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## ADELAIDE'S ICONIC PARK 1 UNDER ATTACK FROM TWO FRONTS



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## SECRET MULTI-MILLION \$\$ GOLF COURSE PRIVATISATION PLAN



The Adelaide City Council has tried to hide this story until after the Council election in November.



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However the cat is out of the bag, and APPA will make this an election issue for all Council candidates.

There is a secret report that recommends building a multi-million dollar commercial function centre on [Possum Park / Pirltawardli \(Park 1\)](#) and turning over most of the Park to commercial operators to make a profit from the North Adelaide Golf Courses.

The report is confidential, although members of the outgoing City Council have been briefed on it and sworn to secrecy.

[The Advertiser reports \(\\$\)](#) that a "masterplan" for [Park 1](#) has been completed by consultants GHD Woodheads for the Adelaide City Council.

In a City Council meeting last month, Councillor Philip Martin urged that the report be made public before the election. However, his effort did not succeed and the report is still under wraps.

You will have a chance to question Council election candidates about their attitudes to this (and other issues) in a public forum next month. See the 'election forum' story below.

For a full analysis of the issue, see [this attached report](#) from APPA's Secretary, Emeritus Professor Damien Mugavin.

This is the existing large clubhouse and function centre in [Possum Park / Pirltawardli \(Park 1\)](#) run by the Council.

However apparently this Park Lands intrusion is considered (by Council's consultants) to be too small.



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## (ATTACK #2) 'BUSINESS CASE' FOR 'ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT' ON PARK 1

The story above is bad enough. But it pales in comparison with serious plans being drawn up to shift the Adelaide Entertainment Centre and other venues onto Park Lands.

The Advertiser [reported on Saturday 15 September \(\\$\)](#) that planning is well advanced to combine a new Entertainment Centre with a multi-purpose sports stadium, on the south-east corner of [Possum Park / Pirltawardli \(Park 1\)](#). The proposal has the backing of former Liberal Premier John Olsen. According to The Advertiser:

*"it is understood the business case has been commissioned by the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation, which operates the Entertainment Centre, Convention Centre and Hindmarsh Stadium"*

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Repeated Park Lands losses were once characterised as like ["mice nibbling away at cheese"](#). However the recent attacks seem more like a debaucherous feast with participants devouring whatever is available, while it lasts.

The rate of Park Lands loss seems set to ratchet up exponentially unless the public can be alerted to save what's really precious and priceless.

The previous Weatherill Labor Government sacrificed Park Lands to build a "Biomedical Precinct". This new proposal unfortunately seems consistent with moves by the Marshall Government to turn the River Torrens area into an "Entertainment Precinct". (See the story below, ["Wolves in Charge of the Flock"](#))

Attempting to attempt to emulate the infrastructure of other cities by discarding parts of our priceless and world-unique asset is a short-sighted and self-defeating exercise.



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## LORD MAYOR SPRUIKS A 27-STOREY HOTEL IN HELEN MAYO PARK



Before it was swept from power in the March 2018 State election, the former State Government was planning to keep obliterating what little remains of [Park 27](#) between North Terrace and the River Torrens.

Accordingly, one of the Ministers in the outgoing Government, Martin Hamilton-Smith in January 2018 was brazenly offering international investors the opportunity to take away yet another part of your Park Lands heritage. All they needed to do, he said, was to stump up enough money for a suitably large



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Mr Hamilton-Smith neglected to mention that this land is held on trust for the public of South Australia, and subject to the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*.

Since March, the new Liberal State Government has not (so far) pursued this proposed Park Lands heist. But the Lord Mayor, Martin Haese appears to have taken up the campaign to sell the proposal to institutional investors in Singapore.

During a mission to Singapore in July, the Lord Mayor presented a glossy [32-page brochure "Adelaide Investment Prospectus"](#). The "Prospectus" bearing the logo of the "City of Adelaide" identifies what it calls a "Proposed" 27-storey hotel, similar to that foreshadowed last January by outgoing Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith.

Such a proposal has NOT been considered by the City Council. Ironically last year the Lord Mayor and a majority of City Councillors wanted to have a commercial helipad on exactly the same site, in Helen Mayo Park (part of [Park 27](#)). However, neither a helipad nor a hotel is consistent with the Council's [management plans for this Park](#).

