

# PARKLANDS NEWS

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**Next newsletter deadline:  
31 January 2004**

## *President's letter*

Seemingly good intentions can impact dramatically on the Parklands: a venerable Adelaide institution, the Adelaide Bowling Club, is running short of members and cash, so understandably they have called for professional help.

The professional help has taken over the helm, with some spectacular deviations from straight bowls!

An Adelaide Bowling Club flier has been circulated inviting the general public to look forward to: a restaurant, brunch, Indian cuisine, oyster bar, croquet, silent movies and a Festival menu.

Currently, the venue is being promoted for corporate functions, weddings and twenty-first birthdays.

What is more, we are informed there is car parking for all—guess where?—an area outside the Bowling Club's lease on the Parklands! And it is bituminised!

In the *City Messenger* (24 Sep) the President of the club is reported as saying that in the longer term the club wants to build a gym and erect a temporary golf driving range for members, within the existing leased land.

Now! I can recall a similar scenario when the Memorial Drive Tennis Club said it could not survive as a tennis club. The end result was that it was sold out to a commercial enterprise and 'The Next Generation' was imposed on the Parklands, supported



by an Act of Parliament which was enacted through the support of both Liberal and Labor MPs.

We are at risk of the same happening with the Adelaide Bowling Club. Its lease is for playing the game of bowls and for the carrying out of the normal social activities associated with the game of bowls. If the club cannot abide with the requirements of the lease the time has come for the club to leave the Parklands. I say: please go soon and gracefully.

Good news is easy to take and it is a pleasure to congratulate those responsible. The Unley Council has set the parameters that all Parklands adjoining councils should follow: no buildings on the Parklands' peripheral roads to be higher than two floors.

Well done Unley! You know how to cherish Adelaide's most precious asset.

*Ian Gilfillan*

# PROMINENT GUM TREES

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There are some very significant eucalypts in the Adelaide metropolitan area and in the Parklands—significant because of age and size. The two species surveyed here are the River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and the Sugar Gum (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*). The River Red Gum grows in many areas of Australia in and near watercourses in arid areas, and the Sugar Gum is native to South Australia.

Circumference measurements (given below) were taken in April 2003, the point of measurement being one metre above ground level. An illustration of the growth shown by these trees despite increasing air pollution and soil consolidation over the years is shown on the right. The top photo was taken 78 years ago when the tree might have already been 90 years old, the bottom photo was taken in August 2003.

## Adelaide metropolitan area

### River Red Gums

- 13.7m or 45'0"  
'Monarch of the Glen' Brownhill Creek Caravan Park
- 9.4m or 30'10"  
Corner of Swan and Maple streets, Rostrevor
- 8.8m or 29'0"  
362 Glynburn Road, Kensington Gardens
- 7.5m or 24'8"  
18 Russell Street, Hazelwood Park
- 7.4m or 24'4"  
13 James Street, Campbelltown
- 7.1m or 23'4"  
Waite Campus
- 7.0m or 22'11"  
Lochiel Park, Campbelltown

### Sugar Gums

- 6.6m or 21'8"  
Sir Walter Young Avenue, Waite Institute, planted 1877

## Adelaide Parklands

### River Red Gums

- 7.1m or 23'2"  
Tree with multiple trunks on Fullarton Road at the 550m mark of the Victoria Park Racecourse
- 6.1m or 20'3"  
On footpath of War Memorial Drive, west of King William Street (top photo at right taken in 1925, bottom photo taken in 2003)
- 5.9m or 19'7"  
Botanic Park, original flora
- 5.9m or 19'4"  
Botanic Gardens, near restaurant, original flora
- 5.8m or 19'3"  
Corner of Flinders Street and East Terrace
- 5.8m or 19'2"  
Botanic Gardens, north of creek, original flora
- 5.7m or 18'11"  
Centre of Victoria Park, just west of Pit Straight
- 5.5m or 18'3"  
Park 20 (Kurrangga), near outlet of Parklands Creek, planted 1876

- 5.1m or 16'11"  
Corner of Hutt Road and South Terrace, planted circa 1857–58

Seven River Red Gums, two in the Botanic Gardens and five in Botanic Park, are identified as 'original flora' present in 1836.

