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## COUNCIL CANDIDATES BACK WORLD HERITAGE LISTING



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### TOURISM BOOST OF 20 to 30% PREDICTED

31 years of public advocacy by the Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association has achieved a breakthrough.

At a public meeting of election candidates in North Adelaide last Monday evening, all candidates questioned on the issue declared their support for pursuing UNESCO World Heritage listing for the Park Lands.

There is growing recognition of the immense potential benefit to all South Australians that would flow from world recognition of our priceless heritage.

A [paper prepared for this week's meeting of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority](#) spells it out. The opportunities are:

- **International recognition for Adelaide's planning heritage and legacy; and**
- **a likely tourism increase for the City of 20 to 30%**



In April this year, APPA wrote to the new Planning Minister, Stephan Knoll urging him to "take the lead by forming a joint working party with the City Council, to examine the prospects of pursuing World

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Heritage listing for the Park Lands." We are still waiting for a reply to that letter.

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In the same month, the State Member for Adelaide, Rachel Sanderson, declared her support for a World Heritage bid. Following on from these initiatives, the Park Lands Authority in May voted to set up a Committee to take it further.

The Authority will decide this Thursday night (October 18th) on terms of reference for its World Heritage bid Committee, which will likely be set up early in the New Year after City Council elections.

On Tuesday 16 October, the renewed push for World Heritage listing received prominent treatment on 'Adelaide Now'. [Here is the link.](#) [Note that the link is behind a pay wall, accessible to News Ltd subscribers only]

There's likely to be no shortage of elected councillors willing to serve on that Committee next year.

All six of the Area Council candidates questioned about the issue last Monday evening declared their support for the move. For more details on APPA's election candidates' forum, see the story below.



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## COUNCIL ELECTIONS: WHO WILL PROTECT OR PLUNDER?



*Lord Mayoral candidates Mark Hamilton (top), Kate Treloar, and Cr Sandy Verschoor addressing APPA's candidates' forum on Monday 15 October at the North Adelaide Community Centre*

Within the next two weeks, most South Australians will be receiving in the mail ballot papers for Local Government elections.

If you live in, or own a property or a business in the City or North Adelaide, you have the chance to vote (by post) for the City Council election.

You might want to check which Ward you're in: North, Central or South ward. Here's a map: <https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/assets/documents/MAP-electoral-structure-ward-boundaries.pdf>

The City of Adelaide holds not one, but five separate elections. Voters will be asked to choose:

- A Lord Mayor (from a field of 4 candidates); AND
- Four 'Area' [whole of City] councillors (from a field of 8 candidates). A ninth candidate, the late Quentin Kenihan, is also on the ballot paper but can't be elected posthumously.

In addition, depending on each voter's address) either:

- Two 'North Ward' councillors (from a field of 8 candidates); OR
- Three 'Central Ward' councillors (from a field of 11 candidates); OR
- Two 'South Ward' councillors (from a field of 7 candidates).

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In association with the West End Village Association, APPA held a candidates' forum on Monday 15 October to enable those interested to hear from the Lord Mayoral, Central Ward and Area candidates.

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It is beyond APPA's capacity to analyse everything that each candidate has said or is promising about the Park Lands. Nevertheless it would be remiss of us not to point out that:

- Over the past four years Cr Phil Martin (who is standing for re-election in North Ward) has been the most reliable champion for the Park Lands within the outgoing City Council; and
- APPA Committee members Stephanie Johnston (Area) and Valdis Dunis (North Ward) are both offering themselves as candidates, with policies that include Park Lands protection.
- APPA member Helen Donovan is standing in South Ward with policies that include Park Lands protection.

Beyond this, we've started [a discussion on our Facebook page](#) to allow you to post comments about City Council election candidates. Who do you think are worth supporting (or not) and why?

With almost all candidates making passionate public declarations of Park Lands support, there will be many people now watching what they deliver (if elected) when pressures from vested interests inevitably emerge, to test their integrity.



To comment on Council election candidates, please look for [this 'Vote' pic on our Facebook page](#) and leave your comments and suggestions there.

<https://www.facebook.com/ADELAIDEAPPA>

You can read each candidate's official electoral statement here:

<http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?c=4200&u=7436&view=elections>

At that site, most candidates also have contact details and/or links to personal web pages so you can find out more about their candidacy.



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### THE BIG ISSUES FOR CITY COUNCIL



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APPA was pleased to have been invited to contribute to an article in The Advertiser on Tuesday 16 October 2022. The article discusses "big issues" in the Council election.

