

No support for Parklands parking idea

ELECTION: City council area candidates say the parklands should be used as a hub for events but remain split over its use as a temporary parking ground.

The majority of candidates said people should use buses to attend city events.

Mark Hamilton supported temporary parking for events as long as it was not a nuisance to residents.

"I object to any permanent development in the parklands. (They) are there to be used and I strongly support the widespread use of the parklands for community events."

David Plumridge said parking should be limited to one-off events held in the parklands.

"There should be established, prepared parking areas that can be used for the events," he said.

Jill Thorpe said: "I think there is enough parking in the parklands at the moment and there shouldn't be any more parking to go with the revamp of Adelaide Oval."

Ed Briedis said the parklands were there to be enjoyed by the community, which included holding events but he would fight against any parking on them, including as part of the redevelopment of Adelaide Oval.

Anne Moran said no temporary parking was used for music festivals and should not be allowed for any other events, while Natasha Malani said parking should be judged on a case-by-case scenario but did not support permanent parking.

Michael Llewellyn-Smith did not return calls before *City Messenger* presstime.



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The Grote St gateway

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All agreed that the west-end of the strip was "lacking personality" and had been neglected in the past, with many saying they would fight for it to be included in future council budgets.

Arna Eyres-White said Grote St had the potential to become a spectacular gateway to the CBD.

"Streetscaping seems the most obvious thing but something that is indicative of Adelaide as a whole," she said.

"It is lacking a bit of personality and

it's the main gateway from the airport to the city."

Tim Hein said streetscaping, similar to that on North Tce, was needed to attract cafes and restaurants to the west end of Grote St.

"I like the idea of it almost becoming a boulevard feel," he said.

"The life that was given to east end (of the city) needs to be given to the west end."

Megan Hender said Grote St needed to be revitalised but there should be a consistent design across the city. "I certainly think that entrance is important as it is a gateway

and the first impression people get of our city," she said.

"I think the great cities I have visited have a consistent look across the city."

Houssam Abiad said he supported the idea but it would depend on the future budgets of the City Council.

Tony Tropeano did not respond to calls from the *City Messenger* before presstime.

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City Messenger article (on Barton Road closure issue) WHICH PEOPLE IN NORTH ADELAIDE DON'T/DIDN'T RECEIVE! WHY NOT?

Barton bid rejected by candidates

CLOSURE: The bid to reopen Barton Rd has been shot down by six of the seven City Council north ward candidates.

Karen Ann Lombe, Gary Collis, Vincent Scali, Wayne Owen and sitting members Cr Sandy Wilkinson and Sue Clearihan said that reopening Barton Rd would upset the flow of traffic in North Adelaide's residential streets.

Barton Rd, which runs between Mills Tce, Barton Tce West and War Memorial Drive, has been closed to all traffic except buses for the past 13 years, frustrating some western suburbs residents.

Last month the *City Messenger* reported that Croydon MP Michael Atkinson was planning to introduce a Private Members Bill to State Parliament to reverse the closure.

"There is no real benefit to anyone to do it," said Cr Wilkinson.

"It's not good planning to direct traffic through residential areas instead of main roads such as Jeffcott St."

Mr Collis said the closure of the road had not caused any significant problems and should be left as it is.

"It has been closed for a while and has not caused any problems," Mr Collis said.

"We should leave it as it is and focus on more important issues."

Candidate James Neal said he remained neutral on the issue and would favour the decision of the community.