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### HOUSING ON PARK LANDS: NOW A MAJOR-PARTY ELECTION ISSUE

A rising sense of community pride in and appreciation of Adelaide's Park Lands is shifting the political landscape in South Australia.

Perhaps sensing the dangers of committing to a deeply unpopular privatisation agenda, the Government's preferred developers (C&G and John Holland) reportedly have "offered to strip controversial residential apartments from the \$1 billion old Royal Adelaide Hospital project."

However, the State Government is (so far) sticking with its divisive and unpopular "privatisation" agenda. According to the story in [The Advertiser on 6 September](#), the Government is still insisting that high-rise apartments are required on the site.

Newfound reluctance from the private consortium is only one of the obstacles in the way of the Government's plan for more than a thousand high-rise residential apartments on the old RAH site.

The Adelaide City Council last year urged the Government to think again. Now, State Opposition leader Steven Marshall has decided that private housing on Park Lands is not appropriate for the Park Lands site of the old RAH.

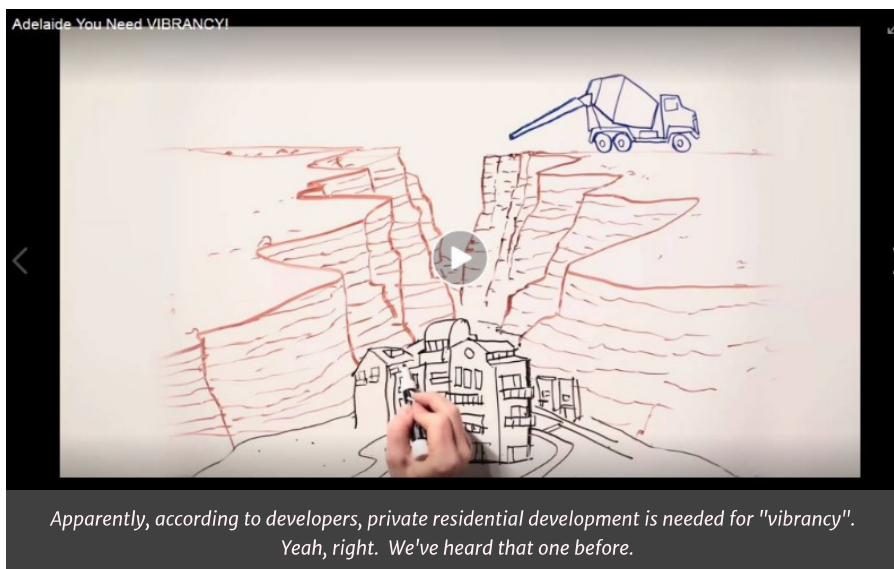
Mr Marshall has joined [31 eminent South Australians](#) (as well as the Greens) in rejecting private residential development on the site. Unfortunately the State Opposition is not prepared to stand in the way of developers putting in a commercial hotel on the site, which is also part of the Government's plan.



*State Opposition leader Steven Marshall (centre) discussing the old RAH site recently with APPA Committee members Hamish Ramsay (left), Ian Gilfillan and Bruno Zeni.*

Not surprisingly, [the development lobby has queried Mr Marshall's move.](#)

Well, they would, wouldn't they?



*Apparently, according to developers, private residential development is needed for "vibrancy".  
Yeah, right. We've heard that one before.*

APPA welcomes the fact that housing on Park Lands has now become an issue for the State election, due next March. We're challenging the State Government to match or better the Opposition's policies for the old RAH site.

We've not given up hope that the entirety of the site can be returned to public use.

We'd love to see the two major parties compete with each other between now and the election to see who can offer to return more of the site to public use, preferably as Park Lands.

If you haven't yet signed our petition on this, there's still time:

<https://www.change.org/p/renewal-sa-head-bronwyn-pike-1-080-private-apartments-and-a-hotel-on-park-lands-at-least-put-it-to-a-citizens-jury>



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## TELL THE FUTURE YOU SUPPORTED HERITAGE LISTING

WAY BACK IN THE OLD DAYS (i.e. in 2017)



Time is running out to have your say on whether the Adelaide Park Lands should be State-Heritage listed.

Yes, we know it should have been done decades ago, but better late than never. 2017 is the year when the State Heritage Council is taking it seriously. It seems obvious to APPA that the Park Lands **MUST** be heritage listed, but we can't assume it will just happen, and no-one should take it for granted.

Please, please, before the consultation period runs out, take a few moments to add your voice.

