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WHOSE SIDE ARE THEY ON?











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ABALANCED APPROACH?

Since February this year, there have been many meetings between the Adelaide Football Club and Adelaide City Council staff, and/or elected Councillors.

How many meetings? We don't know, because all meetings have been secret, behind closed doors. But all meetings have been for the purpose of assisting the Crows to get what they want - a new headquarters in the Adelaide Park Lands.

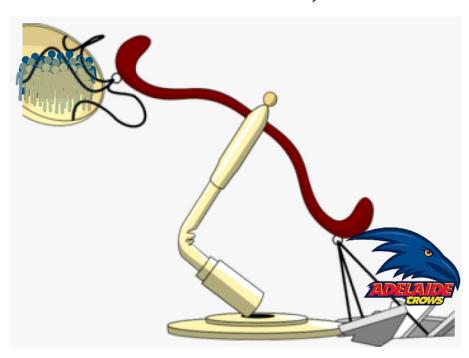
While this has been going on, since February, how many meetings have been held for

Council handed to the Crows?

What questions has the Council put to the public?

None. Nada. Zip. Zero.

How balanced has the Council been? Whose side have they been on?



As previously reported, seven Adelaide City Councillors (pictured above) voted to encourage the Adelaide Crows to bid for a Park Lands headquarters in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2).

They voted NOT to ask your opinion on whether the Council should be even entertaining a bid for a corporate takeover.

And they did NOT ask for your views on what, if anything, the Crows should be encouraged to put forward as a proposed development.

Why should you have any opinion, when it can all be worked out behind closed doors?

The Council has <u>a web page about its "process"</u> for dealing with this "unsolicited bid".

It's promising "consultation" eventually - after the Crows have produced glossy plans and tried to leverage support from other organisations.

However, after months and months of behind-the-scenes private talks, we can predict how useful the "consultation" will be:



What can you do? Email the Councillors, NOW!

see www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/crows







HOW BAD COULD IT BE?

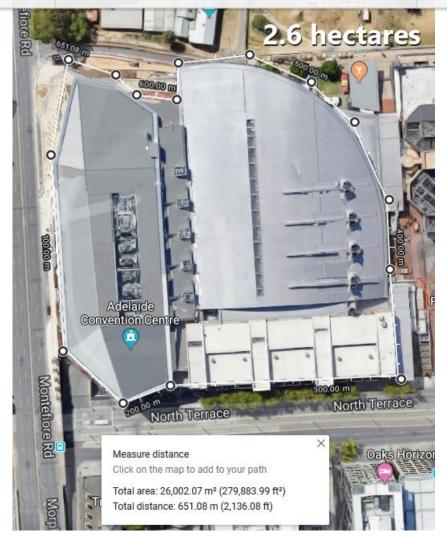
Some people are unconcerned about the Crows proposal because they argue it would just allow one building to replace another - the Aquatic Centre. The Council is keen to point out that under its "Guiding Principles" a new building must lead to "a reduction in net footprint of any facility infrastructure."

However the footprint of the Aquatic Centre and its car park is low and broad - more than 23-thousand square metres.



To put that into perspective, the Adelaide Convention Centre is a comparable size: 2.6 hectares:

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The Council has NOT ruled out a building that could be as tall or even taller than the Convention Centre. Its so-called "Guiding Principles" (that were developed and handed to the Crows without any public consultation) contain no height limit.

The Crows CEO, Andrew Fagan, has been keen to emulate, in Adelaide, the sort of facility that's been built recently in W.A. for the Fremantle Football Club (see below) at a cost of \$109 million.

The Fremantle facility is only 6,000 square metres so the Crows could build something much larger (and taller) than this, but still keep within a smaller footprint than the current massive 23,000 square metres of the Aquatic Centre and its carpark.



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JOIN THE PUSHBACK

It's not just APPA with serious concerns about the way the Council seems to be clearing the way for a corporate handover of public Park Lands.

Former Deputy Premier Ralph Clarke has launched a blistering attack on the "claptrap" and "mealymouthed platitudes" that have come from the City Council as it attempts to satisfy "a profit-driven commercial behemoth".

Mr Clarke's letter to all Adelaide City Councillors is available here.



Former Senator Chris Schacht, a long-time Crows member, has pointed out that the Crows are not a "club" in the normal sense of that word, but rather a franchise that is wholly controlled by the Melbourne-based AFL Commission.