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For the article, The Advertiser's Simeon Thomas-Wilson sought comments from:

- *Committee for Adelaide CEO* – Jodie van Deventer
- *Property Council of SA Executive Director* – Daniel Gannon –
- *RAA general manager government & public policy* – Jayne Flaherty
- *Business SA chief executive* Nigel McBride and
- *Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association president* – Shane Sody.

Each of these people was asked to identify three things Lord Mayoral candidates should be talking talk about, or three factors that should influence the outcome of the election for Lord Mayor.

The article is available [at this link \(\\$ subscriber only\)](#)



From top left, Nigel McBride, Jodie van Deventer, Jayne Flaherty, Shane Sody and Daniel Gannon.

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## Adelaide's most influential players reveal their priorities in Lord Mayoral race

APPA's contribution was

### 1. How will the City Council help end the continual erosion of Park Lands? (i.e. How can we stop future mice nibbling away at the cheese?)

For 181 years, successive State Governments and Council administrations have let Park Lands disappear, one small piece at a time. There has never been a commitment by any level of Government to put a brake on the continual losses. How much can be lost before we say "enough is enough" and we will protect the rest? The Council can't do this on its own – it needs State Government support as well. A committed Lord Mayor could and should spearhead and engage all political parties in a bipartisan push for long-term protection of Adelaide's world-unique asset.

### 2. World Heritage listing

The State Heritage Council next year is expected to confirm the Adelaide Park Lands as a State Heritage place. This will complement the National Heritage Listing which occurred in 2008. For the world's first-ever public park, and the World's only City in a Park, the next step is obvious: pursuing World Heritage Listing. Again, this will require co-operation between the Council and the State Government and the new Lord Mayor is in the best position to lead that initiative.

### 3. How will the Council help promote and capitalise on the tourism potential of the world's only City In a Park?

Adelaide and South Australia seem reticent to shout from the rooftops about the incredible jewel that surrounds our City. We can and should target this unique advantage to millions of potential tourists who live in crowded concrete jungles in so many other parts of the world. Partnering with Tourism SA, the Council can do much more to make our precious garland of parks into a focus for eco-conscious world travellers.



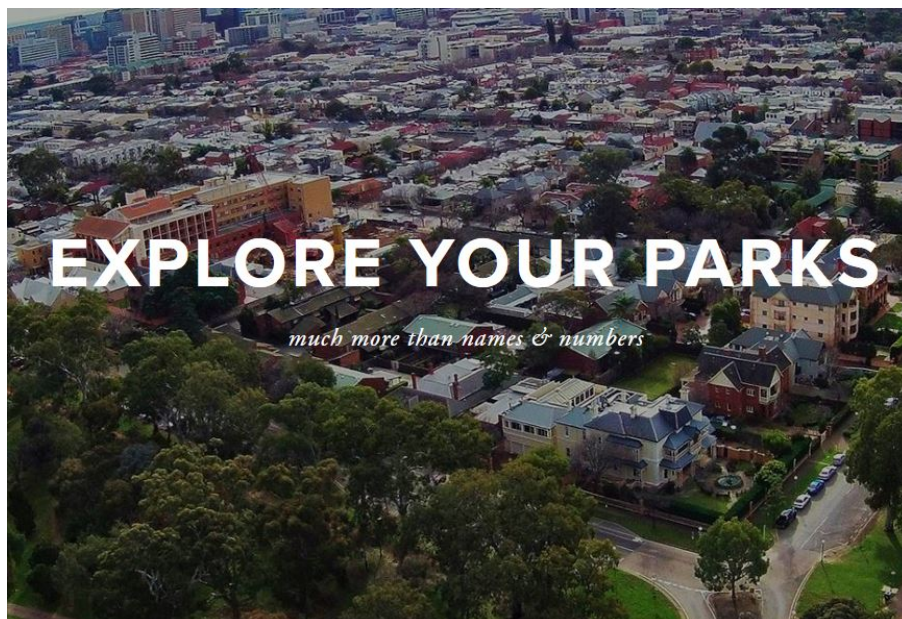
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As far as we know, this map (below) is the first interactive map of the Adelaide Park Lands.

APPA has spent the past few months building a resource of information about each of the Parks, Squares and Gardens that make up the Adelaide Park Lands.

You can explore them all, one page at a time, via this custom Google map, which we have embedded within the ['Explore Parks' page of our website](#).

Each one of the blue markers will take you to a different page of our website with photos, a map, information and links to other resources about that particular Park.