There are three ways [to provide your views](#). By:

- completing [the online survey](#). This will take about 5 minutes
- joining [the discussion](#) – which needs only a moment to add a comment
- sending in a written submission via [hamish.angas@sa.gov.au](mailto:hamish.angas@sa.gov.au) or post to: Hamish Angas, Senior Heritage Officer, State Heritage Unit, Department of Environment Water and



Natural Resources, GPO Box 1047, ADELAIDE SA 5001.

If you're looking for some inspiration, you can borrow [some words from APPA's submission](#):

<http://archives.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/Submissions%20and%20Letters/APPA%20submission%20on%20heritage%20assessment%202017-08-30.pdf>

But don't miss this once-in-a-generation opportunity to get the many, many heritage values of the Park Lands recognised formally – for the benefit of our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc.

Comments close at 5.00 pm on Friday 29 September:

<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/adelaide-park-lands-and-city-squares-heritage-assessment/>



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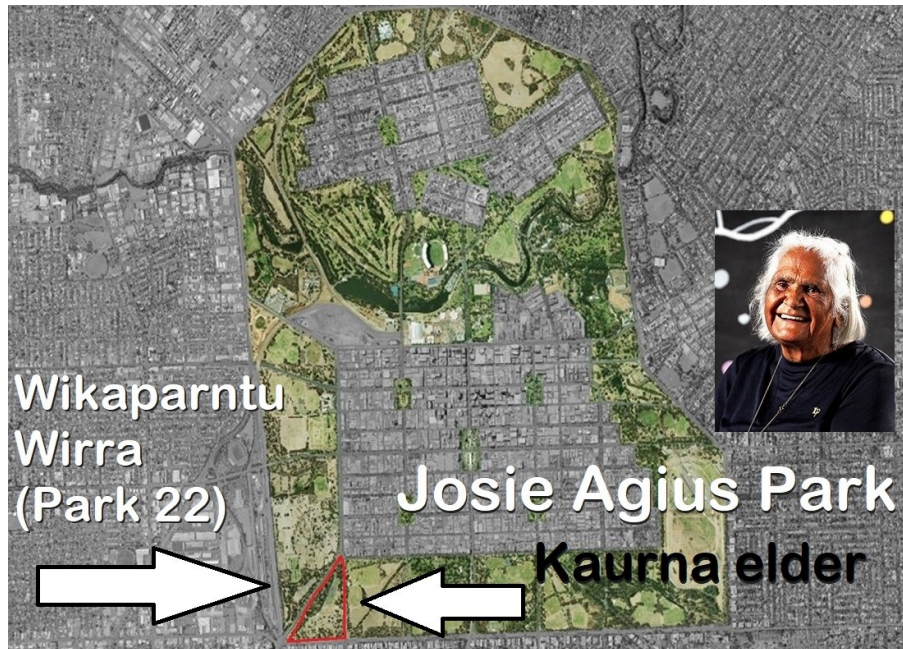


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### CHANGING PARK NAMES



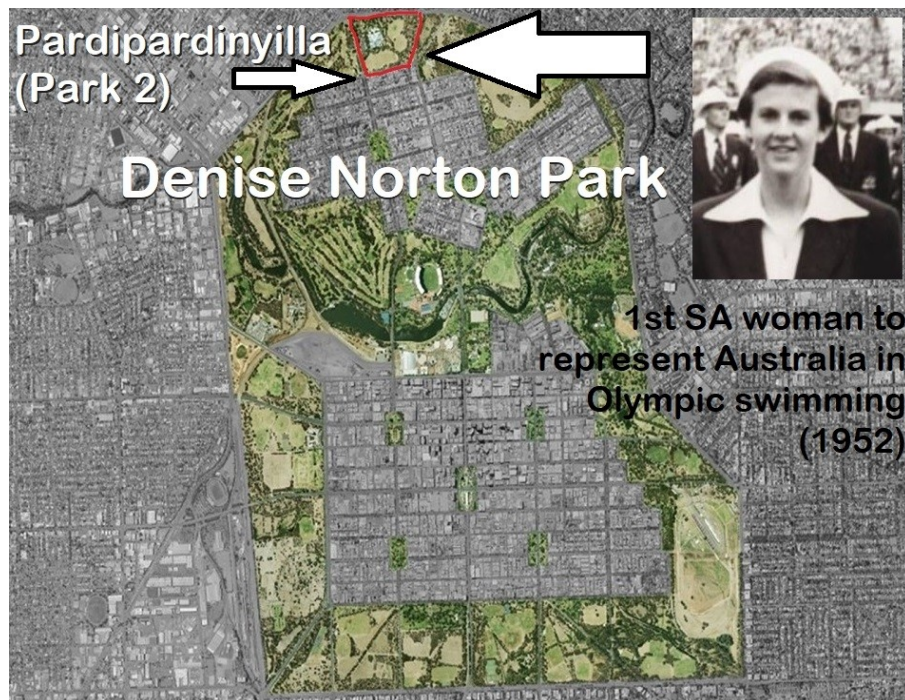
On Tuesday 12 September, the City Council decided on new names for most of the Parks that make up the Adelaide Park Lands.

