

# ParkLANDSnews

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# Deputy President's letter

The Adelaide Park Lands Authority has been in existence for just two years. It is charged with advising both the government and the Adelaide City Council on matters regarding the Park Lands and was a product of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*.

This new Act evolved after some energetic political arm wrestling between me and Minister John Hill as the relevant Minister at the time, plus some 'argy bargy' with the Adelaide City Council. The result, I believe, is an improvement in protection of the Park Lands—not perfect, but some good steps in the right direction.

One significant win was to be practically guaranteed a seat for APPA on the Adelaide Park Lands Authority. After some vacillation by the new Minister Gail Gago, I was appointed by the government as one of its representatives on the Authority.

We meet monthly (with some extra events occasionally thrown in) in the Town Hall. There is a sitting fee paid by the ACC to Authority members, both government and ACC appointees.

Up till the latest ACC elections, the Council appointees on the Authority were less confident of their role and less focused on real protection of the Park Lands. This often resulted in fellow government appointee, Frank Blevins, and myself—a small but vociferous and vigorous minority—fighting for the Park

Lands against some misguided and counterproductive attitudes from the majority.

To its credit, the ACC has not stinted in providing the staff and resources for the Authority to do its job. This is in contrast with the government which, up to this stage, has not provided anything, not even, to its shame, a replacement for their appointee the Deputy Chair who resigned last year! It is hard to not accuse the government of ignoring the Authority as it is a source of discomfort to its largely philistine approach to the Park Lands. I am personally happy to make such an accusation.

Since the election of the new Adelaide City Councillors in 2007, the composition of the Authority has benefited from fresh Council appointees, several of whom are members of APPA. Just as well, as my unfortunate colleague Frank Blevins had an horrendous fall from a ladder, resulting eventually in the amputation of the lower part of his left leg and, therefore, hindered his ability to attend several meetings. This has now been corrected and his doughty presence is once again fighting the Park Lands' cause. He was renowned, prior to the accident, for stating that any proposal for the Park Lands had to show that it actually protected and/or enhanced the Park Lands before it would attract his support.

All the ACC appointees are currently serving Councillors. This has the advantage of ensuring that the deliberations of the Authority are conveyed first hand into the body of the Council. However, it has the risk that the Councillors will be influenced to a degree by outside pressures, such as the fulminations of Kevin Foley when the Council's Development Assessment Panel actually required a developer to comply with the planning requirements clearly laid down for all to see.

Happily, this has been resolved between the Council and the developer without interference from the government but the experience has left the Council bruised and a little tentative at stirring up further hostility from the government. I hope the intemperate decision by the government to remove planning control from the Council for projects over \$10m is speedily reversed.

The minutes of the Authority are sparse and do not do justice to the often lively debate that takes place. So, unless you are there for the meetings, there is no full



report available. However, the meetings are open to the public and I would encourage people to attend at least one meeting to get a feel of the instrument that is working for the Park Lands. The meetings begin at 5.00pm on the third Thursday of each month.

There is a ceaseless stream of issues and proposals that come before the Authority. At the moment, we are deliberating on some substantial proposals for Park 26 which embraces the Adelaide Oval, the Torrens Lake and the tennis courts. I am distinctly uneasy at pressure for increased car parking which always attends plans to significantly expand large public events. There is a proposal, favourably received, to pump treated effluent water from Glenelg to supply the majority of that needed on the Park Lands.

A former committee member of APPA, Dick Brown, is helping me in assessing the reports and proposals that come before the Authority, for which we should all be grateful. This is truly a labour of love by one who really cares about the Park Lands!

The Authority is purely an advisory body without any direct power. It has the capacity to collect funds and has opened the Adelaide Park Lands Fund with the deeply appreciated donation of \$1000 from our own Association. This could lead to the funding of independent research or, in the fullness of time, even desirable initiatives for the Park Lands.

