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CROWS PLAN WOULD TAKE FROM, NOT GIVE TO PARK LANDS

Supporters of the Adelaide Football Club's proposal have been claiming that the Crows would "reduce the footprint" of the Aquatic Centre with their proposed new corporate headquarters on the Park Lands.

Dr Ness was the first certifier in SA under the Development Act and responsible for compliance of all government projects.

Last Tuesday Dr Ness made a deputation to a City Council meeting, providing this diagram.

ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB PROPOSAL - 'GIVEBACK'



Dr Ness told Council:

"As I have shown in my diagram, it is Takeaway not Giveback. The project fails this first critical test.

"Why? Because the area inside the current fence is not considered as open space, even though the fence could easily be removed. See bottom of Diagram.

"Also, the proposed project occupies much of this space with its own big footprint (as shown cross-hatched, bottom right, upper left).

"So the AFC's 'Giveback' of 6,000m2 is misleading and plain wrong, to say the least. I could use stronger words."



Dr David Ness, who has informed the City Council of the Crows' misleading claim they intend to "reduce the footprint" of the current Aquatic Centre with their corporate HQ

Even if Dr Ness were wrong, and even if there might be some small reduction in footprint, (or even if the Crows were to scale back their ambitions slightly to produce a smaller "footprint") APPA would consider that irrelevant. On any reckoning, the proposal is for a very large commercial building which does not belong in Park Lands.

Nevertheless, APPA is concerned that the City Council appears to have uncritically accepted the AFC's claim of a "giveback" and has undertaken public consultation

More importantly, the exposure of this apparent lie should give everyone cause to doubt all the other unenforceable and vague promises that have been made by the Adelaide Football Club.

"Activating" O'Connell Street? Providing a boost for local businesses? Perhaps the AFC is Santa Claus? Watch the video below as former Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith demolishes those self-interested claims.



FORMAL ADVICE CASTS LEGAL DOUBT

The Adelaide City Council has received and noted formal advice from the Park Lands Authority that the proposed Adelaide Football Club push into Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla ([Park 2](#)) is "potentially inconsistent" with Park Lands planning law.

It's surprising that the qualifying word "potentially" was included because it's blindingly obvious (to APPA, at least) that a proposed commercial headquarters and administration complex with 11,500 square metres of private floor space is definitely inconsistent with the provisions of the Council's own Park Lands planning.

Nevertheless this cautious note was the first sign that the year-long (mostly secret) campaign to hand over Park Lands to the Adelaide Football Club might be faltering under a swell of community unrest.

The second sign was the overflowing North Adelaide Community Centre on the evening of Wednesday 12 February.

SWELLING COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO #STANDWITHDENISE

An estimated 250 people squeezed into the North Adelaide Community Centre on the evening of Wednesday 12 February to hear what had been intended as a balanced debate on the pros and cons of the Adelaide Football Club's proposed takeover of not just the Adelaide Aquatic Centre but also a large slice of Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla ([Park 2](#)).



The most powerful speaker on the night, to judge from the applause, was former Lord Mayor (and former Member for Adelaide) Jane Lomax-Smith. Here's her presentation in full:

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Presentations from the other two pro-Park Lands speakers, Ingrid Wangel and Shane Sody have been posted on [APPA's YouTube channel](#)

Despite the non-cooperation of Adelaide Football Club CEO Andrew Fagan, who refused to nominate any speakers for the debate, we had the words of three different people to give viewpoints opposing our own. Two of them were not there in person but their words were faithfully conveyed to the audience.

Some media reports wrongly categorised the crowd as being only from North Adelaide.

Columnist David Penberthy later used a full page of "The Advertiser" to falsely claim that he had not been invited, when [the reality was that our two email invitations to him had simply been overlooked.](#)



This is Denise Norton. She's standing to acknowledge those who support her #StandWithDenise campaign.

Click her pic to see the three TV News Reports (from Channels 7, 9 and 10) on the day after the debate. Unfortunately ABC-TV did not attend. Channel 9, in its report, chose to repeat David Penberthy's false accusation that he had not been invited.