Until now, only a few areas of the Park Lands have had English names. Rymill Park, Rundle Park, Victoria Park and Bonython Park (as well as each of the six Squares) were the main exceptions. Most other parts of the Park Lands have had only Kurna names, but few of these names have become well-known and used.

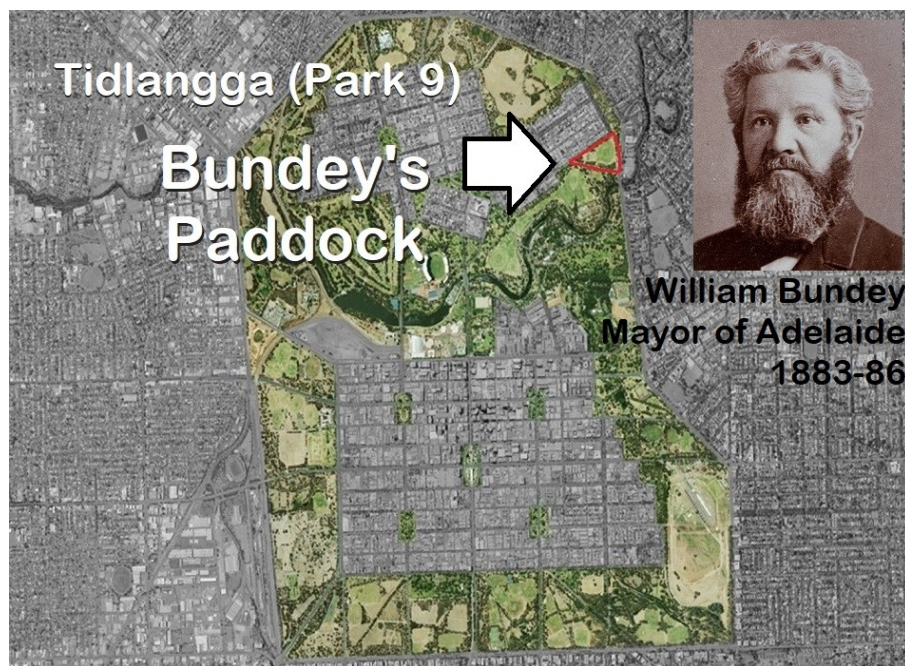
Now, the City Council has adopted English names for each part of the Park Lands, and has decided to phase out the use of Park numbers which have been in use for many decades.

We've highlighted three of the new names in this article. In some cases the new names are an English translation of the Kurna name. In many cases though the Parks have been newly named after prominent South Australians, people with a connection to the Park Lands, or a physical feature of the Park. [Here's a full list](#).

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/8d5ffe71c995a1cbceb0bbd6d/files/1691b655-b499-49f5-b8ce-0081c9f1fae5/New\\_naming\\_of\\_Parks\\_2017.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/8d5ffe71c995a1cbceb0bbd6d/files/1691b655-b499-49f5-b8ce-0081c9f1fae5/New_naming_of_Parks_2017.pdf)



It will take years for the City Council to gradually replace all signage but APPA has already started using the new names, at least in this newsletter. For the time being we will keep using the Park numbers as well, because in many cases they are better known than the official names.



APPA has not taken a position on the new names. Without debating the merits of any particular name, there is an obvious risk that the use of multiple names and the phasing out of the use of numbers will contribute to some public confusion. On the other hand, there is potential for the new names to spark greater public awareness and appreciation of the heritage behind each part of the Park Lands.



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## HELIPAD PLANS ON PAUSE



Don't rush out and buy a supply of earplugs just yet.

The City Council is sifting through the results of community consultation on whether or not the Community Land Management Plan for Park 27 should be changed, to allow a helicopter airport right next to the Torrens Linear path.

Consultation closed on September 6th but the Council won't say (yet) how many comments were received.

