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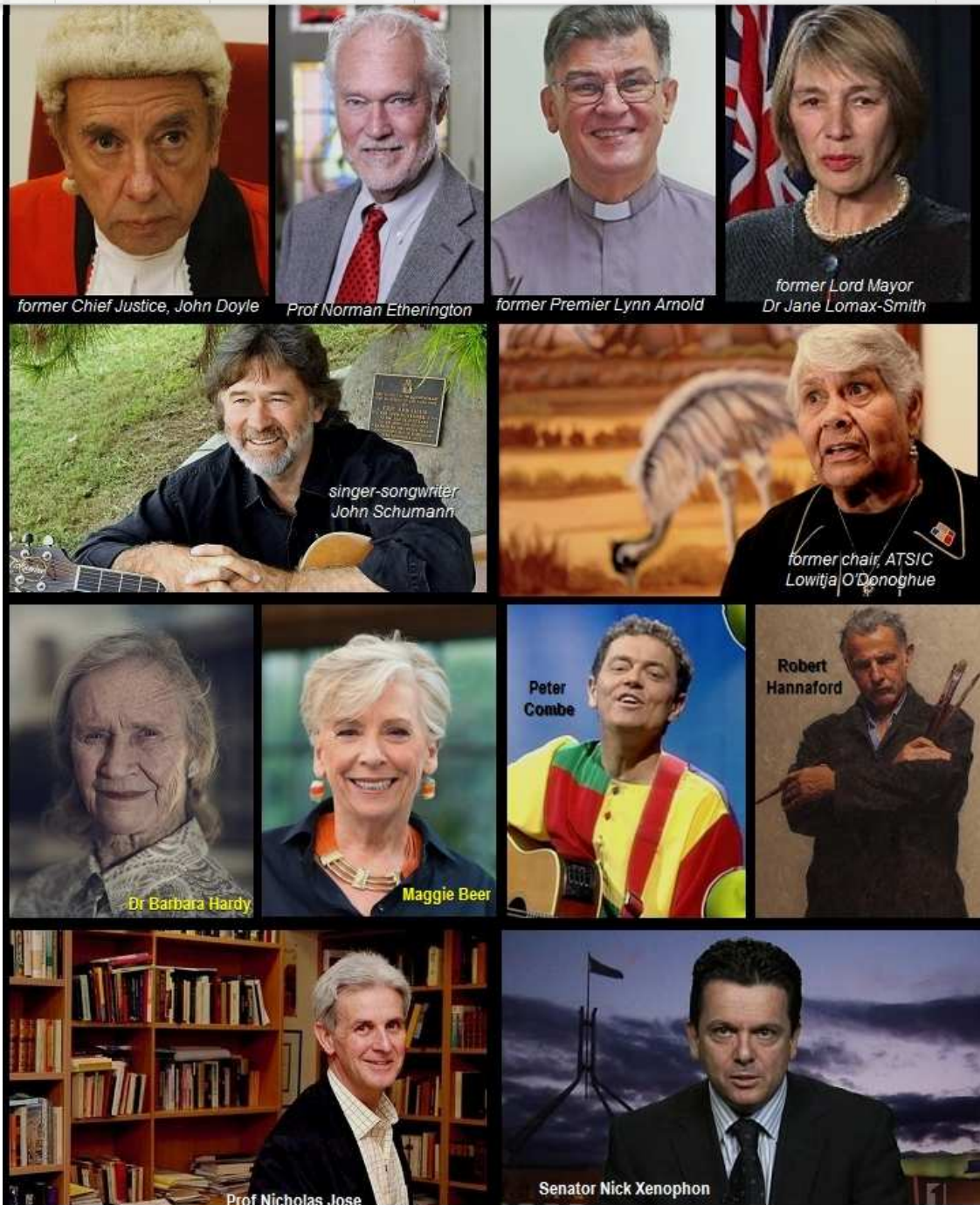
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**FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE & OTHER 'EMINENT PERSONS' SAY: "DON'T SELL PARK LANDS"**



Former Chief Justice John Doyle, former Premier Lynn Arnold and Senator Nick Xenophon are among 29 eminent South Australians who have appealed to the State Government not to commercialise or privatise the Adelaide Park Lands.