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An extract from the Lord Mayor's "[Adelaide Investment Prospectus](#)" handed out to potential Singaporean investors in July.

This has turned into an election issue for the City Council election. Read more here:

<https://indaily.com.au/news/2018/09/13/city-council-candidate-warns-against-riverbank-hotel-development/>



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## WILL THE NEXT COUNCIL BE CAPTURED AGAIN BY SPORTING GROUPS?

A pattern has emerged in the way that the Adelaide City Council deals with sporting groups who want their buildings on the Park Lands.

Leaders of a sporting group or school community typically spend months, if not years, cultivating a relationship with Council contacts, repeatedly emphasising how much their members and supporters would appreciate a favourable decision.

By the time a sporting group's request formally comes before a Council meeting, its wishes have been firmly implanted in most Councillors minds. Eventually, the public is asked for comment. However, by the time the public has been alerted, the sporting group has already achieved its aim of convincing Council staff and a majority of councillors. At that stage, the belated arrival of dozens of public submissions rarely stands a chance of affecting the outcome of months of earlier insistent lobbying that public Park Lands ought to be handed over.



It's one thing to request change rooms, showers and toilets to facilitate sports. APPA has no concerns about these type of installations because they are reasonably necessary to play sport and can be shared by all potential users of sporting fields.

This example in [Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi \(Park 16\)](#) shows how modestly-sized change rooms, shower and toilets can be for public benefit.

Its quite another thing when sporting groups try to get approval to have their own private, locked meeting rooms, offices, function rooms, gyms, catering spaces, administration, private storage facilities or even classrooms on the Park Lands.

The Council has consistently failed to push back on demands by sporting clubs for excessive Park Lands floor space. Time after time, both the Park Lands Authority and the Council have simply rolled over in eagerness to please each sporting group. In every case the public loses another slab of Park Lands to private interests.

There are many examples over the past four years and currently being planned, with the approval of the current City Council:

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2-storey University Graduates Clubrooms and function centre, [Bullrush Park / Warnpangga \(Park 10\)](#)



\$3 million, 2-storey clubrooms and function centre for Adelaide Comets and Western Harriers - under construction in [Ellis Park / Tampawardli \(Park 24\)](#)



\$8 million, 3-storey clubrooms and function centre for the SA Cricket Association, in [Gladys Elphick Park / Narnungga \(Park 25\)](#)



The largest single privatisation of Park Lands, Memorial Drive Tennis Club, is about to get larger with a new expansion approved across Montefiore Road in [Possum Park / Pirltawardli \(Park 1\)](#)

**BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! FURTHER EXAMPLES, ON THE DRAWING BOARDS:**



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[Wikaparntu Wirra \(Park 22\)](#);

- Pulteney Grammar School and Adelaide Harriers, 2-storey ambitions in [Blue Gum Park / Kurangga \(Park 20\)](#); and
- Lutheran Sports Association 2-storey clubrooms and meeting centre approved in principle for [Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra \(Park 21W\)](#)

The trend of allowing multiple function centres and meeting rooms on Park Lands is shaping up as one of the key issues in this year's City Council elections.

APPA will be interrogating City Council election candidates to determine which candidates (if any) are willing to push back against private ambit claims over Park Lands.



For another perspective on the legacy of the current City Council and the leadership of Lord Mayor Martin Haese, a controversial analysis was published on 3 September in the Adelaide Review:

**[Protect or plunder? The Lord Mayor's park lands legacy](#)**

<https://www.adelaidereview.com.au/features/general/protect-or-plunder-the-lord-mayors-park-lands-legacy/>



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## MEET THE CANDIDATES – ELECTION FORUM

If you live in, own a property or a business in the City or North Adelaide, you have the chance to vote (by post) in the coming City Council election.

First check what ward you are in: North, Central or South ward? Here's a map:

<https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/assets/documents/MAP-electoral-structure-ward-boundaries.pdf>

To exercise an informed vote, you need to be able to listen to and compare what candidates have to say about themselves, their policies and the attitudes that they would bring to the role of Adelaide City Councillor, if you elect them.