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NEWS LTD ATTACK DOGS

Columnist and commentator David Penberthy has form for spreading lies and ridicule about Park Lands supporters. It's been twice so far this month already. We haven't forgotten the error he made last time he played at us (and ICB, back in 2016 about the old RAH site).

But his anti-Park Lands rhetoric has support in the corridors of power within "The Advertiser".

One Thursday last September the two top men at the Adelaide Football Club visited the offices of "The Advertiser", in Waymouth Street, for a friendly chat with the 'Tiser's two top executives.

Whatever they discussed or whatever offers or promises were made, something changed very soon afterwards.



Any comment critical of the Crows Park Lands push was rendered almost invisible. The newspaper and its columnists launched an all-out assault to puff up the Adelaide Football Club's bid for a commercial takeover of the northern Adelaide Park Lands, while at the same time, belittling and ridiculing those who are fighting to protect the Park Lands on behalf of the public.

A flow of biased articles has been coming in recent days:

- On Friday 7 February: *"David Penberthy: The council is sending itself broke running the Aquatic Centre but is too silly to see that, in the Crows, it has a financial saviour in front of it"*
- On the same day, Friday 7 February, this puff piece was issued, and printed in Saturday's 'Tiser: *"Inside Crows Park Lands Palace - Kids' pool, Olympic-sized pool part of Crows' parklands complex plans - SEE THE NEW PICS"*
- On Saturday 8 February and later in the Sunday Mail, readers were treated to the views of Property Council chief, Daniel Gannon: *"The Adelaide Crows' plans for a \$65 million transformation of Adelaide Aquatic Centre are at risk of being hijacked by hyperbole and fear campaigns, the real estate lobby says"*
- On Friday 14 February, David Penberthy had a second go at us, and in support of the Crows privatisation push, with a full page attacking opinion piece.
- On Saturday 15 February, Graham Cornes reversed his earlier position and now says: *"Premier Steven Marshall must move heaven and Earth to make Adelaide Crows' North Adelaide move a reality"*

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- None of these articles carried any comment from anyone opposing the Crows takeover plans.
- None of these articles acknowledged the many prominent South Australians who have voiced concerns. A former Premier, Members of Parliament, a former Crows coach, a former Lord Mayor, Olympic swimmer Denise Norton and many others have queried the proposed takeover. But the Murdoch media articles belittle all of these people who have the public interest at heart.
- None of the 'Tiser articles identifies anything that is incorrect about APPA's campaign to protect the Park Lands for the public.

It is obvious that the BIG MONEY in Adelaide is backing a corporate takeover of Denise Norton Park. The News Ltd chiefs want to help their corporate mates in the highly-paid Crows executive suite get a \$40 million Park Lands land gift from you, the public.

Follow the money. We know that "The Advertiser" won't #StandWithDenise.

But will you? www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/crows



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WHAT CAN YOU DO?



- **Firstly**, please contribute to [Denise Norton's fundraising campaign](#). We are up against big-money. Funds raised are going towards advertising and alerting the public.
- **Secondly**, take part in the City Council's flawed [consultation process](#). Here is [our suggestion \(Word document, 2 pages\)](#) for how to respond to each of the the three questions that the Council is asking. Consultation closes on 11 March (note extended consultation period).
- **Thirdly**, contact the Crows CEO, Andrew Fagan, directly on afagan@afc.com.au to encourage him to focus on some other site, rather than the Adelaide Park Lands. We suggest that the Crows might like to consider buying a commercial property in O'Connell Street or Barton Terrace..



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LIBERAL AND LABOR COME TOGETHER

In a rare show of co-operation between rival sides in politics, a Liberal MP and a Labor MP are co-operating in hosting a public "forum" about the Adelaide Football Club's bid to privatise Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla ([Park 2](#)).



Rachel Sanderson (right) is the Liberal MP for the State electorate of Adelaide.

Steve Georganas (left) is the ALP member for the Federal electorate of Adelaide (a much bigger electorate that takes in five Council areas).