The crucial decision will come before the Park Lands Authority on 19 October, and then a recommendation will go to the full City Council for its meeting scheduled for 24 October.

APPA's submission pointed out that not only is this site a very poor choice for a helipad – it's also illegal.

You can read our submission here:

[http://archives.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/Submissions and Letters/CLMP Helipad in Park Lands.pdf](http://archives.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/Submissions%20and%20Letters/CLMP%20Helipad%20in%20Park%20Lands.pdf)



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## CAN SYNTHETIC PITCH HOCKEY AND NETBALL CO-EXIST?



Earlier this year, the City Council received a massive 190 public submissions when it suggested that a hockey stadium with concrete walls (see above) might be built in Tuthangga (Park 17). (Now also named 'Carriageway Park' - see story above.)

The community reaction, led by the main park users, Touch Football SA, along with APPA and others, led to a firm rejection of the proposal at the City Council meeting on 12 September. Nevertheless the idea of synthetic turf hockey pitches in the Park Lands is still alive.

The City Council has now endorsed the preparation of a "concept plan" to have the Burnside Hockey Club and Adelaide Hockey Clubs still get their two proposed new synthetic pitches, but share club rooms and car parking facilities with the Church Netball Association in the newly-renamed "Josie Agius Park"/Wikaparntu Wirra (Park 22).

The Council is already committed to upgrading the netball building in this Park (see below) and it would be appropriate if the hockey clubs could share the new building, to minimise the risk of losing any more Park Lands to grandiose new sports stadiums.



However, APPA is not keen on the suggestion that more car parking should be encouraged on Park Lands. Josie Agius Park/Wikaparntu Wirra (Park 22) suffers every year with car parking during the Royal Adelaide Show, and this is set to continue until at least the year 2026. We'd prefer Adelaide be recognised as a City in a Park, not a City in a Car Park.



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**PARK LANDS VIDEO OF THE MONTH**





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### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARK LANDS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

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. Take a look at [our picture gallery](#) for hints about interesting spots to visit. This month's featured opportunities are:



**[Lord Mayor's "Ramble" through Carriageway Park/Tuthangga \(Park 17\)](#)** Sun 17 September 2017, 9.00am – Meet at the corner of Hutt Street and South Terrace. Walk with the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and Councillors east towards Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) looking at an important native biodiversity site. From there walk back through Carriageway Park/Tuthangga along the historic Elm Carriageway towards Hutt Street for coffee.



**[Unmasked Africa Festival](#)** – Sat 23rd September 11am to 6pm, Victoria Square Tarntanyangga – free.

"Make friends with Africa" – enjoy the vibrancy, colour and personality of Africa with exciting and vibrant African performances, exquisite arts & crafts African music bringing people together in a spirit of celebration.



**[Come 'n Try 'Disc Golf'](#)** (frisbee golf)  
– Sunday 1 October 11am to 5pm  
King Rodney Park/Ityamai-itypina (Park 15)  
off East Tce, near Glover Playground  
Free event for all ages including disc hire and an introduction to the sport. – 5 Frisbee Disc giveaways at every event.





**Moon Lantern Festival** – part of OzAsia. Elder Park, Sunday 1st October from 5pm. Free. Spot lanterns throughout Elder Park, get involved in workshops and family activities and watch roving performances. Enjoy food truck cuisine and after sunset, get ready for the lantern parade, led by the popular 40 metre long Hong Kong Dragon and finishing with spectacular fireworks!



**Free weekly fitness session** – every Saturday 8.30 to 9.30am at Horse Plain Park/Nantu Wama (Park 6) next to the playground in Le Fevre Tce. A variety of exercises & stretching that you can pace, suited to your current fitness level, with a group of supportive & like-minded people; and an instructor with over 20 years experience. Free session suitable for ages 16 & over.



**Guided walk through Veale Park/Walyu Yarta (Park 21)**. Sat 7th October 2pm – 3.30pm. Cnr South Tce & Sir Lewis Cohen Ave. Apart from its gloriously-maintained Veale Gardens, this Park is also home to little-known treasures such as a community veggie garden, sporting fields, a model aircraft zone and ribbons of remnant native vegetation. No booking necessary. Gold coin donation. (Free for APPA members). Wear sturdy shoes for a walk of about 2km 60 to 90 minutes duration. Children and dogs welcome



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## HIGH ROPES ADVENTURE IN BLUE GUM PARK / KURANGGA?



The City Council has been approached by a commercial operator wanting to lease part of the newly re-named "Blue Gum Park" / Kurangga (aka Park 20) for a high ropes adventure course. The 16,000 square metre course in the tops of the existing mature trees would be available only for paying customers but the ground below would still be open space available to the public.

