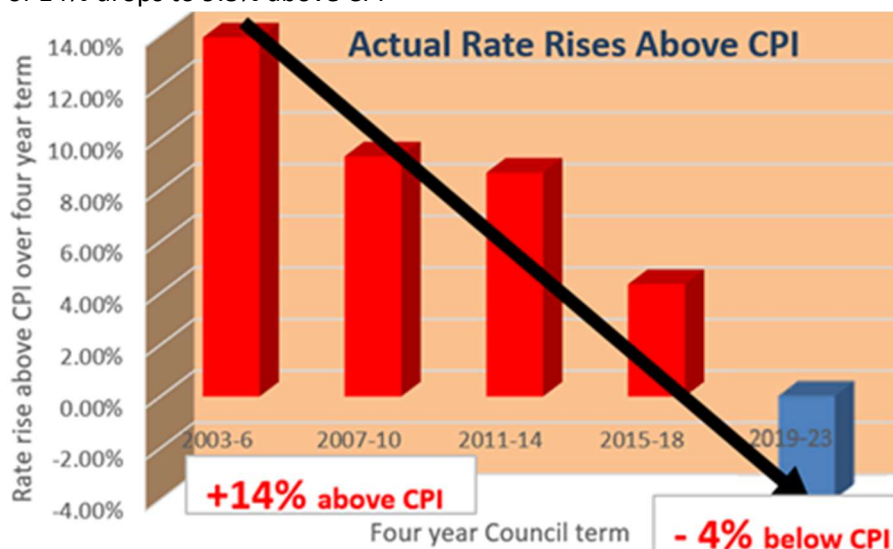


## Cr Mayor Michael's record of achievement 2006 - 2022

- Elected Councillor 2006-2010
  - **WATER** Instigated the wastewater planning to recycle water for City of Unley
  - **WASTE** Instrumental in the waste management plan to better recycling.
  - **RATES** Failed to persuade Council to set a fair rate first and cut costs to fit.
  - Council continues to vote to pay for everything gaining member support. Rates rise of 14% drops to 9.3% above CPI



- Re-elected 2010 -2014.
  - **WATER** Instrumental to get the build of the WATER recapture and recycling across Unley to
    - water parks ovals etc....
    - Dam Glen Osmond Creek
    - Capture water in Heywood park and pump into underground aquifer
    - Recycle Gap water at Keswick and Parkside
      - Providing water at 30% lower cost than mains
      - Water Security in the next drought.
  - **WALKING and CYCLING**
    - Instigated a new Unley Walking and Cycling Plan
    - Instrumental in Re-establishing an Unley Bicycle Users Group (UBUG)
    - the build of the Rugby/Porter Bikeway with safety of pedestrians and cyclists the priority is started.
  - **TREE PLANTING**

- **OVERDEVELOPMENT Planning Rules....** As PRESIDING OFFICER of our CITY STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE, we have won rules that enable a GREEN, COOL, LIGHT city that maintains its heritage with planned development. I have fought for rules that ensure sunlight for all, rules that maintain our street trees and green parks.

## DPA 3A – Built Form

### Unley Road – Height and Interface

- Scale relationship to road (0.75 : 1.0) - 3-5 story
- BDP Policy Template Provision (45° @ 3.0 metres agl)
- Shadow and visual dominance implications



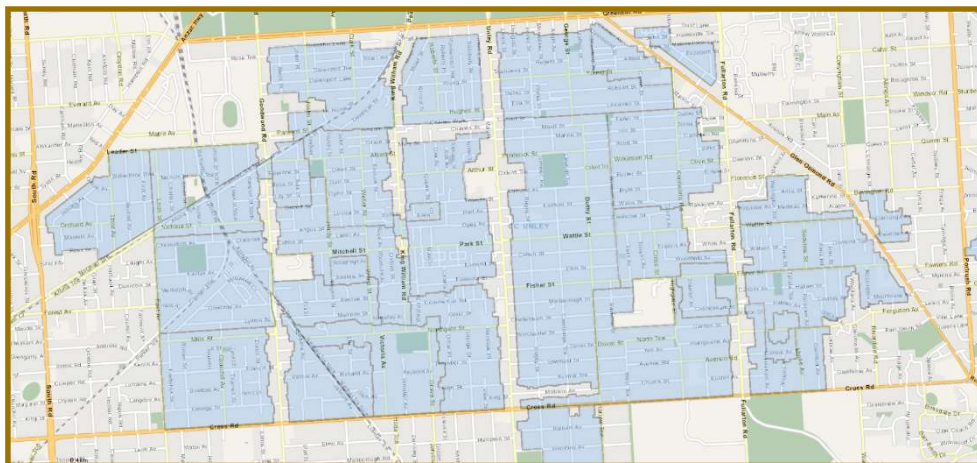
- **Instigated** All new medium and high-density buildings must be below a 30 degree shadow.
- Jobs and Startup
  - Initiated Business Start-up initiatives resulting in the tripling in size along Edmund Avenue. Legal, Financial and business entrepreneurial support are vital.
- Re-elected 2014-2018
  - **Tree Canopy**
    - Policy for new developments... initiated and failed to get Council to mandate 15% minimum tree canopy for new developments
    - Planting of two trees for every one removed from Council land implemented.
    - Call for a city-wide tree strategy and is adopted. A good start but guaranteed to fail by <1480 trees each year. Unley loses about 2% of our canopy on private property each year.
  - **Safe Walking and Cycling Strategy** adopted.
    - Aim for every upper primary school child to be able to walk or cycle safely to school.
    - Windsor to King William Road shared path: Against stiff opposition we developed our first and only across Unley path along Charles Walk with lights across Unley Road that line up with the walk all the way up Windsor Street. It is heavily used with 2,000 hits for the lights per week.
  - **Water**
    - Unley is independent of mains and Murray water as we now have recycled water for our parks, gardens and ovals which went brown in the drought...No more! We save water, prevent phosphate-rich run off to the ocean, we save money as the water costs us less than half of mains, and when our reservoirs run dry we can continue to water.
    - Including pumping, staff and depreciation our cost of WATER is now about 66%.
  - **Lighting and Electricity Saving.**
    - Confidentially raised the concern that our multimillion-dollar tender working with ERA Councils was perceived to be crooked and potential tenderers withdrew.

