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(passed unanimously)

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Voting for an outrageous rate rise

The Perfect is the Enemy of the Good (Voltaire) Why has your councillor voted for a budget with a 4.95% rate rise despite our staff finding savings with no loss of service of 1.2% ? We could maintain our existing services by having a **rate rise of 2%**, or to keep pace with local government costs 2.9% and use the 1.2% saving to pay down our \$14 million debt. Our rates have risen 16.2% above wages during a 10 years wage boom... this boom is over.... Yet I vote for the budget....**why?**



You will know that I voted to set a fair rate first and to cut our cloth to fit. CPI March 2013-14 is 3% and Council inflation is 2.9%. (LGCPI) In running for another term I am hopeful that other councillors are more prepared to do this. With an election coming I hope electors will support candidates who commit to setting a target rate first of no more than 1% above LGCPI. In the past 21 years the rates for a house in Langdon St Unley have risen from \$900 to \$2,800. The owner asks, 'My fears are, will I be able to fund the future increases over the next 20 years, if they keep increasing at the same rate? \$8,400.'

ANSWER. to Why? Some Councillors in private voted for 6 to 6.5% rises. *"Money is no object"*, *"Ratepayers never complain about rates"* was again trotted out. *"Only one ratepayer turned up to our budget consultation"*. The 4.95% was a compromise. By working with and not just opposing, my voice as your councillor is being included. Am I being conned? Just look at the percentage rate increases quoted in the Advertiser for other low growth councils like Unley. We have in my time on Council had the lowest increase of all other metro councils. **Not perfect and way too high.**

UP GO THE METRO COUNCIL RATES

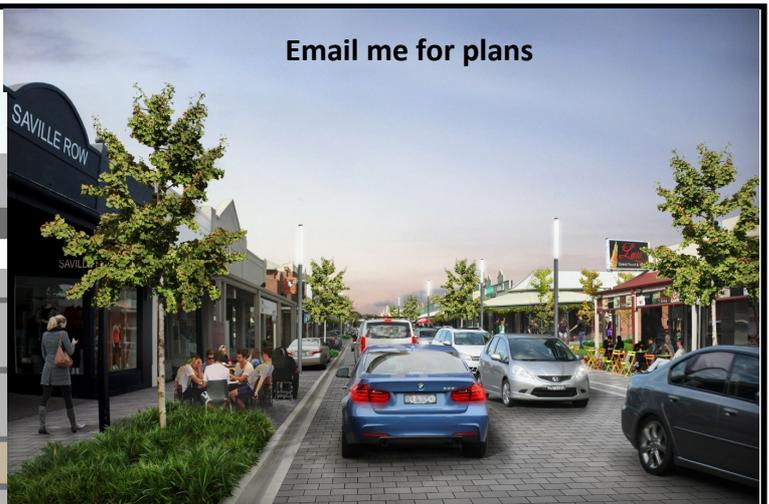
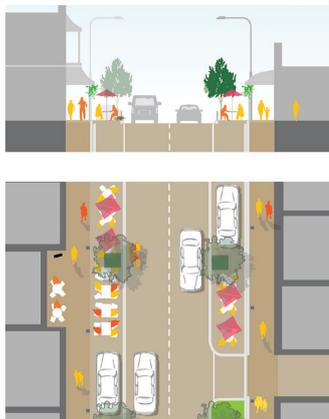
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Adelaide City	72.57%
Burnside	57.77%
Holdfast Bay	74.14%
Mitcham	73.03%
Norwood	75.04%
Prospect	70.41%
Unley	55.20%
Walkerville	85.44%

King William Road Plans

This is real...there are cars! The plans were unanimously adopted by council and we have funded two trial parklets. The plan is evolutionary and well worth a read.



Email me for plans

National Education Role

Your local councillor has a new appointment. It is not to teach the bagpipes to Reception children in Unley. The appointment is to the National Education Board called



Alessandra with grandpa.

ACARA . We report to the Federal and State Ministers of Education. You may know what it does. You can click on the following links
 :- [NAPLAN Testing](#)
 :- [My School website](#)
 :- [national curriculum](#)
 :- assessing schools and students for governments and parents [national assessment program](#)

It is my hope that every parent in every postcode will be able to choose a good school for their child.

