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1. PUSHBACK ON PLAZA HANDOVER

by Shane Sody

Without any public consultation, or any electoral mandate, the State Government has done a private deal with one of Australia's largest property developers, to put a 38-storey office tower on Park 26 of your Park Lands.

State Cabinet has agreed that the Walker Corporation can build one of Adelaide's biggest office towers on what's left of the Open Public space on your former Festival Plaza.



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2. RE-GREENING BOOST IN VICTORIA PARK

The City of Adelaide has given the volunteer group "Green Pakapakanthi" the go-ahead to plant several hundred more trees and two new Miyawaki tiny forests this year.

The first 100 of these new trees was scheduled for planting in and around the wetland in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) on Saturday 13 April.



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3. WALKFEST SUCCESS

by Shane Sody

Glorious autumn weather greeted hundreds of appreciative Adelaide bushwalkers, their friends, and the Adelaide Park Lands Association at the 2024 Annual Walkfest, on Sunday 14 April in Belair National Park.



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4. ADELAIDE NATURE CHALLENGE

by Shane Sody

Save a day at the end of April to make citizen science observations in your Park Lands.

The City Nature Challenge is on for a four-day period at the end of April (Friday 26th to Monday 29th April)



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5. TEAM MEMBER MISSING. 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](#).



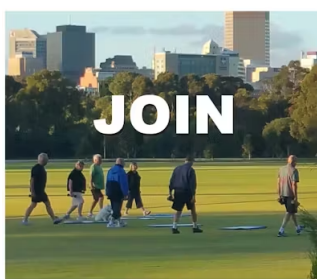
If you were to become an APA [member](#), then you would then be able to book for any of our Guided Walks for free, and you would also unlock 15% discounts to all the merch in [the APA Shop](#).

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

by Alex Jones

This is your Adelaide Park Lands' line-up of events and activities from mid-April through to mid-May 2024.

There's a wide variety, including the Equestrian Festival, Bush Care, Rose Week, family-friendly picnics, Parkrun, Tree Climb, the Mothers Day Classic and of course our own Guided Walks.



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7. PLEASED TO MEET YOU, FAIRY BELLE

by Carla Caruso

All kinds of people love your Adelaide Park Lands – even those who have a dusting of magic!

Fairy and mermaid entertainer Fairy Belle from Adelaide's south is “305 in fairy years” and enjoys regularly getting out in nature, including forest bathing.



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8. KATIE'S PONY CLUB

by Carla Caruso

Katie Barber doesn't mind being called a 'horse whisperer'.

The 36-year-old helps train some of the horses depastured at the paddocks in North Adelaide's Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6 of your Adelaide Park Lands).



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9. REVEALED: GOV'T HIT LIST OF PARKS

by InDaily's David Eccles

Freedom of Information documents grudgingly released after a long legal fight make it clear that the current State Government does not value your open, green, public Adelaide Park Lands.

The documents prove that the State Government has not grasped the world significance of your Park Lands.



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10. TREE CANOPY WARNING

by Shane Sody

State Government agency "Green Adelaide" has sounded the alarm about the poor state of Adelaide's tree canopy, even as the axe is about to fall on another of the urban forests in your Park Lands.



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11. JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Are you a writer and/or photographer or illustrator? Can you tell engaging stories? Can you inspire people to Love Your Park Lands? If so, we need your help.

There are openings for volunteer writers on our communications team, to keep readers up-to-date with what's happening IN your Park Lands, and TO your Park Lands.

As a volunteer, you'll be working with APA's communications editor Shane Sody.



You'll be assigned (or you can suggest) at least one story per month to write and illustrate. Your articles will be seen by thousands of our readers on our website, newsletter, and on Facebook.

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