The blue markers don't work directly from this email newsletter, but clicking on the image below will take you to [www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/explore-parks](http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/explore-parks) where the all the blue markers on the map will become interactive.

Exploring has never been so easy! Zoom in and out, and try using the map to discover new interesting places to visit!

Many of the pages include a short Park video. Some have links to an APPA self-guided walking trail through that Park.

This project is a work in progress, as more resources will be gradually added to specific pages.

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### STADIUM ALTERNATIVE SITE PROPOSED



In [last month's e-Gazette](#) we revealed that powerful interests were pushing for a new multi-purpose stadium to be built on this site (above) in Possum Park / Pirltawardli (Park 1). The [proposed stadium](#) would supposedly replace the existing Adelaide Entertainment Centre and soccer stadium at Hindmarsh, and also provide a venue for Adelaide's national basketball and netball teams.

The outgoing Lord Mayor, Martin Haese will not be in office when any decisions on this are made. Nevertheless, he's thrown his support behind an alternative site - still on Park Lands but with less impact on existing green spaces.



This is an artist's impression, [published in The Advertiser \(\\$\)](#) of Lord Mayor Martin Haese's preferred site for a new Adelaide Arena.

The site would be partially over the top of railway lines, but would also partially overlap Helen Mayo Park ([Park 27](#)).

Ironically this is right alongside the site targeted by the Council last year for [a proposed commercial helipad](#), and also recently mooted as the site for [a proposed 27-storey hotel](#).

Perhaps some Council election candidates might like to propose something different for Helen Mayo Park – something like, well, a Park?

Notice from the picture above how little green space remains between North Terrace and the River Torrens!

Unlike any of the other suggestions, reclaiming all of Helen Mayo Park for public access would actually be consistent with the [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005](#) and [management plans for Park 27](#).

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## SECOND PARKLANDS PETITION LAUNCHED

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The leader of The Greens in SA, APPA member the Hon. Mark Parnell, has launched a new petition to protect the Park Lands.

The petition calls on the SA Government "to ensure any further development of the Adelaide Park Lands is for public benefit and enjoyment, not private profit and exclusive use."

You can sign the petition here: <https://sagreens.markparnell.org.au/parklands>

APPA's petition, currently running on change.org refers only to the old RAH site which the State Government is misleadingly now calling "Lot 14" as if the site was nothing more than a building allotment.



The so-called "Lot Fourteen" is of course part of [Park 11](#). The re-naming as "Lot Fourteen" is Orwellian "NewSpeak" to shape public thought, by hijacking the language; just as the Government is hijacking the site and ignoring its statutory obligation to consider returning it to Park Lands.



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- (1) If land within the Adelaide Park Lands occupied by the Crown or a State authority is no longer required for any of its existing uses, the Minister must ensure that a report concerning the State Government's position on the future use and status of the land is prepared within the prescribed period.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include information on the condition of the land and on the action (if any) that would be required in order to make the land suitable for public use as park lands.

Learn the truth about [Park 11](#) at [www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/park-11](http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/park-11) and sign our petition to Premier Marshall at <https://www.change.org/p/steven-marshall-mp-keep-public-land-public>



Prime Minister Scott Morrison, visiting Adelaide last Saturday, [gave his support \(\\$\)](#) for the State Government's proposed commercialisation of this corner of [Park 11](#).

It's unlikely any of his advisers tipped him off that this is a Park Lands site and therefore subject to a Federal Government National Heritage listing.



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### AMEETINGBUTNOREPLY

As noted in [last month's e-Gazette](#), APPA has asked for a meeting with Minister Knoll to discuss how the State Government might better protect Park Lands (with a change to the [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005](#)) and to urge the Minister to take the lead on pushing for World Heritage listing.

On 24 September we had a meeting with one of the Minister's advisers. In that meeting we also raised the issue of the Minister's Riverbank Entertainment Precinct Advisory Committee (REPAC).

REPAC includes a representative each from the institutions which have taken over most of [Park 26](#): SkyCity Casino, the InterContinental Hotel, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide Festival Centre, and the Adelaide Oval Stadium Management Authority, as well as a representative each from the Adelaide City Council and Renewal SA.

Very little of Tarntanya Wama ([Park 26](#)) remains as Park Lands after decades of attacks by successive Governments, alienating land for commercial, private uses. (See the pic).

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REPAC's role is to advise the Minister how riverbank Park Lands in central Tarntanya Wama (Park 26) might be managed. In [last month's newsletter](#), we characterised that as like "wolves guarding the sheep".

We have asked for a seat at REPAC's table, to mitigate the prospect of any recommendations for further commercialisation of the area.