There has been some speculation that others may have survived through the ravages of early settlement but sadly, with only two possible exceptions (the War Memorial Drive tree and the Victoria Park tree), this is not the case. In 1901 JJ Pascoe in *History of Adelaide and vicinity* (p 210) wrote 'Except in the Botanic Park, not one

of the original trees survive'. Pascoe may be correct but the statement is lacking confirmation.

A very close examination of the 1865 Duryea Panorama shows the tree at the corner of South Terrace and Hutt Road and the tree at the corner of Flinders Street and East Terrace are of similar size to the others planted in the avenues circa 1857. These trees and the Fullarton Road and the Park 20 specimens all appear to have been planted.

The War Memorial Drive River Red Gum, located on the footpath just west of King William Street, appears to be in the 1865 photograph. In 1920 a group of concerned citizens rallied to the defence of this 'particularly fine gum tree' when plans were made to remove it during the construction of War Memorial Drive. Excellent photographs of this tree from 1925 to 1930 can be found in the Adelaide City Council archives (ref #1355).

The second gum that may possibly date from pre-settlement is located in the centre of Victoria Park just west of Pit Straight. Duryea's photo distantly shows some trees in the right location in line with the end of Carrington Street.

Further searching, particularly in the Mortlock Searcy Collection, may eventually determine the age of these trees.

### Sugar Gums

- 6.0m or 19'8"  
Palmer Gardens, North Adelaide
- 5.5m or 18'3"  
War Memorial Drive, just north of University Footbridge
- 5.3m or 17'6"  
Park 17 (Tuttangga), south of creek between playing fields
- 5.2m or 17'2"  
Park 17 (Tuttangga), along southern portion of Beaumont Road
- 5.2m or 17'1"  
Park 18 (Wita Wirra), west side of Hutt Road

The 1877 Sugar Gums at Waite Institute receive at least 50mm more annual rainfall than the tree in Palmer Gardens, planted in 1854 by George Francis before he became the first director of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens in 1855.

Francis planted over 400 trees, shrubs and other plants at that time. It is possible that the large Sugar Gum in Palmer Gardens was one of the trees Francis planted but no evidence has been found (or searched for) to confirm it. Sugar Gums are native to

the Mid-North, Eyre Peninsula and Kangaroo Island, consequently no Sugar Gums in Adelaide are pre-settlement (Reference: ACC File ERC/0066BD4:01).

*Kyle Penick*



*The River Red Gum near the centre of these photos was photographed in 1925 (above, supplied courtesy of the Adelaide City Council archives) and 2003 (below, photo taken by Kyle Penick). The location is War Memorial Drive, just west of King William Street.*



# Proposed Parklands public memorial lecture

The success of this year's centenary celebration has highlighted the value of such an event. It advanced APPA objectives through raising the Association's public profile, educating members and others, and providing a forum for sharing views and interests. An annual event involving respected speakers and the Parklands theme would be a continuation of this idea.

The APPA committee is considering such an annual event to further its aims of ensuring protection and good management of the Adelaide Parklands. The format, proposed by Jim Daly, would be a public memorial lecture on innovative park practices. New ideas and innovation in park conservation need to be discussed and shared in order to protect and enhance our heritage in times of increasing pressure on open spaces.

Specific advantages were identified by Jim Daly:

- building up public interest in Parklands issues
- sharing knowledge on new parkland ideas
- creating a forum for sharing ideas
- building an environment of cooperation and trust between stakeholders
- allowing people to meet informally to share feelings and ideas

- promoting awareness of Parklands issues through media coverage
- creating a prestigious annual event on the Adelaide calendar.

Funding for the memorial lecture could be raised through corporate sponsorship, donations and specific fund-raising activities. An amount of at least \$15 000 would be needed for investment, thus providing enough income from interest to subsidise the annual event. The money could be administered through a Parklands Trust Fund which could also disburse left over money to scholarships and grants to educational projects.

The Adelaide Parklands and their management have a significant impact on the people of South Australia. This proposal would expand awareness, knowledge and commitment among members of the broader community as well as those people who have already 'seen the Light'.

