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1. PREMIER's PARK LANDS STRAW MAN

Premier Peter Malinauskas has tried to equate putting massive new Government buildings in your Park Lands with upgrading a children's playground.

Questioned by Guardian Australia about his Government's refusal to consider brownfield sites for proposed new buildings, the Premier has responded with a straw man*; falsely suggesting Park Lands advocates were opposed to everything - even a Park playground.

The Guardian has now alerted a national audience to the State Government's series of attacks on your Open Green Public Park Lands.



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* **"Straw Man"** - *definition*: an intentionally misrepresented proposition that is set up because it is easier to defeat than an opponent's real argument.

2. CREATE WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

by Shane Sody

As the deadline approaches for entries to the 2023 Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize, some words of advice have come from someone who's learned how to succeed, with works inspired by your Park Lands.

\$20,000 first prize-winner from 2021, Dan Withey has offered his thoughts to those hoping to emulate his success this year.



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3. A MESSAGE FROM NEW YORK

A message from former Senator, and Lord Mayoral candidate Rex Patrick to SA Premier Peter Malinauskas, from a place where Park Lands are appreciated and loved.

What will it take to persuade the SA Government to Love Your Park Lands like New Yorkers love their Central Park?



[Watch here >>>>](#) YouTube video, 1m 21s

4. BECOME A PARK AMBASSADOR

How would you like to introduce others to favourite parts of your Adelaide Park Lands?

We're looking for six enthusiastic volunteers to join our team of Park Ambassadors, to "adopt" a Park, show others why you love it; and report what's happening in it.



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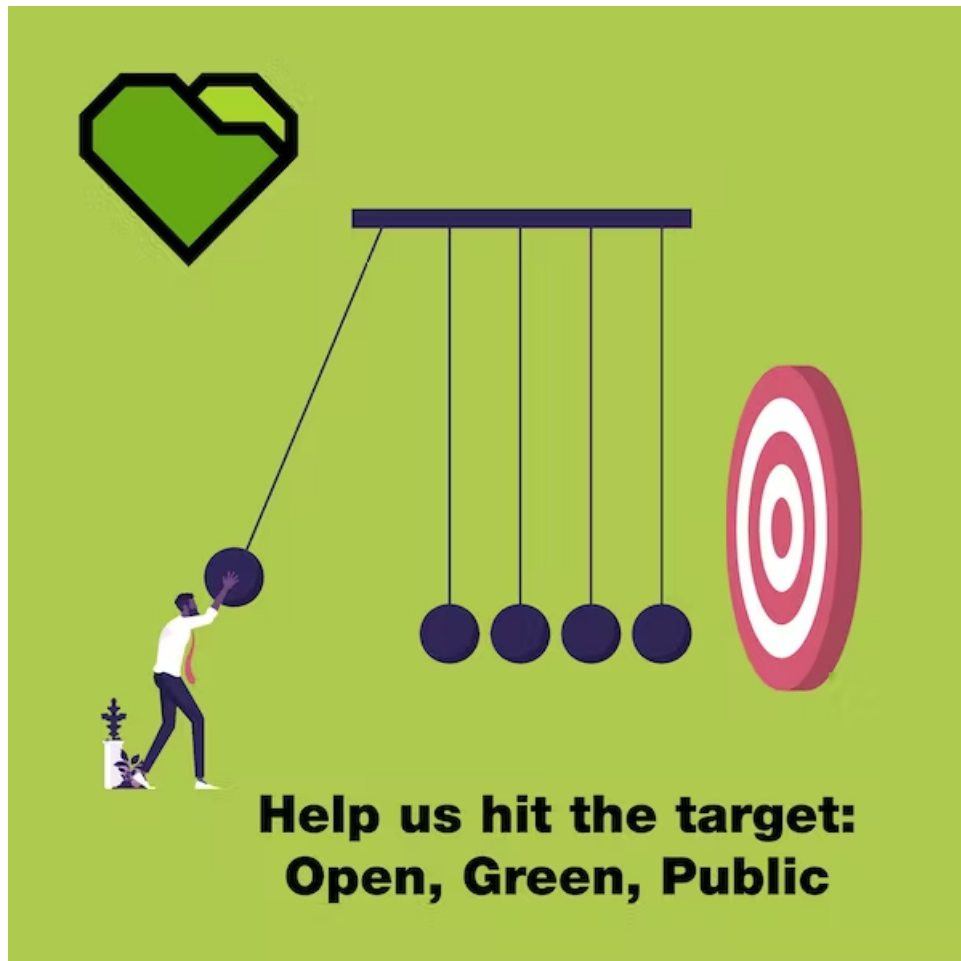
5. MAKE AN IMPACT: JOIN!

