

Council Connect

Planning and Design Code

Now in operation. Incredibly opaque and difficult to use. Despite assurances people will be able to easily check planning codes applicable to their address it is incredibly opaque and difficult to use. Go to <https://code.plan.sa.gov.au/> for the full frustration experience. Hint: you will probably need to find the SAPPA mapping site to get any vaguely useful information. Iris Iwanicki, an experienced urban planner working with the Community Alliance, gave a useful overview of the problems. At the moment it is 'wait and see' as we really have no clear idea of how or if this is going to work. But essentially planning power has been lost from local government and people to the state government and developers.

Groundwater loss Henley Square

WACRA applied for further information on the action being taken by DEW on Bayspring Pty Ltd (Richard Antunes) following Bayspring's refusal to take the remedial action agreed by all parties and ordered by DEW. The parties are now in dispute in the ERD Court. Groundwater continues to be illegally extracted and dumped on the beach. It will be 10 years this September.

Henley Library/ Community Hub

Plans to renovate the Henley Library were put on hold when it was discovered that the roof trusses need replacing which would cost \$800k. Council came up with a tentative plan to rebuild, merging the existing site with the old Henley Town Hall to create a multifunction Library/Community hub. This plan was dependent on selling the old Community Centre on Military Rd and Paul Caica's old office on Seaview Road and getting a matching \$3M from the state government's COVID stimulation fund. However, they failed to get state government funding so the whole project has gone into abeyance. Nonetheless, there seems to be an expectation that shortly before the state election in March 2022 the government's 'pork barrelling' fund may find the \$ to help Matt Cowdrey retain Colton, so stay tuned. Our main concern is that the loss of the Military Road Community Centre will mean less access for some existing community activities which may not fit with the planned centre.

Council's Draft Business Plan

We are making a submission, building on the excellent work by Kate Denton on the poor response to the miserable tree canopy across the city of Charles Sturt.

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