Thousands of Crows members have no say in the running of their "club".

Listen to his analysis on 891 ABC Adelaide at this link. (13Mb MP3 file - runs for 15 minutes)



The Advertiser's football writer, Michelangelo Rucci has opined that:

"while there is public land and public money involved in the plan to build a \$60-65 million facility to house the Crows administration and training facility at the north parklands, there should not be closed meetings and confidential red tape"

The article in Rucci's Roast on 10 September is subscriber-only



Columnist, Peter Goers: (Sunday Mail, 9 March 2019) [\$\$ subscriber-only)

"The poor old Crows ... have such a sense of entitlement. Why can't the Crows stay at West Lakes where they don't belong and leave the aquatic centre to the people?

"I'd recommend Tailem Bend for the Crows base. It's very fashionable, handy and especially well-served by service stations and a beautiful new hotel the Crows didn't oppose."



Former Crows coach, Graham Cornes: (The Advertiser, 7 $\underline{\text{December 2018}}$ [\$\$ subscriber-only)

"To give the Crows what they want, and indeed need, would take too big a chunk out of the Park Lands which belong to all South Australians.

"If the Crows are to move it must be to an area that is



Please join the voices above and tell Adelaide City Councillors NOT to hand over any part of the world-unique National Heritage-listed Park Lands to a private multimillion dollar football franchise.

At a minimum here's what you might wish to say to each of them:

"The world-unique and National Heritage-listed Adelaide Park Lands are not the appropriate venue for any corporate headquarters nor professional sport training facility. Please ensure that the Adelaide Crows locate their proposed headquarters and administration at a suburban football ground, or on land that is zoned commercial. Such a building does not belong on the irreplaceable Adelaide Park Lands. The Park Lands are held on trust for the public, not for corporations."

Here are the email addresses for the seven Councillors who have supported the current process:

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Not forgetting of course, a similar message to the Adelaide Football Club CEO, Andrew Fagan (pictured):

crows@afc.com.au



Find out more at

www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/crows

THE RESTORATION PROJECT



We're sick of Park Lands losing, losing, losing. It's time to fight back, and restore lost Park Lands.

APPA will be launching a full-throated "Restoration" campaign in 2020, but we need

going to start with an achievable goal.

Which goal? That's up to you. Take our 2-minute survey to nominate which of four most likely sites should be the first target of APPA's Park Lands 2020 Restoration campaign.

Start here: http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/restoration

or go direct to the 2-minute survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKG7JBD

We'll publish the results in our December 2019 newsletter, prior to launching the campaign in January 2020.

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VIDEO OF THE MONTH



Thanks to junior Park Ambassador Nate Jennings for his assistance with this month's video of G.S. Kingston Park / Wirrarninthi (<u>Park 23</u>).

Next month's Park Lands video will feature Ellis Park / Tampawardli (Park 24).

See our earlier videos featuring Parks 1 through to 22 at our $\underline{\text{YouTube channel}}$, or via the $\underline{\text{Explore Parks pages}}$ of our website.

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EARLIEST PARK LANDS PAINTING DISCOVERED



This 1837 painting is by none other than Adelaide's surveyor, Colonel William Light himself.

It's been put up for sale after being retrieved by a widower from a camphor chest where it had lain undisturbed for 40 years or more.

It depicts tents erected on part of <u>Park 27</u>, near the site of the present Royal Adelaide Hospital.

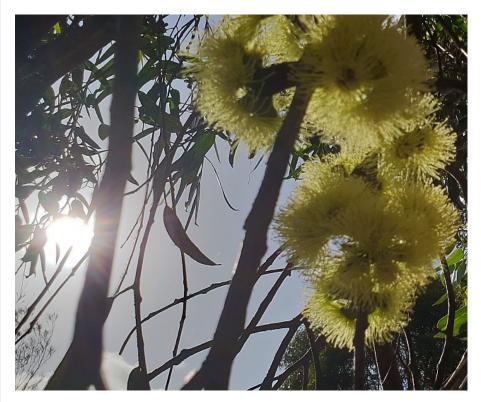
See the ABC News story at this link.