At the time of writing, nominations were still open (closing on Tuesday 18 September). Nevertheless, the following events have been organised:



### For North Ward people:

Monday 8 October 6pm to 9pm at the North Adelaide Community Centre, 178 Tynte Street – hosted by 'Friends and Residents of North Adelaide' and the 'North Adelaide Precinct Association'. Details here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/258092815042510/>



### For South Ward people:

Thursday 11 October from 6:30pm to 8pm at the Box Factory, Regent Street South – jointly hosted by the South-West City Community association and the South-East Residents Association.

Details here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1950925095204540/>

**For Central Ward people – and Park Lands supporters:**





Monday 15 October from 6:30pm to 9pm, North Adelaide Community Centre,  
176 Tynte Street

<https://www.facebook.com/events/243151269720703/>

The evening will focus on

- 1) Lord Mayoral candidates;
- 2) 'Area' (i.e. whole of City) candidates; and
- 3) Central Ward (CBD area) candidates

Each of the candidates will be invited to make a 3-minute presentation  
before the floor will be opened up for questions, alternating between  
questions about the world-unique Adelaide Park Lands and questions about  
other City issues.

Although the event is open to all, the focus will be on Park Lands, whole-of-  
city, and Central Ward issues, (rather than North Ward or South Ward issues)  
because there are separate candidate forums on other dates, intended for  
North Ward and South Ward candidates.

**Another opportunity for North Ward people:**

Wednesday 17 October, 7.30pm at the North Adelaide Community Centre, 178 Tynte Street – hosted by  
the North Adelaide Society. Contact: Geoff Goode on 8267 3740 or email  
[geoffgoode@internode.on.net](mailto:geoffgoode@internode.on.net).

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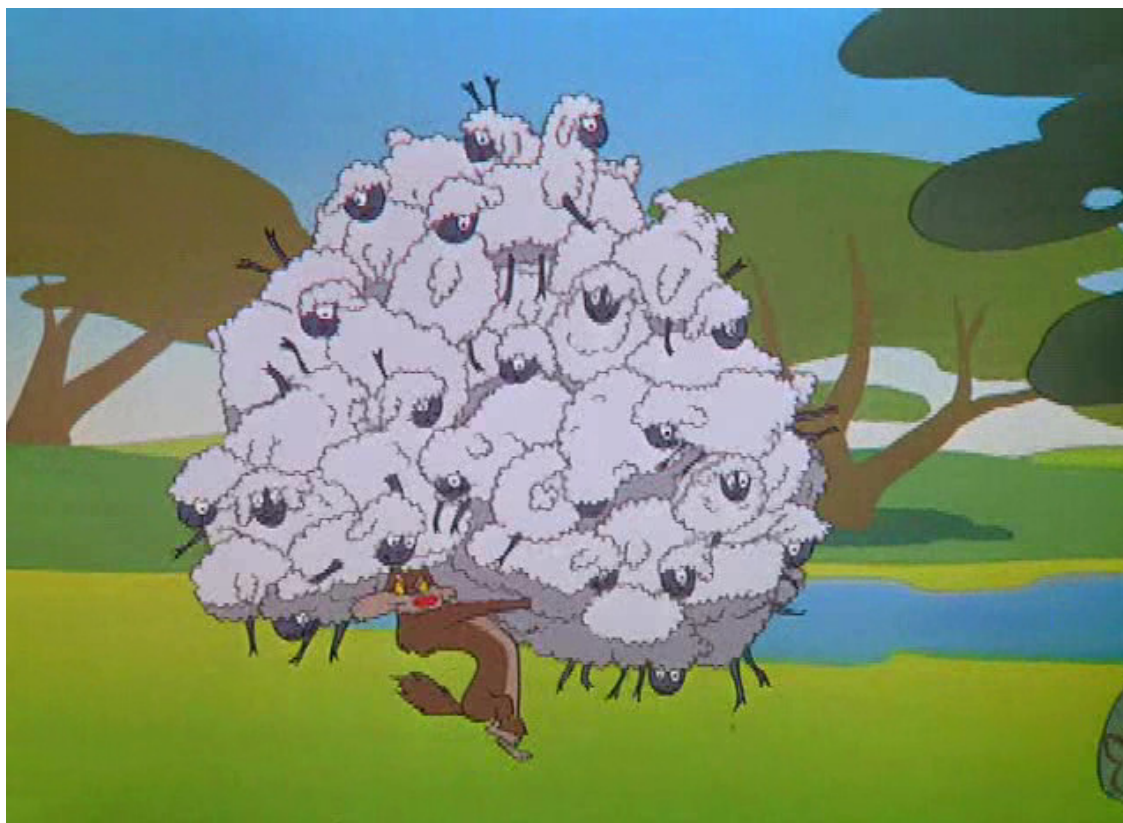


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## WOLVES IN CHARGE OF THE FLOCK?



