projects

- Council Building Security \$10,000
- IT Software \$18,525

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3 2.51% of budget
Economic Vibrancy

Core activities for 2009-10

- Employment support and business development services
- Active partnerships with retail and trader representative groups, investors and other key stakeholders
- External funding procurement initiatives
- Support to Traders Associations

2009-10 Operating Projects

- Economic Development Project \$268,921

2009-10 Capital Projects

- E-Prospect Digital Community \$150,000
- Prospect Road Xmas Decorations \$40,000



STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2 21.37% of budget
Community Wellbeing

Core activities for 2009-10

- Aged and youth services
- Citizenship ceremonies
- Community events (e.g. Twilight concerts)
- Community facilities and land management
- Community grants
- Community recreation and sports development
- Community safety (e.g. dog and parking control and by-laws)
- Community transport
- Community information
- Council website
- Creative Community newsletter
- Crime prevention
- Cultural development
- Emergency (risk management)
- Library services
- Neighbourhood and community development
- Prospect Fair
- Public art and art gallery

- Public health (including immunisation, health inspections etc)

2009-10 Operating Projects

- Graffiti Removal \$10,000
- Library Oral Local History \$2,000
- Animal Management Plan \$10,000
- Public Art \$12,500
- Cultural Program \$2,500
- Volunteer Recognition Event \$5,000
- Street Lighting Upgrade \$30,000
- CCTV Ongoing Maintenance \$5,000
- Fitzroy Terrace and William Street Median Strip Upgrade \$25,000

2009-10 Capital Projects

- New Fences – Parks and Reserves \$10,000
- Depot Non Building Assets \$20,000

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4 12.89% of budget
Environmental Sustainability

Core activities for 2009-10

- Environment Sustainability (building) Initiatives
- Implementation of Council's Environmental Action Plan – primary guide for Council's Activities in the area of environmental sustainability which includes:
 - Best practice research
 - Carbon credits
 - Community transport
 - Education/Volunteering
 - Embodied Energy
 - Native Flora and Fauna (Biodiversity)
 - Survey regarding the water storage capacity across City of Prospect
 - Street trees
- Statutory Compliance (EPA/ Zerowaste/Wastecare SA)
- Waste Collection and Disposal

Grants \$5,000

- Alternative Energy Supply Project \$25,000
- Kerbside Collection Review Project \$40,000
- Community Energy Reduction Incentive Scheme \$10,000
- White Cedar Tree Replacement \$62,760
- Water Sensitive Urban Design \$15,000
- Sustainable Business \$20,000
- Corporate Waste Review \$7,500
- Climate Change Fund \$64,252
- Native flora and public garden \$15,000

2009-10 Operating Projects

- Community Water Conservation Project \$10,000
- Community Environmental

2009-10 Capital Projects

- Environmental Sustainability (building) Initiatives \$20,000
- Rainwater tanks to public toilets \$14,000

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 5 5.47% of budget
Heritage and Character



- Core activities for 2009-10**
- City Precinct (Beautification and Safety) Maintenance Program
 - Development Assessment
 - Street Sweeping and Sanitation
 - Street Tree and Parks and Gardens maintenance and development

- 2009-10 Operating Projects**
- Public Art \$12,500
 - Cultural Program \$2,500
 - Median Strip Redevelopment \$60,000
- 2009-10 Capital Projects**
- Decorative Lighting \$10,000

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION 6 32.09% of budget
Asset Management

- Core activities for 2009-10**
- Capital Works Program Including:
 - Building Maintenance and Council Facilities
 - Drainage Maintenance and Replacement
 - Footpath Maintenance and Replacement
 - Kerb and Gutter Maintenance and Replacement
 - Road Maintenance, Reconstruction and Road Resurfacing
 - City Precinct (Beautification and Safety) Maintenance Program
 - Fleet Management

