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## ABRIBE TO TAKE OVER A PARK



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## GIANT ADMIN BUILDING HIDDEN IN THE DISTANCE

The Adelaide Football Club is promising to build a new public aquatic centre, for free, if only they can put a two-storey private administration, and training facility, right alongside it, in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla ([Park 2](#)).

After ten months of secret negotiations, [four artists impressions](#) were released on 10 December 2019.

Naturally the Crows' drawings do not focus on the huge private area that the Club wants for its administration and commercial activities. Those private areas (shown only in the distance in one of their four drawings) would **take up two-thirds of the proposed building**.

This is what you see when you zoom in to the background of one of the Crows' pictures.

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### LIQUOR LICENSING AND FENCING

Despite focussing mostly on the public areas, one of the four drawings released by the Adelaide FC shows a function/restaurant area for supporters:



Incredibly, Crows CEO Andrew Fagan (pictured) told an Adelaide City Council Committee meeting last Tuesday (with a straight face) that the venue would not seek a permanent liquor licence.

Later, in an interview with Graham Cornes, he clarified that liquor licensing on site was not being examined "at this stage".



Mr Fagan says that despite the club's intention to "upgrade" one of the Park ovals (currently used by community groups) to "AFL standard" the club does not wish to fence the oval.

However neither of these assurances (about liquor licensing nor fencing) are believable. Even if Mr Fagan is sincere, it is obvious that future management of the proposed facility would want (and easily obtain):

- regular temporary liquor licenses;
- a [new style of \(easy to obtain\) liquor licences for sporting clubs;](#)
- temporary fencing (to train in private); and/or
- permanent fencing to protect any investment in their training surface.





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## WHAT ABOUT THE AQUATIC CENTRE?

The key to all of this is the ageing Adelaide Aquatic Centre. For more than a decade the Adelaide City Council has avoided making hard decisions about whether or how to re-design the centre to minimise its expensive running costs.

The Council is belatedly [looking at that issue now](#), but has come up with no real option other than simply asking you to [endorse handing over the problem to the Adelaide Crows](#).



The Football Club, in turn, has offered to build whatever type of pool facilities that the Council wants.

In their tentative plans, the Football Club proposes allocating an area of 5,000 square metres (inside their proposed building) for a new "public" Aquatic Centre. **That is the bribe that the Crows are prepared to offer.** The Council is [consulting the public on what sort of pool or pools you would like](#).

Whatever turns up from the results of that consultation, the Crows are offering to build it, for free.

In return, they would be granted a private lease over a much larger area of the Park Lands, to replace the existing, over-sized Aquatic Centre, with a building that would be nearly as large as the existing Aquatic Centre, but TWO-THIRDS private (i.e., excluding the general public).

Not surprisingly, the Adelaide Park Lands Authority is miffed that it's been sidelined through the past ten months of secret talks between the City Council and the Adelaide Football Club.

<https://indaily.com.au/news/local/2019/12/13/council-criticised-over-crows-park-lands-hq-consultation/>



And of course, any brand new swimming pool, run by a private operator, would have to charge higher fees than the Council currently charges, to ensure an ongoing profit.

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## WHAT CAN YOU DO?



- Firstly, please contribute to [Denise Norton's fundraising campaign](#). We are up against big-money. Funds raised are going towards advertising and alerting the public.
- Second, take part in the City Council's flawed [consultation process](#). Given that the "consultation" runs until 19 February we will deal with this in more detail in next month's (January) newsletter.
- Third, contact Mr Fagan directly, [afagan@afc.com.au](mailto:afagan@afc.com.au) encourage him to focus on some other site, rather than the Adelaide Park Lands. We suggest that the Crows might like to consider buying a commercial property in O'Connell Street or Barton Tce..