The APPA committee would appreciate members' views on the proposed Parklands public memorial lecture. See the list of contacts on the back page for passing on your opinion.

*Gunta Groves and Jim Daly*

## PUBLICITY OFFICER APPOINTED

Acting on a suggestion by APPA member, Gerald Minson, that the Association needs a publicity officer, Mike Hudson offered his services.

### **Mission statement**

*To enhance and maintain the public profile of the aims, objectives and actions of the Association.*

### **Implementation**

*To liaise with all sections of the media, all levels of government and bodies with interests and aims compatible with those of APPA Inc, with the view to assisting the designated spokespersons of the Association (ie President and Deputy President) in putting before the public the Association's stance of preservation of the Parklands.*

*Note: The duties of publicity/promotions officer does not authorise the holder of that post to issue public statements on behalf of APPA Inc.*

For APPA's new publicity officer, involvement with heritage and environmental matters began in his teens (longer ago than he likes to remember!) as a junior reporter with a weekly newspaper in the south of England.

'I became deeply involved with the protection of the New Forest,' Mike Hudson remembers. 'When it was created in the 11th century it was reserved for the royal hunting ground. Today, its 200 square miles are visited by an incredible seven million tourists a year! You can imagine the impact that has.'

In his 37 years as an Australian, Mike has renovated two historic cottages—in Morphett Vale and the Clare Valley, was a supporter of the 'Aurora' campaign of the '80s, spear-headed the move to return Unley's footy oval to the public, and initiated Unley Council's major role in creating an advisory committee for the Adelaide Parklands.

'One of the most satisfying things I have been involved in has been Unley Council's insistence on a two-storey limit for the offices which have unfortunately replaced those graceful old buildings which once fronted Greenhill Road and the south Parklands.

## A WATCHING GAME

The Adelaide City Council (ACC) has once again allowed an event to take place in the Parklands which was originally refused permission.

The Australian 4WD and Adventure Show was held in Ellis Park in October. But this was the last time, according to the ACC. It had to relent on its previous decision because 'it was too late to secure a new venue for this year' (reported in *The Advertiser* 12 August 2003).

APPA will be watching and waiting to see whether this year was truly the last year for this event in the Parklands. There is no excuse this time—there is plenty of time for the organisers to find another venue for their show.

*Gunta Groves*

## WEB SITE UPDATE

Unfortunately, the new Web site is still a 'work in progress'.

The new year should see our new presence on the Web.

In the meantime, the existing Web site is still useful even though a few of the links do not work as intended.

The current Web address is: <http://www.adelaide-parklands.org>.

# Duplicity or ... what?

We all sighed with relief in late August when we heard that the SA Cricket Association (SACA) proposal to use the Parklands for cricket's Australian Centre of Excellence was rejected in favour of Queensland's bid. The events, as reported in the media, did not give a very full picture of how negotiations between SACA, the state government and the Adelaide City Council (ACC) were managed. Piecing together information from several sources produces a very worrying and repugnant situation.

The North Adelaide Society has been active in commenting on the management of the Parklands, having provided a comprehensive submission to the inquiry into the future management of the Parklands. In a recent newsletter (No 132, 30 August 2003 p 4) the society reported the following events. In reply to a question at the July meeting of the North Adelaide Society, Michael Harbison stated that the purpose of the ACC's new parklands committee was to '... bring out into the open, for full disclosure and full accountability, the administration and management of the council's management of the parklands ... so that there are no secrets, no mysterious developments happening ...'. Then, the article goes on to say: 'We find this fascinating, given that 17 days later council called a special breakfast meeting (but not of this new parklands committee) at which it approved in principle a \$5.86m plan by the SA Cricket Association—if it won a tender bid to Cricket Australia—to erect three spectator stands, changing rooms and lunch rooms, and a total of nine, eight-metre light poles at two of its parklands leases ... Perhaps it's an Adelaide record—it would appear that it only took 17 days for this new council committee to be made redundant'.

I think that background negotiations over the previous 12 months between the Australian Cricket Board and

SACA, and between SACA and the state government and the ACC cast a longer shadow than just 17 days. This can be inferred from the report by Michael Deare, SACA's chief executive, on p 2 of SACA's 2002–2003 Annual Report.