Together Ms Sanderson and Mr Georganas are jointly hosting a "forum" at the North Adelaide Community centre, from midday today, Sunday 16 March to consider the same issues that were covered in the APPA public debate last Wednesday evening.

Neither Ms Sanderson nor Mr Georganas seem to have taken sides (yet) in this polarising debate. It will be interesting to see which way they lean in this forum or whether they can stay sitting on the fence indefinitely.

The "forum" was booked out several days ago.



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ABC POLL CONFIRMS PARK LANDS SUPPORT

On Friday 14 February the ABC undertook a quasi opinion poll on the Adelaide Crows proposal.

Their poll was deeply flawed. It falsely presented the issue as a simple yes/no question, when there are many other options that the Council could consider for the Aquatic Centre.

The false dichotomy was presented in a way that was biased towards the Crows, because it failed to mention the AFC's plans for administration offices, shops, a function centre, restaurant, etc.

However, despite these flaws, the ABC's opinion poll had a similar result to the more accurate ReachTEL opinion polling conducted two months ago, which saw 62% opposed to Park Lands commercialisation in the context of the Crows push.

If the question had been put accurately we expect the response would have been even more positive for the Park Lands.

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ABC Adelaide created a poll.

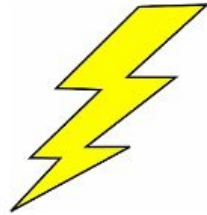
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Do you think the Crows should be allowed to develop and run the Aquatic Centre in the parklands? 🤔

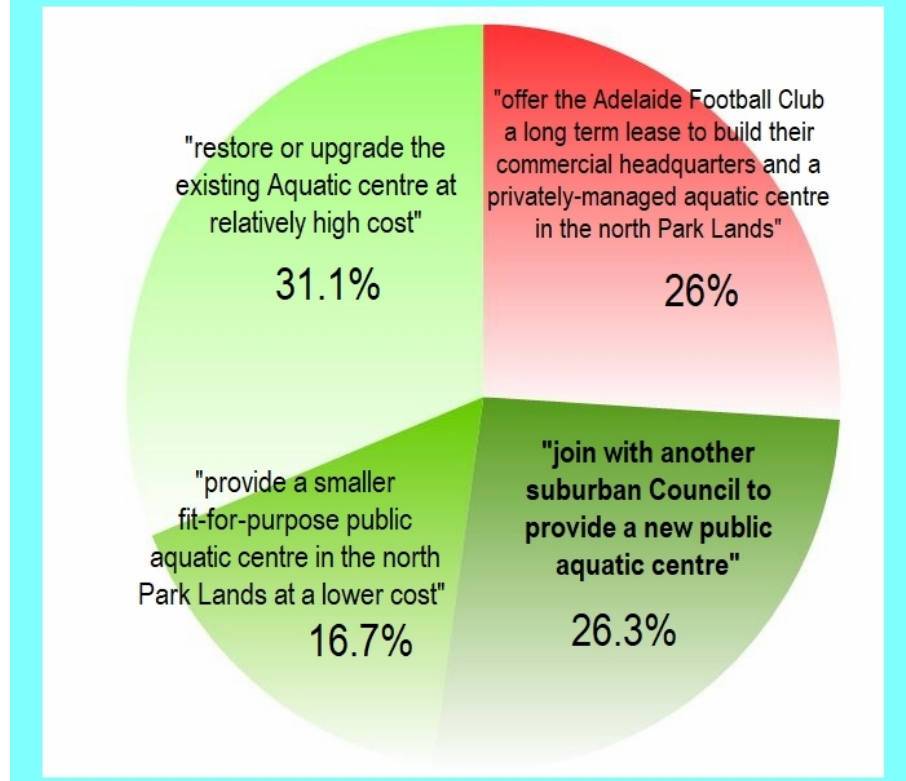


Tell us your thoughts below 🙋



Last year, when polling respondents were offered various options (instead of just a fake yes/no choice) support for the Crows push was far lower. In early December, the respected national opinion pollster ReachTEL put four options before a real random sampling of voters within the Federal electorate of Adelaide. These were the results:

Determining what to do with the Adelaide Aquatic Centre, what should be the City Council's main priority?