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## PUBLIC REJECT CROWS DEAL

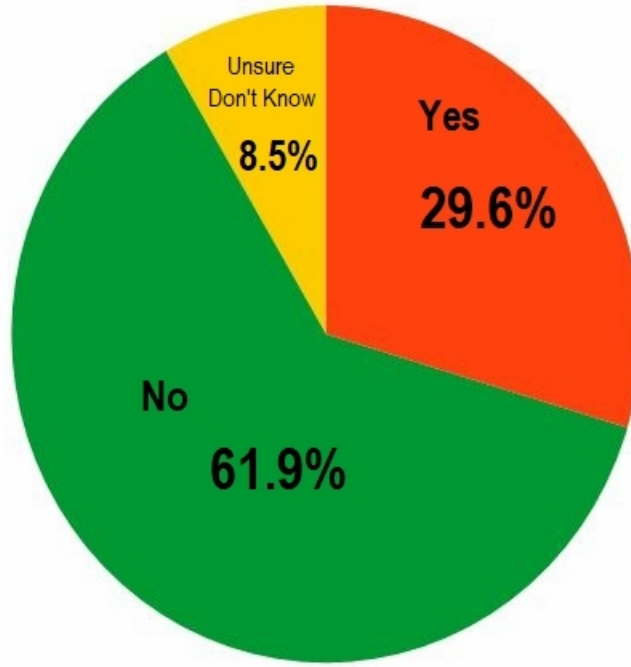
An opinion poll of Adelaide residents has found overwhelming support for keeping the Adelaide Aquatic Centre in public hands, rather than turning it over to the Adelaide Crows.

Independent market research polling, commissioned by APPA from [ReachTEL](#), found scant support for the proposed Crows deal. 763 people were surveyed across the federal electorate of Adelaide, including City and North Adelaide residents.

Asked whether, in the context of the Crows bid, areas of the Adelaide Park Lands should "be turned over to commercial re-development", the result was 61.9% "no" and only 29.6% "yes", with 8.5% unsure.

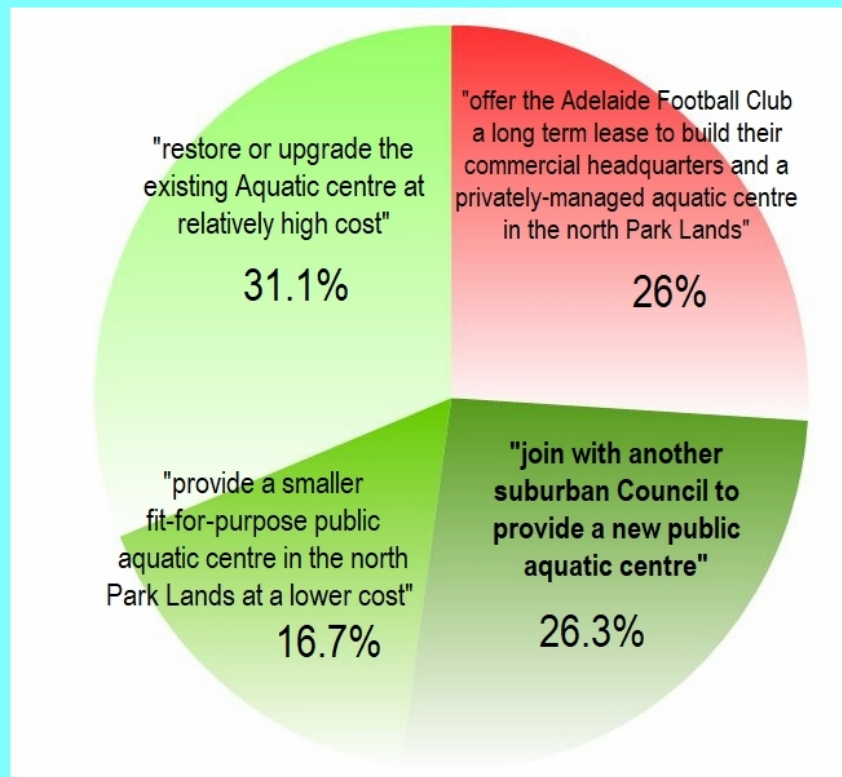


### ... your opinion, should areas of the Adelaide Park Lands be turned over to commercial re-developments?



When four separate options were offered, support for a Crows takeover was as low as 26%.

### In determining what to do with the Adelaide Aquatic Centre, what should be the City Council's main priority?



An opinion poll conducted by The Advertiser had very different results. However the 'Tiser's clickbait poll (distorted by being behind a pay wall) was designed for the purpose of driving new subscribers to the newspaper.