The State Government is taking Park Lands advice from a real estate developer and those who have taken Park Lands away, as it seeks new ways to privatise or exploit the Park Lands commercially..

[Stephan Knoll](#) is both Planning Minister and also Minister for the Adelaide Park Lands Act. He's set up a new Riverbank Entertainment Precinct Advisory Committee (REPAC). As its name suggests, this Committee will advise Minister Knoll on what to do with the land near the River Torrens – predominantly in central Tarntanya Wama ([Park 26](#)).



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Very little of Tarntanya Wama ([Park 26](#)) remains as Park Lands after decades of attacks by successive Governments, alienating land for commercial, private uses. (See the pic). Now, it appears, this Park has not been disappearing fast enough for the newly-installed State Government.

REPAC includes a representative each from the institutions which have taken over most of [Park 26](#): SkyCity Casino, the InterContinental Hotel, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide Festival Centre, and the Adelaide Oval Stadium Management Authority, as well as a representative each from the Adelaide City Council and Renewal SA.

REPAC's chair is Roger Cook AM, one of the founders of the Australian commercial real estate giant Colliers International. Mr Cook has a long history in the development and real estate industries.

Read more here: <https://indaily.com.au/news/2018/09/05/riverbank-authority-replaced-by-stakeholder-group/>

APPA has asked for a meeting with Minister Knoll. We'll be suggesting that perhaps someone with an appreciation of Adelaide's world-unique Park Lands should sit around the table, along with the other members of REPAC.

In a statement to InDaily, Minister Stephan Knoll is quoted as saying that REPAC "will be charged with providing advice about how best to maximise the massive economic and job creation potential that exists within our Riverbank precinct." That seems like an invitation for yet more destruction of [Park 26](#) and/or other riverbank park sites.



You too can contact Minister Knoll at [ministerknoll@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerknoll@sa.gov.au)  
or TAKE (other) ACTION: [www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/take-action](http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/take-action)

VIDEO OF THE MONTH - KING RODNEY PARK / ITYAMAI-ITPINA (Park 15)



*Once known as "Bartel's Park" this Park is the centrepiece of three of Adelaide's most popular annual sporting events: the Tour Down Under prologue in January; the Adelaide 500 motor race in March; and the international equestrian 3-day event in November.*

Catch up on any of our earlier Park videos at our YouTube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBBBQLY6as\\_sQvoBoQm69Rw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBBBQLY6as_sQvoBoQm69Rw/videos)

We're gradually building, in numerical order, a video guide to all parts of the Adelaide Park Lands.