*Ian Gilfillan*

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## ISSUES ON THE TABLE

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*Front cover: Gate to Victoria Park  
Racecourse that was, eastern boundary,  
June 2007.  
Photo taken by Gunta Groves.*

# Review of JR Porter's research article: 'Light's Survey of Adelaide—Facts, fables and fancies'

The recent publication of Mr John R Porter's research on Colonel William Light's survey of Adelaide ('Light's Survey of Adelaide—Facts, fables and fancies', *South Australian Geographical Journal*, Volume 106, 2007, pp 53–83) is a welcome addition to our knowledge of Colonel William Light's achievements and the early founding of the City of Adelaide and its Park Lands. This article is based on research which Mr Porter was invited to present to the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia Incorporated in a public lecture delivered on 17 November 2006, and updated by a subsequent public lecture delivered on 16 May 2007 (SA History Week 2007).

Mr Porter is an international consultant on land surveying and land administration, a Fellow of the Institution of Surveyors of Australia, and was the 18<sup>th</sup> Surveyor-General of South Australia (1987–1992). As such, he is pre-eminently qualified to present, and to explain, the survey of Adelaide and its Park Lands and the detailed survey information which survives amongst the State's primary source records. We are doubly fortunate that Mr Porter's precise, no nonsense examination of this topic is presented in such an entertaining and readable style, which makes light work of the complex mathematical concepts and records involved whilst conveying a deep understanding and detailed knowledge of his topic.

The only notable omission in the text is Mr Porter's confirmation at the conclusion of his lecture that Light's trigonometrical survey was the first application in the world of this survey technique for cadastral purposes (ie defining property boundaries). (This information was

provided in answer to a question posed by APPA Life Member Kyle Penick on the implications of Mr Porter's research for a potential World Heritage nomination.)

Mr Porter's comprehensive coverage of his topic includes: background information on surveying terms and the historical development of surveys and equipment; an overview of different surveying methods; the skills of Light's survey team, and relevant instructions; and a detailed examination of the theoretical, planning and practical aspects of the survey of the City of Adelaide's Town Acres, its Park Lands and the Country Sections. The illustrations are well chosen, informative and highly relevant to the text and, in several cases, are absolutely essential. It is regrettable that the publication is limited to black and white illustrations, as readers would have appreciated colour reproductions of the rich full colour images with which Mr Porter illustrated his lectures.

In addition to placing the survey of Adelaide within the historical context of the development of surveying equipment and practices, Mr Porter's research exposes fatal flaws in the 'Kingston theory'. Having tested this theory (*The Adelaide City Plan—Fiction and fact*, Adelaide Wakefield Press, 1986), he has found that it fails when compared with the historical evidence and reality. GS Kingston's inability to carry out basic mathematical calculations essential in conducting the survey is not the only evidence presented by Mr Porter which refutes claims made on Kingston's behalf:

... while [the Kingston theory] may look feasible on a small-scale plan, ground measurements do not support their assumptions. The curves, arcs,

and diagonals that cover their diagram serve to reflect the geometry that exists between circles and squares, but have no relevance in defining the connection across the River Torrens ... recent survey measurements show that their projected line misses this point by 63 metres (300 links), and this is far too excessive to dismiss as survey error by Light's team, or as 'boundary creep' over 140 years of occupation.

Mr Porter's article also provides an expert assessment of the surveying records relating to Light's Adelaide Park, including the measuring of the Park Lands (in part) from Trig Station A (the Newmarket Hotel corner), to Light's Trig Station 4 in North Adelaide, and west and south from the intersection of South Terrace and West Terrace.

Historians, planners, architects and landscape designers have largely ignored evidence directly associated with Light's survey of Adelaide. Mr Porter's article redresses this oversight and places before the public an authoritative, clear-sighted and expert assessment, based on his own extensive qualifications and experience as a surveyor (including as Surveyor-General of South Australia) and his detailed investigative research into primary source records, historical facts and evidence on the ground, essential to a proper understanding of the significance of Light's survey of Adelaide, separating fact from fiction, fables, and fancies.

*Kelly Henderson  
Councillor of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia Inc. and Chair of the Society's Geographical Heritage Committee which convenes this series of primary source research lectures*

## Poster presentation at 16th ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium, Quebec Canada

Kelly Henderson has been invited to make a poster presentation on:

### WILLIAM LIGHT'S ADELAIDE—The genius of place and plan

Abstract. In designing the City of Adelaide, Colonel William Light reveals the effect the landscape had on him. The form of Light's plan is largely due to the topography and his sensitive response to the place. Analysis of the physical site, its creator and the people who use it suggests the plan has been enjoyed, revered and stoutly defended for generations. Accumulated layers of meaning and misunderstanding and social and political practices and pressures have left their mark. Nevertheless, the pervading sense of significance remains attributable to Light's intuitive act of creative genius. Set betwixt hills-face and harbour, spanning a river valley, laced with a unique figure-eight of open space, Adelaide demonstrates a rare rapport between the genius of place and plan. Today, Light's city remains a permanent testimony to a man who had the sense to recognise, and the ability to respect, the genius of the place.