Our poll was a genuine attempt, using an unbiased nationally-respected polling company, to gauge opinion from a randomised representative sample of the population. Therefore we know (and so do the City Councillors now) what residents, ratepayers and voters

You can analyse ReachTEL's [polling method, full text of questions, and full results here](#).

Results are broken down by age, gender, and postcode. The figures show that support for the Crows proposal was lowest in Postcode 5000, and that support for the public options (not the Crows option) was higher in age group 18-34 than in age group 35-50.

The poll was conducted by ReachTEL, an independent market research company, and commissioned by Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association. All analysis including any interpretation have been undertaken by Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association



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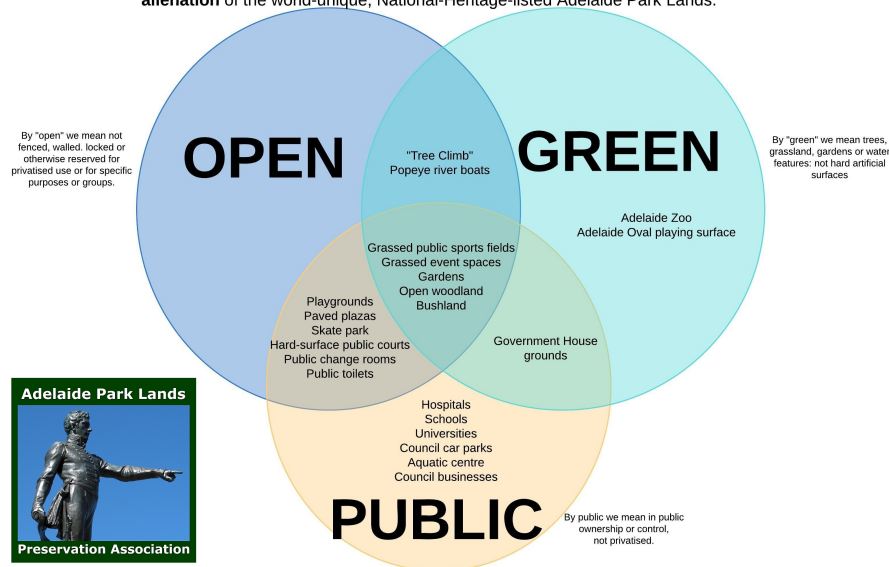


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## THE BENCHMARK FOR PARKS

### PARK LANDS ARE OPEN, GREEN, PUBLIC (at least 2 out of 3)

If a proposed building or other permanent land use can't fit into at least two of these overlapping circles, then it's an **alienation** of the world-unique, National-Heritage-listed Adelaide Park Lands.



Every time a new development is proposed for Park Lands, APPA is asked whether or not we would support it.

Sometimes a would-be private developer (e.g. the Adelaide Football Club) claims something should be supported merely because it would not increase the built footprint or perhaps even decrease the footprint of a closed building in Park Lands.

Therefore we've developed this simple Venn diagram to set a benchmark. To us, it's rather obvious. However, it appears that not everyone understands what Parks are, and what they are not.

For example, a private hotel, such as the one currently under construction at Adelaide Oval in Tarntanya Wama ([Park 26](#)) is

- NOT "open",
- NOT "green" and
- NOT "public".

It's the opposite:

- Private,
- Closed, and
- Brown (or "concrete" - what's the opposite of green?)

A hotel belongs in a commercial district, not in a Park.

The same criteria applies to the Adelaide Football Club's proposed administration headquarters in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla ([Park 2](#)).

And indeed, we apply the same criteria to all proposals. Of course, there is also a question of balance. It would be inappropriate to lose the overall character of "green" Park Lands with too many hard-surface developments, even if they are "open" and "public".

The diagram above does not override APPA's Objectives in our Constitution.



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## MORE SUPPORTERS TO #STANDWITHDENISE

It's not just APPA with serious concerns about the way the Adelaide City 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:

### Deborah Morgan

President, National Trust of Australia (SA)

"A gift of Denise Norton Park/ Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) to the Adelaide Crows is a very serious threat to the quintessential character of our City Parklands and must not happen.

