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1. NO NEW DEVELOPMENT - COUNCIL PLAN

by Shane Sody

The City of Adelaide has unveiled a five-year Strategic Plan that contains a startling new direction for your Park Lands.

“Advocate for no new development” in your Park Lands (it says) - but is this actually workable?



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2. FIVE REASONS TO WALK

by Asha Lenin

It's not just about enjoying the scenery.

Here are five reasons why walking in or through your Adelaide Park Lands is good for your mood, your mind, your body and more.



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3. 2024: THE YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

by Shane Sody

Make a New Year's resolution to make a difference in 2024. Check out our many volunteer opportunities.

Put up your hand to help with one of these tasks, in 2024, as we Explore, Inspire, Protect and Restore your Adelaide Park Lands.



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4. A YEAR AT THE ZOO

by Carla Caruso

Get ready for an overload of cuteness and wonder.

Animal-loving photographer Fran Mussared has shared her best photos for 2023 from her “second home” - the Adelaide Zoo in your Park 11.



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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](#).



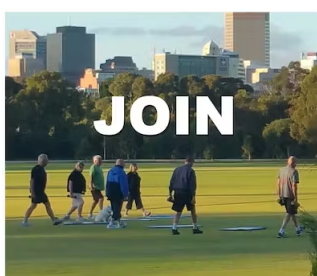
If you were to become an APA [member](#), then you would then be able to book for any of our Guided Walks for free, and you would also unlock 15% discounts to all the merch in [the APA Shop](#).

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 would be 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. WHAT'S ON IN YOUR PARK LANDS - JANUARY 2024

by Esperanza Pretila

As the New Year arrives, your Adelaide Park Lands are ready to welcome you.

Cycling is the theme of the month, but there's a wide range of other events, too, through to the end of January, offering adventure, merrymaking or just enjoying your Park Lands in New Year moments.



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7. OUTDOOR ADVENTURER

by Carla Caruso

We love interviewing people who enjoy frequenting your Park Lands.

This time in the hot-seat it's Sue O'Brien. She's an outdoor educator and guide, a maker and repairer of outdoor gear, a keen cyclist and hiker.



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8. CROQUET IN CARRIAGEWAY PARK

by Rhia Daniel

Hidden behind hedges in an idyllic corner of your Park Lands are two remnants of 19th century English gentility.

Two croquet lawns have had a century-long association with Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17).



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9. NEW TRAIL GUIDE TO BOTANIC GARDEN

The latest addition to our collection of Park Lands Trail Guides has been released for the New Year.

Take this two-kilometre tour at your own pace (but allow about two hours).

Learn the history, and see not just the prominent highlights but also several lesser-known features. Thanks to APA's Park Ambassador, Loine Sweeney!



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10. REINTRODUCE PLATYPUS?

by Tory Shepherd

Is it too much to hope that the platypus might be re-introduced to the River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari?

The Guardian's Tory Shepherd reports.



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11. LAKE RENEWAL ON TRACK

Infrastructure work to renew the ornamental lake in Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) is on track for completion by April.

The project is intended to improve water quality in the lake, as well as provide upgraded pathways and lighting.



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