Politicians can count, but they're not counting you.

Your Adelaide Park Lands will be protected and restored only when a sufficient number of people demand it.

Our biggest challenge is to convince politicians to Love Your Park Lands. Are you with us?

Will you help us achieve this goal? Our membership has more than doubled over the past two years, but it doesn't (yet) include you.



You are reading the non-members version of this newsletter - which means you are not (yet) a member.

If you were to become an APA member, 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 \$15 per year for a single concession) would be tangible support for our Park Lands strategies: [Explore, Inspire, Protect and Restore](#).

You would become part of the groundswell of supporters, advocating for your Park Lands to become and remain "Open, Green, Public."

What are you waiting for?

Join our
team

Become
a member
here

Book
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6. WHEELING THROUGH NATURE WITH DANIEL

by Carla Caruso

“People in and around our city love, appreciate, and visit the Park Lands often. I just wish that people in power did the same and worked to enhance and celebrate them.”

Meet architecture graduate and keen cyclist Daniel Grilli, who’s passionate about your Open Green Public Adelaide Park Lands.



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7. WHAT'S ON IN YOUR PARK LANDS - JANUARY 2023

by Michael Genrich

Dive into these events we've found for you, in your Open Green Public Adelaide Park Lands during January 2023.

(This is a repeat of the story from our newsletter of 1 January, so some of these events have passed)



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8. PLEASED TO MEET YOU, FRAN

by Carla Caruso

Animal lover Fran Mussared has reached a milestone, posting her one-thousandth image online.

APA's Carla Caruso spoke to Fran about an unusual challenge that she faces, just taking photos in her favourite places in your Adelaide Park Lands.



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9. CORPSE FLOWER BLOOMS

by Carla Caruso

It can take up to a decade to flower and, once in bloom, its odour has been likened to smelly feet, stinky cheese, and dead animals.

This didn't stop park lovers queuing in their hundreds a few days ago, to see and smell the so-called "corpse flower" during its brief flowering at the Adelaide Botanic Garden (Park 11).



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10. WAITING FOR STATE HERITAGE LISTING

by Shane Sody

Deputy Premier, Susan Close, has stopped short of offering any timeline for long-delayed action to list your Adelaide Park Lands as a State Heritage Area.

More than four years after a State Heritage Council recommendation, the State Government is still relying on the same tired excuses for its failure to act.



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11. ANOTHER TRAIL GUIDE RELEASED

We've just released a new Trail Guide to what is probably the most popular Park within your Adelaide Park Lands.

The Trail Guide to Park 11 includes not only the bushland in Mistletoe Park / Tainmuntilla along the River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari, but also Botanic Park, and the Botanic Garden.

Take a real (or virtual) tour that features a set of riverside sculptures, a flying fox colony and much more.



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12. AQUATIC CENTRE DOUBLE PRESS

by Shane Sody

More and more people are stepping up to urge construction of a new Aquatic Centre on a near-city brownfield site, rather than on your Park Lands.

Two separate campaigns are under way: one to persuade the State Government; the other to persuade the City Council.



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13. WETLANDS NOT SPARKLING THROUGH SUMMER

by Shane Sody

Work is due to commence shortly to rectify some persistent problems affecting the \$13 million dollar wetlands in the southern part of Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).

South-east city residents have expressed concern about long delays in fixing pathways, irrigation and signage.

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