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MATCH-DAY HOSPITALITY FOR COUNCIL STAFF



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FOOTBALL FREEBIES and an 'UNSOLICITED BID'



The CEO and other senior staff of the Adelaide City Council accepted multiple free

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The City Council's gifts and benefits register reveals that in 2017-18, Adelaide City Council CEO Mark Goldstone and other executives received hospitality valued at \$3,308 directly from the Adelaide Football Club, plus free tickets to Crows games and other football giveaways donated by others, for a combined total value of \$7,113.



Here is a timeline of events:

- 22 June 2017: Mark Goldstone (CEO) Tickets to the game Adelaide v Hawthorn and "corporate hospitality" provided by Statewide Super Value \$800.
 7 July 2017: Mark Goldstone (CEO) and executives Steven Mathewson and Mark
- Lukowicz attended what they each, separately, described as "an event of significant importance to the capital city" i.e. the football game Adelaide Crows Vs Western Bulldogs plus AFC Chairman's "pre/post game hospitality." Total value \$1,600 provided by Adelaide Football Club. 25 July 2017: the City Council's Guidelines for Unsolicited Proposals was formally
- adopted.
- 7 September 2017: Qualifying final Adelaide Crows v GWS Giants. Council 7 September 2017: Qualifying final Adelaide Crows v GWS Giants. Council executives Mark Goldstone, Matt Grant, Steven Mathewson and Mark Lukowicz. Two tickets provided by Statewide Super and two tickets provided by Adelaide Oval Stadium Management Authority. Total Value \$1,380.
 13 April 2018: Mark Goldstone (CEO) attended the unveiling of Magarey Grove (at Adelaide Oval) followed by the Adelaide v Collingwood football game, as a guest of the SA Football Commission: Value \$165.
 13 April 2018: Staff member, Clayton Wehner. A 'Roof Climb' and attendance at the football game Adelaide v Collingwood to "mingle with 14 other sponsorship companies" provided by Adelaide Football Club: Value \$368.
 12 May 2018: Mark Goldstone (CEO) and Ian Hill (staff member) Four tickets to Port Adelaide vs Adelaide football game in the Adelaide Oval Corporate Suite.

- Port Adelaide vs Adelaide football game in the Adelaide Oval Corporate Suite. Donor: Adelaide Oval Stadium Management Authority. Mr Hill advised that "attendance at this event will provide networking opportunities." Total Value \$1,460.
- 30 June 2018: Mark Goldstone (CEO) Tickets to Chairman's Function in Ian McLachlan Room, followed by Adelaide vs West Coast game (2 x \$450) Provided by Adelaide Football Club. Value: \$900.
- **31 August 2018:** Mark Goldstone (CEO) Crows Club Championship dinner free tickets valued at \$440.

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The law provides that:

"An employee of a council must not seek out or receive a gift or benefit that is, or could reasonably be taken to be, intended or likely to create a sense of obligation on the part of the employee to a person or influence the employee in the performance or discharge of the employee's functions or duties."

APPA is not suggesting that Mr Goldstone or other senior staff were "influenced in the performance or discharge of their duties" in respect of the Adelaide Crows.

We note that during the 2019 season, after the Crows had formally lodged their socalled "Unsolicited Proposal" in February 2019, there were no free tickets to Crows games recorded in the Council's Gifts and Benefits register.

Nevertheless, the acceptance of this hospitality in the two previous years, 2017 and 2018, might raise eyebrows.

During 2018, The Advertiser twice reported that the Adelaide Football Club was considering making an offer for a Park Lands site. The Council's nursery and green waste recycling plant, alongside University ovals in Bullrush Park / Warnpangga (Park 10) was mentioned in 2018 as a possibility. See the stories of <u>1 September 2018</u> and <u>5</u> December 2018 (\$\$ subscriber-only).

These media reports followed shortly after two seasons of generous hospitality provided for Council executives.