# Where is Colonel Light really buried?

**The recent (and controversial) exhumation of one of South Australia's earliest Premiers from his West Terrace resting place has prompted APPA committee member Mike Hudson to revive his interest in the remains of an even more illustrious participant in Adelaide history.**

A few light years ago, when I had the (sometime) pleasure of being the City of Adelaide's publicity officer, publicist and editor of a short-lived but highly successful monthly Council newspaper, I immersed myself in the history of our capital. One of my jobs was to bring into the (then) twentieth century, the Council's year book—not an easy task, as its contents had not been revised for a couple of decades. It had all the fascinating facts, such as the actual weight of each of the bells in the Town Hall tower, which were still listed in imperial measures, as were the widths of roads, the areas of open space, etc. And monuments and statues erected in the interim had to be included.

What did not need any revision, it seemed, were the facts relating to the impressive, water-girt, stone obelisk in the northern part of Light Square. Beneath the monument (the bronze tablet on its northernmost face asserts), lies the body of Colonel William Light, reputedly the only person given the distinction of being buried within the city's 'square mile'.

Fast forward to the present day, and the 2008 ceremony dedicated to honouring the memory of the good Colonel's foresight in choosing the site of our capital. (A brief pause is needed here, out of respect for those, myself included, who maintain that it was another—Kingston—who suggested the Torrens-side location.)

In a far cry from the cramped and formal ceremony that was once held in the Town Hall's Colonel Light Room, this year's marquee setting a few metres south of the above-mentioned Light memorial strayed spectacularly from the events I used to attend in my municipal staff capacity. Yes, the traditional port and birthday cake were still handed out to the eager throng, and there were still the obligatory speeches, but the whole celebration had taken on a theatrical atmosphere. Karna artists performed a smoking ceremony to cement their claim as the original inhabitants of the Adelaide Plains, and actors presented a cameo version of the 1830s committee meeting at which the names of various streets and squares were decided, and the Torrens escaped the ludicrous suggestion of being named the Nile!

But for those with an inquiring and historical bent, the crucial moment came when Lord Mayor Harbison got down to the nitty gritty of the morning—the Colonel Light dedication.

Standing with his back to the towering stone monument on the square's Currie Street frontage, Mr Harbison spoke of Light's lifetime accomplishments, his immeasurable contribution to our State's history and his final resting place 'just behind me'. Given that he was facing south towards the assembled throng of dignitaries, descendants of the original inhabitants of the city, assorted school groups and lesser mortals such as mere mayors and councillors, this was an obvious reference to what is always claimed as our founder's final resting place.

Which is where it all gets somewhat interesting. And, for those of us who feel that history isn't history without accuracy, disturbing.

For, one way or another, the history of Colonel Light's last resting place is shadowed by serious doubts. He is, we are always told, buried where the Lord Mayor so recently re-asserted: beneath the Light Square plinth. What's more, his is the only 'square mile' grave.

If the personal experience of one highly esteemed local historian is to be believed, one or other of these 'facts' cannot be true.

On the understanding that I did not reveal his identity ('I'm way too old to get involved in this sort of controversy'), he told me that his father had been a member of Adelaide City Council's parks and gardens staff between the two World Wars.

*My father always said that some time during those two decades it was decided to tidy up the squares. This included the demolition of some unsightly sheds where the staff kept their tools. In Light Square, the shed was near the northern boundary. While demolishing the building and cleaning up the site, my father's crew uncovered a lead coffin. Nothing was reported about the incident, and the coffin was quickly re-interred. Which means one of two things: that it was either Light's last resting place, or someone else's coffin. One way or another, what is now generally regarded as historical fact is wrong.*

The mystery of the whereabouts of the good Colonel's grave is unlikely to be

solved and, therefore, some of South Australia's history, it has to be said, falls into that category of ambiguity. Along with Light's grave, there is the annual face of Glenelg's Proclamation Day ceremony, for example. The wrong place. The wrong time. And the wrong speech. No wonder the descendants of the pre-dating Kangaroo Island settlers keep reminding us of their claim to fame. Then there's the Mount Barker memorial which asserts that the town was named in honour of Barker's visit to the area, when in fact he did not step foot there. The Barossa mis-naming is another example. Ditto Unley. Etc, etc.