"On behalf of the Trust I beseech Adelaide City Council to abandon this concept and retain all of our City Parklands as a place of enjoyment by the whole of our community and future generations."



### Frances Bedford

Independent State MP for Florey

"The Park Lands should not be for sale!

"This is a worrying proposal as it will see public space handed over to commercial concerns – a privatisation by another name.

"As the Stadium Management Authority experiment has shown, with its higher entry fees and over the top prices for food and drink, it will only push prices up for the public."



### Mark Parnell

Greens Member of SA Parliament

"Further privatisation of Adelaide's iconic Park Lands must stop!

"The Park Lands are for everybody and not just the elite few.

"We need to stop this ill-advised proposal before it is too late."



See the other prominent South Aussies backing this campaign at

[www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/crows](http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/crows)

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE PARK LANDS TRAIL**





This is a map of the Park Lands Trail. The Trail allows walkers and cyclists to circumnavigate the City and North Adelaide.

It goes alongside the River Torrens, through open woodlands, sporting and playground facilities and an historic cemetery where early settlers are buried.

However it's poorly signposted, and in one crucial area, interrupted or incomplete. Heading northward on the eastern side of the city, the trail ends at either Botanic Road, or at the corner of East Tce and North Tce.



The State Government is currently re-developing what it calls "Lot Fourteen" i.e. the old RAH site, part of [Park 11](#) in the Adelaide Park Lands. So far, the Government's developers have refused to consider returning any part of the site to Park Lands – NOT EVEN a green corridor for the Park Lands trail.

The State Government has persistently ignored its legal obligation (in section 23 of the [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005](#)) to plan for the return of the old RAH site to Park Lands.

It is currently going through a process of re-zoning, in order to get a new hotel, shops and offices into the site.

APPA has [made a submission](#) to the re-zoning process, emphasising the site's legal status as Part of the Park Lands.

In a fallback measure, APPA Committee member John Underwood has been

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lobbying the re-zoning process to ensure that elsewhere, the Park Lands trail is made complete by following a route (pictured) from North Terrace through to Botanic Park.

John's [14-page submission \(PDF 2.3Mb\)](#) includes 22 pictures of various sites along the Park Lands trail.



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## 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:



**December at the Botanic Gardens.** Every day, in [Park 11](#).

This month, the International Rose Garden is a sea of dazzling colour and scents. The jasmine arch is still in bloom and smells as sweet as it is pretty. Opposite the arch, find the Cactus and Succulent Garden in bloom. The lotus pond is also due to burst into flower in late December. Click the pic for details.



**Christmas Lights, Festive Nights -** [Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga](#)  
5 to 9pm - each night until 22 Dec

Activities and entertainment in the Park at Adelaide's centre.

The City of Adelaide has curated a different program each night.

Click the pic for details.



**New Years Eve concert, in Elder Park / Tarntanya Wama** ([Park 26](#)) - Tues 31 Dec, from 6pm

Live music, family entertainment and TWO spectacular fireworks displays. There'll also be a "Kids Zone" featuring street theatre performances, a pop-up play space and roving performers!

Headline act is "Electric Fields" plus a huge line up of local musicians including Ollie English and Jess Day, Mudra Dance and the Volya Ukrainian Dancers. Click the pic for details.

**FOMO - 5 Jan, in Elder Park / Tarntanya Wama** ([Park 26](#))





...experiences and experiences Brockhampton, Kaytranada, Lizzo, Madeon, Jax Jones, Octavian, Rico Nasty, Meduza, Chillinit, Whipped Cream, Dombresky and Ninajirachi. Click the pic for details.



### Tour Down Under village - Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga (Park 26) from 16 Jan

Racing starts on Sunday 19 January but the riders and their teams set up in Victoria Square from 16 January - creating a hub in the centre of Adelaide over 11 days of Australia's biggest cycling festival. Click the pic for details.



### Guided walk through Veale Park / Walyu Yarta (Park 21) Sun 19 Jan, 10 to 11.30am

A stroll around one of the most beautiful parts of the Adelaide Park Lands. Hosted by APPA Park Ambassador Peter Sansom. Learn some surprising history about not just Veale Gardens but also the larger Veale Park, and discover one of its hidden treasures - a community garden. Children, and dogs (on leads) most welcome. Click the pic for details.