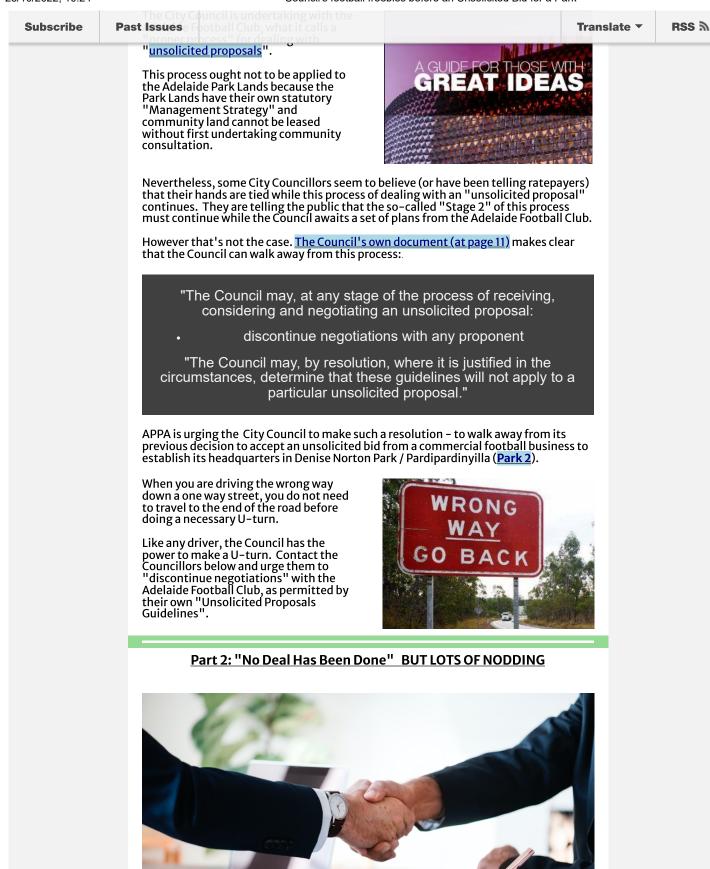


As reported **in our newsletter of May 2019**, Mr Goldstone, along with Clare Mockler (both pictured above) were the two senior City Council executives delegated to manage the so-called "Unsolicited Proposals" process under which the Adelaide Football Club is trying to get approval to take over the ageing Adelaide Aquatic centre and surrounding Park Lands in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (<u>Park 2</u>).



LESS THAN FULL TRUTHS FROM COUNCIL

Part 1: "Our Hands Are Tied" NO, THEY'RE NOT



Some members of the City Council have been telling ratepayers that "No deal has been done" with the Adelaide Football Club over their proposed acquisition of land in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2).

It's true that no deal has been signed. However, multiple decisions have been made, some in secret and all without community involvement or approval.

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Subscribe	All of these decisions have been favourable to the Adelaide Football Club. None have Past Issues as statent with the Council's duty to hold the Park Lands in trust for the publ Translate RSS R			
	 <u>Decision 1</u>: (25 July 2017) Setting up the process to open the door for the Crows bid - adopting the so-called "Unsolicited Proposals Guidelines" shortly after Council executives received Adelaide Football Club hospitality (see story above). 			
	 Decision 2: (23 February 2019) Accepting the Adelaide Football Club 'Unsolicited Proposal" (in secret) and letting it progress to Stage 2 instead of dismissing it out of hand. 			
	• Decision 3: (9 April 2019) Voting against public consultation.			
	• Decision 4: (11 June 2019) Again, voting against public consultation.			
	 Decision 5: (11 June 2019) Handing the Adelaide Football Club a non-binding unenforceable "wish list" set of so-called "Guiding Principles" to maximise their chances of success. 			
	All of these decisions were made without any consideration of possible alternatives for the Aquatic Centre.			
	Would you say that "No deal has been done?"			
	Or would you say that everything possible has been done to ensure a deal WILL be done, to remove much of Park 2 from the public and hand it to a commercial football business?			

TONIGHT - FOUR MORE DECISIONS

Tonight (Tuesday 19 November) the City Council will consider four more decisions in this matter.



