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Dear resident,

RE: RED CROSS HALL

As you are likely aware, the former Red Cross Hall buildings on Headfort Street, Greenslopes have been disused for some time, and residents have raised concerns about the state of the site.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) has undertaken investigations into the site and buildings, including estimating the cost to renovate the buildings, and have been unable to find a financially viable solution to retain the buildings.

With the cost of renovating the existing buildings being prohibitive, Council and DVA have considered what is the best way to respect this site in the years ahead.

Residents in the area have often raised with me the need for a park in this part of Greenslopes, as there are no nearby parks or playgrounds for local families.

After I raised this with Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner, the Council has agreed to purchase this site from the Federal Government for park and community use.

As your local Councillor, I will ensure you have the opportunity to have a say in how the site can best serve the community in the future. DVA will also provide Council with a heritage strategy for the park so this can be considered in the design.

Council has also had discussions with Legacy, an organisation with deep connection to this site, about a portion of the land being used for their services for the families of our veterans.

While it is sad to see the buildings go, I believe it is important to provide certainty to residents about the future of the site. I am also pleased that we will be able to provide new parkland for local families and community use that will honour the site's history.

DVA will provide more information to local residents about future site remediation works, and I look forward to working with you in 2021 to talk about how Council can transform this site for our community.

Yours sincerely,

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