

# A 50 YEAR PLAN FOR METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE



## PLANNING BEYOND TOMORROW

WHEN: SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER, 10AM-5PM

WHERE: ALLAN SCOTT AUDITORIUM, UNISA WEST, NORTH TERRACE

9.00 am	Doors open, registration starts
10.00 am	Opening remarks from <b>Deborah Morgan</b> , President, National Trust of South Australia
10:10 am	Historian and former National Trust president <b>Professor Norman Etherington AM</b> presents: <i>Adelaide 2070 – A 50-year plan for metropolitan Adelaide</i>
10:45 am	<b>David Cole</b> , Convenor of Working Group on Land Use, Planning, and Climate Change – <i>Is The New Planning System Climate-Ready?</i>
11:15 am	Short coffee and tea break
11:30 am	Town planner and public transport expert <b>Tom Wilson</b> – <i>Public transport: yesterday, today, and tomorrow</i>
12:00 pm	President of Community Alliance SA and former City of Adelaide chief planner <b>Dr Iris Iwanicki</b> – <i>How to put the community in charge of planning</i>
12:30 pm	National Trust Chief Executive <b>Dr Darren Peacock</b> wraps-up day so far, previews afternoon sessions
12:35 pm	Lunch break
1:30 pm	Urban and regional planner and InDaily columnist <b>Stephanie Johnston</b> – <i>World Heritage Listing as a future-making tool</i>
2:00 pm	Adelaide Park Lands Association President <b>Shane Sody</b> – <i>A better future for the Adelaide Park Lands</i>
2:30 pm	Short coffee and tea break
2:45 pm	Environmental and town planner <b>David Ellis</b> – <i>Zoomshock: how will COVID change the city?</i>
3:15 pm	Heritage consultant and former City of Adelaide Councillor <b>Sandy Wilkinson</b> – <i>Urban consolidation: with, not in place of, Adelaide's historic character</i>
3:45 pm	Short coffee and tea break
4:00 pm	Wrap-Up – <i>Where To From Here?</i> Facilitated discussion for participants to nominate their priorities and identify opportunities for action in lead-up to State Election
4:50 pm	Closing remarks from <b>Deborah Morgan</b>
5.00 pm	Close of event

# SESSION SUMMARIES

## 10:10 am *A 50 Year Plan For Metropolitan Adelaide*

### **Professor Norman Etherington: Historian and former President, National Trust of South Australia**

Widespread disenchantment with the South Australian planning regime is justified. Existing plans, even those purporting to be 30-year plans do nothing to fire the imagination. In the hope of widening our horizons and expanding our vision, the National Trust has drafted a 50-year plan for metropolitan Adelaide. Some of the best ideas have been around a long time, but died in the corridors of power. Today our 50-year Plan goes public.

## 10:45 am *Is The New Planning System Climate-Ready?*

### **David Cole: Convenor of Working Group on Land Use, Planning, and Climate Change**

This presentation considers whether the new South Australian planning system introduced in March 2021 is equipped to adequately address the critical global issue of climate change. Modifications to the new state planning system are necessary if metropolitan Adelaide is to evolve in the next few decades in a manner which results in meaningful and continuing reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and effective adaptation.

## 11.30 am *Public Transport: Yesterday, Today, And Tomorrow*

### **Tom Wilson: Town planner and public transport expert**

Tom will present his ideas for the long-term development of Adelaide's rail and tram network, as this will be important in terms of guiding future higher density urban development.

## 12.00 pm *Democracy Or Development Über Alles? SA Planning In The Spotlight*

### **Dr Iris Iwanicki: President of Community Alliance SA and former City of Adelaide chief planner**

This presentation will outline legislative processes and procedures within our current planning system and where they fail and succeed. There will be a focus on policy-making, Planning Code amendments, assessment processes, kicking goals, and other relevant matters.

## 1.30 pm *World Heritage Listing As A Future-Making Tool*

### **Stephanie Johnston: Urban and regional planner and InDaily columnist**

Stephanie will explore the potential for World Heritage listing to create value and opportunity, to seed unexpected outcomes and to curate a desirable future for Adelaide.

## 2.00 pm *A Better Future For The Adelaide Park Lands*

### **Shane Sody: President, Adelaide Park Lands Association**

In a crowded world with more and more people squeezed into megacities, we will come to prize the last remnants of open green space. In such a world, Adelaide's Park Lands, if fully preserved, will be a treasure trove, a unique feature that will distinguish Adelaide from other cities where urban parks are often tiny and crowded.

## 2.45 pm *Zoomshock: How Will Covid Change The City?*

### **David Ellis: Environmental and town planner**

Overseas research shows that the Covid pandemic has, and will continue to have an impact on central city businesses that have been set up to serve people who travel to work in those cities. Many of the people who used to travel to the city centre are now working from home and may well continue to do so. Some businesses have already started to adjust to the trend, but at the same time there has been an increase in high density development in city centres.

## 3.15 pm *Urban Consolidation: With, Not In Place Of, Adelaide's Historic Character*

### **Sandy Wilkinson: Heritage consultant and former City of Adelaide Councillor**

Sandy will provide his views on how urban infill can be done well, in a manner that does not destroy the Golden Goose that is Adelaide's, unique and nationally revered, historic stone housing stock. Urban Consolidation does not have to equate to Urban Destruction, yet not expanding to Gawler and the Southern vales has been used as an excuse to block the proper protection of Adelaide's historic suburbs.