It beggars belief to think that such an expansive proposal to use the Parklands for SACA's enrichment was first mooted at the ACC 'breakfast meeting' mentioned earlier.

*Gunta Groves*

## PARKLANDS 2036

You may have heard of the new government strategy to increase and coordinate Adelaide's open spaces.

'Parklands 2036' is a strategy which will create a second generation of parklands by the bicentenary of European settlement in 2036. The state government will work with councils and community groups to implement its vision.

The open spaces which will be developed and preserved through the strategy are:

- the Metropolitan Open Space System (MOSS)
- the Hills Face Zone
- Waterway Linear Parks
- Green Open Space buffers for the metropolitan area
- the Adelaide Parklands
- links to the Yurrebilla–Mt Lofty Parkland System
- Coast Park
- links to the Urban Forest Biodiversity Program
- transport corridor parkway trails.

A brochure prepared by Planning SA, Department of Transport and Urban Planning states that Parklands 2036 will set the direction for:

- enhancing and conserving the parklands and open spaces throughout the metropolitan area
- providing a recognisable and natural reinforcement to the

metropolitan urban growth containment boundary

- increasing recreation opportunities of the entire parklands system for the people of Adelaide
- developing major waterways as linear parks
- preserving and enhancing the natural character of the Adelaide Hills
- integrating conservation and recreation values in urban development
- protecting biodiversity and reintroducing native plants and animals.

How the Adelaide Parklands will be affected by this strategy is presently unclear. Many questions arise, especially regarding the proposed legislation for managing and preserving the Parklands.

APPA will be monitoring the process very closely and making appropriate representations. For further information contact:

Rick Gibki  
Planning SA, Department of  
Transport and Urban Planning  
Level 5, Roma Mitchell House  
136 North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000  
Telephone: 8303 0757  
Web site: <http://www.planning.sa.gov.au/p2036>

*Gunta Groves*

### **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Well, not this space exactly. But one like it in future newsletters. Trivia time has arrived.

Make sure you've been saving your previous newsletters because they'll be invaluable to you when you are trying to answer the questions—questions about the Parklands, their history, the politics and the personalities.

For your first hint, get out your newsletters numbers 10, 11, 12 and this one, and stand by.

# Motor Sport Act submission

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APPA was invited by Mr Rod Williams of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to respond to a draft report on the review of the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984* for restrictions on competition. The review is a state government obligation under the National Competition Policy which requires that restrictions on competition are to be retained only if the benefits to the community as a whole outweigh the costs.

In August, Kelly Henderson and Kyle Penick prepared a submission on behalf of APPA. The following is a very brief summary of the main points in their 11 page submission.

- The obligation to undertake full public consultation for the review has not been fulfilled. The Act imposes extensive social,

environmental and economic costs on Parklands users, taxpayers and the community.

- Anti-competitiveness of the SA Motor Sport Act is 'serious' rather than 'intermediate' because 'the market' should not be confined to motor sport events but include all events which could otherwise use the declared area (including those which the lessees could otherwise carry out, such as horse-racing and sporting events) and the market areas covered by motor sport venues, entertainment and function centres, city carparking facilities, liquor vendors, and financial and public liability insurers.
- The SA Motor Sport Board should operate within its

competitive neutrality obligations and therefore comply with the *Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996*.

- There should be a full and independent cost-benefit analysis done by experts and a performance audit done by the Auditor-General. The absence of a net benefit identified by the ACT Auditor-General regarding Canberra's V8 car races could well be true for South Australia.

The complete submission can be read by writing to APPA for a copy or e-mailing me at <ggroves@chariot.net.au> and I will e-mail back a copy.