A who's who of Adelaide's political, academic, heritage, creative and business names have come together to make a united heartfelt appeal to the Weatherill Government. Those pictured above are only some of the names. Here is the full list of eminent South Australians who have endorsed this appeal (alphabetical by surname):

- Honourable Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO (Former Premier of South Australia)
- Maggie Beer Hon D.Bus. DUniv AM (Cook, food author, restaurateur and food manufacturer)
- Ed Briedis (Chairman, North Adelaide Society)
- Ralph Clarke (Former member, SA Parliament and deputy leader of the State Parliamentary Labor Party)
- Peter Combe (Children's entertainer and musician)
- Assoc. Professor Robert Dare (Historian)
- John Doyle AC, QC (Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of SA)
- Professor Norman Etherington AM (President of the National Trust of South Australia)
- Archbishop Emeritus Leonard Faulkner D.D. (Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide, 1985-2001)
- Hon Ian Gilfillan (Former member of SA Parliament and leader of the Australian Democrats)



- Robert Hannaford AM (Artist)
- Michael Harbison (Former Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide)
- Dr Barbara Hardy AO (Environmentalist, scientist)
- Jim Jacobson (Former Mayor of Burnside and Councillor)
- Professor Nicholas Jose (Academic, novelist and playwright)
- Bruno Kruminis AM (Former Lieutenant Governor of South Australia)
- Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Former Minister of the SA Parliament, former Lord Mayor of Adelaide)
- Raymond Mc Millan (CEO McMillan Constructions)
- Phillip Martin (Adelaide City Councillor)
- Kym Mayes (Former Minister, SA Parliament)
- Anne Moran (Adelaide City Councillor)
- Professor Emeritus Damien Mugavin (Landscape architect)
- Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG (Inaugural chairperson ATSIC)
- Dr Darren Peacock (CEO National Trust of South Australia)
- Isobel Redman MP (State member for Heysen, former SA Leader of the Opposition)
- John Schumann (Singer and songwriter)
- Hon Chris Sumner AM (Former minister, SA Parliament)
- Hon Nick Xenophon (Senator for SA, former member of SA Parliament Legislative Council)

Here is the full text of [the 'Eminent Persons Statement.'](#)



The Government is about to announce its preferred tender, for commercial rights to the old RAH site, on Park Lands. We've been warned all three of the short-listed tenders include multi-storey apartment blocks and other commercial uses - perhaps with some token Park Lands to be sandwiched in-between the new private buildings.

If this occurs, as the Government has suggested it will, it would represent an unprecedented commercialisation and privatisation of publicly-owned land. The land in question was confiscated from Park Lands generations ago for the public purposes of a hospital. This is land that remains by law to be held "for the public benefit of the people of South Australia" not for private or commercial purposes.

Please listen to these eminent South Australians, Premier!



Everything in this picture is, by law, Park Lands. Now these hospital wards have been replicated at the other end of North Terrace (ironically on more alienated Park Lands). Whatever happens on the old RAH site, there can no excuse for allowing commercialisation and privatisation on these lands.

It's not just APPA that says so. [These 29 eminent South Australians](#) agree.

**If you agree with them, please [join more than 2,000 others who have signed our petition](#) **and/or** [take other action](#) to let the Government know how you feel.**

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**CHAINSAW MASSACRE SOON, BEHIND ADELAIDE OVAL**





One Adelaide Oval is not enough. The Stadium Management Authority wants to make greater use of Oval No. 2, (part of YOUR Park Lands) and some pesky trees are in the way (near the yellow line in the aerial photo above). So what do we do? It seems that cricket will trump the trees.





The City Council back in December last year, originally approved the destruction of just 15 trees. This was the scene on 29 May as these first 15 trees were chainsawed down.