- Received a code of conduct complaint for sharing what turned out to be a false claim by council that we had good practice and a fair tender process.
- Ensured that a subsequent tender for just two Councils was competitive and savings helped reduce rates and improve Council services.
- **Rates:**
  - In my eight years 2006-2013 rates rose by 16% above CPI and in the previous SIX years by 37%
  - My policy is **‘TO SET A FAIR RATE FIRST AND THEN CUT OUR EXPENDITURE TO FIT’**
- **Governance**
  - Raised concern about how the rules silenced Councillors from representing the Citizens of Unley.
  - I had been silenced
    - when we had bad tender processes and was barred from collecting evidence in defence. Barred from talking with staff, other councillors and from the ombudsman’s own staff.
    - I was found guilty for openly and proudly sharing an email that was not marked confidential, with those that had made complaints. The email stated we were about to get bad press the next morning and that whilst we had made mistakes, we now had best practice. The day the finding was released other Councillors stated in that they would also have passed the information on.
- **Planning Rules**
  - Instigated the push to ensure the 30° rule for Unley Central to ensure. This would ensure surround residents were not condemned to four dark winter months with no sunlight at all.



- Elected to be Deputy Mayor 2017-2018
- **Elected Mayor 2018**
  - With an absolute majority of voters across Unley.
  - **Track Record of negotiation** with Government Ministers and collaboration with neighbouring Councils to enable Unley to deliver without the inherent power to do so.
  - **Overbearing Development win unique to Unley!**

- **80% of Unley has been protected from overdevelopment as our heritage rules have now been part of the statewide code.**



- **Unley, Greenhill and Glen Osmond Road on Unley's side are all protected by the 30° rule.**
- The remaining 20% operates on the rules applying across the rest of SA, 45°, 7% soil and no trees are required to be grown.

#### ○ **Safe Walking and Cycling**

- The plan is being faithfully implemented.
- A school with 3 bicycles 2018 is now 100 2021
- Save 200+ car trips a day... the lowest cost way to improve our roads for cars.
- The Eastern Region Councils now have a coordinated plan to enable safe cycling across Council boundaries. (Just a plan still two car and bus lanes and a cycle lane disappear as they merge into one bus lane... Prospect Road.... Greenhill Rd into Burnside, ETC...)



#### ○ **Governance** Appointed to the Minister for Local Government Governance review committee

- Succeeded in formalising the accountability of CEOs to Council.
- I believe we need to open up the secret Local Government code of conducts complaint procedure.
  - Believe that secret complainant making secret complaints about an elected member give the power, publicity to the complainant, whilst denying the accused the ability to provide a researched defence.
    - The target of the complaint bears all legal costs even if found innocent.
    - The complainant is free to collect evidence and bears zero cost.

- Believe the person charged with an offence should have the right to decide whether
  - the complaint be public, and evidence presented be public. Or
  - be private because mud sticks and some claims can be solely political in purpose... to damage the target
- Believe the elected members initiating a formal complaint about another Elected member should not automatically be allowed to be anonymous
  - and should along with the person charged be absent from the chamber when the matter is referred back to council for decision.