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## BALANCING PARK USES - A WIN FOR PARK 21W



Unlike the Council process for dealing with the Adelaide Crows, there are other times when community consultation works as it's supposed to. Initial planning takes account of community suggestions and plans are



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those objecting to earlier proposals for a 150-space car park off Goodwood Road, and a proposed two-storey building in the centre of the Park.

New plans for Park 21W have scaled back both of these features.

There are also some wonderful and welcome elements of the new Plan, including:

- restoration of a century-old wattle grove,
- better lighting on the Park's diagonal sugar gum pathway,
- protection of (and signage about) the important biodiversity area in the south-east of the Park,
- irrigating the third playing field, and
- realignment of the Park Lands trail to better connect with the adjacent Park 22.

Although some trees are set to be removed, more will be planted and the overall plan should be commended.

If you visit or use Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra ([Park 21W](#)) you might like to read the new Plan here:

[https://dmzweb.cityofadelaide.com.au/agendasminutes/files08/Agendas/APA/2019/2019\\_12\\_12APA.pdf](https://dmzweb.cityofadelaide.com.au/agendasminutes/files08/Agendas/APA/2019/2019_12_12APA.pdf)

(PDF, 4.1 Mb - starts at page 8 in the document)

## BRIEFLY, IN OTHER PARK LANDS NEWS

### Trial imminent for 24/7 dry zones



Two Parks in the city's South are set to start a three-month trial of being full-time dry zones.

Currently alcohol consumption is banned across the Park Lands between 8pm and 11am. However the State Government is looking to approve a trial for a round-the-clock ban in Blue Gum Park / Kurangga ([Park 20](#)) and Veale Park / Walyu Yarta ([Park 21](#)), both off South Terrace. The trial is in response to complaints by local residents and business owners of disruptive behaviour. There will be a provision for a temporary liquor license (to circumvent the ban) which would require payment of a \$93 fee.

Adelaide City Council is pushing for a permanent 24/7 ban to extend across the entire Park Lands area. However, the State Government describes such a wide ban area as "unworkable". Read the [InDaily article](#).



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### Rymill Park lake - last chance to have your say

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Proposed lake



Current lake



Proposed vegetated wetland



Oaklands Wetlands, Oaklands Park, Australia.

Should the lake in Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) stay as an ornamental lake with boating, or should it be an urban wetland, a biodiversity habitat?

The City of Adelaide is seeking your opinion on the draft Rymill Park Master Plan?

Today, Monday 16 December 2019 is the final date for consultation.

Have your say by 5pm at <https://yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au/rymill-master-plan>.

### Green space a life and death issue



Urban green spaces boost longevity for local residents according to the world's largest review to date.



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The study analysed data for 8 million people across seven countries and concluded there was "an inverse association between greenness and all-cause mortality".

Correspondingly the study – supported by the World Health Organization – recommended that increasing/managing green spaces be considered as a strategic public health intervention.

The benefits of green space are numerous and include increased physical activity, improved mental health and reduced stress, better air quality, less traffic noise, reduced heat-island effects, and more biodiversity.

Read a [summary article](#) and the [full Lancet Planet Health report](#)

## Motor racing takeover under way



The annual intrusion of motor sport detritus into the eastern Park Lands ([Parks 14](#), [15](#), and [16](#)) began on 2 December and is scheduled to 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.

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

## Restoration campaign 2020

In 2020 we will start a full-throated campaign for the return of just one Park Lands site from its current state of alienation.

There are [200 alienated sites](#) to choose from, but in October and November 2019 we asked you – our members and supporters – which site we should target first.

We presented four options at [www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/restoration](http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/restoration)

You selected this one, below, to be our first target. This area of bitumen off Anzac Highway in G.S. Kingston Park / Wirraninthi ([Park 23](#)) was once netball courts but it's been many years since it was last used for that purpose.

It's long overdue to turn green. In 2020 we'll be seeking your your help to achieve that.



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### 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](http://www.parklandsart.com)

### MORE OPTIONS FOR HELPING THE PARK LANDS

APPA always welcomes any assistance with supporting our Park Lands.

