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**1. WHAT'S ON IN YOUR PARK LANDS OVER THE NEW YEAR**

*by Esperanza Pretila*

Are you looking for something worthwhile to do or to celebrate the season and the coming of 2024?

Enjoy your Adelaide Park Lands with something from this range of events leading up to Christmas and into the New Year.



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## 2. BUSHCARE: A "COMFORTING NATURAL RHYTHM"

*by Shane Sody*

You can find a “comforting natural rhythm” both working and relaxing in bushland, with good company, and “the simple pleasure of dappled sunshine.”

Trees for Life’s Samantha Catford explains how enticing it can be to ‘regenerate’ in your Adelaide Park Lands.



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## 3. UNHAPPY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

*by Shane Sody*



Last week (6 December 2023) marked an unhappy fifth anniversary for your Adelaide Park Lands.

It was on that day, five years ago, that the State Heritage Council recommended your Park Lands be protected as a State Heritage Area. What has happened since?



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#### 4. TWO-STEP PROCESS TO REMOVE SILT ISLAND

*by Shane Sody*

Silt, being dredged from the River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari, is taking a detour before being removed from your Adelaide Park Lands.



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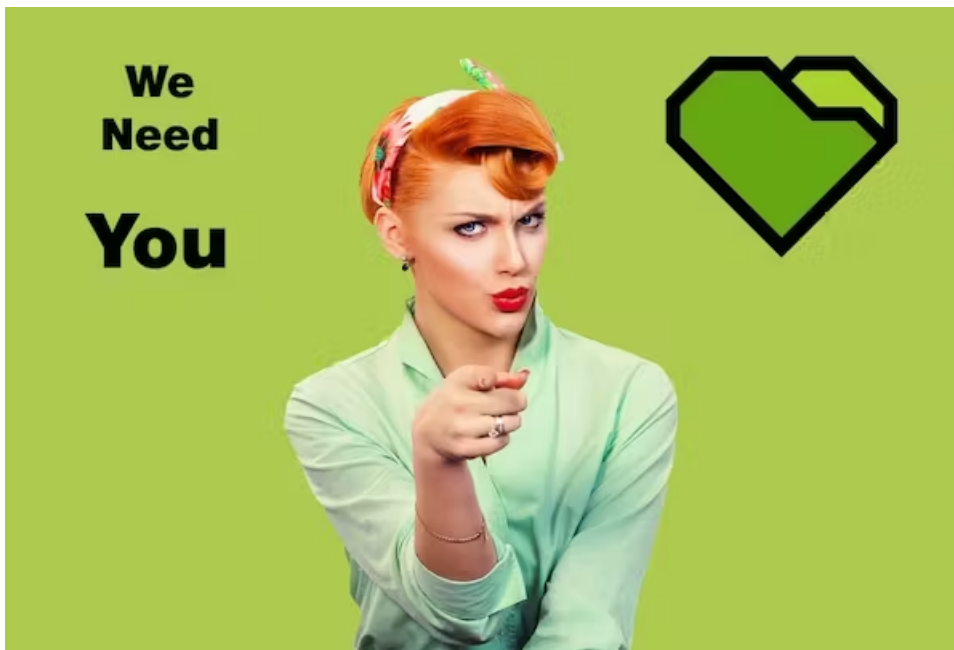
#### 5. YOU - YES, YOU....

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. MYTH-BUSTING #11 - HORSES

*by Shane Sody*

If you Love Your Park Lands, like we do, you might occasionally hear criticism from people who have latched onto a Park Lands myth.

In this article, we're MYTH-BUSTING the claim that privately-owned horses have





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## 7. KNOW YOUR PARK LANDS PLANTS - NATIVE SCURF PEA

*by Natarsha McPherson*

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

Today: native scurf pea!



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## 8. KNOW YOUR PARK LANDS ART - JOHN DOWIE SCULPTURES

*by Jeannie White and Shane Sody*

This article is the third in a series, Know Your Park Lands Art, that introduces you to various creative works in your Park Lands.

This time, we're looking at the Park Lands legacy of John Dowie, AM.



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## 9. SOUTH-WEST CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - WINDING UP

*by Shane Sody*

The South West City Community Association will be winding up at the end of December, after 11 years of dedicated service to the residents of Adelaide's south western quadrant.



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## 10. PURPLE PAIN

*by Carla Caruso*

Do jacaranda trees suck? Adelaide pollination ecologist and educator Bianca Amato believes the well-loved trees, though pretty, are “ecological dead zones”.

Meanwhile, plane trees have also come under attack interstate, with Sydney’s city council phasing out their use across its streets and parks. Could the same happen here?



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## 11. HIRING A SPORTS FIELD OR THREE

*by Shane Sody*

Do you know a sporting club, school, or community organisation that would like to hire a sports field in your Adelaide Park Lands on a short term basis?

Expressions of interest are about to close, for the sports fields in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) during 2024-25.



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## 12. FOREST THE FIRST TO GO

*by Shane Sody*

The State Government has admitted that these 50 olive and sheoak trees will be the first victims of its next Park Lands attack.



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## 13. WILD WEATHER HITS BIG TREES

*by Shane Sody*

Wild weather last weekend had a major impact in your Park Lands.

See the photos contributed by our followers, showing the floods and trees down.





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#### 14. URBAN GREENING STRATEGY

Without a trace of irony, the same City Council that authorised the destruction last month, of dozens of mature trees in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) is now seeking your advice to "Make Our City Greener"

Submissions close Friday 22 December at 5.00pm



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