- **Entrepreneurial Business start ups**

- Little City
- Fish tank
  - for school students
  - for skopal graduates
- & Startup@AnyAge

- The current members of the Little City co-working space are active contributors to the surrounding business precincts supporting the local hospitality and service providers, retail and general day to day shopping.
- The expanded facility is anticipated to accommodate up to 30 to 35 different businesses, drawing 50 to 60 people. This will provide greater activation of the Civic Precinct and long-term economic support particularly for the Unley Road precinct and Duthy Street.
- The new floor plans include flexible 'hot-desks' for single users as well as a number of small offices for companies of 1-5 people, as well as communal lunchrooms, meeting rooms, administration support and other amenities. The facility can be accessed from Edmund Avenue as well as the Village Green
- Little City have agreed to enter into a commercial lease with the City of Unley for 72, 74 and 76 Edmund Avenue
- When completed and connected to the new GigCity high-speed broadband network, this promises to drive accelerated economic growth and technical innovation by attracting a range of new business and start-up enterprises to Unley.
- GigCity, a high-speed fibre internet connection offering up to 10 Gigabit per second speeds in Unley's Civic Precinct will connect to a broader network which includes high-tech hubs Lot Fourteen and the Tonsley Innovation Precinct.
- Providing high-speed broadband to drive economic opportunities is a key outcome of our Digital Strategy, and supports future initiatives that will form part of our Smart City Plans
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### **Edmund Ave Business start ups**

**Redeveloped Cottages along Village Green.**

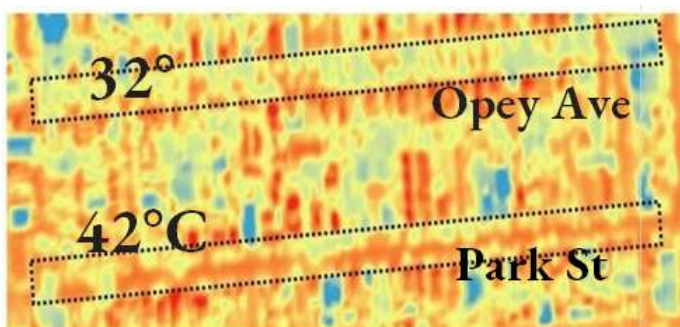


- **Climate Change**

- Australasian leadership: I am appointed to be a Member of ICLEI<sup>i</sup> Oceanic Regional Committee
- Climate Change Leadership: Unley is the top Council of 341 Councils across Australia to have been assessed through the Informed.City™ climate change governance assessment. <sup>ii</sup>
- **Unley Council commits to action and external assessment through the**

### GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY (GCoM).

- Unanimous Council vote join GCoM and to act on climate change.
- Unley commits to measure and report our progress internationally. GCoM is the largest and most important international coalition of local governments participating in climate action. The City of Unley pledged to implement policies and undertake measures to
  - (i) reduce / limit greenhouse gas emissions,
  - (ii) prepare for the impacts of climate change,
  - (iii) increase access to sustainable energy, and
  - (iv) track progress toward these objectives.
- **1% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions come from Council operations.**
  - Carbon zero Neutral by 2030 and by majority Council Vote purchasing Carbon credits to be Carbon neutral by Dec 2023
- **8% comes from food waste**
- **Tree Canopy Target of 31%**
  - Only metro Council increasing canopy by 5.19% 2018-2021
  - Neighbouring suburbs across Australia with 30% tree canopy are 10°C cooler. E.g., A Western Sydney suburb with 9% canopy, 52°C and next-door suburb is 42°C.
  - The most important way our city can reduce global green house gasses is to keep increasing the tree canopy.
- Or we are



• **Increasing local temperatures by 10°C on hot days**

• **Increasing air-conditioning and electricity consumption**

• **Reducing active walking and cycling**

• **Increasing chronic disease**

○ **Undone**

- We are losing our tree canopy on private land from 28% now down to 13% before our children retire! They will cook.
- Our Governance rules need changing. Poor rules enable weaponised attacks which mean increase legal fees and risk poor governance,
- 100% Waste recycling to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and be carbon neutral.
- Smart City consultation in full.

## From the 2014 blog

Candidate's Statement for election to represent Unley Ward

Michael Hewitson AM



#### WHAT I STAND FOR:

**Integrity:** I am not for sale, for money or votes.

**Independent:** I am not a developer, and I do not work for one.

**Honesty:** Public consultations with real choice and **accurate information**.

**Listening:** After consulting I listen and support the wishes of our community.

**Results:** others now seek to help; great staff support; Things now happen: Water in our next drought; a green cool city with sunlight for all; cycle and pedestrian paths and crossings; well-maintained parks; planning rules with heritage; good library; lower rates, better footpaths.....

**Newsletters:** My newsletters are checked and reliable and keep you informed.

**Why am I running again to minimise rates with good services new ideas and sound management?**

With your support we have made a difference .... I thank you for the past opportunities .... But now we have more to do... We can do better...

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- <sup>i</sup> ICLEI is the Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.
  - <sup>ii</sup> As of May 2021, the City of Unley recorded a higher assessment score than 341 Australian councils to have been assessed through the Informed.City™ climate change governance assessment. Council achieved a top score of 'Advanced' in Strategic Planning, Public Risk Disclosure, Asset Management and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction.  
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