Councillor Anne Moran will ask Council to ask the Adelaide Football Club to release their concept plans for the Aquatic Centre "to elicit useful public feedback"

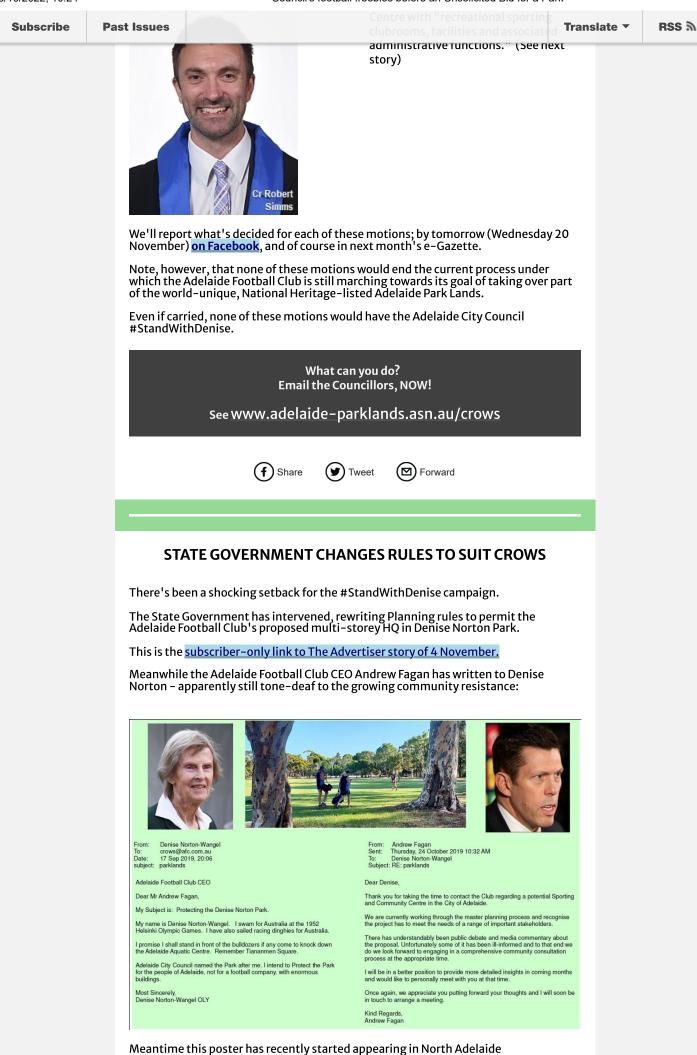


Councillor Mary Couros will ask Council to require the Adelaide Football Club to submit "detailed concepts for public release" within a Council agenda on Friday 6 December.

Councillor Robert Simms will ask Council to amend its "Unsolicited Proposals Guidelines" so that, in future, they do not apply to sites within the Adelaide Park Lands.

Councillor Robert Simms will also ask Council to oppose the State Government's draft Planning Code which supports replacing the Aquatic

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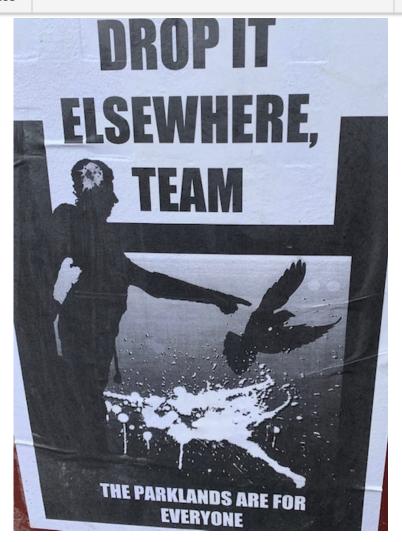


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We hope Mr Fagan takes the hint in the poster, and starts looking at alternative sites for the Adelaide FC's proposed \$60 million commercial home.

Why don't you write to him - <u>crows@afc.com.au</u> - with (polite) suggestions of where the team should locate their proposed edifice.

