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1. 92 YEARS HIDDEN - A LOCKED GARDEN

by Shane Sody

An elderly man's lucky escape from fire has thrown a spotlight onto one of the best-kept secrets of your Adelaide Park Lands.



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2. HOUSING CRISIS SPILLS INTO PARK LANDS

by Shane Sody

Your Adelaide Park Lands have been caught up in Australia's housing crisis.

The City Council and organisations providing services to the homeless are struggling to deal with the rapidly increasing number of people sleeping rough in your Park Lands and elsewhere.



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3. 'COZZIE LIVS' ACTIVITIES

by Carla Caruso

The cost-of living crisis - or 'cozzie livs', as it's been dubbed - is putting the squeeze on many of us.

With this in mind, we've put together a list of activities in your Park Lands that you

can do absolutely FREE - whether during the school holidays, on a public holiday, or beyond.



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4. WHAT BIRD IS THAT? AUSTRALIAN WOOD DUCK

by Nicholas Munday, Adelaide Urban Birding

How much do you know about the birds in your Adelaide Park Lands?

In this, the third instalment of our series, What Bird is That? we take a close look at the abundant, adorable Australian Wood Duck.



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5. TEAM MEMBER MISSING. YOU!

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

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

You are receiving the non-members version of this newsletter which means you're not (yet) a Member of our team, or perhaps a previous membership has expired.

Will you help us? There are three ways to do that: as a [Member](#), as a [Volunteer](#) or as a [Donor](#).



If you were to become an APA [member](#), then 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 would be a wide range of things you could do to help in one or more of our strategic activities. For example,

- becoming a Park Ambassador; and/or
- writing stories for our [blog](#) and future editions of this newsletter.

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



6. NO PROMISES FROM MINISTER

by Shane Sody

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Nick Champion, should be reminded of your Adelaide Park Lands every time he enters his King William Street office.

We've put three specific Park Lands issues onto his agenda, and will be following up to see what progress, if any, the State Government is prepared to make on protecting your Open, Green, Public Park Lands.



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7. WHAT'S ON IN YOUR PARK LANDS - MAY 2024

by Alex Jones

Right through May 2024, there's a wide range of events and activities in Your Adelaide Park Lands.

The focus in May is the History Festival, which includes three of our Guided Walks, but there's so much more you can enjoy in your Open Green Adelaide Park Lands, as autumn draws to a close.



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8. RYMILL PARK, VEALE GARDENS UPGRADED

The City of Adelaide has completed work to renew the ornamental lake in Rymill Park /Murlawirrapurka (Park 14).

The long-delayed \$6 million lake works were completed just in time for the Equestrian Festival from 18 to 21 April.



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9. AMBIGUOUS COMMITMENTS

by Shane Sody

The City Council's draft budget for 2024-25 has some money allocated for long-awaited Park Lands restoration, but has stopped short of making specific commitments.



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10. WORK STARTS ON HUTT ROAD "ENTRY STATEMENT"

Work has begun to build what the City Council calls an "Entry Statement" for the Hutt Street precinct.

The \$3 million project is intended to "welcome residents and visitors to the city through Hutt Street", with new street trees, new shared-use paths and lighting" on both sides of Hutt Road, being the edges of Parks 17 and 18.



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