- Asset Management Plan Trees and Buildings \$20,000
 - Natural Assets Consultancy \$10,000
 - Asbestos Removal and Replacement \$30,000
- 2009-10 Capital Projects**
- Prospect Road Masterplan – Design and Documentation \$50,000
 - Prospect Road Masterplan – Kerb and Gutter and Footpath Construction \$1,055,602
 - Prospect Road Masterplan – Beautification \$100,000
 - Churchill Road Masterplan – Kerb and Gutter Construction \$289,635
 - Churchill Road Masterplan – Beautification \$200,000
 - Bike Plan Implementation Stage 2 \$20,000
 - Fitzroy Terrace – Property Access Improvement \$17,500
 - General Traffic Projects/Traffic Calming \$80,000

- 2009-10 Operating Projects**
- Technical Support for Infrastructure – Asset Management \$40,000
 - Asset Management System Support \$41,000

- Landmark Public Art Implementation \$30,000
- Kerb and Gutter Construction \$97,767
- Driveway Upgrade Program \$119,273
- Pedestrian Kerb Ramps \$29,579
- Bus Stop/Access Upgrade (DDA Compliance) \$50,000
- Road Design/Reconstruction/Resurfacing \$938,952
- Stormwater Drainage \$28,650
- Playground Equipment \$35,000
- Park Furniture Replacement/Signage \$10,000
- Prospect Estate Minor Upgrades \$20,000
- Council Buildings and Structures \$214,366
- Fleet Management \$427,500
- Open Space, Sports and Recreation Plan \$25,000
- Footpath Construction \$923,718
- Drinking Fountain Upgrade \$6,000
- BBQ Upgrades \$10,000
- Broadview Oval Watering System \$30,000

Have your say...

You can view the full version of the Draft Annual Business Plan 2009-10 and obtain a copy of the Resident Feedback Form from Council's website www.prospect.sa.gov.au, in person at Civic Centre, **128 Prospect Road, Prospect** and **Thomas Street Centre, 1 Thomas Street, Nailsworth.**

Council will hold a public meeting for residents and business owners on Tuesday 12 May 2009 7.30-8.30pm at the Civic Centre.

To register your interest in attending the meeting, please telephone us on **8269 5355.**

OTHER ENQUIRIES

Ginny Moon, Financial and Customer Services Manager at ginny@prospect.sa.gov.au
Justin Commons, Director Corporate Services at justin@prospect.sa.gov.au or **Mayor David O'Loughlin** at david.oloughlin@prospect.sa.gov.au



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CITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning reforms – Prospect’s character areas

AN ARTICLE in the previous edition of *The Creative Community* provided information on a draft Residential Development Code that was to be adopted into planning legislation. The Code would seek to streamline the development assessment process by adopting a ‘tick-a-box’ approach to planning assessment, requiring that new dwellings satisfy minimum setback and site coverage criteria, in combination with other parameters, to qualify for a fast-tracked development approval process.

Recognising that this approach has a significant potential to impact on character areas throughout the State, the Minister for Planning called for submissions to be made by Councils identifying any potential character areas that may be excluded from the Code requirements or that could incorporate a character overlay to form part of the assessment process. The first stage of the analysis included a detailed assessment of dwelling ages and styles throughout the Council area, in combination with site areas, frontage widths and setback patterns.

Using the prescribed criteria, Council has identified eight individual character areas for consideration by the Minister, ranging in size from approximately 110 allotments up to 700 allotments. In total, approximately 2,900 sites or more than 30% of the total number of dwellings in the City are contained within the identified character areas. The proposed character areas demonstrate relatively consistent allotment sizes and frontage widths, which follow the original land division pattern, with cohesive streetscapes featuring a complementary range of building styles that were

constructed prior to 1940. The proposed areas are additional to our Historic Conservation Areas and will form the basis for further investigations and subsequent consideration by the Minister.

Broadband to match world’s best speeds

CITY OF PROSPECT applauds the Federal government’s announcement to build fibre optics to 90% of Australian homes, schools and workplaces. The \$43 billion project is set to roll out in early 2010 and will directly support 25,000 jobs.