Some time ago, slightly tongue-in-cheek, I proposed the formation of SASHA, the South Australian Society for Historical Accuracy. Perhaps, given all of the above, it is time to exhume the idea.

Mike Hudson

## Letter to the editor

**Carbon credits and carbon crime:** I have not been able to find a single person, on asking around, who has been able to answer my simple question as to the relation between the carbon burnt as fuel and the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced. This is surely basic to the whole discussion on climate change, as the rules of chemistry have to be obeyed, inconvenient as they may be. The rule is that 12 tons of carbon as coal or gasoline or whatever, burnt to CO<sub>2</sub>, will produce 44 tons of that product, which is a lot. Not only that, but 32 tons of oxygen are lost in the process, which is worth contemplating.

Applying fairly elementary chemistry to the V8 race, the weight of carbon consumed is 37.059 x 0.75 (specific gravity) x 0.85 (fraction of carbon in fuel), and the weight of CO<sub>2</sub> is approximately 37 x 0.75 x 0.85 x 44/12 = 86 tons. Of course some of the carbon is converted to other products like carbon monoxide etc, but the lesson is clear.

Applying the same to the country, we can make a crude estimate that Australia produces about a million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per day (the error may be as high as 50 per cent, but I doubt it).

Carbon neutrality is a very long way away if we hope to achieve it by taxing it or burying it. Real solutions are needed.

Peter Stobie

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## DEAR MINISTER HILL ...

### **Re: Proposal to develop a new hospital in alienated Park Lands**

This Association has numerous concerns regarding the State Government's plan to replace the Royal Adelaide Hospital (itself on alienated Park Lands) with a new hospital in the railway yards occupying part of Park 27 (Tulya Wodli).

As you would be aware, the railway yards and railway infrastructure are also on alienated Park Lands.

We note that at a Special Board Meeting of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority on 1 May 2008, it was moved and carried:

'That the Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

- (1) Advises the State Government that the Marjorie Jackson Nelson Hospital Precinct Master Plan is inconsistent with part of the Park Lands Management Strategy and the Community Land Management Plan for Park 27 (Tulya Wodli) in that it does not return the whole of the rail yards to park lands and is also inconsistent with the Adelaide (City) Development Plan in that the proposed use of the site as a hospital would not comply with the current zoning.
- (2) Asks Council to consider the views of the Authority in any submission that Council may make to the State Government in relation to the Marjorie Jackson Nelson Hospital Master Plan'.

This Association shares and endorses those views.

What was the government's response to the Adelaide Park Lands Authority's motion passed on 1 May 2008?

Furthermore, we believe the proposed new hospital location is at variance with the Statutory Principles of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*.

We also draw your attention to sections of Part 6 Miscellaneous para 23 'Steps regarding change in intended use of land', particularly with Part 6, 23 (1) which states:

'If land within the Adelaide Park Lands occupied by the Crown or a State authority is no longer required for any of its existing uses, the Minister must ensure that a report concerning the State government's position on the future use and status of the land is prepared within the prescribed period.'

Part 6, 23 (2) requires:

'A report under subsection (1) must include information on the condition of the land and on the action (if any) that would be required in order to make the land suitable for public use as park lands'.

Steps 3-6 of this part of the Act are also actions required of government.

Has the government observed the above-mentioned provisions of the Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 in relation to the hospital development proposal?

This Association has received reports that you (as Minister for Health) have publicly

stated that a government department and/or authority holds a certificate of title over the land to be used for the proposed new hospital.

Given the known fact that the Park Lands and other reserves in and around the City of Adelaide were purchased in fee simple and in trust for the citizens of Adelaide, we seek clarification of how such a certificate of title, as claimed by you, was issued.