Now the Stadium Management Authority says that wasn't enough lopping to achieve its aims. Relenting under the pressure, last month the Adelaide City Council gave the approval for at least 11 other trees to disappear as well.



The Stadium Management Authority wants a fence around Oval No. 2, with a retaining wall outside the fence. The existing (red) path and the trees (to the left of the path) are in the way.





The trees in line for the chainsaw. To be fair, the Council has insisted that the Stadium Management Authority "plant three trees for every one removed" but the SMA can fulfill this duty by planting trees in an entirely different part of the Park Lands.

Read more here:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-29/removal-significant-trees-adelaide-oval-two-step-too-far/7552354>.

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**DONT BE A SILENT SUPPORTER - INVEST AND JOIN**



Although hundreds of thousands of people love the Adelaide Park Lands, most of them don't realise the extent of Park Lands losses and ongoing threats.

If you're reading this, then you are one of the few who both love the Park Lands and are also aware of the threats.

Now, more than ever, the Park Lands need your support in the 2016-17 year. Threats to the Park Lands are coming more frequently, and hardly a month goes by without some new serious proposed Park Lands alienation.

The wave of destruction that is still under way in Rundle Park and Rymill Park is not an isolated attack. In coming months, the additional threats that we know about include:

- A proposed new 7-storey high school building in Frome Park;
- New commercial & residential tower blocks on the old RAH Park Lands site;
- New casino extension, offices and commercial tower block on Festival Plaza; and
- Proposed luxury apartment blocks on the Torrens riverbank in Bonython Park.

APPA will be fighting to protect the Park Lands from these and other emerging threats.

In recent months we have been encouraged by a massive outpouring of public support for APPA through our social media networks, our biennial Art Prize, free distribution of our email e-Gazette, and through our short film competition with Wilderness and Pulteney Grammar Schools. (See below.)

Although these expressions of support are very welcome, they do not necessarily translate into financial support.

Although we received welcome sponsorship of our biennial Park Lands Art Prize and received a recent grant from the Federal Environment department to produce a new animated video (see below) our ongoing efforts to spread the 'Park Lands love' more widely rely on membership subscriptions. This means we rely on a small band of loyal financial members.

Will you please become one of them? If you haven't already done so, please either join or become a Park Lands Protector for 2016-17, and get one of these certificates (above).

Do it here: <http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/membership>



## CROWS URGED TO 'WIN-WIN': RELOCATE TO RICHMOND, NOT PARK LANDS



Congratulations to The Advertiser's football writer, Michelangelo Rucci.

The Adelaide Crows soon need to vacate their training facilities and headquarters at West Lakes.

There have been persistent rumours that the high-flying footy club was seeking a new site in the Adelaide Park Lands. Pointedly, the club did not respond to an invitation from APPA to sign [our petition on Park Lands protection](#).

Now The Advertiser's football writer, Michelangelo Rucci has confronted these rumours with a brilliant suggestion that would benefit the Crows, the West Adelaide Bloods, and the Park Lands as well.

Relocate to Richmond Oval!

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/sport/afl/teams/adelaide/crows-parting-gift-from-football-park-could-be-to-save-west-adelaide/news-story/1da890ffadb921dc5a2a1eb8e218edf>

Hundreds of thousands of South Aussies are right behind the Crows in what's been a really successful 2016 season so far. It would be great to see the Crows also backing us, and supporting their city's most distinctive feature, its enduring Park Lands, by taking up Rucci's suggestion.



Richmond Oval - could it become the Crows' new nest, asks Michelangelo Rucci.

**AT LAST - DEVELOPMENT ACTUALLY FOR THE PUBLIC**



After five years of building over or selling off parts of the Adelaide Park Lands, the State Government is finally putting some money into community facilities that are largely consistent with the concept of a Park.

These are artist's impressions of how the State Government and the Adelaide City Council intend to co-operate to "revitalise" Pityarilla (Park 19) between Glen Osmond Rd, South Tce, Greenhill Rd and Unley Rd.