The City of Prospect indicated “this is indeed a paradigm shift in ICT and the way people engage with the rest of world and the digital economy. To date Australia is on the bottom of the OECD league ladder of availability of fibre optics, this bold initiative will take Australia to number one and help business and economy compete on an even footing, this gives the business community a huge competitive advantage within the global village.

“Prospect Council has been to Canberra to lobby for just such an optic fibre roll out that can deliver broadband at speeds of 100Mgb per second. This is a huge increase in capacity and capability for businesses and households within the community.”

In line with the Federal government’s strategy Council recently appointed the Australian telco **Amcom** as its preferred supplier to roll out the first stage of a high speed, high capacity digital fibre backbone infrastructure for Council’s Civic Centre, library and depot.

City of Prospect has also been working closely with the Department of Further Education, Science and Training to conduct online training programs for local small businesses so they have the skills to use the technologies that sit on the internet, to drive business growth.

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Prospect Council has been developing a strategy to take full advantage of this initiative. It not only understands the need to build the infrastructure, but will have plans in place to provide the support services to ensure the entire community can benefit from this world class infrastructure. It is so important that all our residents and businesses have equitable access and opportunity. This is right up there with man landing on the moon and it is critical to our future within a global village.

Heritage directions for Prospect

COUNCIL was recently successful in receiving funding towards a review of existing Local Heritage places, which will focus on the existing 88 local heritage places to determine what, if any, updates are required to ensure that Council's information on these places is current. New field surveys will also be undertaken to identify any potential new heritage places that represent important aspects of the City's heritage. The review will also seek to determine if early twentieth century and inter-war housing stock could be included as local heritage places.

Council was also successful in receiving funding towards a review of the existing Historic (Conservation) Zones, which will evaluate the six existing Policy Areas and their surrounds. This process will be undertaken to determine if the existing Policy Area should be expanded. An overview and detailed review of other areas will also occur, to identify other possible Historic Conservation Areas. Desired Character Statements, similar to those applicable in Council's Residential Policy Areas, will then be developed for all existing and any proposed Historic Conservation Areas.

Your street, your city

Prospect (City) Development Plan Review

COUNCIL'S Development Plan is a document that establishes a framework to guide future development in the Council area. It helps to shape the future by establishing planning objectives and zones, which are used to assess development applications. Regular reviews of the Development Plan are undertaken to ensure that the planning controls are up to date, reflect the wishes of the community and align with the State Government's Planning Strategy.

Council's challenge is to develop planning policies which allow for development to occur while also protecting the valued character of the City of Prospect, supporting local businesses and promoting or achieving environmentally sustainable design.

Council has prepared an Issues Paper as the first stage of the Development Plan Review process. The Issues Paper explores a range of factors that influence development and land use planning across the Council, to provide a starting point for discussion on what issues exist throughout the Council. A summary consultation document, entitled *Your Street, Your City*, which presents the key issues identified so far and poses a number of questions to promote considered feedback to Council, was widely distributed to encourage feedback to Council on the Issues Paper.

The Issues Paper and submissions from the community assist in guiding the next stage of the Development Plan Review process, which will be subject to further community consultation. This consultative approach will ensure that Development Plan policy reflects the needs and desires of the local and wider community.

Bathroom trends

A GOOD bathroom renovation can change your life and add tens of thousands of dollars in value to your home. Ensuites too are becoming a 'must have' in most homes.

The most popular current bathroom trends include frameless showers, double basins, baths and double showers. Stonework or large tiles, pebbles and mosaics mostly in neutral and earthy colours feature heavily in many designs.

"Bathroom renovation/additions costs can start from as little as \$15,000 with some clients spending up to \$50,000" says **Vince Leonardis** of Leonardis Constructions, "but good bathrooms renos need not be expensive. It's all about good layout and

design to reduce the structural and plumbing costs and saving money by selecting quality tiles and bathroom fittings that may be on special."

Issues of importance include access for older people/people with disabilities and safety, providing suitable space to allow for walking frames/wheelchairs and chairs to be placed in shower areas. Floors, needless to say, should be non-slip and edges of tiled areas, especially around baths, should be rounded. Large 'open' showers also drastically reduce maintenance.