Unley Council has a sustainability group which I chair.

We are currently reviewing our sustainability policies.

It's good to have fruit trees in our parks.

Green Roof gardens

Problem, State Government is requiring Unley to allow medium and high density buildings to increase population density. This heats up Unley....called the "Heat island Effect"

"Why not require all developments with more than two storeys to have green roofs?" This will reduce the temperature of Unley in summer and warm us in winter. There are many other advantages. Unley Library has purchased the "Green Roof Manual" 2010 for Architects and Builders.



85 @ How to prune an apricot tree

Sustainability

Unley Oval

I have supported all motions voting to put our ideas out for a wide community engagement.

Unley Oval Fence Why Consult?

At the 1892 opening of Unley Oval the South Australian Register (the Adelaide newspaper of the day) reported on the Athletics, and the hoped for regular Saturday Matches of Cricket and Football. "In the evening a complimentary concert was given to the Mayor. The proceeds are to be devoted, at the Mayor's request, to a fund for fencing the oval."

By 1903 when an England vs South Australia cricket match was played, a fence was around the oval with a white picket fence showing in front of a partly built grandstand.

When I was first elected to Council and to the Unley Oval Committee, the cricketers complained about a lady with her shopping trolley walking straight across the centre pitch during play! The club showed a large heritage picture showing a white picket fence right around the oval and asked for a new one.

Today we have 181 metres of fencing around the boundary in a variety of styles. We are asking our community whether we wish to leave it as is,

or put a new picket fence right around. Whilst the cost to our community to have a permanent fence is less, (it costs us \$14,000 per annum to put up and pull down) Council wants to know which we prefer.



1903 well dressed!



2014 iron fence



Proposed fence



A site with no fence
Jr Football, thanks to Sturt

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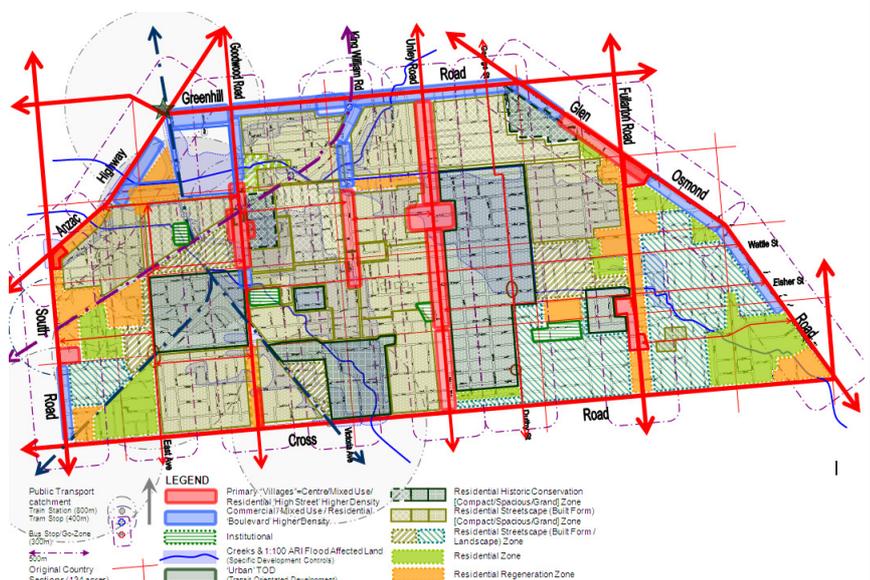
State Government requires our council to have 2500 -3750 new dwellings.

The final stage for completing the new planning rules for Unley is called DPA 2 and covers the medium density areas. We are in the middle of some real public consultation to get the best outcome. I am pleased our heritage and high density rules are now signed off.

Please see item on Sustainability, as I would like all new buildings with three or four storeys to have a green roof.

Where is the increase?

- Corridors – 75%
- Heritage and character 7%
- Residential regeneration 18% (West 8.5% East 9.5%)



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