Although we were pleased to have the opportunity to put the case to the Minister's advisor, we've had no written response to our letter, nor to our suggestion regarding REPAC.



You too can contact Minister Knoll at [ministerknoll@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerknoll@sa.gov.au) or TAKE (other) ACTION: [www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/take-action](http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/take-action)

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**VIDEO OF THE MONTH - REVISITING AN OLD FAVOURITE**



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As you maybe aware from previous editions of the e-Gazette, APPA is gradually building, in numerical order, a video guide to all parts of the Adelaide Park Lands.

Last month we featured [King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina \(Park 15\)](#) between Bartels Rd and Wakefield Rd.

The next in sequence is the largest Park - [Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi \(Park 16\)](#). Due to the size of the Park we're taking a a little longer to complete the video. It's due for release in next month's (November) newsletter.

In the meantime, please take the opportunity to revisit our first animated video, released in 2015, or catch up on any of our earlier Park videos at our YouTube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBBBQLY6as\\_sQv0BoQm69Rw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBBBQLY6as_sQv0BoQm69Rw/videos)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARK LANDS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

There are always events scheduled in the Park Lands, many of them free, and there are always opportunities to explore the Park Lands on your own, or with friends or family. Browse our '[Explore Parks](#)' pages for hints about interesting spots to visit. This month's featured opportunities, in date order, are:



**Grasslands Field Trip - DIY discovery trail** in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi ([Park 16](#))  
Every day until 31 October.

A blend of nature and history - a self-guided trail recommended for ages 5 to 12. It features a free activity book (download or pick up a print copy).

[Click the pic for details.](#)



**Cycling SA Super series, Round 4 - Sat 20 October** 8.00am to 6.20pm Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi ([Park 16](#))

Forty Teams and 300 riders spread out over the six categories. Criterium racing over an extended course that will include a section on Wakefield Rd.

[Click the pic for details](#)



**Cinema In The Square - 'The Greatest Showman'** - Sat 20 October 6pm to 10pm  
[Whitmore Square/Iparrityi](#)

FREE! = Be part of 'The Square That Cares' while enjoying 'The Greatest Showman' on a huge outdoor screen. Bring something to sit on and relax under the stars. Bring a picnic or purchase from a food stall. Live entertainment from a local band, 'Hurting Curtis', free fresh popcorn and other activities to keep you entertained before the movie starts. [Click the pic for details.](#)

**Guided walk through Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi** ([Park 16](#)). Sunday, 21 October 2018 from 10:00-12:00

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Join Park Ambassador Rose Wight OAM for an exploratory walk around one of the most

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about its horse-racing and motor racing history as well as its surprising ongoing role in providing rare habitat for an endangered butterfly. Click the pic for details.

**East Park Lands Walk** – Wed 24 October 9.30am to 12 noon



Join Adelaide Bushwalkers for a half-day walk through Adelaide's [East Park Lands](#), led by experienced walk leaders. Cost \$2 to cover morning tea.

Click the pic for details.

**Lucky Dumpling Market** – Elder Park (part of [Park 26](#)) 25 October until 11 November



Tues to Fri 4.30pm until late, Sat and Sun: Noon until late.

Click the pic for details

**'Mavericks, Madness and Murder Most Foul!' – West Terrace Cemetery by Night Tour** (in [Park 23](#)) Eight Friday nights (between 26 Oct and 22 March) 9.00pm to 10pm. Tickets \$15, \$22 or \$25. A guide to the long-dead characters interred at West Tce complete with unique sound and light effects. A tourism award winner.



Click the pic for details.

**Moon Lantern Parade** – Sat 27th Oct 3pm onwards (parade from 8pm) in Elder Park (part of [Park 26](#))



An explosion of colour, lights and free entertainment. More than 40 large handmade lanterns including the huge Hong Kong Dragon plus an array of roving performances, and plenty of delicious food options. The night will finish with a spectacular fireworks display over the River Torrens. Click the pic for details.

**Vegan Festival Adelaide** Sat 27 & Sun 28 Oct [Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga](#)



World-renowned speakers, cooking demonstrations, kids activities, live local musicians, and creative hands-on workshops. Plus over 80 market stalls.

Click the pic for details

**Music In the Square** – Thursday 1st November 12 noon to 2pm [Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga](#) FREE!



Two emerging local acts, Local Artists 'Wolfjay' and 'In Debt'

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**Australian 3-day Equestrian Event** – 15 to 18 November. Spread over Rymill Park, King Rodney Park and Victoria Park (Parks [14, 15](#))

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and 16) in the eastern Park Lands. The 'triathlon of horse sport': Dressage, Cross Country and Eventing over 3 days is the only event of this type and status in the southern hemisphere.