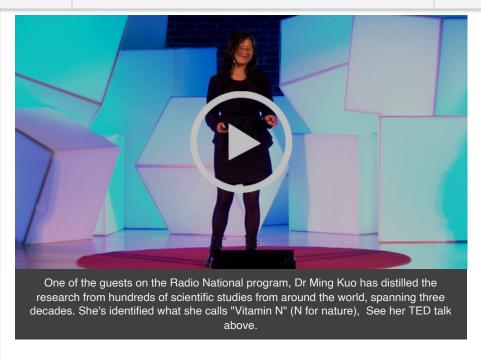


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Do you have a nature deficit disorder? There is overwhelming scientific evidence to establish what we intrinsically know to be true: that spending time in nature has profoundly positive and long-lasting effects on our psychological, physical, and social health.

Could nature be the perfect multivitamin? Listen to this fascinating discussion on Radio National (from Monday 9 September 2019):









STATE HERITAGE LISTING - SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN



On 28 December 2018 APPA wrote to Environment Minister David Speirs urging him to act upon the recommendation of the State Heritage Council and formally list the Adelaide Park Lands as a State Heritage Area.

We have been very patient. We nominated the Adelaide Park Lands for State Heritage listing 10 years ago, in 2009.

After getting no response from the Minister, we wrote again on 26 August 2019.



We have received an acknowledgement from the Minister's office, but nothing more than that.

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And speaking of heritage, Community Alliance SA (an umbrella group of residents' organisations) is holding a forum this week on the current risks to SA's built heritage.

When: Wednesday 18 September 2019, 6.00pm to 8.00pm Where: Don Pyatt Room, at the Norwood Town Hall, 175 The Parade

More details here: https://www.facebook.com/events/527900401295520/







WHAT'S ON IN THE PARK LANDS

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:



School Strike For Climate - Victoria Square Friday 20 September, 12 noon

Take the day off to demand climate justice for everybody.

A global movement initiated by students but everybody is encouraged to come and show their support.

www.schoolstrike4climate.com



Houndwave - Doggy Day Out Sat 21 September 11:00am - 4:00pm, Light Square

Adelaide's pooch-friendly music festival, markets and more. #Houndwave #MustLoveDogs.

A chance for dogs and their two legged companions and friends to celebrate the ancient bond between dogs and humans. Click the pic for details.



<u>It's wisteria time!</u>

From now until the end of October, the fabulous wisteria arbor is on display in the Adelaide Botanic Garden.

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to use your smartphone or tablet to take photos in the Adelaide Botanic Garden, including macro photography using a 30x lens attachment (provided). Also learn to edit your photos using mobile apps. Just one of many activities scheduled in the Adelaide Botanic Garden during the school holidays. Click the pic for details



Alice in Wonderland in the Botanic Garden

School holiday entertainment. Sat 28 Sept to Sun 13 Oct 2019 (excluding Monday and Tuesdays) Times: 10:30am (Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun) or 2pm (Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun)

The performance runs for 90 minutes with no intermission.

Click the pic for details.



Bat Camp Wed 9 and Thurs 10 October 9.30am to 12 noon OR 1.00pm to 3.30pm in Botanic Park (Park 11)

Bat experts will delight kids (ages 5-12) with activities, including visiting the bats at their roost, kite-making, drawing, painting, peering through microscopes in the Bat Cave and even a demonstration with live animals by the Adelaide Zoo!



Guided walk through Rundle Park / Kadlitpina (Park 13) Sun 13 October - 2 pm to 3:30pm. Join APPA Park Ambassador Hero Weston for a guided walk through this Park that was once a despised rubbish dump and a quagmire. Learn about its transition into a much-loved outdoor venue space, as well as this Park's role providing air raid shelters in WW2. No booking necessary. Gold coin donation (free for APPA members). Wear sturdy shoes for a walk of just over 1.5km; 75 to



Walk the Park Lands Trail (anytime)
As the weather warms up and the days get longer, now is a magnificent time to explore Adelaide's unique Park Lands. The Parklands loop is an 18km trail that is suitable for walking, riding, dog walking, prams, wheelchair accessible and even jogging (if you're super keen).

Many sections are sealed (not all). Where there are steps, there are also ramps.

Click the pic for details.



Moon Lantern Parade and Fireworks Elder Park, Sat 19 October

Showcasing hundreds of hand-held lamps and over 50 giant lanterns including the 40m Hong Kong Dragon. There's also a dragon boat race, and live music by the Australian-Chinese music collective Emissary of Tang.

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'MASTER PLANNING' FOR RYMILL PARK



The City Council will release, later this year, a proposed "Master Plan" for Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14).

