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**1. THE DESTRUCTION CONTINUES**

*by Shane Sody*

Less than three months after destroying dozens of trees for a new Aquatic Centre, the next wave of State Government Park Lands tree destruction has begun in Kate Cocks Park (Park 27).

Government contractors have brought chainsaws and bulldozers to these trees that once lined Gaol Road.



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## 2. DON'T ALLOW ENCROACHMENTS - LABOR MP

*by Shane Sody*

Federal Labor MP Steve Georganas has delivered a veiled criticism of recent State Government Park Lands attacks.

Speaking after 25 volunteers helped to clean up rubbish in Bonython Park, the prominent Labor backbencher called for an end to any encroachments on your Park Lands.



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## 3. RE-GROWTH IN PAKAPAKANTHI

*from the SE City Residents Association*

Volunteers are growing hundreds of healthy eucalypt and sheoak seedlings in preparation for planting, during winter, to re-green a part of your Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).

The 'Green Pakapakanthi' group has already had success with hundreds of plantings from last winter, and they're now seeking citizen science volunteers for a short project on Saturday 17 February.



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#### 4. MEGABATS AT RECORD NUMBERS

The flying fox colony in Botanic Park (Park 11) has swelled this summer to record numbers.

The Guardian's Tory Shepherd reports on the astounding growth in their numbers, and the measures that have been taken to protect the bats from the effects of summer heat waves.



- [Read more at The Guardian >>>](#)
- There is a 'Green Adelaide' podcast on the same subject. [Listen here >>>](#)
- This story was also featured on 891 ABC Adelaide's morning program, with David Bevan. [Listen here >>>](#)

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#### 5. DOWN IN THE DIRT

by Rhia Daniel

There's no better place for fun outdoor activity over summer than the Adelaide City Dirt track in Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Park 20).

APA's Rhia Daniel spoke to the volunteers who helped to create, and still maintain, this popular spot.



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## 6. 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](#).



## 7. ART OR VANDALISM?

*by Carla Caruso*

A bamboo grove at the Adelaide Botanic Garden (Park 11) has long featured graffiti - the plants engraved with words, etched secretly, by visitors.

For some people, the 'public art' produces smiles as they read the messages. But for others, it's vandalism.



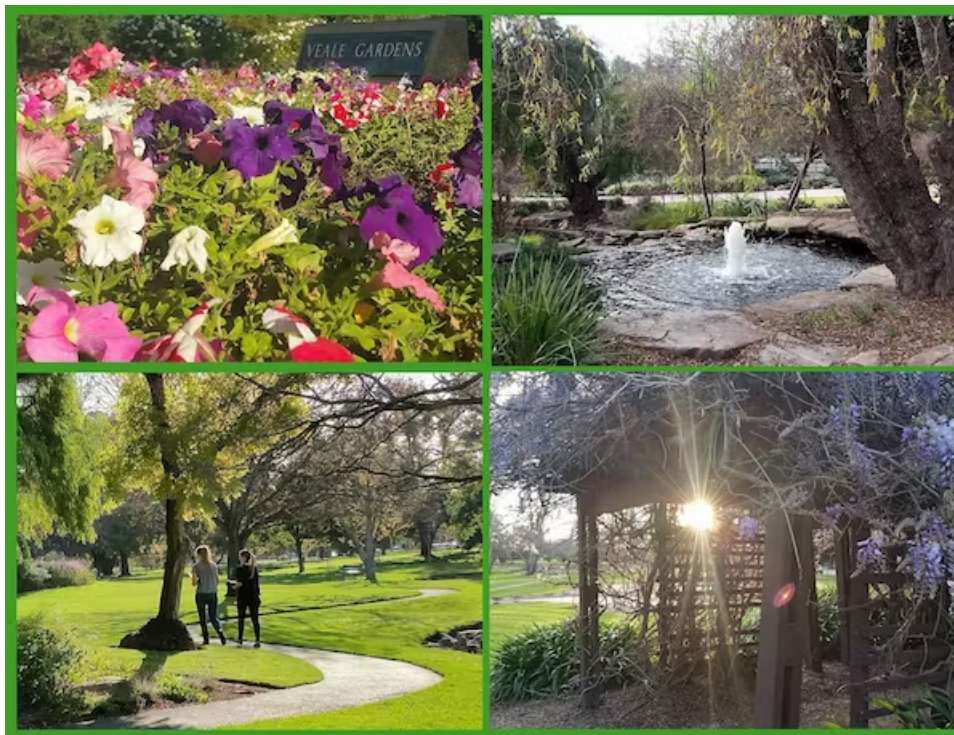
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## 8. VEALE'S VISION

*by Shane Sody*

A sculpture by the late John Dowie, never before seen in public, is one of the features in a new City of Adelaide exhibition, "Veale's Vision" at the Town Hall.

The former City Council CEO, William Veale, left his mark on your Adelaide Park Lands with gardens and landscaping in three Parks during the early 1960s, but left very little of himself on the public record, until now.



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## 9. UNDOUBTEDLY IVANA

*by Carla Caruso*

Digital creator Ivana Fittock is known for her colourful outfits, her infectious smile – and for photo shoots against a pink-striped wall.

The 35-year-old from the north-east also loves a trip to your Adelaide Park Lands, as seen on her Instagram page, Undoubtedly Ivana.



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## 10. KNOW YOUR PARK LANDS PLANTS - NATIVE PINE

*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 pine!



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## 11. NEW DEPUTY MAYOR TO BOOST HERITAGE PUSH

by Carla Caruso

Adelaide Councillor Keiran Snape says his elevation this year to the role of Deputy Lord Mayor for 2024 reflects “all the support out there in the community for your Park Lands”.

APA's Carla Caruso spoke to him about his hopes for the year ahead, and the push to get long-delayed heritage listing for your Park Lands.



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## 12. THE VERY BEST RUNNING COURSES

Where's the best place in Australia to go running? According to a major national sports sponsor, it's right here in your Adelaide Park Lands.

This report from Red Bull's Riley Wolff.



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### 13. ANOTHER SLIVER DISAPPEARS UNDER CONCRETE

*by Shane Sody*

Another sliver of your Park Lands has quietly disappeared under concrete.

It's one of the ongoing series of cuts that are gradually eroding the world's only Park with a city inside.



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### 14. WHAT'S ON IN YOUR PARK LANDS: FEBRUARY 2024

*by Esperanza Pretila*

Check out the events that are available for you to enjoy in your Adelaide Park Lands during February.

There are loads of options during the Fringe Festival, and much more, all in the urban oasis that is your Open Green Public Adelaide Park Lands. But some of these events will require early booking!



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