

Support to help shops cope with road chaos

CRAIG COOK

FRIDGE magnets, free door mats, window cleaning and temporary rates relief are among Unley Council's goodwill initiatives for King William Rd businesses suffering hardship during the \$15.5m road upgrade.

But the council concedes it is powerless to force landlords to pass on any savings.

Unley Mayor Michael Hewitson, pictured, said the council had already spent an extra \$2 million to ensure traders could survive the road closures and disruption during the nine-month project.

"We've done everything we can to support traders," he said.

"These measures will help traders deal with dust from the works and encourage locals to continue to support businesses during the construction period.

"We've spent that (\$2m) in extra costs on overtime due to the night works, and the project is running longer so that we can have part road closures.

"It's over to the landlords to support the traders too. If they do nothing, we can do nothing."

For properties on King William Rd, between Park/Mitchell and Union streets, rates payments for 2019/20 must be paid in full by June 30, 2020, but there will be no fines in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd quarters if rates are not paid on time.

Other support measures include: DOOR mats to control mud/dirt entering buildings; FRIDGE magnets with a 24/7 contact number;

WINDOW cleaning at regular intervals to make properties presentable, and;

CHANGES to parking controls on side streets to ensure spaces are available.

The next stage of work to replace the road's pavers is scheduled to start on July 8 and be completed by August 5.



Robbie's new Adelaide angel

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ADELAIDE'S Kelli Foran had the best seat in the house as British megastar Robbie Williams serenaded her during a concert in the US.

Foran was sitting alone in the front row of Williams' latest show in Las Vegas, when she caught the eye of the charismatic singer.

"He said, 'Hello there don't you look lovely. Are you here on your own?' And I said, 'Yes'," she recalled.

Williams charmed Foran with a special version of Radiohead's hit song Creep but later in the show he took things to the next level.

"I heard Robbie say 'Let's



get that lovely lady up here'. As I looked up to see what was going on I realised he was pointing at me," she said. "Security shuffled me on stage and I about died at that point. Robbie Williams was holding my hand!"

After finding out Foran was from Adelaide, the An-

gels singer told her: "Do you know why I like Adelaide? Cause it's full of bogans and I like bogans."

Williams then serenaded Foran with *Somethin' Stupid*, at times sitting in her lap, ruffling her hair and even slow dancing together.

"Then he got on one knee and sang the bit about 'I love you'," she said. "He could see how nervous I was and I was tearing up as he looked at me. He said, 'It's all right love.' At the end of the song...we hugged and he thanked me and a dancer took me back to my seat.

"I feel like I have a new best friend, who just happens to be the sexiest man alive."

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BRUSH WITH FAME: Adelaide's Kelli Foran is serenaded by Robbie Williams. Picture: Supplied

'End the rivalry' in school sports

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A THIRD of South Australian parents want school sports days changed so students compete against their own personal bests rather than in traditional races with winners and losers, a survey finds.

And one in five parents favour schools scrapping trophies and certificates altogether, both in the classroom and on the sports field, and going completely "reward-free".

The survey, by the SA Association of State School Organisations, was prompted by reports about sports day at St John's Parish School near Ballarat, where the focus was on students trying to beat their own times and distances recorded at the start of the year.

Close to 900 people responded to the survey, of whom 93 per cent were parents and 43 per cent worked in schools as teachers, principals, support staff or others.

More than half of the 123 teachers who took part favoured prize-free sports days and going reward-free generally.

But only one in every eight of the 68 principals involved liked the idea of disposing with trophies and certificates.

SAASSO director David Knuckey said some respondents supported changing the format of sports days "without completely doing away with competition".

"Many comments also espoused the benefits of children



learning to deal with the disappointment of not winning," he said.

The SA Education Department said it was up to each school to determine the level of competition and prize-giving on sports days.

"The department supports healthy competition for sports and sports days as a part of learning," a spokeswoman said.

"It is important to recognise and celebrate both participation and achievement with regards to sport, just as student academic achievements and learning are celebrated."

SA Primary Principals Association president Angela Falkenberg, above, was not aware of any schools going reward-free.

But she said they ran different sports day schemes, with some awarding "house points" for completion of events as well as traditional prizes for first, second and third place getters.

Ms Falkenberg said schools focused on helping all students develop a "growth mindset" to pursue their individual goals.

But she said they also needed to prepare students for the reality that "life is full of challenges" and therefore "not erase all opportunities to feel those feelings" of "butterflies" in the stomach that come with competition.



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