MORE SUPPORTERS TO #STANDWITHDENISE

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. In recent weeks, these voices have also been raised up:

Rev Dr Lynn Arnold SA Premier 1992–93

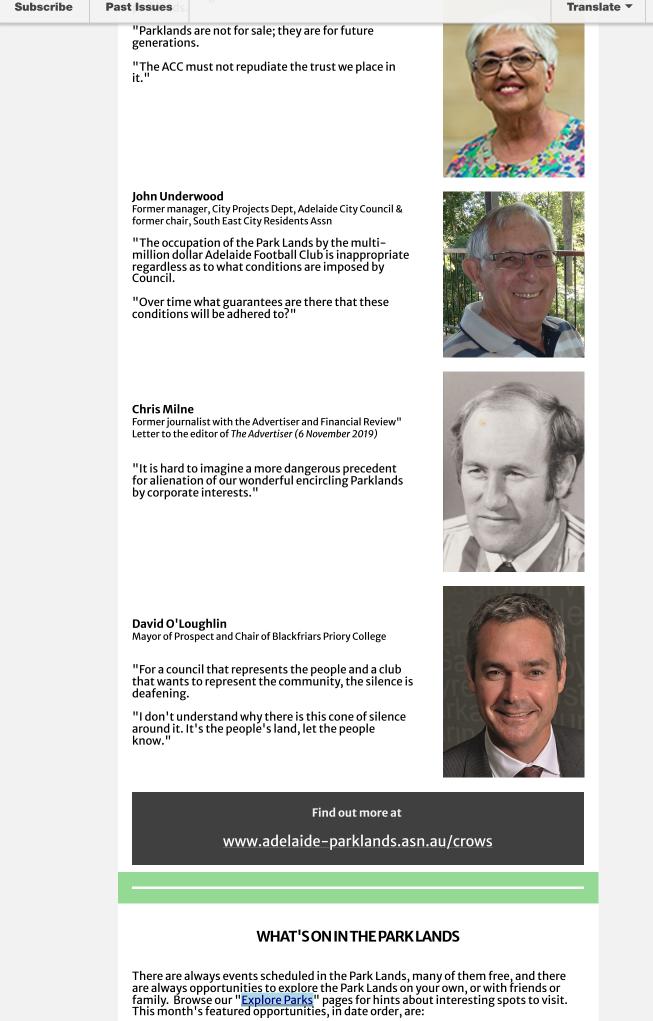
"Whatever is proposed would be merely an initial foothold from which commercial operations would inevitably expand in coming years.

"It would be negligent to future generations to allow such a powerful commercial force to dominate Denise Norton Park."

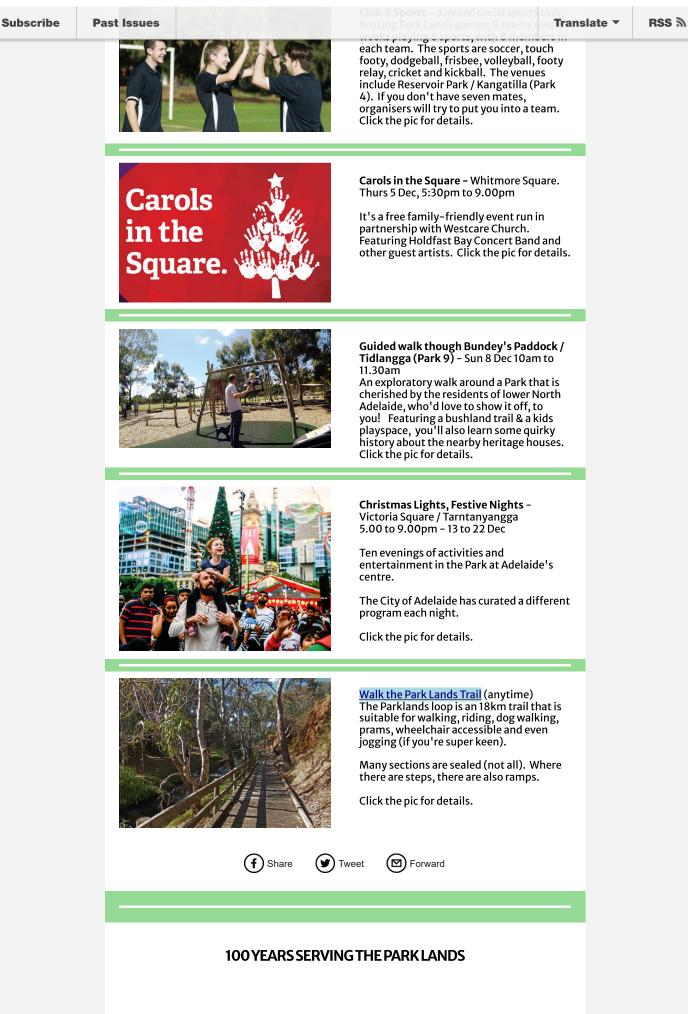
Leonie Ebert Educator, and founder of the Graham F. Smith Peace Foundation

"I am outraged that the ACC is listening to an interstate profit-driven large and powerful





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How's your job satisfaction?