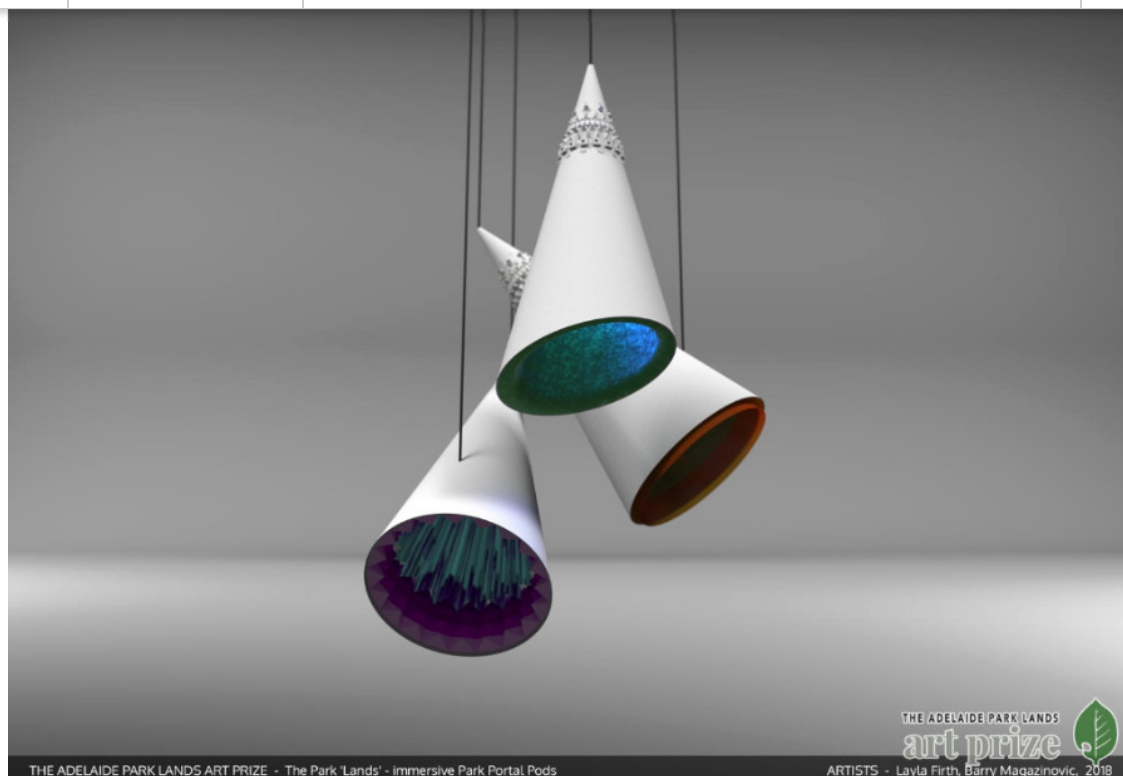
The next one, due for release in the November newsletter, will be [Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi \(Park 16\)](#)  
Victoria Park is so large it will take a bit longer than usual (2 months) to prepare the video!

**ART PRIZE - BACK AGAIN IN 2020**

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Congratulations to Layla Firth & Barry Magazinovic, joint winners of the Royal Adelaide Show People's Choice Prize, for this artwork entitled [The Park 'Lands' – Immersive Park Portal Pods](#). It was a multimedia installation, using synthetic and manufactured materials; and natural flora found in the Park Lands to create a sensory elements of scent, sound, light and touch. As the artists said, it was an exhibit that needed to be lived – just like our Park Lands.

We would love to hear any feedback or comments you have about this years Park Lands Art Prize and we are already planning the next one, in 2020.

For the artists, sales were strong (better than previous events in 2014 and 2016) but we will work to make them to be even stronger next time. To be alerted when entries are open, (in late 2019) please register at [www.parklandsart.com](http://www.parklandsart.com)



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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. Browse our ['Explore Parks'](#) pages for hints about interesting spots to visit. This month's featured opportunities, in date order, are:



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September 1pm to 3pm at Himeji Garden, Peppermint Park / Wita Wirra ([Park 18](#)). Alongside his Aussie wife Gail, Munetaka Umehara, a retired educator from TAFE SA will share his unique knowledge of Japanese history and culture. Photographer and Japanese pop culture enthusiast Alison Briggs will give expert photo tips. Bookings essential. Click the pic for details.



[Guided walk through Veale Park / Walyu Yarta \(Park 21\)](#) Sun 23 Sept 2.00pm to 3.45pm. Gold coin donation. (Free for APPA members). Park 21 is more than just the beautiful Veale Gardens. It also hosts a treasured community garden, which is having an [open day celebration at the same time!](#) Children and dogs on leads most welcome. Meet at the entrance to Veale Gardens on South Tce opposite Owen St Click the pic for details.



**The Wind in the Willows**, by the Australian Shakespeare Company.

29 September to 14 October. Tues to Sun 10am, Fri & Sat 2pm outdoors at the Adelaide Botanic Garden. ([Park 11](#)) Bookings essential. Click the pic for details.



**Music In the Square** – Thursday 4pm  
October 12 noon to 2pm [Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga](#) FREE!

