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1. WHAT USE IS NATIONAL HERITAGE LISTING?

by Shane Sody

Australia's national heritage protection laws have again been exposed as worthless, after the Federal Environment Department waved through a \$3 billion State Government attack on your Park 27.



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2. FENCES GOING UP, NOT COMING DOWN

by Shane Sody

This is a tale of two fences.

One, a fence that is about to be installed around a playing field in your Park Lands - the other a fence that is earmarked for removal - one day, sometime



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3. ABUSIVE DRIVERS THWART PARK PROTECTION

City of Adelaide staff face a “hostile” situation and are being “abused” when dealing with illegal parking in your Park Lands, documents reveal.

Parking inspectors have been copping sprays from the public during private school sporting events in King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15).



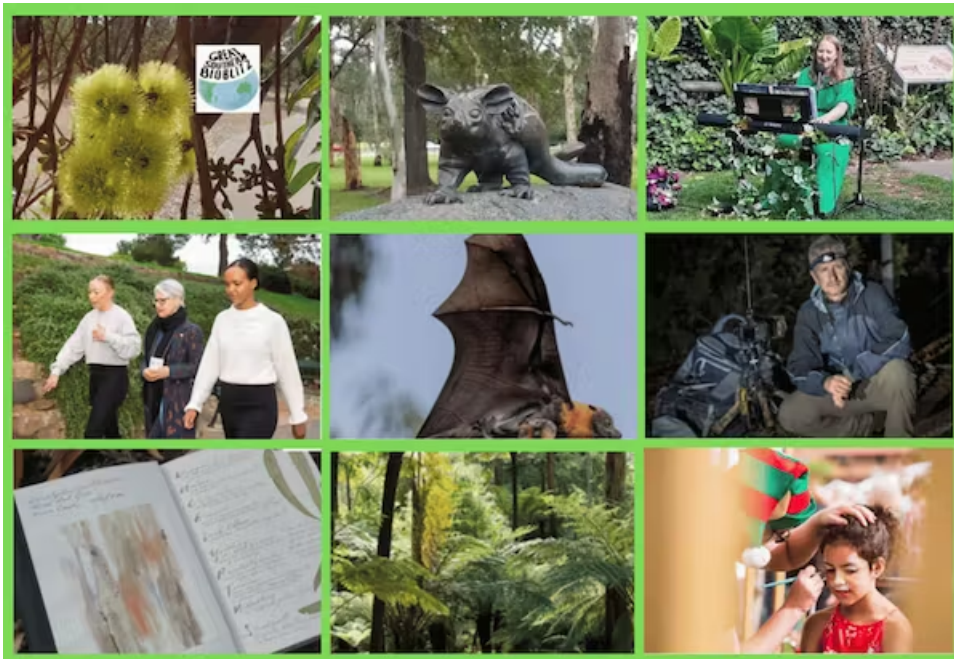
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4. WHAT'S ON IN YOUR PARK LANDS - DECEMBER 2023

by Esperanza Pretila

As 2023 comes to an end, your Adelaide Park Lands continue providing a wide range of activities and surprises.

Explore, enjoy, and be merry with what we've found for you from late November through to the end of December. 'Tis the season to be jolly, in your Adelaide Park Lands!



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5. YOU - YES, YOU....

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

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

You are receiving the non-members version of this newsletter which means you're not (yet) a Member of our team, or perhaps a previous membership has expired.

Will you help us? There are three ways to do that: as a [Member](#), as a [Volunteer](#) or as a [Donor](#).



If you were to become an APA [member](#), then 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 \$20 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. For example,

- becoming a Park Ambassador; and/or
- writing stories for our [blog](#) and future editions of this newsletter.

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



6. MOTOR RACING NEAR WETLAND

by Carla Caruso

Park lovers have questioned why the State Government chose to return the Adelaide 500 car race to Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) after award-winning biodiversity wetlands were created there.

Birds and other wildlife have proliferated in the area since the \$13 million, 3.2-hectare wetland was opened in the southern part of the Park in 2022.



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7. KNOW YOUR PARK LANDS PLANTS - NATIVE APRICOT

by Juliet Bodycomb

We're helping you to learn about the plants in your Open, Green, Public Adelaide Park Lands, one species at a time.

Today: native apricot!



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8. MEET OUR MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

by Carla Caruso

Many people volunteer behind the scenes at the Adelaide Park Lands Association, helping operations to run smoothly.

One such person is Alexandra Buzila, who joined us this year as membership officer. This week, we've swung the spotlight her way, asking her about her passions - including for conservation, travel, and events in your Park Lands.



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9. THE SPARE MINUTE RUNNER

by Carla Caruso

Why do some people feel the need to pull on joggers and experience the wind in their hair, running through your Adelaide Park Lands?

We put the question to local teacher Ché Murray, who's known online as 'The Spare Minute Runner'.



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10. HEAVY RAIN KILLS RIVER CARP

An accumulation of dead fish spotted at Adelaide's Torrens weir in Possum Park / Pirltawardli (Park 1) is likely the result of recent heavy rain higher up in the catchment area.

This story is from ABC Adelaide.



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11. HIMEJI GARDEN IN MINIATURE

by Carla Caruso

Your Adelaide Park Lands are a source of inspiration for nature lovers and artists.

One artist has been inspired to re-create one of his favourite Park Lands locations, in a miniature, paper artwork.



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12. IF A TREE FALLS IN A FOREST

by Shane Sody

Philosophers ask: "If a tree falls in a forest, and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?"

We ask: "If the State Government cuts down dozens of trees in your Adelaide Park Lands, and there is NO MEDIA COVERAGE, does anybody know that it happened?"



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13. MAPPING OUT ORIENTEERING

by Rhia Daniel

It's sometimes called "Cunning Running". The sport of orienteering is becoming more popular in your Open, Green, Public Adelaide Park Lands.



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14. CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCILLOR SNAPE

APA Life Member and former APA Committee member, Councillor Keiran Snape has been elected by his fellow Councillors to serve as Adelaide's Deputy Lord Mayor for 12 months, throughout 2024.

It's believed to be the first time that a current APA Member has held this position.

Councillor Snape has been in the minority on Council, in voting consistently in favour of your Park Lands, most recently to protect Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla from State Government chainsaws.

On that occasion, as we reported last month, the [Lord Mayor used her casting vote to break a tie, and authorise the Park attack.](#)

The Adelaide Park Lands Association congratulates Cr Snape on his elevation.



[Read more from Thomas Kelsall, at InDaily >>>](#)

15. RYMILL PARK KIOSK COMING BACK

The kiosk in your Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) has been vacant since April 2022. Since then, the City Council has been looking for a new tenant.

It's now proposed a 21-year lease, which would involve upgrading the building. The City of Adelaide is inviting your comments, no later than Friday 15 December.



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