Also, have all work carried out by good tradesmen and make sure they understand the new requirements and standards relating to 'waterproofing of wet areas'. So too, make sure all plumbing is conducted by a licenced plumber. Failure to do these things can create a variety of problems – tiles may start to detach themselves and you will have to redo the whole area. And dampness in the underfloor may attract termites.

Finally, consider environmental and water conservation measures. Prospect Council offers a suite of environmental incentives that may help with the cost of your bathroom renovations.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



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community responsibility. They also go camping, and enjoy weekend adventure days.

Our Unit meets on Tuesdays and caters for girls aged 7-14. Other units in the area accommodate girls in different age groups.

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A community safety message

HOLDEN HILL POLICE are committed to ensuring the safety and security of the community.

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Here are some tips to consider when people come to your door:

- Any person coming to your front door for a business purpose should be wearing identification. If not, ask them to produce it. If you are not satisfied with the identification ring the business the person claims to work for to confirm that the person at your door is an employee and is authorised by the company to be in your area.
- Never invite anyone you don't know into your house. Any business that you decide to undertake with door to door sales people can be conducted at your front door.
- If you are suspicious of anyone that comes to your door close the door and ring for police attendance on **131 444**. If the person has come to your door for an unlawful purpose there's every likelihood that they've gone to other houses too. They may be checking if anyone is home prior to breaking in.

You can help police to keep your community safe by reporting suspicious vehicles and people immediately by telephoning **131 444**. This suspicious behaviour may include what would otherwise be considered as 'normal' activity and movement in the area, but is occurring at an odd time, such as in the early hours of the morning or when you know that neighbours are not at home.

How can you help?

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PROSPECT is proud of its achievements in assisting local and international projects.

Fun, fellowship and being part of our community is the essence of being a member of our Rotary Club.

Recent funding initiatives, among many, have been:

- **Operation Flinders Foundation \$15,000** – Operation Flinders Foundation provides young men and women who have either breached the law or who are at risk with demanding outdoor challenges and support, to help them develop their personal attitudes

and values of self esteem, motivation, teamwork and responsibility so they may grow as valued members of the community. You can see more at

www.operationflinders.org

- **Anzac Day** – At the completion of the Anzac Day March at the Cross of Sacrifice the Rotary Club of Prospect provides sandwiches, tea/coffee, cool drinks and a welcoming chair for the marchers and their families.
- Prospect Council Dog Park Shelter Project \$3,500
- Support Men's Shed at St Helens Park
- Upgrade Skate Park on Churchill Road
- Community Health Check Days
- Donation to Memorial Hospital
- **International** – A commitment to the **DREAMIN Project** (Dean Richards Endowment to assist the medically ill and needy) which forms a strong partnership with surgeons from the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Adelaide Cranio-Facial Unit Foundation providing international medical aid for our developing nations.

There are other very worthwhile projects to which we provide either financial assistance or Donations in Kind.

Our Club meets once a week at The Old Adelaide Inn, 160 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide commencing at 6pm.

It is an enjoyable dinner evening (meal is optional) and each week we have a guest speaker covering a range of interesting topics.

Your small contribution in time will go a long way in helping others.

▶ If you would like to learn more about the Rotary Club of Prospect, make new friends, have fun and be part of our rewarding efforts please call **Martin 0407 602 300** or **Robert 0418 848 524**, or visit www.prospect.rotaryaust.org

Australian Birds in Prospect 14

Mistletoebird

YOU MIGHT mistake this for a robin at first sight. It is found throughout Australia, although I've only seen one in Prospect. It is a beautiful example of adaptation –

it feeds on the seeds of the fruit of mistletoe plant, but doesn't digest the sticky seed. The seed passes through the bird's digestive tract

and is deposited on the branch of a tree, where it can grow into a new plant. Mistletoe and the mistletoe bird have evolved over a long time to fit each other's lifestyles.



The adaptable Mistletoe Bird.