Two emerging local acts, 'DyspOra' & 'Argus and the Liar' (pictured). Click the pic for details



**Light the Night** – Friday 5 October, 5:30pm – 8:00pm: Adelaide Botanic Garden. ([Park 11](#))

The Leukaemia Foundation's evening lantern walk, to come together and transform the darkness into a sea of glowing light to beat blood cancer. Free. Click the pic for details.

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10.30am to 3pm – Light Square / Wauwi  
Bringing together the mental health community to showcase creativity used in the healing journey and break down the stigma of mental illness. Live music and performance, free food, peer sharing circles, arts and crafts, animals, face painting and more! [Click the pic for details.](#)



**Foreigner, Cheap Trick and Sheppard live.**

Sunday 14 October, Botanic Park ([Park 11](#))  
starting from 3.30pm Tickets from \$99.

[Click the pic for details.](#)



**Ride 2 Work Day** – Wed 17 October 2018;  
7am to 9am [Hindmarsh Square / Mukata](#)  
FREE!

Celebrate cycling over free breakfast and coffee. Chat about all things two-wheeled with bike riding businesses and cycling community leaders. [Click the pic for details.](#)



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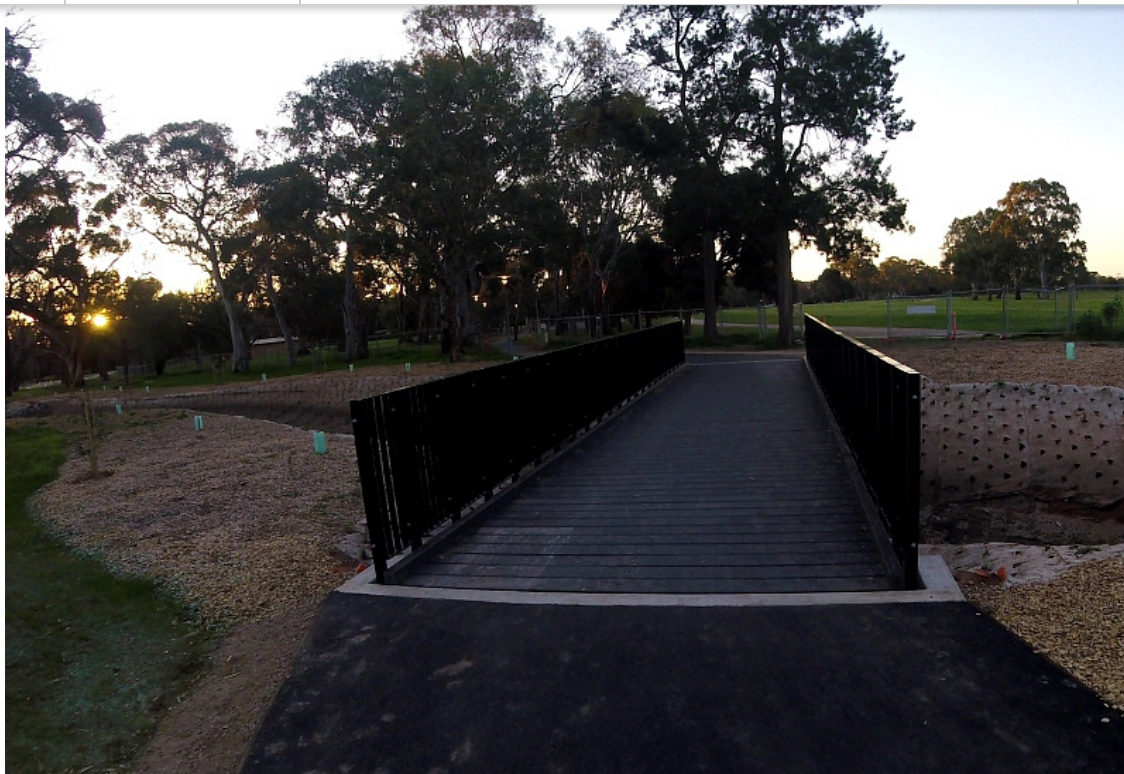
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Work has almost been completed on rehabilitation of the South Park Lands Creek where it crosses from Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi ([Park 16](#)) into Carriageway Park / Tuthangga ([Park 17](#)). This new pedestrian and cycling bridge over the creek was opened earlier this month.