You can read the full text of ReachTEL's poll questions and full breakdown of the results by gender, age and postcode at this page: www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/crows

Recent, fake polls conducted behind the News Ltd pay wall (during its aggressive campaign to puff up the Crows proposal) have no credibility. News Ltd's so-called polling is intended only to drive website clicks (and revenue) to News Ltd - not to accurately reflect public opinion.

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24/7 DRY ZONE?

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The City Council wants to implement a full-time ban on alcohol within the Adelaide Park Lands.

The Council says it's intended to "address alcohol-fuelled, anti-social behaviour".

It's undeniable that throughout Australia and the world, anti-social behaviour is often fuelled by alcohol. Even within Adelaide, this problem is hardly confined to the Park Lands. Hotels, nightclub venues, and sporting events attract a share of anti-social behaviour, often fuelled by alcohol. It's beyond the scope of this newsletter to delve into the health issues related to alcohol consumption, but there is a great deal of difference between responsible alcohol use and its too-frequent abuse. "Anti-social behaviour" is a very broad term. Behaviour that can be disturbing or threatening can also be caused by many things other than alcohol.

This proposed ban seems to be a broad-brush but selective approach to tackle a small segment of what is a much larger problem, for all of society. It's not clear why open, public parts of the Park Lands are being singled out for this treatment, when alcohol will continue to be widely available at Park Lands locations such as the Adelaide Oval, cultural venues, and the many private function rooms that have been built on Park Lands.

This is not a core issue for APPA. We are concerned mainly with alienation of land, and have no specific policy on this. However, the first two Objectives in our Constitution are, to ensure that:

1. the Park Lands are reserved as a place for public recreation, leisure and enjoyment;
2. the public, so far as practicable, has free and unrestricted access to and use of the Park Lands.

The proposed ban will not be brought into effect unless the City Council can demonstrate to the State Government that there is community support for the initiative.

Feedback on the issue closes at 5pm, Friday 21 February 2020.

You can have your say here: <https://yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au/Proposed-dry-area>



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ART PRIZE ATTRACTS ENTRIES FROM PORTUGAL, SRI LANKA

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Judges are working their way through a record 352 entries, from 300 different artists, to create a list of finalists for the 2020 Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize.

The field includes an artist as young as 6 (see below) as well as 42 entries from interstate and six international: three from Italy and one each from Portugal, Sri Lanka, and Zimbabwe.

Finalists will be announced on 1 March.

Those artworks selected as finalists will be exhibited in the Adelaide Festival Centre from **2 April to 31 May 2020**. They'll be vying for a share of the total prize pool of \$38,500 including the first prize of \$20,000.



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Clement Sun (age 6): "Happiness Exists in a Lovely Balance"

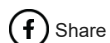
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36 of the artists are in the running for not only the major prize categories but also for the:

- APPA Young Artist Award (\$2,000) and the new
- Hero Weston Award Recognising a Promising Young Artist (\$1,500)

Other new sponsored prizes this year are The Graham F Smith Peace Foundation Prize for Inspiring Environmental Debate and the St Peters College Commendation Prize.

For more details see www.parklandsart.com



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A KAURNA "HUB" IN THE PARK LANDS?



Kurna elders Jeffrey Newchurch and Merle Simpson.

Photo: Tony Lewis of InDaily's CityMag.

Kurna people of the Adelaide plains were dispossessed from the 1830s when European settlers arrived. The establishment of Adelaide with its world-unique National Heritage-listed Park Lands was not done with the consent of the indigenous people of this area.

In 2018 the Federal Court finally recognised the native title of the Kurna people over "Tartanya" or the Adelaide plain.

Just last week, the Adelaide Park Lands Authority recommended to the City Council that the Council should start lease negotiations to locate the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation within the 1857 State-heritage listed North Adelaide Railway station.

