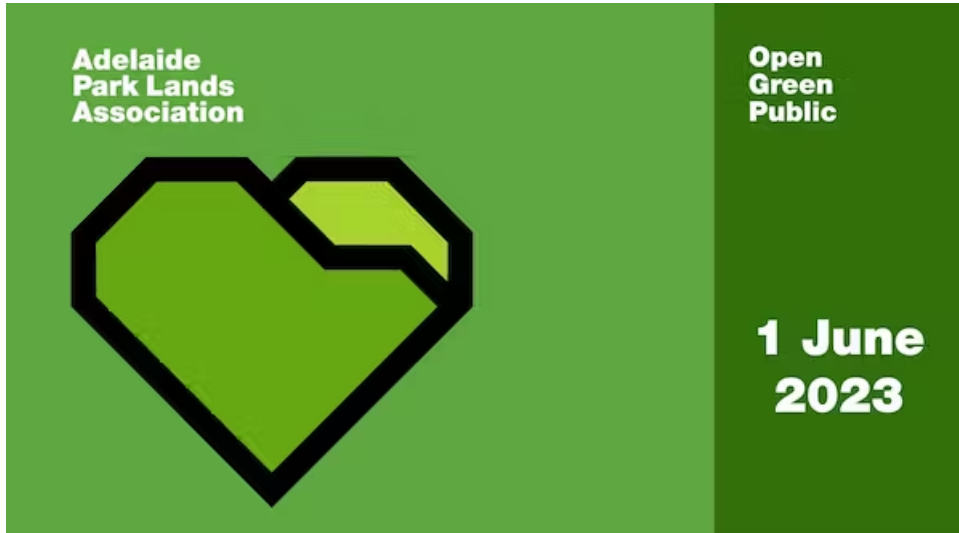




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1. SUNDAY: BE A PARK SAVIOUR IN JUST 30 MINUTES

by Shane Sody

In 30 minutes this Sunday, show the State Government that you Love Your Park Lands and that you have got them "covered" (symbolically) with your umbrella. All you need to do is show up about 1.00pm, to be part of a huge group photo at 1.30.



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2. SECRET OPTIONS - NO CONSULTATION

by Shane Sody

Do you want a massive police compound taking away an area of your Park Lands bigger than Adelaide Oval? That is a question that the State Government refuses to ask you..



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3. MEET OUR NEW DEPUTY

by Carla Caruso

Meet our new Deputy President: financial adviser Ben Ayris.

When he's not busy standing up for your parks, you'll likely find Ben enjoying the city's many festivals and cafes or hanging out with his rescue cat...



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4. EOFY ART PRIZE OPPORTUNITY

by Shane Sody

You can showcase a part of the 2023 Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize, while doing yourself (and us!) a favour at tax time. Many of the works that were exhibited at this year's Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize at the Festival Centre are still available for sale, but only for a short time longer.



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5. KNOW YOUR PARK LANDS PLANTS - COMMON REEDS

by Natarsha McPherson

Your Adelaide Park Lands are home to many kinds of plants, but it's not always easy to identify them.

We'll help you: one species at a time. Here's a guide to a plant found alongside the River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari. It's the common reed: *Phragmites australis*.



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6. THE BUZZ ON NATIVE BEES

by Carla Caruso

Protecting biodiversity in your Park Lands means more than just protecting the large trees. Loving Your Park Lands requires saving the few re-vegetated patches that provide understorey and vital ecosystems for birds, and insects such as native bees.



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7. WE NEED YOU - PLEASE JOIN US

We are a grassroots community organisation. We [Explore, Inspire, Protect, and Restore](#).

But we are only as strong as our [Members](#) and our [Volunteers](#).

You are receiving the non-members version of this newsletter which means you're not (yet) a Member of our team.

Will you help us to spread the word, to encourage others (especially the State Government!) to Love Your Park Lands ?

There are two ways to do that: as a [Member](#), or as a [Volunteer](#) (or both!)

