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**SPECIAL "RESTORE" EDITION**

The first half of this special edition focusses on our proactive campaign to restore the entirety of Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2).

Over the next few weeks, the fate of this Park will be decided.

The stories in this newsletter will assist you in pushing to achieving a win-win, both for swimmers at a new Aquatic Centre, and also for your Park Lands.

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1. INNER NORTH-WEST LEADS AS AQUATIC CENTRE FAVOURITE

Adelaide people are speaking up.

A site in the inner north-western suburbs is firming as the people's favourite for a new Aquatic Centre.

Fewer than 6% of survey respondents, so far, want Park Lands to be sacrificed.



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2. TREE DESTRUCTION PLANS EXPOSED

by Shane Sody

The State Government is preparing to abandon a pre-election commitment to protect Adelaide's significant trees, with a proposed wholesale slaughter of mature trees in the Adelaide Park Lands.

To save dozens of trees, take our 1-minute survey, to suggest an alternative location for the proposed new Aquatic Centre.

209 trees including:

- 48 river red gums,
- 14 spotted gums,
- 23 sugar gums,
- 4 inland red box,
- 51 yellow gums (including 4 red-flowering)
- 18 'eucalyptus platypus';
- 8 salmon gums;
- 3 Norfolk Island hibiscus trees, and
- 7 Aleppo pines

147 trees including
44 river red gums, 25 yellow gums,
32 salmon gums, 11 Aleppo pines
and a century-old Port Jackson fig

61 trees including
11 sugar gums, 8 river red gums, 9 yellow gums,
4 spotted gums, 5 Kurrajong, 6 Moreton Bay figs,
3 Acacias, and a pink gum

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3. IMAGINE A RESTORATION

by Shane Sody

Imagine fully restoring this part of your Park Lands.

This is not a rear-guard defensive campaign. This is a proactive, positive campaign, seeking a win-win that would restore a three-hectare part of your Park Lands, that was lost 53 years ago.



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4. OLYMPIC SWIMMER BACKS PARK RESTORATION

by Shane Sody

For the second time in two years, a South Australian Olympic hero is spearheading a campaign on behalf of a Park that bears her name.

Denise Norton, who fought to save Denise Norton Park from the Adelaide Crows, is now campaigning to get Denise Norton Park restored as Open Green Public space. She's called for a new Aquatic Centre to be constructed on a nearby brownfield site.



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5. TREE THREATS MAKING NATIONAL HEADLINES

by Shane Sody

The State Government's threats to dozens of trees in your Adelaide Park Lands is making headlines around Australia.



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6. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

To support Denise Norton and your Open Green Public Park Lands, there are two things you can do:

1. Take our 1-minute survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGZ7FKT> to suggest where you'd like a new Aquatic Centre to be built. (Tip: it doesn't have to be on Park Lands!) We'll pass on the results of our survey to the State Government.
2. Write to:
[the Premier, Peter Malinauskas,](#)
[Transport and Infrastructure Minister Tom Koutsantonis](#) and
the [Member for Adelaide, Lucy Hood](#)

to urge them to consider a non Park Lands site.

7. RESTORATION SOON IN BONYTHON PARK

Kadaltilla (the Park Lands Authority) has recommended to the City Council that an informal car park off Port Road in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27) should be closed, and the area restored to Park Lands.

The decision is another win for APA's aim to restore lost portions of your Park Lands.



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8. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

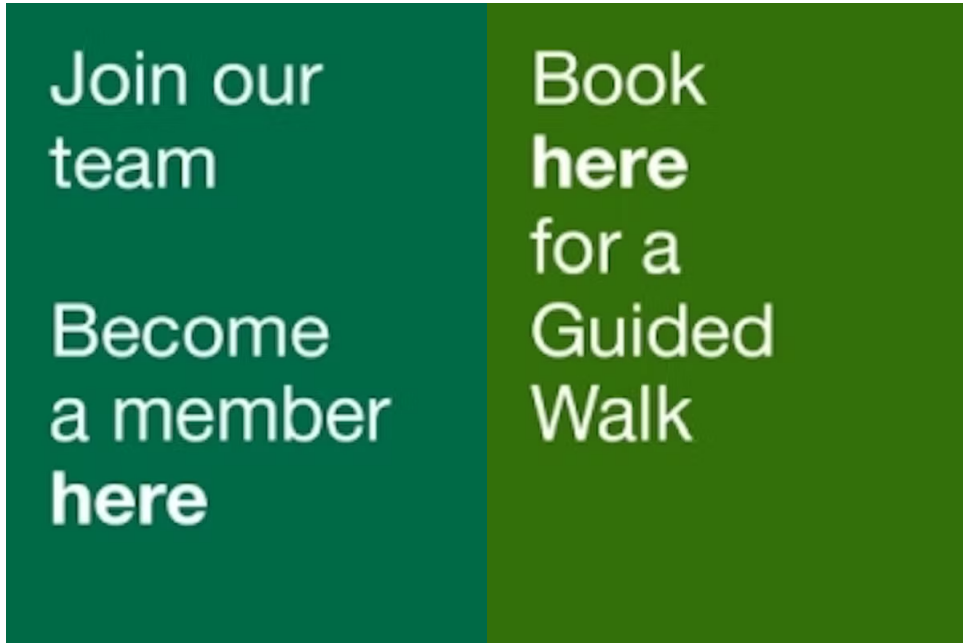
Our campaign to restore Denise Norton Park is getting media attention, and prompting a wave of new and renewing memberships, but it has greater chance of success, with YOU on the team as well.