Read the story by Stephanie Richards in InDaily's "CityMag"
<https://citymag.indaily.com.au/culture/kurna-yerta-is-a-step-closer-to-finding-a-home-in-tartanya-adelaide/>



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POSITIONS VACANT



APPA is currently looking for volunteers to take on three key roles for the 2020–21 year.

Secretary

The role of a Secretary is not glamorous but is an absolutely vital part of running every voluntary organisation. APPA is no exception. We need someone who can handle the detail of keeping up with changes in our membership list and our larger email list of newsletter subscribers. The Secretary is also a member of the APPA Managing Committee, and needs to handle the agenda and minutes for monthly Committee meetings. Apart from the mid-year membership renewal period, the role is not usually time consuming but requires a capacity for close attention to detail. The role is a vital one to free up the President and Deputy President for more strategic work.

Park Ambassador – Park 21W

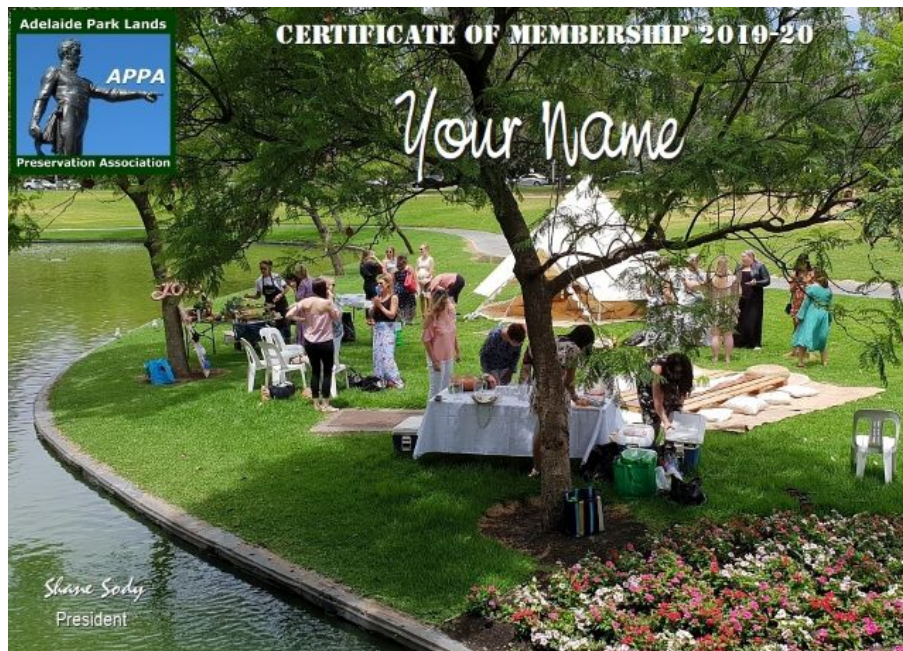
Owing to a retirement, we need a new Park Ambassador for Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W). If you live in or near the south-west corner of the City (perhaps in Wayville, Richmond, or Goodwood) you probably pass through or near this Park on a regular basis. The role of a Park Ambassador is simply to lead a Guided Walk in a Park once per year, and keep an eye on any changes or interesting features within the Park.

Park Ambassador – Parks 3, 4 and 5

These three small northern Parks near Main North Rd will be the site for our next Guided Walk on 22 March. The current Park Ambassador for Park 5 is looking to change to a different Park.

These opportunities are available only to current APPA financial members, but if you're interested, it's easy to become a member. See below.

For more detail on these opportunities, contact APPA President, Shane Sody shane.sody@gmail.com



Join us!

Since 1 January, lower-price membership options have become available.

You can be a proud Park Lands supporter, with membership starting at only \$7.50 (for concession and student membership) for up to six months. Longer membership options are also available.

We rely almost exclusively on annual membership fees to continue our Park Lands

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advocacy, so if you haven't already, please consider putting your money where your mouth is and backing APPA to keep up the Park Lands fight.