It is timely to restate the special status of the Park Lands as asserted by GS Kingston on 12 November 1877 when he said: 'I deny the right of the Government to interfere with or make use of any portion of the Park Lands not specially reserved or set apart for Government purposes by Colonel Light, and so described on his original plan of the city'.

Clearly, GS Kingston was ahead of his time, as the Statutory Principle (1) (a) of the Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 states:

'... the land comprising the Adelaide Park Lands should, as far as is reasonably appropriate, correspond to the general intentions of Colonel William Light in establishing the first Plan of Adelaide in 1837'.

We look forward to your response.

*Jim Daly*

*Editor's note: This letter was sent by APPA on 25 July and an acknowledgment of receipt was received by Jim Daly, but no answers from the Minister are forthcoming as yet.*

# GLENELG PIPELINE ISSUES

**The recycled water that is to come from Glenelg may not be as good an idea as it first appears. Issues of salinity and pipeline installation have caused concern.**

Michael Sando, APPA committee member and native grass proponent, is very concerned about the impact of salinity on the Park Lands. There have been inconsistent projections regarding irrigation volumes and overall salt application.

- Existing salinity level of mains water is about 300–700 parts per million (ie 300kg of salt being applied to the Park Lands every year). The recycled water would have a higher salinity than this.
- Irrigation induces salinity problems, including stress on plants and increased salinity of ground water. (This also undermines the integrity of infrastructure such as roads and buildings.)
- In the Riverland, several reforms have had to be introduced to reduce salinity effects on plants, including reduced irrigation. The Murray at Berri and Renmark has lower levels of salinity than the water coming to Adelaide.
- Trees are more sensitive to salinity than grasses, and stressed trees and grasses are more sensitive again.
- Emerging salinity problems have been evident in the Park Lands for more than 14 years, but no reports are available identifying wide-ranging salinity monitoring. Affected soil can present visible symptoms, but extensive grass

cover can mask these.

- There is a long time lag (eg 10 years) between actions and outcomes related to salinity changes.
- Environmental Management Plan actions to reduce irrigation have not progressed and the use of more suitable grasses has stalled for a decade. A Park Lands demonstration of native grasses would have relevance to all Mediterranean landscapes in Australia. One of Adelaide's most widespread wallaby grass is a water efficient turf.

David Plumridge, APPA committee member and Adelaide City Councillor, is concerned that the jump from concept plans to construction starting in September 2008 has been sudden, and he has identified issues that need close and continuing attention.

- For future reference and for any damage claims, survey drawings need to be accurate and an arborial report needs to identify the pipeline location in relation to all significant trees and their canopies.
- Trenching and pipe laying need to be controlled by strict instructions to, and supervision of, contractors. Vehicle movements on, and vehicle access to, the Park Lands are of particular concern.

As is the case with many government projects, multitudinous 'consultations' are worthless if major issues are not addressed.

*Gunta Groves*

## Cows in Unley's hedges and the Park Lands

Today, it is 'St Louis', a spacious and airy home for the elderly. Back in the early days of settlement in the suburbs south of the southern Park Lands—and well into the years leading up to the Second World War—it was a Foster Street farmhouse that supplied its neighbours with milk, eggs and other necessities.

Interestingly, it was a situation that caused a certain amount of resentment among the residents of Parkside—not at the existence of a farm in a residential area, but because not all local gardens benefitted equally from the by-products of the dairy cows wending their way every morning and evening to their one-pound-per-animal-per-year Park Lands pasturage. In fact, there were frequent requests to the farm's owners to vary the route so that Kenilworth Road rose-growers could compete on a level (and well-manured) playing field with the homes in Castle Street!

All of this was recalled for the more elderly of Parkside residents by the article in *The Advertiser* (11 August 2008, p 19) recording that in 1908 the Unley City Council was concerned about the damage caused when 'many milch cows ... had to get their living off the roads and people's hedges'. 'Councillor Eicke ... said that residents of Fullarton ward suffered severely from the cattle trouble. Gardens and grass were destroyed.' The Council invoked the Impounding Act and appointed a ranger.

*Mike Hudson*

## Why are these still in Victoria Park?



Above: Betting ring, grandstand and observation tower on the eastern edge of Victoria Park. The grandstand's ugliness dominates the outlook to the foothills from Victoria Park.