You may wonder what to plant in your garden to attract birds. A few years ago we planted a small version of *eucalyptus leucoxylon* in our back garden. It is now flowering and is absolutely full of honeyeaters and musk lorikeets – the latter are often crowded out by the bigger rainbow lorikeets and it is great to see them around. This eucalypt is very happy in the limestone soils around our area, and it doesn't need much water either.

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Our group is also very active in the community. We contribute to local antenatal classes as well as attend events such as Prospect Fair, where we are able to meet and provide information to many parents and mums-to-be. Our group also arranges breastfeeding information displays at many community locations around the City of Prospect and beyond.

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IF YOU TALK to the players hanging out at the **Prospect Petanque Club**, they'll tell you petanque is a game that is as seductive as Paris. After all, it started in France, where in every town you see players throwing metal balls (boules) under the shady plane trees.

One of Prospect's best kept secrets is the beautiful grounds and licensed clubrooms in Buchanan Street, Nailsworth which makes a trip there much cheaper than a trip to France.

The often-used image of players seen balancing a glass of wine in one hand and a ball in the other is a little overdone, but does capture the genial appeal and gentle physical activity that this wonderful game offers. Coffee is brewing and on Sundays lunch is provided for a few dollars. In winter, it's fun to rug up and beat the winter chills with a warming game and a glass of red. The heaters and cafe blinds mean you can still enjoy an al fresco experience.

When people were asked why they love petanque so much, there were many reasons. Some are attracted by the convivial social atmosphere and go to meet new people and make new friends; others find it a relaxing, almost meditative activity; there are those who are serious about developing their skill and are addicted to the clack of metal-on-metal as they hit an opponents ball out of the way; and some love the physical exercise and being out of doors.

"It's a great way to relax" was heard from a number of people – and in these days of hard economic times it's definitely one of the most affordable passions you can find.

It's a game for anyone and everyone. **Allan** recently returned from the Australian National Petanque Triples Championship in Perth where he won the Over 60s Shooting Competition. (In petanque, a shooter is a player who has developed the skill of throwing a ball to hit and remove an opponents ball just like the 65 metre 6 point screamer of footy).

Cameron at five years of age has declared himself the keeper of the jacks



Petanque – funny name, fun game!

(cochonnets), the games small wooden target balls. He has his own set of smaller metal balls but still prefers to throw Granddad's 72 mm/680 g competition boules. He is already showing the style that could very well see him representing South Australia as a junior in a few years.

Marie and her daughter regularly attend the Club on Saturday afternoons, have done for the twelve years the club has been here, but play in a competition? Never!

Why not book for a free introductory lesson by phoning **Dave** on **0418 106 459**? You won't know till you expose yourself to petanque, it might ignite a new passion!

For more information about Prospect Petanque Club visit the Club's website www.prospectpetanque.com.au or phone **Brett** on **0404 227 926**.

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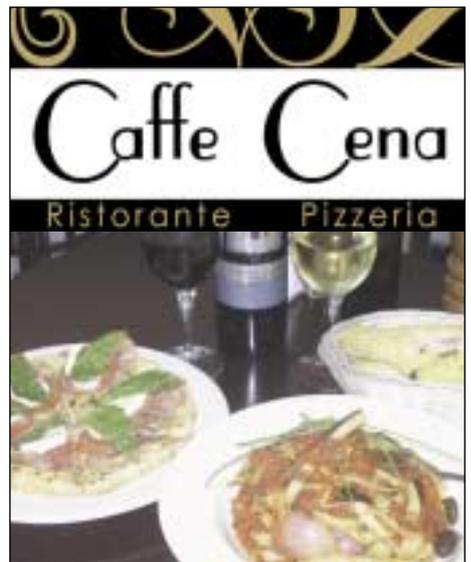
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APRIL 2008 saw the beginning of the Prospect Active Walkers (PAWS) after six women came along to an information session with the Heart Foundation and decided to start a local walk group as part of the Prospect Neighbourhood Program.