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As a financial member of APPA, you receive:

- the priceless satisfaction of supporting APPA's work;
- free participation in our [monthly guided Park Lands walks](#);
- eligibility to become a Park Ambassador and lead an annual [guided walk through one Park](#);
- the responsibility to help guide APPA's activities through the [Annual General Meeting](#);
- the opportunity to join the APPA Managing Committee;
- a printable PDF membership certificate (as below).

Those who've already paid their 2019–20 membership have already received one of these printable certificates.



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NEW STADIUM? CHOOSE WHICH PARK LANDS SITE



Stadium site "D1"

A report to the State Government has assessed not one, but six different Park Lands sites for a new multi-purpose stadium.

The previously-secret report was handed to the outgoing Labor Government before the March 2018 State election. The report was [revealed this week by InDaily in a Tom Richardson exclusive](#). It assesses all six potential sites without any recognition of their location within the world-unique, National Heritage listed Adelaide Park Lands.

The official opening of State Parliament on 5 February contained an ominous warning, for the Park Lands, without any hint of which particular site is under threat. The Governor's speech (written by the Premier's office) said simply:

"My Government is actively planning additional major inner-city and sporting entertainment infrastructure"



Stadium site "D2"

Incredibly, out of seven potential sites, the only one that is NOT on Park Lands - i.e. the existing Entertainment Centre at Hindmarsh (Site "E") - was the only one that was ruled out by the former Government's consultants, even though it was by far the cheapest option, coming in under half the price of any of the six Park Lands sites.



Read the full story on InDaily:

<https://indaily.com.au/news/2020/02/13/preferred-city-stadium-options-fail-to-measure-up-report-reveals/>



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARK LANDS

There are always events scheduled in the Park Lands, many of them free, and there are always opportunities to explore the Park Lands on your own, or with friends or family. Browse our "Explore Parks" pages for hints about interesting spots to visit. This month's featured opportunities, in date order, are:

The Adelaide Fringe - Australia's largest

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Arts Festival - is running until 15 March with two of its venues in their regular annual places in the Park Lands. The most popular, operating for the duration of the Fringe, are Park 13 (Garden of Unearthly Delights); and Park 14 (Gluttony).

Other Park Lands venues are hosting specific Fringe shows. Click the pic for details.



A Thousand Paper Cranes - performance at the Japanese Himeji Gardens in [Park 18](#) off South Tce

A concord of live theatre, contemporary dance, music and aerial silks, captured in a play about a 12-year-old girl who sparked an international movement for peace. Performances today (Sunday 16 Feb) also Sat 29 Feb & Sun 1 Mar - each day at 11am. Click the pic for details.



What's billed as "the world's biggest bounce house" has been set up in Ellis Park / Tampwardli ([Park 24](#)) until 1 March.

It's a 300 metre long inflatable obstacle course AND a three part space-themed wonderland. Prices and sessions vary from Toddlers to Adults.

Click the pic for details



The annual WOMAD festival of music and dance takes place in Botanic Park (part of [Park 11](#)) over 4 days, from Friday 6 to Monday 9 March (Adelaide Cup long weekend).

Click the pic for details



Guided Walk through North Adelaide's Parks 3, 4 and 5. Sunday 22 March, 10 to 11:30am

Join Park Ambassador Trish Russell and APPA President Shane Sody for a walk through three small parks in one morning. We'll investigate the cultural heritage of under-appreciated Parks 3 and 4 along with the popular Park 5 (home of the Ngampa Yarta dog park). Well behaved dogs and children most welcome. Click the pic for details.



BRIEFLY, IN OTHER PARKLANDS NEWS

Mexico chooses a Park over an expanded airport

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One of the world's most crowded nations is choosing to create one of the world's largest urban parks, to save their country from water shortages and mitigate some of the effects of climate change with re-forestation.

In a stunning reversal of direction, the plan by Mexico's new president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, turns back previous plans to extend a nearby airport, construction of which was already under way.

Read the inspiring story [in the Smithsonian magazine.](#)

Adelaide Uni returns a Park Lands corner



Adelaide University has been expanding over the Adelaide Park Lands for well over a century so it has been a refreshing change to see a small corner of Red Gum Park / Karrawirra ([Park 12](#)) returned to public Park Lands.