Right: Termite ridden and rusting restaurant and jockey facilities on the north-eastern edge of Victoria Park.

Photos and text: Gunta Groves

The South Australian Jockey Club (SAJC) had its last event in Victoria Park on 14 December 2007 and ended its lease there on 28 April 2008. Eight months after the last event, all the SAJC-built infrastructure is still there (minus some guard rails that the SAJC wanted for Morphettville). It seems the SAJC is continuing to run true to its colours. What sort of lease conditions allow this?



## Letter to the editor

**Preservation or conservation:** In *Park Lands News* of June 2008, you invited comment on Kelly Henderson's suggestion that the Association should more appropriately be called the Adelaide Park Lands *Conservation* Association. While Kelly's suggestion has technical merit in that *conservation* implies conservative repair and careful management, I think that *preservation* should stay. Although *preservation* can be taken as freezing in aspic, the public, and some sections of the media, associate our title as standing for *protection* of the Park Lands. *Park Lands Preservation* also has a good ring to it. Leave well alone.

*Roger Andre*

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*Gunta Groves*

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Does this have implications for the *Park Lands News*? Because this newsletter does not have a print run warranting offset printing (which is the basis for the comparison above), I doubt whether there is any reason to stop promotion of receiving the newsletter by e-mail—a method which saves the Association print and postage costs, and saves the environmental cost of Australia Post delivering the printed version. However, there is an opportunity here for someone to do the sums.

*Gunta Groves*

## HOLIDAYING IN THE PARK LANDS

This year I think I'll take my holidays in the south Park Lands. And I'll invite my friends. The ambience is unique and the location very handy. For accommodation needs I'll visit the Hutt Street Centre and talk to the locals. They'll be able to tell me where to pick up a tent, sleeping bags, blankets and sundry necessities of life.

I'll have a party every day with my friends. No-one will complain about the noise. The booze won't be a problem—just a couple of minutes into Hutt Street and I can stock up. And pick up a couple of pizzas as well. If it gets chilly, I'll light a fire or two. There's plenty of wood lying around. When I've used that up, there are always plenty of trees to be had.

Toileting won't be a problem either with all the trees around and the Park Lands Creek nearby, not that all my friends require that degree of privacy.

Some who join me may require top-ups of their favourite drug. No problem. Just a mobile phone call away are your friendly neighbourhood drug dealers. But they certainly don't have a needle exchange service. Needles can be left discreetly at the base of the historic elms.

When it's time to return to the real world, we can all just stand up and walk away. The hardworking ACC Park Lands staff will eventually pick up all our leavings, at least those that haven't ended up in the creek and washed down to Unley.

I will have had a delightful break in a fabulous setting. No police will have

bothered me. No ACC staff will have come within cooee of me (except for maybe pinning a little notice to my tent while I'm shopping for grog in Hutt Street). Laws and by-laws will have been totally ignored for my benefit.

It will have been so good that I will tell more of my friends about it, and plan to do it all again soon.

*Gunta Groves*

### Postscript

An August update from the Adelaide City Council CEO, Stuart Moseley, regarding campers in the Park Lands gave the following information, based on the statistics collected by Street to Home.

Bakkabakkandi (Park 16) and Tuttangga (Park 17) contain about 10–11 tents—down from 20 tents in May. Since mid-May, 29 people have been housed through the efforts of Street to Home, Hutt Street Centre and Housing SA.

On 26 June, ACC staff took away 3 tonnes of rubbish from camp sites in Wirranendi (Park 23) after people had been housed, and a similar exercise is planned for Parks 16 and 17.

From another source, it is reported that the belief in Council is that it has ineffective powers against endemic violation of its by-laws, and its staff lack the level of protection available to police.

# NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2008–09

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- the Park Lands are reserved as a place for public recreation, leisure and enjoyment
- alienated areas of the Park Lands are restored for recreational use, preferably as open space
- the open space character of the Park Lands as a place dividing the City of Adelaide from the suburbs is preserved
- the Park Lands are preserved and maintained in a manner that enhances their special place in the design of the City of Adelaide
- the amenity of the Park Lands is not impaired by inappropriate development of nearby lands
- the Park Lands are included on State, National and World Heritage lists.

I agree to be bound by the Constitution of the Association. Signature .....

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