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1. CAN FIVE THOUSAND SWAY GOV'T OR COUNCIL?

by Shane Sody

A petition, seeking a win-win for swimmers and your Park Lands, has reached the critical milestone of 5,000 signatures.

The Premier, Peter Malinauskas, and the Member for Adelaide, Lucy Hood, have been advised of the overwhelming community demand for an aquatic centre win-win outcome.

Now, we need your help to deliver the same message to the City Council.



[Read more >>>](#)

2. SHARDS OF HISTORY

by Dr Noris Ioannou

As you walk through your Park Lands, traces of early colonial settlement can be found under your feet.

There are stories to be told about these fragments of clay pottery, chinaware, and locally-made bricks.



[Read more >>>](#)

3. CITY ILLUMINATED

by Carla Caruso

It's that time again. The Illuminate Adelaide festival, in its third year, is lighting up the city and encouraging us off the couch on a winter evening.

While some things about the fest – encompassing “art, light, music and technology” – remain the same, there are a few notable changes.



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4. WETLANDS AWARDED

The three-hectare wetlands in the southern part of your Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) have won two awards from the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA).

The wetlands, constructed in 2021-22 have been acknowledged with an "SA Award of Excellence for Land Management" and also the "SA Healthy Paeks Healthy People Award"



[Read more at AILA >>>](#)

5. WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are a grassroots community organisation. We [Explore, Inspire, Protect, and Restore.](#)

But we are only as strong as our [Members](#) and our [Volunteers](#).

You are receiving the non-members version of this newsletter which means you're not (yet) a Member of our team.

Will you help us?



There are two ways to do that: as a [Member](#), or as a [Volunteer](#) (or both!)

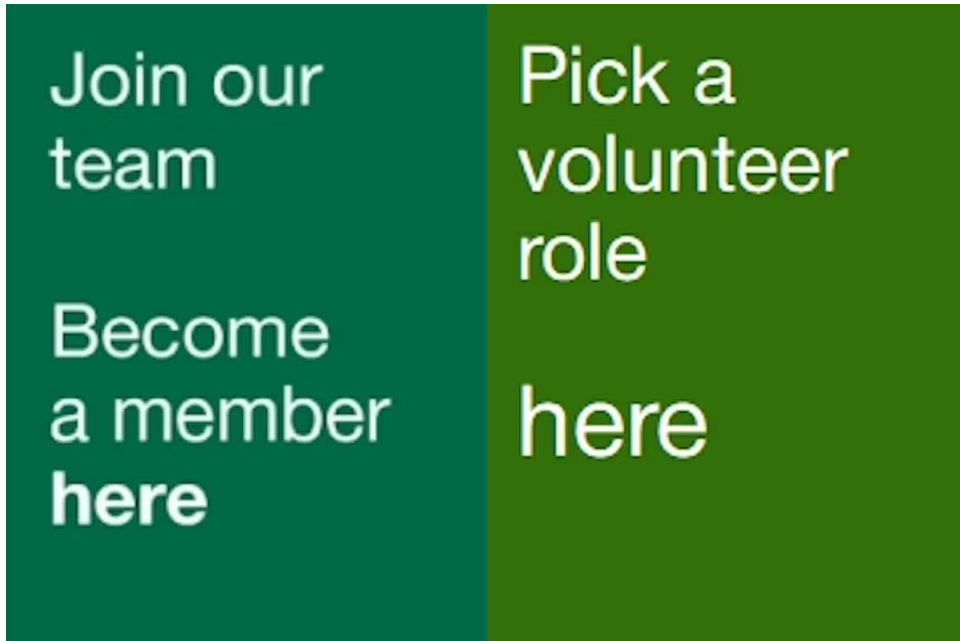
If you were to become an APA [member](#), you would then be able to book for any of our Guided Walks for free, and you would also unlock 15% discounts to all the merch in [the APA Shop](#).

More importantly, your membership fee (as low as \$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's a wide range of things you could do to help in one or more of our strategic activities.

Check out the volunteer options [here](#).



6.KNOW YOUR PARK LANDS PLANTS - PURPLE FUZZWEED

by Juliet Bodycomb

We're helping you to learn about the plants in your Open, Green, Public Adelaide Park Lands one species at a time.

Today: purple fuzzweed!



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7.SAFE PLACE TO GATHER

The City Council and the State Government have combined to set up what's been described as a "safe place to gather" for people coming to Adelaide from remote communities.

The decision allocates a part of 'Edwards Park' - i.e. the former netball courts off Anzac Highway in the southern part of G.S. Kingston Park / Wirrarrinithi (Park 23) - for at least six months.



[Read more at ABC news >>>>](#)

8.SECRECY LINGERS

The State Government has repeatedly made dubious decisions about your Park Lands without consulting you. But their flawed processes, mired in secrecy, are now farcical.

They don't even want to let you know about Park Lands sites that they are no longer planning to attack.



[Read more at InDaily >>>>](#)

9. KNOW YOUR PARK LANDS ART: PIONEER WOMAN

by Chelsea McLean

We're sharing the stories of public artworks in your Adelaide Park Lands, one feature at a time.

The second in our series, *Know Your Park Lands Art*, is the statue within the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden in Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12).



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10. MYTH-BUSTING #9 - "PLENTY TO SPARE"

by Shane Sody

If you Love Your Park Lands, like we do, you might occasionally hear criticism from people who have latched onto a Park Lands myth.

This month, we're MYTH-BUSTING the claim that it doesn't matter if some of your Park Lands is lost - that there's "plenty to spare".



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