In November 2013 the State Government announced it would spend \$20 million on new public facilities in the Park Lands. Since that time, the only impact on Park Lands has been major new buildings erected on North Terrace Park Lands, the O-Bahn destruction of Rymill Park and Rundle Park, selling off Festival Plaza and the almost-completed international auction of the old RAH site.

Therefore, we are feeling quite underwhelmed by these artists impressions of what's proposed for Pityarilla (Park 19).



The State Government's lack of appreciation and understanding of our Park Lands is evident by the fact that even in their twin announcements of this initiative, both the Premier and the Planning Minister wrongly identified Pityarilla as "Marshmallow Park". There is a Marshmallow Playground in Pityarilla, but Pityarilla is much bigger than just the playground.

We would be impressed if this announcement marked a turning point in the State Government's attitude to our Park Lands. But we suspect that this project is just a tokenistic nod to the Park Lands while the State Government





According to the Government's announcement, the \$5 million development will include "a fenced dog park, sports courts, landscaped promenades for improved bike and pedestrian access, community plaza, nature play facilities, barbecues and sports courts."

Neither the Premier nor the Planning Minister acknowledged that Adelaide City Council already has provided a children's playground, a tennis court, barbecue facilities and a bicycle path in Pityarilla.

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### ELECTION: BOTH SIDES PROPOSE MORE CONCRETE OVER PARK LANDS



It was distressing during the recent federal election campaign to see both major political parties competing with each other, offering different proposals to build over or obliterate more of Adelaide's national-heritage listed Park Lands.

As part of their respective election campaigns:

- the Liberal member for Sturt, [Christopher Pyne](#), endorsed the concept of spending at least \$400,000 towards a hockey stadium in Tuthangga (Park 17) even though this concept has not been approved by either the Park Lands Authority or the City Council. Adelaide's [Dash Architects](#) proudly associated itself with this concept on their Facebook page, but later deleted the post when advised that they were being rather premature.
- the Labor member for Adelaide, Kate Ellis, two days before the July 2 election, distributed to households in her electorate a full-colour A2-sized poster map, suggesting that a Labor government would commit to building a tram line that on her map, would pass through the middle of Brougham Gardens (Park 29) in North Adelaide.

If there were any election promises to protect the Adelaide Park Lands, we missed them.

### NEW VIDEOS TO SPREAD AWARENESS

APPA is proud to be associated with three new initiatives to spread love for, and respect of the Adelaide Park Lands.

**Firstly**, APPA is the main sponsor of an inaugural "Schools Short Film Competition". Running for the first time in 2016, it was limited (initially) to just two schools: [Wilderness](#) and [Pulteney Grammar](#) although other schools may be invited by Wilderness and APPA to participate this year, as part of a limited pilot project. We hope that in future years a similar competition will extend to other schools whose students enjoy and appreciate the Park Lands. Students from participating schools have been invited to visit this page to download the [2016 School Short Film Competition entry form \(PDF, 170 Kb\)](#). (Thanks to joint sponsors [Kojo](#) and [Shane McNeil](#) and to students at Wilderness who came up with this idea!)

The winners will be named on 9 September so look out in the September e-Gazette to see how today's high school students appreciate their Park Lands heritage.

**Second**, APPA has been delighted with an initiative of the [National Trust of SA](#), [Adelaide City Explorer](#), and [Starkeyz Films](#) to produce these two 3-minute videos:





