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# Former factory will be 37 homes

Eugene Boisvert

A TOWNHOUSE development on Hackney Rd previously refused approval has now received the tick from Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Council.

The council's Development Assessment Panel approved Zachariasz Baran's plan for 37 townhouses at the old Sanitarium factory site at 71-77 Hackney Rd, Hackney, at a meeting last Monday.

The panel rejected the project in March and Dr Baran changed the plan to address criticisms levelled at the project by panel members.

The new design included 37 townhouses instead of 42, aligned east-west instead of north-south, with access from Hackney Rd and Hatwell St rather than Cambridge St, but not more communal space asked for by the panel.

The developer will have to pay to fell and replace a street tree on Hackney Rd and will have to have an environmental auditor check that the site is suitable for residential development.

At the same meeting, a medical centre proposed for 206-208 Portrush Rd, Trinity Gardens, was approved after the developer, Alex Cook of Mammoth Projects, submitted new plans.

# Lending an ear bringing cheer to young readers



Walford students Ella Grummet, 15, and Aine Seed, 14, take part in the reading program.

Picture: BIANCA DE MARCHI

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HEARING the improvement in their buddies' reading has made participating in The Smith Family's student2student peer reading program worthwhile for Ella and Aine.

The Walford Anglican School for Girls students are among 70 from the east and inner south who listen to reading by younger, less privileged children over the

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phone as part of the program.

Aine, 14, said she could detect a difference in her buddy's reading since they started in May. "There was a lot of mistakes but now

there's only the odd words wrong," she said.

Student2student was developed by The Smith Family to improve the reading skills and confidence of children in disadvantaged communities who can be up to four years behind their more advantaged peers.

Readers in Years 3 to 8 are paired with a student buddy who listens to their reading over the phone, two to three times per week for 18 weeks.

Books are provided by The Smith Family.

Both Aine and Emma, 15, said the volunteer work had improved their confidence as well as their buddies'.

"At the start, I was as shy as she was," Aine says.

"The first call was definitely the hardest but now you're calling your best friend - it seems normal."

There are 307 reading pairs across the state and more than 1000 nationally.

# 'E-cigs' banned at royal show

Katrina Stokes  
SUNDAY MAIL

A SMOKING ban at the Royal Adelaide Show will be extended to electronic cigarettes for the first time in the event's history.

E-cigarette smokers will be forced at this year's event to "smoke" in nine designated areas already quarantined for regular smokers.

Show general manager Michelle Hocking said the event would rely on the goodwill of patrons to abide by the rules as it was not illegal to smoke e-cigarettes in smoke-free zones.

"To keep the smoking policy consistent and to send a positive message to children it was decided that e-cigarettes would be treated the same as cigarettes; it's about the concept of smoking as well as smoking," Ms Hocking said.

"There was community pressure to introduce a smoke-free status at the show and the feedback since the policy was introduced in 2012 has been overwhelmingly positive. Because it's not law they (e-cigarettes smokers) can't be fined however, it is an event policy so we're asking nicely that the policy is adhered to."

Only 1.2 per cent of South Australians are believed to use the devices.

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