We have listed 10 ways that you can help at:  
[www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/take-action](http://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 [secretary@adelaide-parklands.asn.au](mailto:secretary@adelaide-parklands.asn.au)

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



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@adelparklands



Our photos on Flickr



Our videos



## #StandWithDenise

Campaign creator Denise Norton

Fundraising for Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association

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

See the suggestions earlier in this newsletter about how to help the campaign to #StandWithDenise. Other current issues are identified here:

[www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/current-issues](http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/current-issues)

#### 5. Join us!

Our membership has swelled in 2019–20 well above 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.

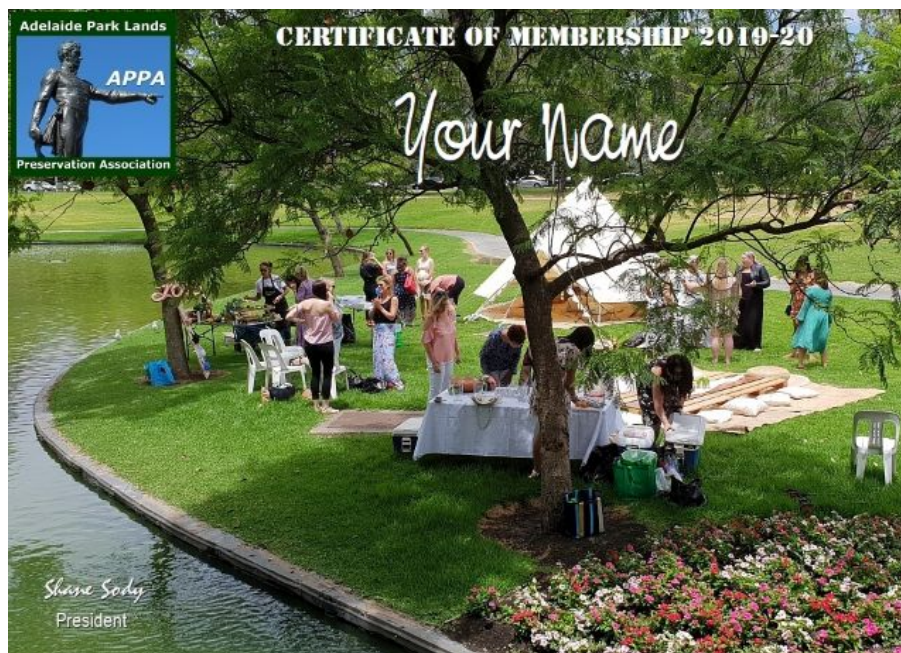
We rely almost exclusively on annual membership fees to continue our Park Lands advocacy, so if you haven't already, please consider putting your money where your mouth is and backing APPA to keep up the Park Lands fight.

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 below).

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

P.S. If you want to save a few bucks, wait until 1 January when half-year memberships are available for the period ending 30 June 2020.



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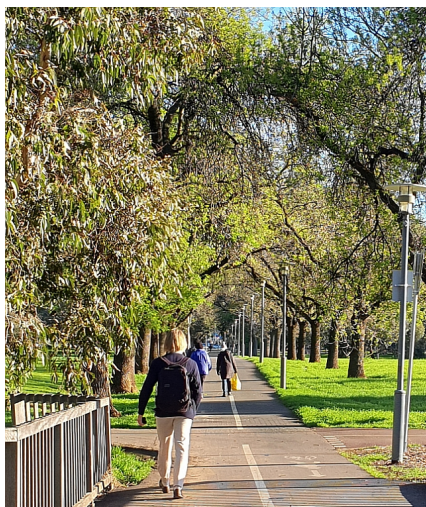


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From the top:

- Office workers enjoy a lunchtime game of petanque/boules in [Hindmarsh Square](#)
- Pelicans in the billabong within Bonython Park / Tula Wardli ([Park 27](#))
- Bush regeneration site within Carriageway Park / Tuthangga ([Park 17](#))
- Walking home from work through Pelzer Park / Pityarilla ([Park 19](#))
- Community cricket in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi ([Park 16](#))

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 numbers over 2,000. 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



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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 56 other organisations for better environmental protection laws.





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We are a member organisation of the national "Places You Love Alliance"

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