Colonel Light's Vision



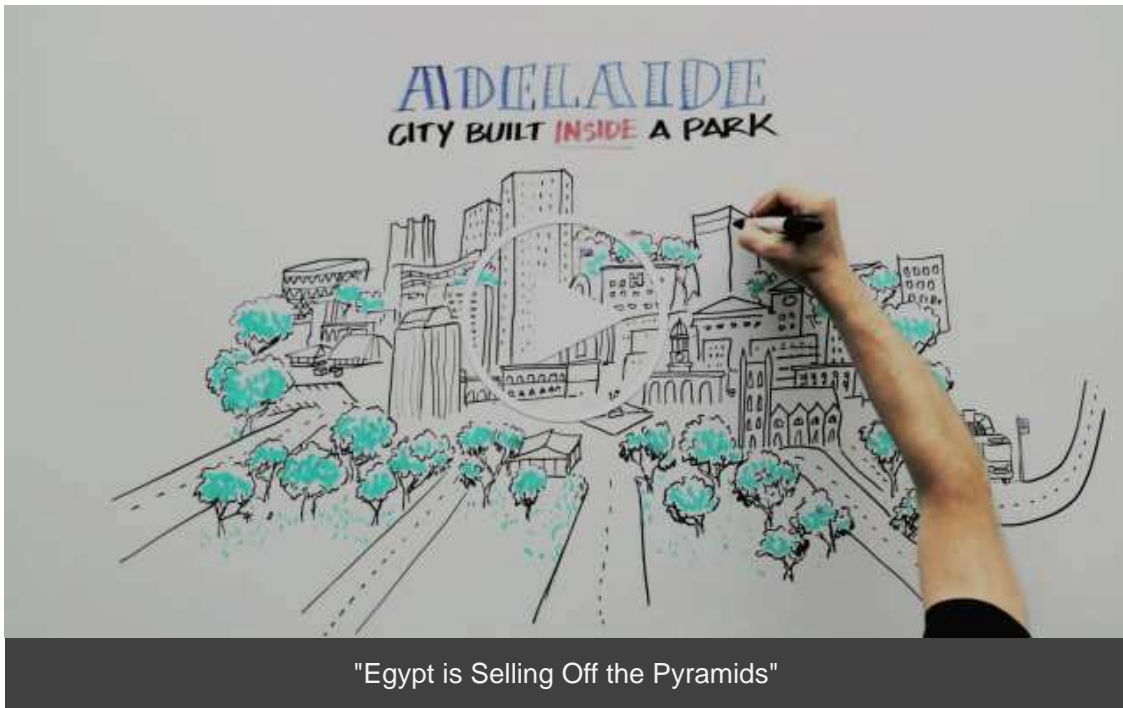
Colonel William Light - the Man and his legacy

Both videos can also be accessed from [the 'History' page on APPA's web site](#).

**Third**, APPA is thrilled to have secured a [Federal Government grant of \\$6,500](#) to fund professional production of a new animated video, to raise awareness and appreciation of the Adelaide Park Lands.

The planned video will be a successor to our very popular 2015 video: "[Egypt is Selling Off the Pyramids](#)". (See below.) We hope that our 2015 animator [Greg Holfeld](#) will be available again to illustrate a new, humorous story about the futility of building more and more supposed "icons" on our Park Lands, instead of celebrating the "unbuilt" nature of our city's real unparalleled icon. Our intention is to have the new video ready for a premiere at APPA's 2017 Annual General Meeting

next April.



"Egypt is Selling Off the Pyramids"

**SPORTS SUITS GET THEIR FUNCTION CENTRE APPROVED FOR 42 YEARS**



This is an artist's impression of the building that the SA Cricket Association intends to build on Narnungga (Park 25) just off Port Rd - across from the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

SACA had the audacity to ask the City Council to approve a lease of 42 years and waive all rent! However the



It's still not quite a done deal. The SACA will be submitting an application, soon, for development approval for this building. A lease of 42 years must be the subject of public consultation and can, in theory, be vetoed by either House of Parliament.

