



News from The Walkerville Residents' Association

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The WRA has now been operational for nine months and has been meeting regularly since convening a public meeting at the Council Offices to 'reconstitute' the original Walkerville Residents' Association that has been in abeyance for some years. This meeting was attended by more than 55 residents. There is now a mailing list of over 90 residents.

We have had many meetings mainly to discuss the redevelopment plans at the Buckingham Arms site. We remain supportive of a development on the site that is sympathetic to the surrounding residential area and believe it will be a positive architectural gateway to the Walkerville area.

However, we remain opposed to a 10-storey residential tower with the concomitant high density living, the resultant high volume traffic congestion and the inadequacy of parking among other matters.

We believe any development, in height above the 6 storeys for which the area is zoned, will have an inappropriate and deleterious impact on the primarily single storey individual properties in Gilberton and an unattractive visage on the main entrance to the Walkerville Council area. We are currently engaging a professional planning consultant to assist us again in making a submission to the decision-making body, State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) for this latest plan which was released on October 3rd. To adequately fund the services of an expert planning consultant, we are seeking financial donations. If you wish to donate, please advise us through our web site <https://walkervilleresidents.org/> where you will also find other related documents.

However, if you have a strong view about the latest 10-storey plans released by the developer for the site on 3rd October 2024, we encourage you to make an individual submission to the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) as soon as possible and before the deadline of 24th October 2024.

The WRA website will provide quick links to site plans to assist you in making a short individual submission. Submissions do not have to be lengthy. The address for making a submission to the SCAP is: SCAP Secretary, Buckingham Arms Development plan, GPO Box 1815 Adelaide.SA 5001

This could be a last chance to effect a positive change to our entry to the area. We will have to live with the consequences of an inappropriate development for a long time and could face the prospect of similar developments within the Walkerville Council area should this set a precedent in both height and density that would contribute to a significant visual and environmental deterioration of our living area.

The WRA has also discussed other planning issues relating to the Walkerville Council area, including the Future Living Code Amendment, The Greater Adelaide Regional Plan and the Walkerville2035 Strategic Plan.

Mayor Melissa Jones and the CEO, Andrew MacDonald have been extremely helpful with our enquiries and have made council facilities available to us when needed.

We have also established positive links with the Adelaide MP, Lucy Hood who has been very helpful in providing information and communicating with residents through newsletter drops.

We would welcome any requests to join our mailing list. Simply make yourself known through the contact details on the web site or email contact@walkervilleresidents.org.

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