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1. HOPE DOESN'T GLIMMER: IT BURNS

by Shane Sody

"Our actions are working, and they are not enough. Nothing we do is sufficient, and everything we do matters."

"Hope is a discipline. Hold fast to having a vision." These quotes from a US educator and activist drive APA President Shane Sody and can help you too, to convert Park Lands HOPE from just a wish, into real-world actions.



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2. UP CLOSE WITH A JOEY POSSUM

by Tara McKenzie

A Park Lands joey possum, still in its mother's pouch, has been found to be in good health, despite its mother's serious illnesses.

Researcher Tara McKenzie has found dozens of possums in your Park Lands but is concerned that some of them are in poor health.



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3. BIRDLIFE ABOUNDS

by Carla Caruso

Birds have been thriving in your Adelaide Park Lands, notably at the wetlands in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).

Hobbyist photographers have been enjoying capturing them on camera, including a few firsts for the wetlands.



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4. WHAT'S ON IN YOUR PARK LANDS: JAN-FEB 2024

by Esperanza Pretila

From cycling enthusiasts to wildlife lovers, cultural explorers to leisure seekers, there's something for everyone in this eclectic mix of events and activities, from mid January to mid February.



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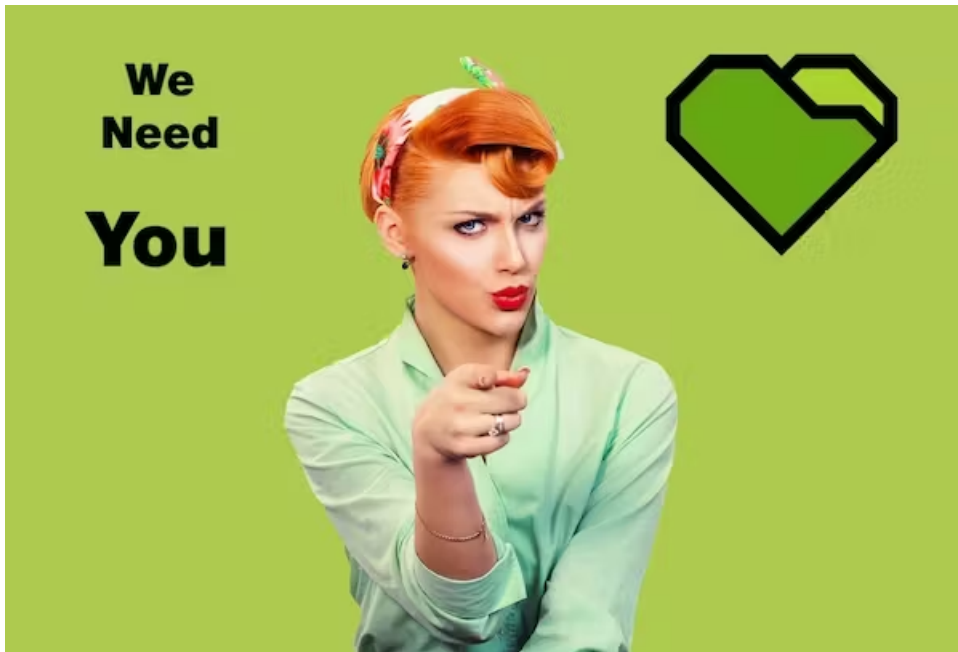
5. YOU - YES, YOU....

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. CAMPERS EVICTED FROM VICTORIA PARK

Homeless campers who've been living rough in the southern woodlands area of Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) have had their tents confiscated by the City Council, after failing to move on, within seven days.

Channel Seven's Peter Caldicott reports.



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7. BEHIND THE FENCE IN RYMILL PARK

by Shane Sody

See what's happening to the well-loved lake in your Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14). Take a look at how the lake renewal project is shaping up, with new lake walls and bed.



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8. HISTORIC MONUMENTS - COLONEL LIGHT

by Dr Noris Ioannou

This is the first article in a series looking at historical monuments in your Park Lands.

To begin, the spotlight's been turned on Park Lands monuments that refer to and celebrate Colonel William Light (1786-1839), SA's first surveyor-general.



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9. PARK LANDS GIVE KIDS STRONGER BONES

Living near green spaces has been linked to the growth of stronger bones in young children.

See this report in *Medical News - Life Sciences*:



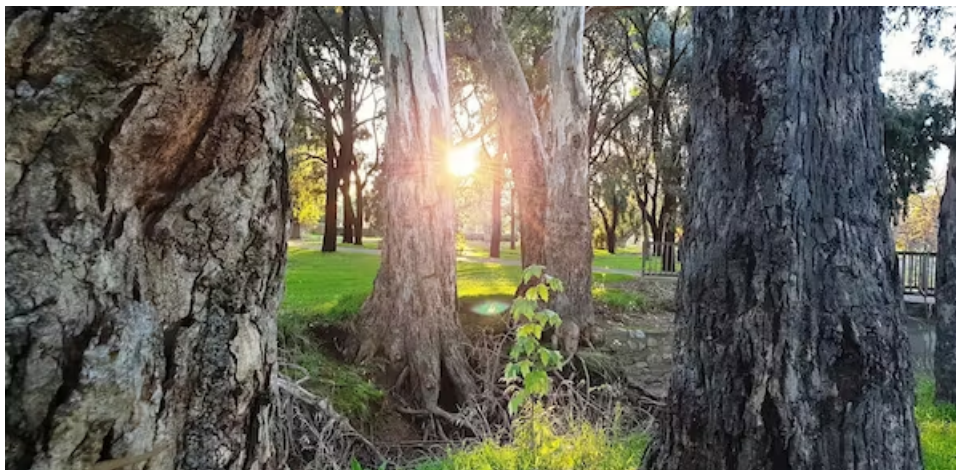
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10. KNOW YOUR PARK LANDS PLANTS

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: the majestic river red gum!



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