APPA has seen a draft of the Master Plan. The draft envisages a few changes to the existing layout and structure of this Park, some of which have been made necessary by the intrusion, in 2017, of the O-Bahn tunnel entry/exit portal within the Park.

Major proposed changes are:

- replacing the existing playground with a completely new and larger "Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace" fenced and further east, away from the lake;
 car parking within the Park for disability permit holders to facilitate use of the Inclusive Playspace; and
- a question mark over the lake whether it should remain an ornamental lake or be converted into a more natural wetland.

The Council's documents have not yet been published. They've been provided to APPA as a "key stakeholder" for provisional comment before a round of formal community consultation starting in November.

APPA has been invited to make a comment on the draft document by 14 October. We have already advised the Council of our concerns about the possibility of additional car parking.







PEOPLE OF THE ADELAIDE PARK LANDS

a new feature by Ted Jennings



Emma Barson

I met Emma Barson last week on the North Terrace footpath outside what the State Government has misleadingly called "Lot Fourteen" (it s really part of Park 11).

Emma had woken that morning to read about fires that were ravaging the Amazon rainforests and felt totally helpless as there was nothing she could do.

Her next thought was that there are eleven, 100-year-old trees at risk in Adelaide, and what could she do?

"These trees outside the old Royal Adelaide Hospital on North Terrace are in grave danger of being axed. Renewal SA, the development arm of the State Government, want to remove ten elm trees and one plane tree, as part of their Lot Fourteen redevelopment. The living trees have provided habitat, shade, comfort and beauty for a century. They are not dying. We call on the Adelaide City Council to reject this proposal and ask that Renewal SA put forward a new design that incorporates these historic trees."

Emma Barson

On Tuesday 17 September at 5:00pm Emma and her supporters will be gathering in the Colonel Light Room in the Adelaide City Council chambers. That's when the Council's "Committee" will be deciding upon a "recommendation" to a full City Council meeting the following week.

Emma hopes that as many as possible can attend to watch democracy in progress.

You can signal support for her campaign, and contact Emma through the Facebook page she's created:

www.facebook.com/savethenorthterracetrees/

You can read more about the 11 threatened North Terrace trees here: https://indaily.com.au/news/local/2019/09/03/century-old-north-tce-trees-in-limbo-until-end-of-month/

with comments from InDaily readers here: https://indaily.com.au/opinion/reader-contributions/2019/09/09/your-views-on-axing-north-tce-trees-and-economic-gloom/

BRIEFLY, IN OTHER PARK LANDS NEWS

No trail through here



The City Council on 27 August resolved to push for the Park Lands trail (pedestrian and cycling route) to be routed through the site of the former RAH in Park 11 (which the State Government misleadingly insists on calling "Lot Fourteen").

The Council's decision was to "support the inclusion in the Master Plan for Lot Fourteen of a route for the Adelaide Park Lands Trail along the eastern edge of the site adjacent to the Botanic Gardens, connecting the current Rundle Park / North Terrace intersection to Frome Park."

However the Council has no control over the site and Renewal SA has so far been unwilling to compromise on its vision of building over the entire 7-hectare site, with no room for any Park Lands trail (nor any Park Lands!)

This is the same Renewal SA that is pushing to get rid of the last 11 trees on the North Terrace footpath (see story immediately above).

Sweet liveable Adelaide



City of Adelaide

September 4 at 2:00 PM · 🚱

It's official! Adelaide remains the tenth most liveable city in the world according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index for 2019. Adelaide is a city designed for life; one that proudly gives its residents the freedom of time and choice to create their unique stories through community, cultural and wellbeing experiences.

Discover more about life in Adelaide:

cityofadelaide.com.au/cityliving



Adelaide has - once again - been named in the top ten most liveable cities in the world, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index for 2019.

APPA is pleased to note that in announcing this news on social media, Adelaide City Council provided a link to more information about what makes Adelaide so liveable. First up being... our status as the world's only city in a park! (see www.cityofadelaide.com.au/resident/life-in-adelaide/)

Park Lands - a resource in a climate emergency



if you've been thinking about stepping up your activism, to combat the climate emergency, you might like to hear from "Extinction Rebellion". They're offering a free presentation on Saturday 21 September 2019 at the "Cafe Outside the Square" (34 Whitmore Square) from 10 to 11.20am.

Learn about the potential for using nonviolent civil disobedience to move governments to action. Meet local people who share your concerns for the future of life on earth and discuss what we can do together.