As noted last month, current construction sites in the Park Lands include:

- Botanic High School in Frome Road, on part of [Park 11](#)
- Casino expansion onto Festival Plaza – part of Tarntanya Wama ([Park 26](#))
- The high ropes adventure course admin/office building in Blue Gum Park/ Kurangga ([Park 20](#)); and
- The two-storey Adelaide Comets, Western Districts Athletics clubrooms and function rooms in Ellis Park / Tampawardli ([Park 24](#))



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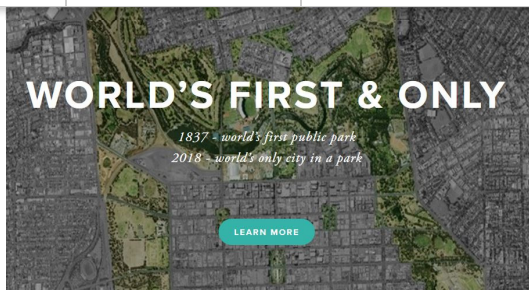
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It is unfortunate that Adelaide does not strut the world stage to brag about our Park Lands. After all, we have the first and only! (If you don't know what the means, see our [web site home page](#)). Awards for Park of the Year will be handed out at the [International Parks and Leisure Congress](#), in Melbourne, October 14-17 but the Adelaide Park Lands haven't been nominated. Why not, Adelaide City Council?



### Heritage assessment drags on.

After more than a year spent evaluating [1,747 public submissions](#), the State Heritage branch is still preparing a paper for the Heritage Council on mechanisms for protecting Adelaide Park Lands, if the Heritage Council determines it to be of State heritage significance. For that purpose it is consulting with DPTI and the City of Adelaide about those mechanisms. Later, formal consultation will occur with the Kaurna community and with APPA. Accordingly, no decision on interim listing of the Park Lands is expected until 2019.



### Whitmore Square / Iparrityi

The City Council's Master Plan for [Whitmore Square / Iparrityi](#) is nearly finalised and will be presented to the Adelaide Park Lands Authority in late September, followed by Council. This financial year, Council has allocated \$200,000 towards small-scale improvements to Whitmore Square to support the Master Plan. Emerging community priorities are lighting and enhancing the green spaces of the square



**Hopes raised for freeing Victoria Park.** South Australia's new motor racing venue, *The Bend* at Tailem Bend [hosted its first major event late in August](#). The program of races over three days was well received by motor racing fans. The apparent success of the venue has raised hopes that *The Bend* could take over the role of hosting the Adelaide 500 after the current arrangements using the eastern Park Lands expire in March 2021.



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### you on board?

Congratulations to the hundreds of APPA members who've renewed their membership for the 2018-19 year and received their membership certificate.

We rely almost exclusively on annual membership fees to continue our Park Lands advocacy, so if you haven't already, please consider putting your money where your mouth is and backing APPA to keep up the Park Lands fight. Details here: [www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/membership](http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/membership)

As a financial member of APPA, you get:

- the priceless satisfaction of supporting APPA's work;
- free participation in our [monthly guided Park Lands walks](#);
- eligibility to become a Park Ambassador and lead an annual [guided walk through one Park](#);
- the responsibility to help guide APPA's activities through the Annual General meeting; and
- a printable PDF membership certificate (see above).

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From the top:

- The start of 'Boucle de Burbs' cycling event in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli ([Park 27](#)) on Sunday 2 September
- The team of volunteers for the Community Garden in Veale Park / Walyu Yarta ([Park 21](#))
- Horse power versus leg power in Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama ([Park 6](#)) off Lefevre Tce. Pic: Rick Carter
- Family of wood ducks on the riverbank in Red Gum Park / Karrawirra ([Park 12](#))
- Two bugs out on a caper in the Adelaide Botanic Garden ([Park 11](#)). Photo: Greg Coote

The Park Lands 'photo of the day' series has been running since May 2014, and **the collection of Park Lands photos gathered over four years now numbers over 1,600**. We maintain (and gradually grow) more than 40 separate albums: one for each one of our 30 numbered Parks, six squares (and several albums for 'Alienations'). To find out more about any of these featured Parks, click the link to the Park number.



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