You are reading the non-members version of this newsletter - which means you haven't yet decided to financially back our [four Park Lands strategies: Explore, Inspire, Protect and Restore](#).

If you were to become an APA member, you would then be able to book for any of our Guided Walks for free, and you would also unlock 15% discounts to all the merch in the APA Shop: things like T-shirts, a winter hoodie, tea towels, tote bags and more.

What are you waiting for?



9. FIVE YEARS OF SERVITUDE

by Shane Sody

Despite declaring a "climate emergency" only weeks ago the State Government has shown it's still captured by the anachronism of combustion engine motor racing, at the expense of your Open Green Public Park Lands.

Your taxes will be subsidising a four-day festival of carbon emissions each year until December 2026, and paving over even more of your Park Lands.



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10. RYMILL PARK FENCED OFF

by Shane Sody

These fences keeping you out of Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka won't be coming down until October 2022.

Contractors are undertaking four months of work, mostly underground, to improve water, sewerage, and electricity capacity within the Park.



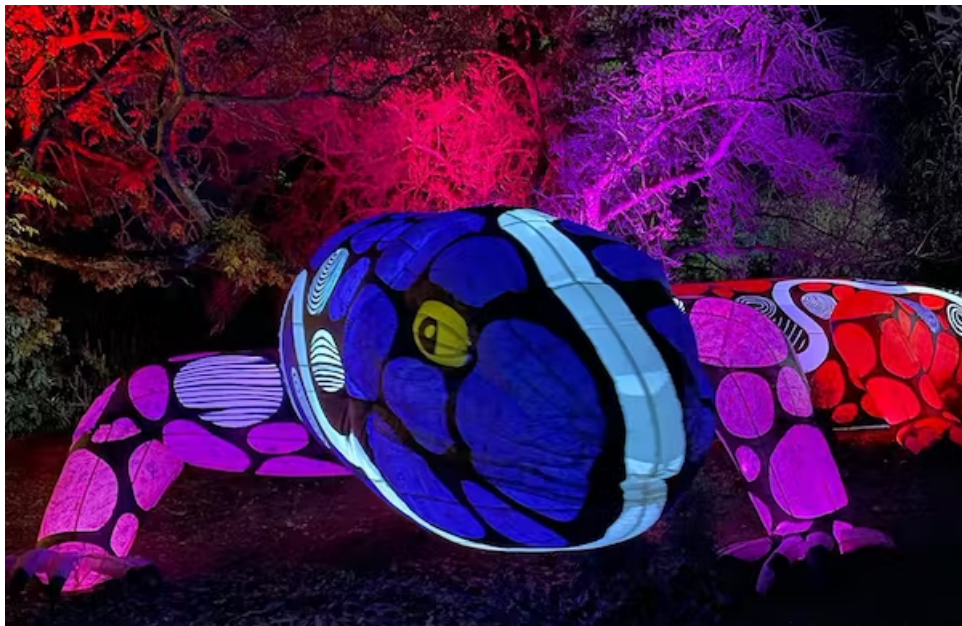
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11. WHAT'S ON IN YOUR PARK LANDS - JULY 2022

by Shane Sody

Dive into these events we've found for you, in your Open Green Public Adelaide Park Lands during the month of July 2022.

Some of them will require early booking, so don't wait!



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12. CEMETERY NIGHT TOUR

by Carla Caruso

Adelaide has been dubbed 'the murder capital of Australia', thanks to a few notorious crimes. So, it's fitting that the city is home to several 'dark history' walks and ghost tours.

As winter sets in, we thought it a good time to check out one such tour – at the West Terrace Cemetery in GS Kingston Park / Wirramintha (Park 23).



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13. HORSES THREE DAY EVENT RETURNS NEXT YEAR

by Glam Adelaide

One of the world's premier equestrian events will be returning to your Adelaide Park Lands next year, after a two-year gap during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Australian International Three-Day event will be held in the eastern Park Lands (Parks 14, 15 and 16) two weeks after Easter: from 20 to 23 April 2023



[Read more at Glam Adelaide >>>](#)

14. COMMUNITY GARDEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Walyu Yarta Community garden in Veale Park / Walyu Yarta (Park 21) was featured recently on ABC-TV news.

APA's Greg Martin spoke to the ABC's Candice Prosser about the garden's long-running success.



[Read more at ABC News >>>](#)

15. STAR BACKING FOR CAUSE

by Carla Caruso

An Adelaide Park Lands zookeeper, who's been raising funds for a Ukrainian animal shelter, has had some star power behind her cause.

Canadian actress Karin Konoval, who played 'Maurice the Orangutan' in the *Planet of the Apes* movies, has been regularly contributing to the fundraiser.

As previously reported, Jodie Sheridan, the orangutan project lead at Adelaide Zoo in Park 11, has been campaigning on the sanctuary's behalf after striking up an online friendship with its founder.



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