The group recently celebrated their first anniversary with a breakfast at the home of Walk Organiser **Anne ver Beek**. The group now has 27 members, walking three mornings a week for one hour at a time. Members' ages vary from ten months to late seventies. Age or pace is not a barrier and people walk only when they are able to.

Walking as a group not only benefits members' health but also creates a safer walking environment while forming friendships along the way.

During a recent recruitment campaign run by the Heart Foundation, PAWS succeeded in recruiting one of the highest numbers of new members in the state and won a huge package of fitness items and Heart Foundation cookery books to be used as incentives for walkers over the coming months.

Additional activities also include coffee mornings fortnightly after a walk and, once a month, car pooling to go to the Adelaide Park Lands or the Torrens for a special walk. In April PAWS was invited to attend the Prospect Petanque Club to enjoy a social game.

▶ If you have an interest in walking and would like to join our group please call **8344 6570**.

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Prospect Library will be hosting a Living Library event on **Sunday, 24 May 2009** 2-5pm and invites you to be a 'reader'.

Our catalogue of 'books' will be available online www.prospect.sa.gov.au in Coming Events or in the library from mid May. 'Books' may be reserved by visiting the library or phoning **8342 8170**.

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Parents or caregivers with babies can collect a free bag from Prospect Library and start their newborn on the path to literacy success.

History groups

THE PROSPECT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP meets at 7pm on the first Thursday of each month at Prospect Library 1 Thomas Street Nailsworth. All interested community members are invited to attend. Attendance at meetings and membership of the group are free of charge.

A guest speaker attends meetings held on odd months with meetings on the even months held to discuss club business.

On Thursday, 2 July **Lynn O'Grady** from the Walkerville Historical Society will be speaking about the history of Walkerville and its connection with Prospect.

▶ All enquiries phone **8342 8170** or email prospect_lhg@internode.on.net.

The Prospect Family History Group is for those with an interest in researching their family history and it meets at Prospect Library on the third Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm. Those attending are able to use the resources of the Prospect Local History Collection and assistance is available for anyone beginning research of their family tree.

▶ Enquiries **8342 8170**.



North Road Cemetery

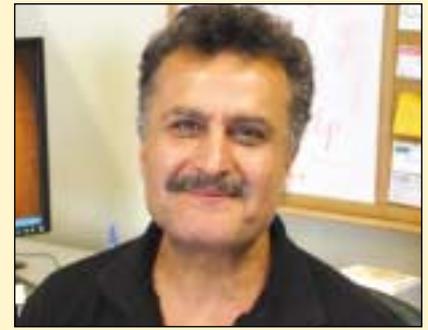
Buried treasures

PROSPECT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP will shortly be launching its new book *Buried Treasures: Prospect people in North Road Cemetery*.

The book contains 36 short biographies of individuals or families who have contributed in some way to the development of Prospect since the 1840s, and who are buried in the North Road Cemetery.

The subjects came from all walks of life. Many of their names will be familiar – Angwin, Barker, Farrant and McInnes for example – but others will not. The book provides fascinating insights into the lives of our ancestors and how they went about building Prospect.

A team of eight volunteers has worked on the book for the last eighteen months. In several cases, family members have contributed their own stories. The book will be helpful to those who would like to take a stroll around the cemetery, as it includes a map of the graves where the subjects are buried. The book will be on sale at Prospect Library and the Civic Centre from 26 May at an anticipated price of \$25.



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Home Assist home handyperson

Prospect Council has recently employed its own experienced handyperson for its Home and Community Care program. Eligibility for this Home Assistance includes the aged, frail persons on a disability pension and carers. The two main areas that this program will be focusing on are:

- minor and basic home maintenance and modification, which includes such things as leaking taps, changing batteries in smoke alarms, and cleaning gutters.
- home safety and security which includes installation of grab rails, locks, key safes, and door guards

For further information or an assessment please contact **Lambros** on **8342 8003**.