*Gunta Groves*

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## NEW OPEN SPACE PLANNING INITIATIVES

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**In August the Hon Jay Weatherill, Minister for Urban Development and Planning, announced the members of a newly formed Open Space Advisory Committee. I was included in the appointments.**

### Role of the Open Space Advisory Committee

The Open Space Advisory Committee has the following functions:

- to advise the Minister on any matter relating to public parklands that should, in the opinion of the committee, be brought to the Minister's attention
- to evaluate and advise the Minister on open space strategies prepared by Planning SA or local government and other stakeholder plans referred to the committee by the Minister
- to advise the Minister on open space grant funding applications made by local government under

Section 81 (h) of the *Development Act 1993*

- to advise the Minister on any matter relating to the proposed disposal of government land that functions primarily as open space or has been set aside for public parklands
- to perform any other functions assigned to the committee by the Minister.

The Open Space Advisory Committee should, in the performance of its functions, take into account the provisions of the South Australian Planning Strategy.

### Relevance to the Adelaide Parklands

At its first meeting, the Open Space Advisory Committee was introduced to the Metropolitan Open Space System (MOSS), which links the Hills Face Zone, Coast Park and Linear Parks and Parkway Trails into an

integrated open space system. (See separate article on p 5.) It became very clear that the Adelaide Parklands is the hub of MOSS, linking the rest of the metropolitan open space by strong linear parks and the city squares. It is also a showcase for native plants and animals and a major tourist attraction.

This is an exciting concept and significant open space provision will be made over the next 34 years so that at the time of our bicentenary celebrations, this state will have a world standard open space system for its citizens that complements the unique Parklands encircling Adelaide planned by its first Surveyor-General, Colonel William Light.

### Resignation

I am resigning from the APPA Committee at the end of this year because of a possible conflict of interest. However, I will still be keen to be involved in specific APPA projects and activities.

*Jim Daly*

# UPDATE ON KAURNA NAMES FOR PARKS

## *Have you been practising your Kaurna pronunciations?*

Members of the APPA committee have discussed the implications of the Adelaide City Council (ACC) naming parks using the Kaurna language. It was noted that the new Kaurna names included some that were not the original names used for the Adelaide city area at the time of European settlement. Members of the committee welcomed the symbolic recognition of Aboriginal occupation of the Adelaide city area but, along with most of you, will need to practise their pronunciations before being confident about using the new names for parks.

An interesting perspective from 1931, entitled 'The place names of the Adelaide tribe', is reproduced on the next two pages. It was recorded in the ACC *Municipal Year Book* (pp 278–284), currently to be found in the ACC archives. It was written by Noel Augustin Webb who made several contributions to the ACC year books. Webb was a barrister, mayor of Port Augusta, Deputy President of the South Australian Industrial Court, appointed to the Federal Arbitration Court, and was possibly even a lyricist. Some of today's linguists and researchers do not agree with his interpretations and his work is reproduced here for its historical interest only.

The entry is much longer than what is published on pp 8–9 and contains information about such places as Port Adelaide, Mount Lofty and Kangaroo Island. Original punctuation and spelling have been retained.

*Gunta Groves*

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**WELCOME**  
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**to our new members**  
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Lucy MacDonald  
Gerald Minson  
Sir Eric and Lady Neal  
T Visser  
P Woolf  
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# *BRICK BATS AND BOUQUETS*

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## *Mayor's Sunday rambles*

Each Sunday morning at 7.30am the Lord Mayor leads a walk through a part of the Parklands. Our staunch and now very fit representatives, Kyle Penick and Kelly Henderson, have been participating in most of the walks. Other participants have been members of the Adelaide City Council and members of the broader community who have an interest in the Parklands.

All people are welcome to join the Mayor. Visit the council Web site to find out locations for meeting and walking: <<http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com>>.

## *Tree removals x 10*

Recently five Ash trees along Gilles Street were removed. No replacement plantings have been made because the area of footpath concerned runs along the frontage of the new Southcott development.

On careful inspection of all the promotional material depicting the townhouse development, no street trees can be seen. Does this mean that there is no intention to replace the trees cut down? This is a bit of a worry.

Another worry is the proposal to cut down five trees in Hurtle Square. Again, no replacement plantings have been proposed. The assessments of the five designated trees read as

though it is a crime to be ageing and and a crime to not be pretty—punishable by death. It is a pity that those criteria could not be used against the people proposing the tree removals.

Several individual submissions against cutting down some of the trees have been made by members of APPA (closing date was 12 November). Let's hope that some of the trees can be saved.

