



NEWS FROM THE PORT OF ADELAIDE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

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The PORT of ADELAIDE Branch of the National Trust invites you to celebrate the start of 2013 with our first event of the year

PORT RENEWAL UPDATE

ANDREW CRUST

Director, Port Adelaide Renewal Project, Renewal SA
(from September 2012)

PETER BICKNELL

Chair, Port Adelaide Renewal Steering Committee

CAREN SIEGFRIEDT

Member, Port Adelaide Renewal Steering Committee

All will speak briefly with an opportunity for questions from the floor and lively discussion afterwards.

7pm Friday 8 February 2013

Sarah's Sisters Sustainable Cafe

117 Semaphore Road, Semaphore

Light food served, purchase your own drinks.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Please RSVP to Sharon at sharonholmes@optusnet.com.au by Wednesday 6 February so we have an idea of attendance for the evening.



PORT RENEWAL UPDATE - MEMBERS' EVENT FEBRUARY 8TH 2013

Sarah's Sisters at Semaphore was a very pleasant venue to hold PoANT's New Year welcome to members. Sitting under the decorative parachute-style drapery, listening to the gentle running water from the garden centre, sipping a cool drink made for an informal get-together. With more than 40 members in attendance, we could have used a few of the chairs that were dangling overhead.

Our panel consisted of **Peter Bicknell** (a PoANT member and **Chair** of the Port Adelaide Renewal Steering Committee); **Caren Siegfriedt** (a member of the Port Adelaide Residents Environmental Protection Group and a member of the Port Adelaide Renewal Steering Committee) and **Andrew Crust** (Director, Port Adelaide Renewal Project, Renewal SA).

Peter talked about the success of the Open Day 2012. 4,500 people attended and their main message about the **Precinct Plan** was to get on with it! Looking at some key projects and one of the main areas of work at the moment is the development of the walking and bike path around the water.

Caren handed around a clipboard with a page of dot points that the Steering Group is considering, which covered the following:

- **Identity of Port Adelaide**
 - Maritime, shipping
 - Cultural
 - Sporting
 - Historical

- **Economic Sustainability**
 - Supporting local businesses
 - Protecting Port Adelaide

- **Environmental Sustainability**
 - Water quality
 - Sustainable housing
 - Social equity
 - Remediate The Port for the next generation

- **Celebrate the waterfront**
- **Enhance city streets**
- **Ensure a city for people**
- **Provide a welcome for visitors**
- **Facilitate coming and going**

- **Support a diverse community**
- **Promote Port Adelaide and SA's maritime history**
- **Respect cultural beliefs of Indigenous people**

This is part of urban design, public art, treasures of Port Adelaide, putting people before cars.

Support people in the Port to enhance identity and make it better

Andrew provided an overview of his background and the skills he brings to the task of leading the Port Adelaide Renewal Project. He has responsibility for implementing the Activation Projects, which have been allocated \$7m, and to ensure the development a Precinct Plan for the Port Centre by June 2013. Renewal SA is currently recruiting project staff to work on the Port Adelaide Renewal Project, and Andrew recognised the impact of recent staff turnover. It is anticipated that work will progress at a faster rate once the new team members are appointed.

QUESTIONS TO PANEL FROM THE FLOOR

- How did the awarding of the **Master Plan go to Connor Holmes?** (Andrew Crust responded)
 - It was an open tender process. There were 11 expressions of interest with 3 to 4 of those meeting the set criteria.
 - Connor Holmes has demonstrated a clear ability to deliver.
 - David Lock and David Klingberg are executives at Connor Homes.
 - They are a very experienced team with an emphasis on heritage, re-use of existing buildings.
 - Examples of Connor Holmes **projects** will be presented to Steering Committee on 19.2.2013.
- **What power/authority/control does Renewal SA** have over other corporations, government bodies?
 - Precinct **Plan** will have be amended, enacted and passed. The development will be held to that plan.
- **Significance of Semaphore** and links to Port Adelaide. There is a perception that Semaphore is an attractive area compared to that of a run-down Port Adelaide. Should Semaphore be included in a total package with the renewal of The Port to regenerate Port Adelaide?
 - The project area is defined but linkages can look out towards Semaphore. There is a capacity “to sell” this destination and development.
 - Visual and physical connection using a pathway/walkway to link Bower Rd to Semaphore Rd with the water.
- **Wool stores** (not identified as being part of the precinct where the Steering group has responsibility as they are zoned as an industrial area at present)
 - Ideas suggested – live music venues, residential conversions.
- **Soil Stockpiles and Contamination of soil near Fletcher’s Slip**
 - What will happen with the safe removal contaminated soil?
 - Shed 26 to be removed and more retesting of the soil will occur.
 - Cost of removal and disposal is considerable.
 - Testing needs to occur. There are different categories of contamination and it will cost millions of dollars to do this.
- **Artefacts**
 - \$2m was promised by LMC for re-allocation of artefacts.
 - Preservation of GMH mosaic (see Andrew Crust)
- **Customs House and the cycle of the next State Election**
 - What will be the impact with the timing of the next election regarding the timelines dictated by deliverability (June/July 2013)?
 - Guidelines need to be adhered to by public and private sectors re: investment and design principles.
 - Customs House is privately owned. There is a clear, transparent process that aims to encourage private owners to do take some action. Need to reach common ground about benefits to Port Adelaide. It is a dilemma! Incentives are carefully negotiated with private property owners.
- **Parameters re: residential space.** Has there been any setting of numbers?
 - Open Day feedback considered and fed to consultants, who are developing the Precinct Plan.
 - Community requirements fed into Precinct Plan.

- Opportunities for investments with more than one developer and are strongly encouraging a range of housing types including low cost housing.
- Crying out for residential development. Need strategies to encourage people to live here.
- Steering Committee is encouraging accommodation that will lead to flow on effect.
- **Hart's Mill**
 - Surrounds to be landscaped and developed.
 - Flour store provides accessible space – where does this sit with development?
 - Dictated by budget. Currently there is no funding for this proposal.
 - Early activation response to Open Day.
 - Path is a significant cost but want to see activation this year.
 - Use of Hart's Mill could be low cost if all the money is not spent simply on landscaping.
 - **Dilemma about priorities.**

PROPOSAL FROM PETER BICKNELL

The Port Path plan is an opportunity to present the Port's history and culture to locals and tourists by highlighting significant events/symbols of Port Adelaide around the Path. This can be achieved by having stops on the Path which will provide information on relevant heritage/history.

Peter is asking PoANT to submit between 8 and 10 priority issues/events/symbols to the Steering Committee. He suggested the following ideas: Indigenous heritage; wharf workers; *S.S. The City of Singapore* fire.

We ask all PoANT members to consider ideas for this Project. We will be back in touch when we have contact details for one of the Project Officers who will co-ordinate the feedback.

Torrens Island Quarantine Station

Andrew Winkler presented information about Maritime Constructions application to use TIQS as a storage depot. Submissions need to be made by February 20th 2013. Read article online @ *Adelaide Now*.

(Peter Bicknell pointed out that the Quarantine Station is currently not part of the consideration of the Steering Group).

Friends of Torrens Island held a picnic on Australia Day weekend and 50 people attended. All PoANT members are welcome to join FoTI.

Facebook

PoANT is planning on having a presence on Facebook

As you can see, there were many discussion points raised.

It was a successful event and we thank everyone who attended. See you next time.