HACC Social Programs

The Prospect Friendship Group

meets every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm at the Civic Centre, 128 Prospect Road, Prospect. Activities include guest speakers, trips, entertainment, bingo, cards etc. Transport can be arranged. For further information please call Natalie on **8342 8042**.

The next **Community Lunch** to be held in Prospect will be on **Thursday, 4 June** from 12pm to 2pm. A three-course lunch with entertainment is provided and costs \$7. Transport can be arranged. For further information please call Natalie on **8342 8042**.

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Gallery hosts award-winning exhibition

PRESENTED in partnership with **Craftsouth** as part of Prospect Gallery's third Design Biennial and the 2009 Adelaide Fringe, *Revealing Meaning in Cloth* was awarded the 2009 Adelaide Fringe Award for **Best Exhibition by a Collective**.

The exhibition featured contemporary textile works by Craftsouth members who employ experimental approaches to textile design. Artists were selected by independent curator **Annabelle Collett**, who created a diverse and refreshing exhibition that showcased the technical prowess and creativity of some of the most recognized textile artists in Australia. Participating artists included **Antonia Chaffey, Sandy Elverd, Helen Fuller, Karen Genoff, Agnieszka Golda, Rosie Hannam, Elene Kontonikas, Ann**



Home Sweet Home by Helen Fuller

Newmarch, Julie Pidea, Mark Thomson, Julie Walker and Sera Waters.

City of Prospect and Prospect Gallery Staff would like to congratulate and thank the exhibiting artists and Annabelle Collett for the excellence in their practice and to Craftsouth for their professionalism and support throughout this partnership.

Prospect Gallery is currently taking applications for the 2010 Gallery Exhibition Program and Artist-in-Residence Program 2009-2010. For further information contact Gallery Coordinator **Maria Parmenter** on **8342 8175**, via email on maria@prospect.sa.gov.au or visit www.prospect.sa.gov.au

Prize winning exhibitor

Prospect Gallery would also like to congratulate **Anna Austin**, who was awarded the Hill Smith travel prize at the Helpmann Academy exhibition. Anna's exhibition *collection* at Prospect Gallery in February was a great success.



The coat of Anthony Martin Fernando by Sandy Elverd

Exhibition Program for May-August 2009

3-24 MAY

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CALLING ALL EXHIBITORS!

The gallery comprises an exhibition space ideally suited to solo exhibitions or small scale group exhibitions.

Proposals are invited for the presentation of new work by both emerging and mid-career artists working across a broad range of media, particularly installation and 3D.

Please contact maria@prospect.sa.gov.au for further details and application forms.

Calendar of events

MAY

Tuesday 12 May, 7.30-8.30pm

**Public meeting Draft Annual
Business Plan 2009-10**
Civic Centre

**Wednesday 13 May,
9.30am-12.30pm**

Saturday 16 May, 2-5pm
**Composting and worm farm
workshops**
Prospect Town Hall

Friday 22 May, 6.30pm

Climate change movie
Telling the Truth
Prospect Town Hall

Sunday 24 May, 2-5pm

Living Library Event
Prospect Library

Saturday 30 May, 7pm

Corner Pocket Big Band
Nailsworth Church of Christ

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Local community groups and organisations are invited to submit details of their activities for inclusion on this page. **Prospect Council is considering a new way of presenting this magazine. Look for changes in the next edition.**

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS **3 JULY 2009.**

JUNE

Thursday 4 June, 7pm

Information session
Making Solar Power Simple
Prospect Town Hall

Friday 5 June, 6.30-8.30pm

World Environment Day
Prospect Town Hall

JULY

Sunday 12 July, 7pm

Prospect Local History Group
Guest speaker **Lynn O'Grady**
Prospect Library

AUGUST

Saturday 29 August, 9am-1pm

**Friends of Prospect Library
Book Sale**
Prospect Town Hall

Invitation to school students

Prospect Council would like to invite school students to submit drawings or cartoons that you think would be suitable for *The Creative Community* magazine. Please submit drawings or cartoons to admin@prospect.sa.gov.au for possible selection by the editorial panel. We look forward to hearing from you!



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