# THE SPEAKERS

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## **Professor Norman Etherington AM**

Norman Etherington was educated at Yale University in the United States, where he earned the BA degree with highest honours and subsequently the PhD in History. He joined the Adelaide University history department as a lecturer and went on to hold the Chair of History at the University of Western Australia. He was inaugural Chair of the History Trust of South Australia and served on the Adelaide City Council. In Western Australia he served on the Councils of both the National Trust and the Western Australian Heritage Council. He is a past president of the Australian Historical Association and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences. After his return to Adelaide in 2010 he served as President of the National Trust of South Australia from 2012 to 2017. Norman has published 15 books and more than 100 academic papers. In 2013 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to history and the community.

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## **David Cole LL.B., M.Env.St**

David is a recently retired environmental lawyer. He practised in this area for some thirty years having previously worked as an environmental consultant specialising in the management of environmental impact assessments and the provision of strategic environmental advice to the public and private sectors. He was environmental consultant to the 1991 Planning Review for Metropolitan Adelaide. He has taught environmental law both full and part time at South Australian universities.

Over his working life David has been a member of South Australian statutory bodies and was an inaugural member and later chair of the Environmental Defenders Office (SA).

Currently David convenes the Working Group on Land Use Planning and Climate Change in SA. The Working Group comprises several lawyers and a senior academic planner who share a common concern about the capacity of the new State planning system to address climate change. The Working Group is currently communicating with government agencies on the recommendations of its Final Report on Land Use Planning and Climate Change that in May of this year was submitted to the State Parliament's Legislative Review Committee Inquiry into Planning Reform.

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## **Tom Wilson**

During the 1960's and 1970's Tom worked and provided consulting services in transport and town planning. He held middle management positions primarily in the planning of bus, tram and train services. In 1974 he was chairman of a cross-agency Bus Service Planning Group, set up to integrate the pre-1974 private bus and MTT bus networks, and both of them with the Adelaide rail system. This included involvement in the development of train service patterns. In 1977 he was sent overseas by the STA to study public transport systems in many countries.

In mid career he was Operations Manager for the Northeast Busway (now O-Bahn) Project, including bus route planning, timetabling, determining fleet requirements, and conceptual bus interchange layout. Because of his O-Bahn experience he hosted many international professional and political visitors to the Adelaide O-Bahn.

In more recent times, as well as being continuously involved with bus, tram and train service reviews and in trying to influence public transport-friendly urban planning decisions, he was a strong proponent, within Government, of the upgrading of the Glenelg Tramline, purchase of new trams, and extension within the City and to the Port Adelaide area. This included, in his last few years, developing proposals for tram service patterns and concept layout of the new City tram stops.

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## **Dr. Iris Iwanicki PhD, BA, GDTP, M.Env.Law, Life Fellow RPIA.**

With extensive experience in town planning and heritage conservation work Iris has advised and represented local government and other clients in strategic and statutory planning matters over 30 years. Her past experience includes State Register Historian, Chief Planner (DA) City of Adelaide, Environmental Services Manager (DC Willunga) tertiary teaching, and private consultancy. Previously member of the State Heritage Authority, SA Pastoral Board, State Planning Commission (deputy Presiding Member), Conservation Council of SA, EDO, and Past President PIA(SA) (SA). Her interests include art, theatre, environmental matters, and community engagement in planning.

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## **Stephanie Johnston**

Stephanie Johnston is a former book publisher turned urban and rural planner who writes for a number of publications including a+u, Historic Environment, InDaily, SA Life and Fleurieu Living Magazine. She is interested in how good planning and inspirational design can harness and enhance the 'core drivers' of a community – culture and commerce. Those interests are reflected in her involvement with a World Heritage nomination of the Adelaide Plan and Settlement Landscapes of the Mount Lofty Ranges. Stephanie lives and works between an adapted warehouse in the city and her beach house on the Fleurieu.

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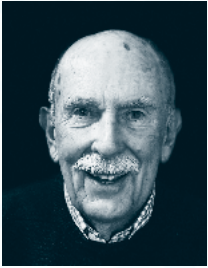


## Shane Sody

Shane Sody is the President of the Adelaide Park Lands Association. His working career involved four separate phases, spread over more than four decades: firstly as a radio news presenter, second as a political media adviser and researcher, before qualifying in a third career phase as a lawyer working in public service, and fourthly as a local government policy advisor and administrator.

Retiring from paid employment in December 2019, Shane's varied career experiences have enabled him to lead the Park Lands Association into a new era in 2021, with revamped branding and a strategic plan to capture the imagination of more South Australians, with just four words: Love Your Park Lands.

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## David Ellis

David Ellis worked in senior positions for more than 30 years in town planning and the environment. He was awarded the Public Service Medal in the 2002 Queens Birthday Honours for outstanding service and innovation in those fields and is a Life Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia.

David had a central role in the development of South Australia's system of strategic planning for metropolitan Adelaide and for rural and regional South Australia. He contributed to many projects, including the development of Northfield, the Inner West and DSTO industrial lands.

David also made major contributions in the fields of Environmental and Coastal Management and played the central role in the adoption of the Building Code of Australia and the world's first vegetation clearance controls.

David was active in planning education as a regular lecturer at the University of South Australia. He chaired the Planning Education Foundation of the Planning Institute of Australia, for over ten years.

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## Sandy Wilkinson

Sandy Wilkinson is qualified in both architecture and planning. Sandy has worked as a DA planner and Heritage Consultant for the Adelaide City Council and in private architectural firms. In 1999 he established Alexander Wilkinson Design Pty Ltd. which specialises in heritage, residential design and residential property development – providing a uniquely considered and sensitive approach to designing urban infill in Adelaide's historic suburbs.

Sandy served on the Adelaide City Council from 2007 till 2018 to endeavour to get the City's heritage properly and comprehensively recognised and protected. Practicing what he preaches, undertook his own infill development in Norwood developing townhouses behind and restoring his own Local Heritage villa.

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