Most of us move from job to job throughout our careers, fearful of being stuck in a rut or not advancing.

That's not been the case for the Lepore brothers Tony (left) and Charlie (right) who are just about to clock up a combined 100 years as gardeners to the world's only City in a Park.

Elder brother Tony, starting in 1960 (at the age of 15) helped build Rymill Park and Veale Gardens as we know them. Younger brother Charlie (starting as late as 1979) had a big role in establishing the Himeji Gardens in Park 18.

The City of Adelaide has put together a six-minute video to honour the two brothers. Read their fascinating stories and see their video story at this link:

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BRIEFLY, IN OTHER PARK LANDS NEWS

Surprise! Big Buildings obstruct public space



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	The author includes a stark timeline chronicling most major Park Lands alienations over the past 10 years. Ms Griffiths also highlights the disparity between this reality of Park Lands losses and the statements of supposed policy intent in the 30-year plan for Greater Adelaide, the City Council's "Carbon Neutral Adelaide" and the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy. Read Ms Griffiths report at this link. (71 pages - 4.5 Mb) Delayer-in-Chief						
	One day, the world-unique Adelaide Park Lands will undoubtedly be acknowledged with World Heritage status. It's sad that Minister David Speirs will be remembered as the Minister who delayed that recognition, rather than promoted it. He may not be "fully satisfied" but that's no reason for delaying the momentum that is gathering. Minister Speirs is also delaying State Heritage listing.						
	He's taken no action in the 11 months since the Heritage Council recommended that the						

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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!

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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

Learning what's in your Park Lands





Bushcare organisation Trees For Life recently ran a Grass Identification Workshop in Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17).

The workshop was hosted by prominent SA plant identification expert Ann Prescott (on the right in photo above), author of the reference book "<u>It's Blue With Five</u> <u>Petals</u>".

Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (<u>Park 17</u>) includes a patch of open grassland featuring native perennial grasses that were prolific on the Adelaide Plains before European settlement.

This precious biodiversity site has been nurtured with tender loving care by Trees for Life volunteers amongst others and the native perennial grasses are now making a comeback.

Trees for Life hosts a range of workshops in different SA locations and are keen to encourage anyone interested in participating in similar regeneration and conservation landcare projects to support and protect our natural heritage.

For more information see: treesforlife.org.au/workshops

WHAT'S IN A NAME? "Preservation" v "Development"

Renaming us as the "Adelaide Park Lands Development Association"? A thought experiment from APPA Committee member Valdis Dunis (pictured)

Should we rename this Association by replacing the word "Preservation" with a word that better reflects our goals?

I propose that we become the "Adelaide

Council's football freebies before an Unsolicited Bid for a Park Past Issues Translate RSS 🤊 given all the battles we have had with property developers over recent years. Our group so often is accused glibly of "being against all development". However, the Oxford dictionary defines "development" as: the aradual arowth of something so that it becomes more advanced, stronger, etc. If you are reading this, then presumably you do not want the Park Lands to become weaker, merely fragmented little patches of greenery in between new buildings and car parks. Surely you would prefer to strengthen and advance the status of our park lands with public trails, replanting native vegetation, more gardens, high quality open-air temporary event

spaces, along with more education and public awareness of their unique nature – while removing ugly sheds, carparks, etc to give us all more space to enjoy the world's only City– encircling Park Lands.

So, in this sense, we are indeed the ones who want to "develop" the Park Lands, so that they are better appreciated by South Australians and valued around the world.

Never has this been more important, as heat waves from climate change sweep across our planet.

"Development" in this broader sense of the word is consistent with research showing that open public green spaces provide physical and mental benefits: cooling, cleaning and calming both the environment and people alike.

The existence of the Adelaide Park Lands is one of the reasons that Adelaide is rated in the top 10 liveable cities on earth.

