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**Michael talks
 rubbish, rates , trams & party time**



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A Better Future for all

Minimise Rates Good service
 New ideas Sound Management

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My platform is to minimise rates with good service, sound management, and new ideas. For the new ideas to be good, I need your advice and support. Join my email group and become part of your council's governance. Email me on mhewitson@em.unley.sa.gov.au

Rubbish Coming our way is a plan to increase recycling.

- To do away with the two open bins blowing all over our streets. This was one of the bigger minor issues that concerned Unley Ward owners of council whom I met.
- All recycling, paper and bottles goes into the same bin.
- We save money because hard garbage that goes to landfill costs about \$48 tonne and recycled tonne costs about \$34 less.

This is a win for both the environment and our pocket.

- I have spent time on rubbish, including visiting dumps and recycling depots to see it all work.

**Kerbside Waste & Recycling
 Collection Service**

Proposed 3 bin collection system



Green Organics	Garbage	Recycling
240 litres green lid	140 litres blue lid	240 litres yellow lid



In South Australia we recycle 71%. This is the world's best rate. Our small 5c container deposit is crucial.

Water and Footpaths. We have increased by 50% the paving rate for 2007 and are reviewing porous paving. Email me about our water conservation for Unley

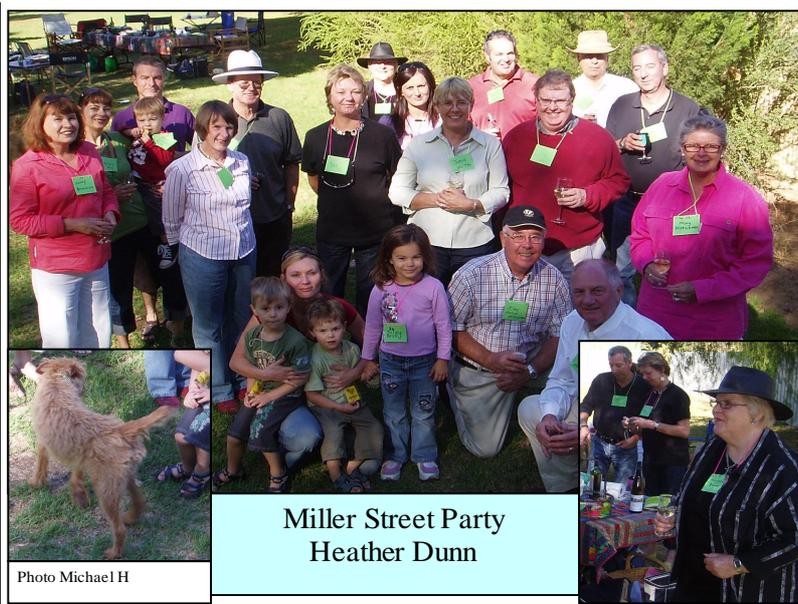
<p>Rates Ours 3.9%</p>	<p>Advertiser p 14 June 5th 2007 headline reads, 'Get ready For 6.5pc council rate rise'</p> <p>Holdfast Bay was top with 6.5%, Marion 5.75% West Torrens...5.6%</p> <p>Unley.....3.9%... With only Burnside less 2.55%</p>	<p>The rate set is higher than I am happy with. However I am grateful that the 8 councillors who wanted an \$80,000 surplus included in our rates were prepared to compromise with the 4 of us who wished a zero surplus. The surplus was wanted in case we thought of something else, or in case a cost went up.</p>
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Footpaths:
\$400,000 extra to make a total of \$1,200,000 on our footpath program. This returns our footpath laying schedule to 1996 levels.

Tour Down Under Party:
\$160,000 to cover the cost of the Jan 23rd 2007 King William Road Tour Down Under Street Party. The race returns to King William Road. My email consultation produced both strong encouragement and opposition to this expenditure.

Thank you to Paul Sutton Acting CEO and staff for working to keep our rates down to 3.9% from the 8% from 1998 to 05

STREET PARTIES
 Like our Ramage/Ash Street party Miller Street built relationships and community. A good time was had with good food, good wine and discovered good company. This builds community as people get to know their neighbours! Miller Street party was held in the nearby Young St park because of RED TAPE and insurance costs. We have the following newly appointed staff member to help....
[Matthew Ives Cultural Development Coordinator](mailto:mives@unley.sa.gov.au)
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WATER It was pleasing to have unanimous support when moving a policy for water conservation. I hope our council research into possible new pavers gives us some workable water porous material to enable rainwater to reach our trees, rather than be sent to sea. The policy looks at...have the whole 22 page report ..mhewitson@em.unley.sa.gov.au



Before spending \$5.3 million on King William Road why not plan before it is built and consult our community?? I have successfully asked council to ask the State Government about their interest in a tourist tram up the wide part of King William Road to bus stop 4. It could be historic trams like San Francisco, a tourist attraction without cars, it could be a City Hyde Park shuttle. It would not remove through car lanes or parking.
 Other ideas could include public outdoor seats and tables. Trees? Better traffic flow? King William Road is an Unley Council Road.

Missing from this newsletter due to lack of space; Memorialisation in public places...Planning change is in the air! To Tour Down Under Party or not? Unley Road plan and no action!
 Good governance can be helped by your emails to me. If you are prepared to be consulted, email me.