CHAIRMAN'S CHOMPINGS...

FRUSTRATED?

At the last East End Community Forum on 28 January, where, unfortunately, the representation was only from residents with no traders being able to attend, ongoing frustrations regarding noise, litter and gross antisocial behaviour were again expressed. Photos of human waste and spilt blood were also shown. Such discussions have been continuing over a number of years with no sign yet of any significant resolutions.

Ongoing frustration seems to be the norm when dealing with any bureaucracy. But aren't we just dealing with other people who are being asked to assist in a problem? Achieving a satisfactory outcome for everybody is often hard work.

Life is changing, not necessarily for the better. Behaviour considered very antisocial even five to 10 years ago may now be considered 'the norm 'by many. People come and go, businesses may alter totally with the change of ownership, new people entering a community may have differing viewpoints as to how they believe the community should function. Changing demographics alter expectations and desires. Even deteriorating financial situations will alter people's behaviour.

When there are problems, the meeting suggested, try communicating with those causing concern, report problems to the Council, the Police, your State Government Representative, each of which or whom has a differing jurisdiction. Change occurs slowly but can occur.

The ongoing Greening of the East End and the planned upgrade to Rundle Street are simple signs that lobbying and perseverance can result in positive outcomes. Certainly achieving a change in physical structure is easier to achieve than a change in social behaviour.

So keep on trying!
We have State Elections in March, the Adelaide City Council budget in June and then Council elections later this year all of which can be used to try and achieve change.

David Williams
Chairman
East End Coordination Group

Cs OF THE EAST END

In our last newsletter we asked you to come up with some more 'C's of the East End (that is, words starting with C that describe our great precinct.)

Elizabeth F wrote that she was "Charmed" by the adorable East End after recently moving here and while reading our last newsletter was struck by a few more "C" words including "Classy Community," Neighborhood Commitment," and "Creativity".

Tim K mentioned a very important and popular C - Camping! The East End has all of Australia's premium outdoor gear retailers. Along the same strain he also mentioned 'Climbing' and 'Canoeing'.

On that note, have you seen the recent addition to the Scout Outdoor Centre? Next time you're walking down Rundle St from the Mall have a look up as you cross over Synagogue Place. The "big Climber" is the biggest C around!