Seriously though, I am not actually suggesting we rename our Association.

This article was just meant to prod us to think about the power of choosing and persuading, with the right words, when we talk to others.

We can not let others define us within their narrow, 20th century paradigm.

So, the next time someone accuses APPA of "being against all development", tell them that in fact it's the opposite. We are the most passionate "developers" of the Park Lands, in modern, 21st century ways that will help "develop" our city as a world leader in green open spaces.

Editor's note: Although Valdis says he's not serious about a name change there is, nevertheless, merit in examining alternative ways of identifying ourselves and our goals. We don't need to change our Objectives, but we can turn Park Lands debate on its head so that APPA is recognised as a proactive initiator of Park Lands appreciation. The name Adelaide Park Lands Progress Association has been suggested as possibly suitable for this purpose.

If you have a view on this please share it with us: secretary@adelaide-parklands.asn.au

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

APPA always welcomes any assistance with supporting our Park Lands.

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

Specific suggestions you could do right now are:

1. 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 <u>secretary@adelaide-</u><u>parklands.asn.au</u>

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

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APPA on Facebook @adelparklands Our photos on Flickr Our videos

3. Donate to #StandWithDenise



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 stories above, and head to this page for some suggestions on how to take action: www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/crows

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.

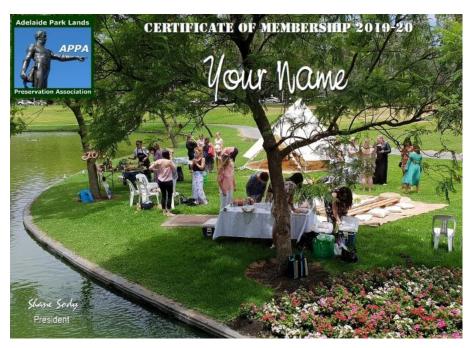
You too can be a proud Park Lands supporter, with membership starting at only \$15 (for concession and student membership) for a year.

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 <u>monthly guided Park Lands walks;</u> eligibility to become a Park Ambassador and lead an annual g<u>uided walk</u> through one Park;
- the responsibility to help guide APPA's activities through the Annual General Meeting; and a printable PDF membership certificate (as above).

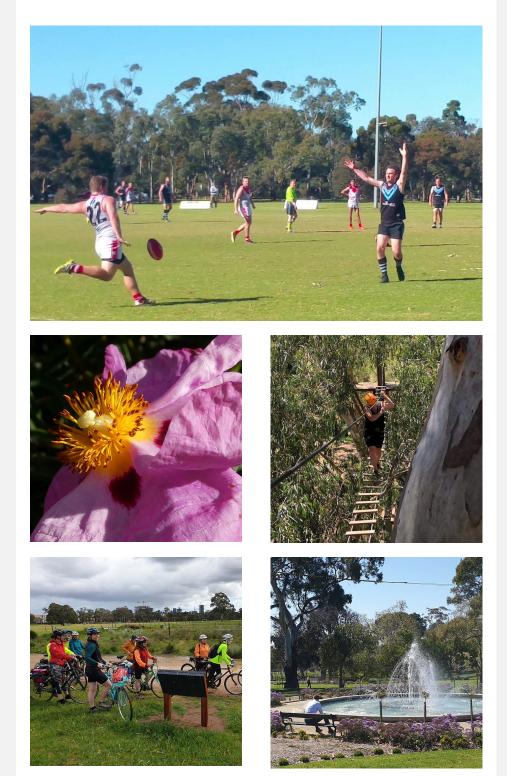
Those who've already paid their 2019-20 membership have already received one of these printable certificates.



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PHOTOS OF THE DAY - RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



From the top: a) Blackfriars Priory College football game in Denise Norton Park / Pardcipardinyilla (<u>Park 2</u>) – this site at risk from commercial takeover by the Adelaide Football Club (See stories above). b) a rock rose in the Adelaide Botanic Garden - part of Park 11. Pic: Greg Coote

c) Tree climb in Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (<u>Park 20</u>) d) Group bicycle ride stopping at rare butterfly habitat in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (<u>Park 16</u>)

e) workday lunch break at the fountain in Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)

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 and a half years now**