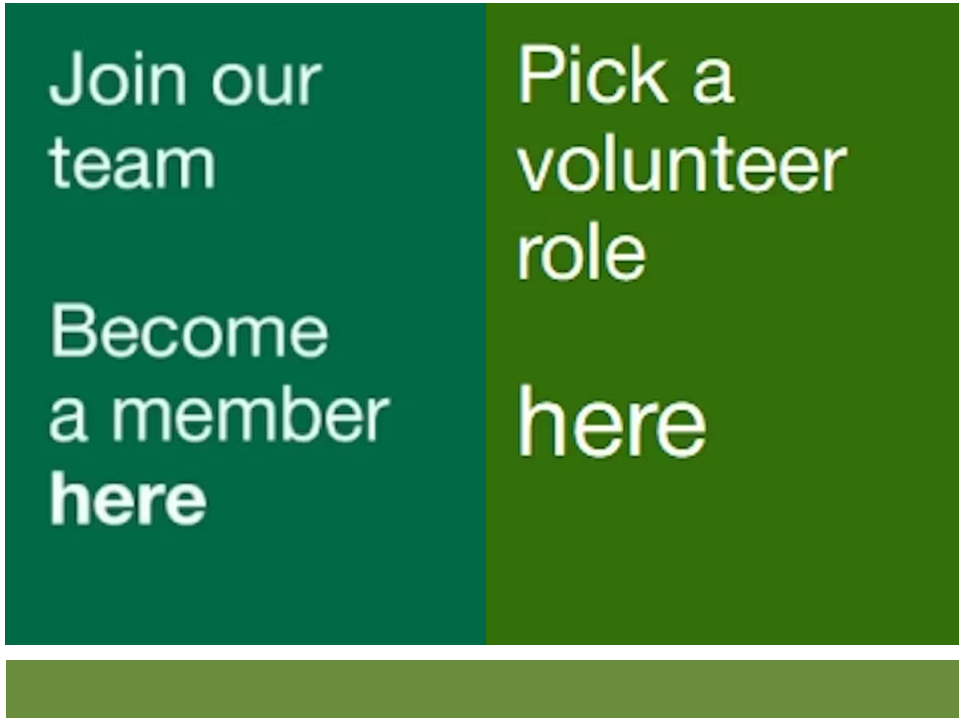


If you were to become an APA [member](#), you would then be able to book for any of our Guided Walks for free, and you would also unlock 15% discounts to all the merch in [the APA Shop](#).

More importantly, your membership fee (as low as \$15 per year for a single concession) would be tangible support for our Park Lands strategies: [Explore, Inspire, Protect and Restore](#).

If you were to become [a volunteer](#), there's a wide range of things you could do to help in one or more of our strategic activities.

Check out the volunteer options [here](#).



8.WHAT'S ON IN YOUR PARK LANDS - JUNE 2023

by Michael Genrich

Four of our Guided Walks are among the dozens of events to choose from in your Open Green Public Adelaide Park Lands from late May through to the end of June 2023.

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



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9. TRAIL GUIDE TO THREATENED PARK

Our years-long project to produce the complete Guide to your Park Lands has moved a step closer to completion. Our latest Trail Guide takes you on a tour of Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West). Take a look at this Park's past and present, while the State Government considers its police barracks plans.



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10. V8's LIMIT PARK PLANNING

by Shane Sody and Carla Caruso

City Council planning for the future of your Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) has been hampered by the State Government's insistence that anachronistic carbon-emission motor sport must take priority in your Park.

To satisfy the State Government's devotion to carbon emission motor racing a new draft plan envisages even more "new bitumen surfaces" within your Park.



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11. LAUNCHING GREEN PAKAPAKANTHI

*words by Doug McEvoy - Chair, South East City Residents Association
Photos by Shaun Li - "Capture the Present"*

A new neighbourhood re-greening group has kicked off with a day of new plantings in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).

Volunteers who Love Your Park Lands have launched "Green Pakapakanthi" with the blessing of the Adelaide City Council, and would welcome your participation.



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12. LOOKING FOR RAKALI

by Carla Caruso

Have you seen a rabbit-sized rodent along the River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari in your Adelaide Park Lands?

The elusive rakali, better known as a native otter or water rat won't hang around and pose for photos!



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13. DON'T MENTION THE "H" WORD

by Shane Sody

You might die wondering if or when your Adelaide Park Lands might get State Heritage listing.

The State Government is certainly in no hurry to deal with it; despite recent moves by both the Greens and the Liberal Party in State Parliament.



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14. "MEGALITHS": BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD

by Thomas Kelsall

It's heartening that most Adelaide City councillors appear to appreciate the distinction between needed upgrades of PUBLIC sports facilities, and co-funding large PRIVATE rooms for functions, meetings and storage.

Plans for a two-storey sports club building on Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West) – described by the Lord Mayor as “colossal” – are in doubt as the Council considers withdrawing up to \$5m in funding for capital works.



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15. ELDER PARK OFF-LIMITS

by Shane Sody

It could be August 2023 before you are allowed to return to Elder Park in your Adelaide Park Lands.

Irrigation trenching is expected to be completed by the King’s birthday weekend in June, but it will take some time after that before new turf is bedded in.



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16. PUFFER JACKET SPORTS MORNING

by Rhia Daniel

Puffer jackets were the order of the day for parents, as junior players took to your Park Lands fields last weekend. APA’s Rhia Daniel braved the chill to give you a

feel for one of the morning's brisk soccer workouts.



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17. CLOCK TICKING AGAIN

by Carla Caruso

After a five-year wait, the floral clock in Brougham Gardens / Tantutittingga (Park 29) is ticking again.



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