## *On a brighter note*

The *City Messenger* (12 Nov p 7) reports that the Adelaide City Council is considering allocating a budget for demolishing unused buildings in the Parklands and returning the space to general public use.

We should all drink to that! (See p 9.)

## *Albert Park news*

The most recent newsletter from the Save Albert Park group in Victoria has a wealth of information which has some relevance to APPA generally, and to APPA's fight against the use of the Parklands for motor racing specifically.

The article 'Voodoo economics—The exorcism?' (p 2) should be compulsory reading for all.

You can read the newsletter on the group's Web site at <<http://www.save-albert-park.org.au>>.

*Gunta Groves*

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## *REMINDERS*

DEADLINE FOR NEXT **NEWSLETTER**: 31 January 2004.

PARKLANDS SIGNATURE DRINK **COMPETITION**: Closes 31 January 2004.

WATCH OUT FOR MORE **COFFEE MORNINGS**: Next year's coffee mornings will be announced in the next newsletter.

LOOK FOR **NEWSLETTERS NUMBERS 10, 11 AND 12**: See p 5.

# *The Place Names of the Adelaide Tribe.*

(By Noel Augustin Webb.)

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At one time the meaning of the place names of the Adelaide Tribe must have been generally known, as the language was familiar to many early settlers, and most of the meanings would be obvious to anyone who knew the language, but, although the meanings are of great interest, no record of them was preserved, and in course of time they became almost completely lost. But the material from which the meanings can to some extent be determined survives. Several vocabularies of the Adelaide Tribe are still extant. It has interested me to delve into the problem, and I avail myself of the opportunity of recording some of the results of my research in this Year Book.

There were two suffixes used by the Tribe to indicate locality. They were “ngga” and “dlla,” and many place names of the Tribe can be recognized by the occurrence of either suffix. A place often received its name because of some prominent characteristic, and one or other of the suffixes added indicates locality. Thus, Reedbeds was called “Wito,” which is the native word meaning The Reed. The locality was called “Wito-nnga,” which name survives as “Wetunga.” Certain water-holes near Glenelg were called “Kau-wenna,” “Kauwe” is water. “Kauwenna” means the Waters. “Kauwenna-dlla,” the name of the locality survives in the pretty place name “Cowan-dilla,” which means the locality of the waters.

Nothing could be more appropriate than that the site which was destined to become the chief city of the State should be

named after that beautiful animal the Red Kangaroo (*Marcropus Rufus*), which before European occupation was to be found on the Adelaide Plains, and of which Gould, in his work “*Marcroipididae*,” writes:—“This noble species of kangaroo is the largest and one of the most elegant of its race yet discovered. It is, in fact, the finest of the Australian Mammalia. The female is particularly attractive from her graceful, slender, and elegant form, and from the snowy whiteness of her legs and under surface, which contrasts with the blue-grey tint of her sides and back; from her extreme swiftness she is called the ‘flying doe.’” A beautiful painting of these animals has been left to us by George French Angas.

It is frequently recorded that “Tandanya” is the native name for Adelaide. A small vocabulary published in 1839 by William Williams, of the Colonial Stores Department, and which is now very rare, contains these words: “Turn-durn,yung-gah” the “Land on the Banks of the Torrens” and “Tunda” “Red Kangaroo.” The vocabulary and phraseology of the Adelaide Tribe published in 1840 by two Lutheran Missionaries, Teichelmann and Schurmann, is a monument of painstaking industry. It contains the grammar of the language, and a much more comprehensive vocabulary. The vocabulary gives the name of Adelaide as Tandanya, and “Tarnda” as the “Red Kangaroo.” According to Teichelmann “Tarnda” was also the name of a fabulous person from whom the natives derived the use of tattooing, and who was

afterwards transformed into a kangaroo. William Wyatt’s book, published in 1879, gives the name of Adelaide as Tarndarnyungga.

According to the declension given in Teichelmann’s Grammar “nna” is the suffix which indicates the nominative plural. Tarnda is “Red Kangaroo,” “Tarndanna” is “Red Kangaroos,” and I have little doubt that this is the word which survives as Tandanya. When the suffix “ngga” is added to this we get the word “Tarndanna-ngga” which means the Locality of Red Kangaroos.

