

Four years on . . .

stationsurvey

How the People for Public Transport rated our stations

PEOPLE for Public Transport (PPT) secretary **Margaret Dingle** rated each of the stations in the *Weekly Times Messenger* area out of a maximum total score of 60.

Scores were out of 10 in the six categories: appearance and maintenance, security and safety, lighting, car and bike parking, disability access, facilities (toilets, seats and food).

Bowden – (27) Dirty underpass, offensive graffiti, narrow disability access on south side, adequate seats and shelter, station has potential to be very pleasant.

Croydon – (39) Graffiti on mural in underpass, fairly neat and clean except for underpass, houses facing station enhance security, playground nearby, bump in one access ramp.

West Croydon – (29) Clean but basic, small amount of graffiti, dirty underpass, good disability access ramps, basic shelters.

Kilkenny – (40) Good shelter, clean, extra seats under trees, large gaps in rail crossing, surprisingly pleasant station considering it's in



THE BEST:
Woodville Station (above).

THE WORST:
The graffiti-laden Cheltenham.



an industrial area.

Woodville Park – (43) Lots of parking, fairly good disability ramps, shady trees, good shelter.

Woodville – (49) Clean and attractive, bike lockers, video surveillance, emergency help phones, large shelters but they don't give much wind protection, safety crossing gates, kiosk temporarily closed, vending machines.

Albert Park – (38) Bus stop nearby, rough rail crossing on west side, basic shelter, wheelchairs can't access road crossing because area is cordoned off.

Seaton Park – (31) Overflowing rubbish bin, rough parking for several cars, steep ramps, basic shelter, businesses close to station which enhances security.

East Grange – (39) Basic shelter, small garden, park nearby, low

gradient ramps but some are a bit bumpy, medium density housing nearby.

Grange – (40) Clean, well maintained garden, basic shelter with wind protection, line terminus so driver present a lot of the time, service station nearby.

Cheltenham racecourse – (7) Weeds on platform, poorly maintained but clean, loose stones on access through park, houses facing station.

Cheltenham – (42) Clean but shelter is run down, small amount of graffiti, houses nearby, some parking in shade, shelter needs paint job, good ramps.

Mile End – (20) Platforms smooth and clean except for number four, wide mazes near crossing, close to school and houses, underpass ramp a bit steep.

Keswick – (15) Clean, basic shelters, train button missing on bridge, steps not firmly fixed and some moved when stepped on, large train gap on platform one.

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"There hasn't been much of a change since the last audit."

Ms Dingle said many shelters were rudimentary and did not provide good wind protection.

She also said it was not clear at some stations whether nearby car parks were intended for commuters or for private parking.

Many timetables were covered in graffiti, which made them difficult to read. Where graffiti tags had been painted over at stations close to the city, no effort was made to match the surrounding colour.

Woodville again had the highest rating (49), with a kiosk, bike lockers, emergency help phones and video surveillance. It is one of 10 stations in the metropolitan area promoted by TransAdelaide as a "safer station" because of its enhanced security features.

No station in the *Weekly Times Messenger* area has been promoted to a "safer station" level in the past four years. Ms Dingle said she was impressed with the automated pedestrian gates that were installed at the Woodville crossing earlier this year, which prevent pedestrians from crossing rail lines ahead of oncoming trains.

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Gas Barbecue Safety Tips

The enjoyment of a good barbecue is an Australian tradition. It is essential for the well being of the operator, family and friends that are sharing in this activity, that the gas equipment is safe.

- 🔥 Always use your barbecue in an open well-ventilated area away from combustible material
- 🔥 Provide adult supervision at all times
- 🔥 Check the cylinder valves, regulator and connections for gas escapes using a soapy water solution in a spray bottle (ensure the gas bottle is turned on but the appliance taps are turned off when doing this)
- 🔥 Check the gas cylinder for signs of damage and rust (check the date on collar, if greater than 10 years get it tested)
- 🔥 Make sure that gas cylinders are used and stored in an upright position
- 🔥 When transporting gas cylinders in an enclosed vehicle, especially in hot weather, secure in an upright position and keep cool by wrapping in a wet towel or sack
- 🔥 Make sure your barbecue is certified and labelled by the Australian Gas Association (AGA) or Standards Australia



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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SELECT COMMITTEE ON SA WATER

A Select Committee of the Legislative Council of South Australia has been appointed to inquire into and report on:

- (a) The role of SA Water in supporting water conservation and water security in South Australia.
- (b) The impact of the Government's financial policies on the ability of SA Water to:
 - i. maintain and develop infrastructure;
 - ii. provide essential new supply capabilities;
 - iii. meet projected water demands; and
 - iv. provide network augmentation.
- (c) The role and effectiveness of SA Water in relation to water security and water conservation measures and including:
 - i. the efficacy of water restrictions;
 - ii. SA Water's response to the 2005 "Waterproofing Adelaide" Strategy; and
 - iii. education of water users and advice on water conservation measures.
- (d) Opportunities to reform SA Water governance to assist in water conservation and water security, and in particular:
 - i. a review of relevant State legislation with respect to SA Water's function, structure and accountability, including a review of SA Water's charter; and
 - ii. a review of SA Water's performance statements from Government.
- (e) Legislative and policy changes to address current impediments to water conservation and water recycling, and including:
 - i. water pricing; and
 - ii. incentives for installation of water efficient technology devices.
- (f) Leakage of water from SA Water infrastructure, especially:
 - i. the accuracy of measurement and report of leakage; and
 - ii. a review of SA Water Strategy to address wastage through leakage.
- (g) SA Water policy on alternative sourcing of potable water supplies, including engagement with the private sector;
- (h) Methodologies to ensure access to water for people on low incomes;
- (i) The impact of development in the urban water catchments on the quality and quantity of water available to the metropolitan area; and
- (j) Any other matters.

Any person or organisation wishing to register an interest in presenting written or oral evidence to the Committee should contact the Secretary to the Committee, Mr Chris Schwarz at Parliament House by telephone on (08) 8237 9308, facsimile on (08) 8231 8901 or email at chris.schwarz@parliament.sa.gov.au by Friday, 18 April 2008.

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