The building will also be subject to a sub-lease from SACA to the Old Ignatians Football Club. APPA is glad that a modern building will replace the existing old brick building (see below) but we are concerned that the new facilities will increase demand for more and more car parking on Park Lands. The City Council's decision on 12 July left the car parking issue unresolved. The Council asked its administration to undertake a feasibility study of:

*"...the costs and delivery of off-street parking, associated realignment of the existing roadway, lighting of the entire roadway to match in with the layout and lighting of the centralised car park."*

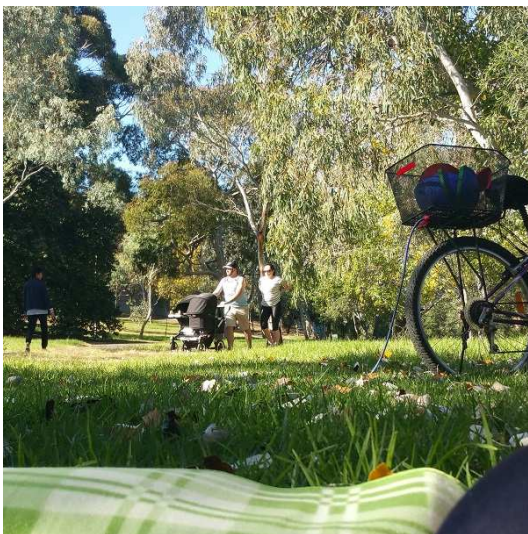
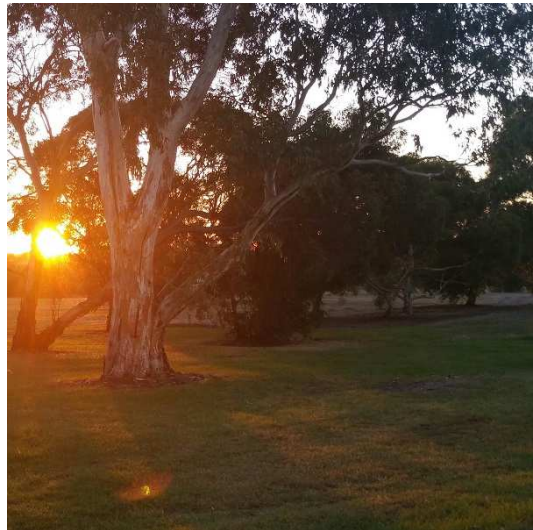
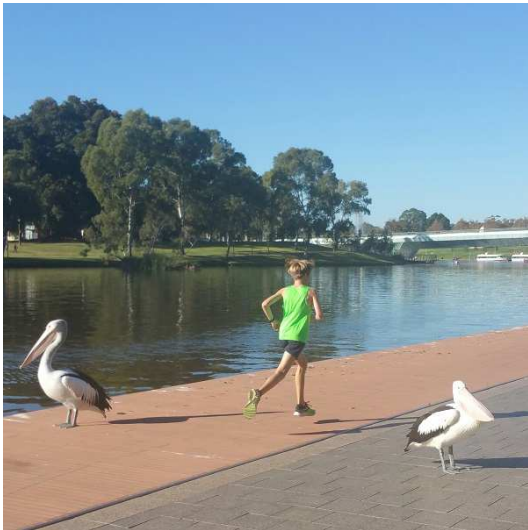


The old shed that supposedly will be demolished to make way for the new function centre depicted above. We say "supposedly" because there have been examples recently of new buildings being approved for Park Lands to replace old buildings, and then later on, new uses are found for the old buildings that then remain on Park Lands. APPA will be watching this one closely.

## PHOTOS OF THE DAY

Recent highlights





From the top:  
a) Walking the dog in Tuthangga (Park 17) off Beaumont Rd



[b\) Running between the pelicans, Torrens riverbank, Tambarays Wama \(Park 26\)](#)

- c) Sunset in Tampawardli (Park 24) between Glover Ave and Sir Donald Bradman Drive
- d) Picnic in Bonython Park /Tulya Wardli (Park 27) and
- e) Saturday afternoon netball in Wikaparntu Wirra (Park 22) between Goodwood Rd and Anzac Hwy

The Park Lands 'photo of the day' series has been running for more than two years, and **the collection of Park Lands photos now numbers more than 700**. We maintain (and gradually grow) 37 separate albums for each one of our 30 Parks, six squares (and one album for 'Alienations'). To browse the photos follow the link below to '[Our photos on Flickr](#)'.



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