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AGM

4.30pm Tuesday 17th May 2011
Simpson Room, Beaumont House
631 Glynburn Road Burnside
Keynote Address by Alan Hutchings
Report on the exciting Reclaim SA project
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2010 AWARDS & BRICKBATS RESULTS

SPECIAL AWARDS

THE HUGH STRETTON AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Department for Families &
Communities, Housing SA:

- Inspire at Noarlunga Centre
- Salisbury North Urban Improvement Project
- Apartments, 22 Ifould Street
- Affordable Homes Program

THE AUSTRALIAN CIVIC TRUST AWARD FOR POLITICAL REFORM

Tony Windsor MP, Robert Oakeshott
MP and Hon Bob Katter MP

THE IAN MACDONALD AWARD

Conservation of Beresford Arms Inn

AWARDS

MATERIAL CATEGORY

SAMFS Fire Station, Seaford

Kingston Street Bridge, Burra

Santos Museum of Economic
Botany, External Conservation

HUMAN CATEGORY

Colebrook Reconciliation Project

Saving the Clipper Ship 'City of
Adelaide' Preservation Trust

JusticeNet SA

Clunes Back to Booktown, Victoria

GENERAL CATEGORY

Beyond Today Residential Land
Development

Affordable Housing, 18-22 Chapman
Road, Mansfield Park

COMMENDATIONS

New Headquarters for Options Wine
Merchants

Jerilderie Letter Event, NSW

MENTION

Renew Adelaide

BRICKBAT

Lack of Coherent Transport Planning in
South Australia

A DISGRACE

State Government DPA Process for Mt
Barker

(This Disgrace award was introduced by the
Civic Trust for the first time this year as an
extreme brickbat that has extensive
disadvantages across a wide range of urban,
environmental and social areas)

NOMINATIONS OPEN: 2011 AWARDS & BRICKBATS

In 2010 the nominations created major public interest and media coverage and many responses on AdelaideNow. The nominators of the Mt Barker brickbat even ordered a brass plaque for the Disgrace Award and mounted a large display and public demonstration at the freeway entrance to Mt Barker.

Partly as a result of the extremely poor quality of the Mt Barker DPA and its disregard of Adelaide's 30-Year Plan, this year we have developed the *Reclaim SA* project and linked it with the Awards & Brickbats program through a public discussion forum (see below). This will enable greater attention to be given to ways to improve the planning process in South Australia and will also provide a discussion forum for the nominators of the Awards & Brickbats program.

Download the 2011 nomination form at civictrust.net.au
and join the Reclaim SA discussion forum (see website).

SPREADING OUR WINGS

Clunes – Back to Booktown in Victoria, a large book and heritage festival, is so proud of the Australian Civic Trust award they won that they are using it to promote the event this year. If anyone is going, we would love to hear from you.

We are also talking to other national bodies to extend the Awards & Brickbats program to other States.

AUSTRALIAN CIVIC TRUST NOW ON FACEBOOK

When in Facebook (www.facebook.com), simply type Australian Civic Trust in the search box and this will take you to our Facebook page.

Check it out for the latest news.

RECLAIM SA PROJECT

“Reclaim SA” is the slogan of a Civic Trust project, in conjunction with its Awards & Brickbats program in 2011, to give genuine support to community innovation and participation in planning. The Trust has set out a 10-point plan for improving the current consultation process. It involves engaging affected citizens more proactively, facilitating new

approaches to consultation, involving the public in all stages, considering all potential options, ensuring professional research, analysis and auditing, requiring full responses to citizen comments, establishing an independent community consultation unit, restructuring the planning process, making planning processes more transparent and open to public scrutiny and backing up these initiatives with appropriate legislation.

A revolution is needed. The ballot box is not enough to achieve the change we need, nor is a process based on visions alone. People must be involved at the *beginning* of the planning process and not talked to in motherhood statements and then presented with a *fait accompli* at the end.

*The discussion continues in civictrust.net.au
Everyone is invited.*

WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK

In March this year Darian Hiles conducted meetings with city planners in Washington, Philadelphia and New York and it is very obvious that the standard in South Australia, which was originally a world leader in city planning, has now fallen way behind other developed countries.

New York, the pre-eminent bastion of free enterprise, has 59 community districts, each with its own local community board. Community-based planning is a central policy of the New York Planning Commission and is considered essential for the city's vitality. Individual planning initiatives often start with these boards.

The Commission's website states:

“People who are close to neighborhood issues can clearly identify community needs and advocate passionately for local concerns. Community-based planning comes in many forms. It can range from participation in local organizations to the preparation of a comprehensive community-based plan for official adoption. Community-based planning may seek to address a variety of issues including preserving neighborhood character, promoting affordable housing, facilitating new development and/or encouraging local employment”.

The Commission also assists communities in any rezoning applications. It *“conducts the analysis, files the rezoning application and prepares the environmental review documents, at no cost to the community organization or the community board”*. It was embarrassing to describe the “announce and defend” and vision-specific approach of our government. The US planners simply laughed and shook their heads.

Senior urban planners in each city are keen to keep in touch with our project. More detailed notes will be posted in Reclaim SA on the website.

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