The kangaroo which appears as a supporter to the arms of the Corporation of the City of Adelaide is appropriately a red kangaroo, and commemorates the native name of Adelaide ...

In a book written in the 'seventies it was stated that the Adelaide Tribe had then long been extinct, but in recent years it was discovered that one member of the tribe still lived. Amelia Taylor, of Moonta, South Australia, who died on Christmas Day, 1929, was the last of the tribe of aborigines who inhabited the site of Adelaide. She claimed to be a daughter of King Rodney, but was probably his granddaughter. To her we are indebted for the story associated with the name “Onkaparinga.”

The principal camping-place of the Onkaparinga branch of the Adelaide Tribe was at Noarlunga. The word “Nurlo” means a curve, and this was the name given to the curious curve which makes almost a complete circle in the course of the river at the spot, and

which we call the Horseshoe. "Nurlo-ngga" is corrupted into Noarlnuga [sic]. The Onkaparinga tribe fell back on Noarlunga when attacked by hostile tribes, and the women and children were hidden in the fastnesses made by the course of the river through the hills above Noarlunga. For this reason the river was called The Woman's River, "Ngangki" means woman, "pari" is river, and "Ngangki-pari-ngga" means "locality of the Woman's River" and survives in the euphonious name, Onkaparinga ...

The River Torrens was called "Karrawirrapara," which means the River of the Redgum Forest.

... I had never associated the word "Morialta" with the language, but it appears that it is a tribal place name. The meaning of this word would not have occurred to me but for a clue which I obtained. Morialta is the name of the pretty waterfall in the Hills to the east of Adelaide. Mr. J. R. Baker, whose family has been associated with Morialta for many years, states that it has been

handed down that the word means "Flowing Water." The word "Yertalla," or "Yatala," means flowing water and was also a name applied to a waterfall. "Mari" is East. Water flowing in the East, or the Eastern Waterfall, would be "Mari-Yatala," and it is not difficult to believe that this name would be altered by our English tongue into the pretty name, Morialta. The name is of peculiar interest to Adelaide as one of its streets is called Morialta Street, and is the only thoroughfare of the City which bears an aboriginal name ...

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## ***COMPETITION EXTENSION—DRINK TO HISTORY***

Due to receiving only a few entries so far, this competition is extended to the next newsletter deadline of 31 January 2004. This gives you all a chance to experiment over the festive season! The three categories are:

**Alcoholic**  
**Non-alcoholic**  
**For mental stimulation only (not for drinking)**

The winner in each category will receive a set of inaugural Parklands button badges (see below). All entries will be judged by the editor and no correspondence will be entered into.

**Send your recipes to: Newsletter Editor, Parklands Signature Drink Competition,  
PO Box 3040 Rundle Mall Adelaide SA 5000**

**Competition closes on 31 January 2004. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.**

***Happy drinking!***



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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**  
**Adelaide Parklands Preservation Assoc PO Box 3040 Rundle Mall Adelaide SA 5000**

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**OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE TO ENSURE THAT:**

- the Parklands be available for use by the general public
- the public should so far as practicable, have free and unrestricted access to the Parklands
- the Parklands should be reserved as a place for public recreation, leisure and enjoyment
- alienated areas of the Parklands are restored for recreational use, preferably as open space
- the character of the Parklands as a place dividing the City of Adelaide from the suburbs should be preserved
- the Parklands should be preserved and maintained in a manner that enhances their special place in the design of the City of Adelaide
- the amenity of the Parklands is not impaired by inappropriate development of nearby lands.

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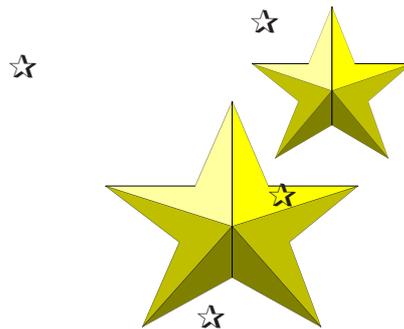
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