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No sooner does construction finish on one Park Lands alienation, than another lot of builders arrive, to start the next private construction.

The newest construction site in the Park Lands (pictured above) is for a new "pavilion" alongside what will be new clay tennis courts in Possum Park / Pirtawardli (Park 1) on the corner of War Memorial Drive and Montefiore Rd. See the area marked in orange below.



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Tennis, SA and the Memorial Drive Tennis Club have the largest fenced (private use only) area in the entire Park Lands - some 4.8 hectares. The new "pavilion" (bottom left of the diagram) will be on land that was already on limits to the (non-paying) public.

The new "Tree Climb" offices, administration and cafe have now been completed in Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Park 20). APPA welcomed the Tree Climb course. It's a fabulous tourist attraction in the tree tops, that does not alienate the ground below, and will encourage many more people, especially youngsters, to appreciate the Park Lands.

On the other hand we argued, albeit unsuccessfully, that the Tree Climb did not need a new private building in Park 20. It would have been easy to locate check-in facilities across Greenhill Rd. In January 2018 the Council, however, failed to push back on the operators' demands for a new private Park Lands building.

For the record, the other **current** construction sites in the Park Lands include:

- Botanic High School in Frome Road, on part of Park 11
- Casino expansion onto Festival Plaza - part of Tarntanya Wama (Park 26); and
- The two-storey Adelaide Comets, Western Districts Athletics clubrooms and function rooms in Ellis Park / Tampawardli (Park 24). The Comets are about to enter a 21-year lease of this site, paying an initial rent of \$170 per week.



Meanwhile, landscaping works are continuing in Gladys Elphick Park / Narnungga (Park 25) and in Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) the lake was recently drained for dredging. (See pic)

The Council is still looking for a new lessee to take over the Rymill Park kiosk.

Likewise, there's an ongoing quest to find a lessee for the similar kiosk in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27)

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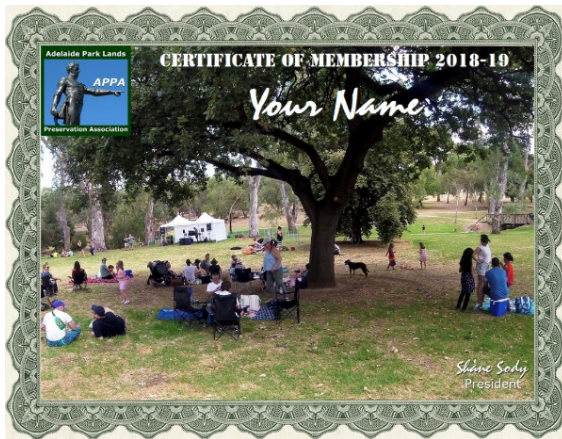
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From the top:

- a) Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi ([Park 16](#)) looking north from the open woodland near Greenhill Rd
- b) Visiting one of the horses in Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama ([Park 6](#)) off Kingston Tce
- c) Family of wood ducks on the riverbank in Elder Park - part of Tarntanya Wama ([Park 26](#))
- d) Children enjoying Marshmallow Playspace in Pelzer Park / Piutyarilla ([Park 19](#)) off Glen Osmond Rd
- e) Himeji Japanese garden in Peppermint Park / Wita Wirra ([Park 18](#)) off South Tce

The Park Lands 'photo of the day' series has been running since May 2014, and the collection of Park Lands photos gathered over more than four years now numbers over 1,600. We maintain (and gradually grow) more than 40 separate albums: one for each one of our 30 numbered Parks, six squares (and several albums for 'Alienations'). To find out more about any of these featured Parks, click the link to the Park number.








**Membership reminder! Are you on board?**

Congratulations to the hundreds of APPA members who've renewed their membership for the 2018-19 year and received their membership certificate.

We rely almost exclusively on annual membership fees to continue our Park Lands advocacy, so if you haven't already, please consider putting your money where your mouth is and backing APPA to keep up the Park Lands fight. Details here: [www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/membership](http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/membership)

As a financial member of APPA, you get:

- the priceless satisfaction of supporting APPA's work;
- free participation in our [monthly guided Park Lands walks](#);
- eligibility to become a Park Ambassador and lead an annual [guided walk through one Park](#);
- the responsibility to help guide APPA's activities through the Annual General meeting; and
- a printable PDF membership certificate (see above).

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