Directly after the presentation is the "Extinction Cafe". Join others in having a coffee and a chat to get all your questions answered. Click the pic for details.

Upgraded bee hotel

Years 3 & 4 students from Gilles Street Primary School built this quality "5-Sting" native bee hotel at Walyu Yarta Community Garden in Veale Park (Park 21).

The hotel will encourage native bees to stay and pollinate the plants grown in the garden. The students work in the garden every Thursday morning during school term.

The same students conducted an experiment to test just how recyclable the hundreds of thousands of take-away coffee cups which are consumed in Adelaide every year are.

They buried two different types of takeaway cups. After eight months the biodegradable coffee cup was almost gone and there was absolutely no sign of the lid made of corn starch!

The other takeaway cup's lid was completely intact as was its plastic lining.

Story published in the South-West community newsletter, 1 September



Motor racing takeover to start on 2 December



The annual intrusion of motor sport detritus into the eastern Park Lands (Parks 14, 15, and 16) is set to begin on 2 December and last until 20 April 2020. The actual motor racing events are scheduled for 20-23 February.

These are the dates arbitrarily set by the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, Corey Wingard, for "Prescribed Works" in the "Declared Area". The City Council has been consulted on these dates but cannot alter them.

The time period of just under 5 months is comparable to last year. However, there are changes to the fence line areas for the 2020 event to reduce the inconvenience to pedestrians and cyclists.

In particular the perimeter fence line along Rymill Park Rose Garden path is to be relocated to allow public access from Dequetteville Terrace to East Terrace.

Organisers have also promised to address concerns by south–east city residents about the placement and use of generators throughout the nights.

Art Prize - enter now!



Entries have been coming in already for the Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize 2020. Total prize money of \$38,500 is on offer, including a first prize of \$20,000.

If you know an artist with an appreciation of the Adelaide Park Lands, make sure they are aware of the Park Lands Art Prize.

Entries close 31 January 2020. See www.parklandsart.com

Wide new cycleways

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Wide new cycle paths have been recently installed along the edge of Frome Road (in Park 12, above) and Lefevre Terrace (in Park 6, below)



This one above in Park 6 seems superfluous because there was already (and still is) a sealed cycle path only a few metres away, that follows a route to the rear of the Glover Playground opposite Tynte Street.

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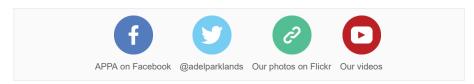
APPA always welcomes any assistance with supporting our Park Lands.

We have listed 10 wavs that you can help at: www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/take-action

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> Send a written (&/or pictorial) contribution to this newsletter or our social media feeds such as a letter to the editor, a news tip you've heard, or a personal anecdote or photo about your favourite part of the Park Lands. Send to secretary@adelaide- parklands.asn.au

2. Follow APPA on social media through one or more of these links:



3. Donate (click the pic to find out how)



4. Send a letter or email on a current issue.

Right now we recommend contacting the CEO of the Adelaide Football Club, Andrew Fagan, and City Councillors about their plan to hand over part of Park 2 for a Crows administration headquarters. See the story and suggested email in the Crows story above.

5. Join us!

Already in 2019-20 our membership list has grown larger than last year's, thanks to hundreds of renewing members and many new ones.

You too can be a proud Park Lands supporter, with membership starting at only \$15 (for concession and student membership) for a year.

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.

As a financial member of APPA, you receive:

- 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 (as above).

Those who've already paid their 2019-20 membership have already received one of these printable certificates.









PHOTOS OF THE DAY - RECENT HIGHLIGHTS











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c) Barbecue and picnic alongside the River Torrens in Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park

d) Walking and jogging along the Riverbank near Adelaide Oval in Tarntanya Wama

e) Sunrise through the lemon-scented gums in Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W)

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 five years now numbers over 1,900. We maintain (and gradually grow) more than 40 separate albums: one for each numbered Park and Square, along with several albums for "Alienations". Contributions are very welcome! To find out more about any of these featured Parks, click the link to the Park number.

To see the #AdelaideParklands Photo Of The Day as it's released each morning, just follow us on Facebook, Instagram &/or Twitter

Despite being a National Heritage-listed place, the Adelaide Park Lands are not well protected by Federal environmental laws.

That's why we've joined the Places You Love Alliance, to campaign along with 55 other organisations for better environmental protection laws.



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