After being cleared in December 2018, this site, on the corner of Victoria Drive and Frome Road, has finally been landscaped with lawn, crepe myrtle trees and lighting. Cast iron fences have been removed, and a picnic table has been installed, making it an inviting place to visit or have lunch. Kudos from APPA to the University. A small step, but one that's very welcome.

School expansion – at the expense of Park 24?

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There appears to be secret plan to extend the operations of the Adelaide High School further into Ellis Park / Tampawardli ([Park 24](#)).

There was a very brief entry in the agenda of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority for its meeting on 6 February.

- Adelaide High School – expansion of teaching facilities
- The report will be accompanied by a presentation in confidence

Whatever was presented to the Authority, nothing was forwarded on to the City Council meeting the following week. Therefore it appears that planning is still in an early stage. The Adelaide High School was transferred from City locations into Park Land in 1951 and the building has been on the State Heritage register since 1985. This southern extension was added in 2014.

Aboriginal Cultural Centre for Park 11



An Aboriginal Cultural Centre is planned for the former RAH site known as "Lot Fourteen" (really [Park 11](#)).

The State Government is undergoing consultation with Indigenous communities, with the opening planned for 2023.

The new Centre is intended to accommodate the SA Museum's extensive Indigenous artefact collection – the largest of its kind in the world – that is largely kept in storage.

Read the full "InDaily" [article](#).

Save the date – APPA's AGM

The date and venue have been confirmed for our 2020 Annual General Meeting.

- DATE – Sunday 26th April 2020
- TIME – 9:45 for 10:00am
- PLACE – "Regent Room" upstairs in Box Factory, Regent St South, Adelaide

More detail, including guest speaker information, in next month's newsletter.



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MORE OPTIONS FOR HELPING THE PARK LANDS

APPA always welcomes any assistance with supporting our Park Lands.

We have listed 10 ways that you can help at:
www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/take-action

Specific suggestions you could do right now are:

1. Send a written (&/or pictorial) contribution to this newsletter or our social media feeds such as a letter to the editor, a news tip you've heard, or a personal anecdote or photo about your favourite part of the Park Lands. Send to secretary@adelaide-parklands.asn.au

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3. Donate to #StandWithDenise



4. Send a letter or email on a current issue.

See the suggestions earlier in this newsletter about how to help the campaign to #StandWithDenise. Other current issues are identified here: www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/current-issues



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PHOTOS OF THE DAY - RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



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From the top:

- a) Yoga class in front of rose beds in Veale Gardens, part of Veale Park / Walyu Yarta ([Park 21](#))
- b) Wood ducks, photographers and sacred lotus flowers in the Nelumbo Pond in the Adelaide Botanic Garden, part of [Park 11](#)
- c) Jogging on the River Torrens Linear Path near Montefiore Road in Possum Park / Pirltawardli ([Park 1](#))
- d) Two bronze possum sculptures (both by Silvio Apponyi) in two different Parks: the one on the left is located on the Wirrarninthe Interpretive trail in G.S.Kingston Park / Wirrarninthe ([Park 23](#)); the one on the right is near the Par 3 golf course in Possum Park / Pirltawardli ([Park 1](#))
- e) Netball action in Josie Agius Park / Wikaparntu Wirra ([Park 22](#)) between Goodwood Rd & Anzac Hwy.

The Park Lands "photo of the day" series has been running since May 2014, and the collection of Park Lands photos gathered over almost six years now numbers over 2,000. We maintain (and gradually grow) more than 40 separate albums: one for each numbered Park and Square, along with several albums for "Alienations".

Contributions are very welcome! To find out more about any of these featured Parks, click the link to the Park number.

To see the #AdelaideParklands Photo Of The Day as it's released each morning, just follow us on Facebook, Instagram &/or Twitter.

Despite being a National Heritage-listed place, the Adelaide Park Lands are not well protected by Federal environmental laws.

That's why we've joined the [Places You Love Alliance](#), to campaign along with 56 other organisations for better environmental protection laws.

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