According to the City Council:

*"The proposed course would be installed without damaging the trees and would utilise world class technology in safety incorporating a range of suspension lines, bridges, flying foxes and climbing*

obstacles set amongst the existing trees, ground plantings and the South Park Lands creek. Techniques proposed to protect the trees and the biodiversity of the site include:

- No drilling through trees;
- Structures designed to allow trees to grow unrestricted; and
- Regular monitoring of the health of the trees by an independent arborist."

The site is right alongside the existing BMX track in Blue Gum Park / Kurangga. APPA welcomes the prospect of enticing more young people to enjoy the Park Lands. Our concerns though relate to the suggestion that yet another administration and storage building (60 square metres) is proposed to be located at ground level. We would prefer that ticketing and administration occurred at a suitable nearby office (for example perhaps on South Tce or Greenhill Rd).

Consultation on the proposal is open until 5pm on Monday 25 September:

<https://yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au/adventure-facility-kurangga-park20>



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### "EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST" for MORE SPORTS FACILITIES



In [last month's e-Gazette](#) we noted that the City Council was inviting schools and non-profit groups to lodge expressions of interest for sporting facilities in Kurangga (Park 20).

This month, a similar process is under way for the sports fields and existing change rooms in the newly renamed "Golden Wattle Park" /Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W) off Goodwood Rd. There is a Council-owned building on the site. The building and the sports field are used by the Adelaide Lutheran Sports Club, as well as several other sporting and community groups.

<https://yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au/eoi-sportingfacilities-park21w-mirnuwirra>





The Council is seeking expressions of interest from schools or community non-profit groups who could make shared use of this area for different types of sport throughout the year. The Council has left open the possibility that new toilets, change rooms or other "minimal" facilities might be built.



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#### BRIEFLY, IN OTHER PARK LANDS NEWS

Do you want to see a temporary beach this summer, at Pinky Flat on the River Torrens?



Here's the plan, put forward by Renewal SA to the City Council. For two months over summer (30 November to 26 January) the Pinky Flat area (marked in red, above) would be turned into a mock "beach" with sand for childrens' play, a section to cater for more formalised games or activities such as volleyball or yoga and a kid-friendly water play area. These zones would be complimented with seating and umbrellas to provide a sandy oasis to visitors. There would also be other water-based activities such as kayaking

Have your say on this proposal. Feedback closes at 5pm on Monday 25th September.  
<https://yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au/urban-beach-activation>



After a year of campaigning, APPA has won a very minor concession on the use of the eastern Park Lands for motor sport. For next year's V8 supercars race, the time taken to erect and dimantle the track and grandstands will be reduced by three weeks.

The Minister for Tourism has decreed that the work crews will start on 4 December 2017 and will be finished by 30 April 2018.



Why are seniors under-represented in Parks? A recent study in the United States found that older adults (60 and over) made up only 4% of urban park users even though they represented around 20% of the population. Would the same be true in Adelaide? Read [more here](#).



APPA's Program of Guided walks through selected parts of the Park Lands is continuing. On Saturday 9 September, a group of 32 people (and two dogs) enjoyed a stroll through Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) led by APPA President Shane Sody, and Park Ambassador Rose Wight.

Details of future scheduled walks for the rest of 2017 are on our website:  
<http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/guided-walks/>



## PHOTOS OF THE DAY - RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



From the top:

- a) At the start of the 'Boucle de Burbs' bike ride on 20 August. Bonython Park/ Tulya Wardli (Park 27)
- b) Cirrus clouds above G.S. Kingston Park/Wirraninthi (Park 23) off Sir Donald Bradman Drive. Photo: Bethany Loates
- c) Coastal Tea Tree bloom, J.E. Brown Park/Ngampa Yarta (Park 5) off Le Fevre Rd
- d) Bush Magic Playspace, Denise Norton Park/Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) off Fitzroy Tce
- e) Commuting walk, through Creswell Gardens, Tarntanya Wama (Park 26) near Adelaide Oval

The Park Lands 'photo of the day' series has been running since May 2014, and **the collection of Park Lands photos now numbers well over 1,200**. We maintain (and gradually grow) 37 separate albums for each one of our 30 Parks, six squares (and one album for 'Alienations'). To browse the photos follow the link below to '[Our photos on Flickr](#)'.



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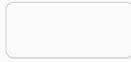
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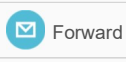
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