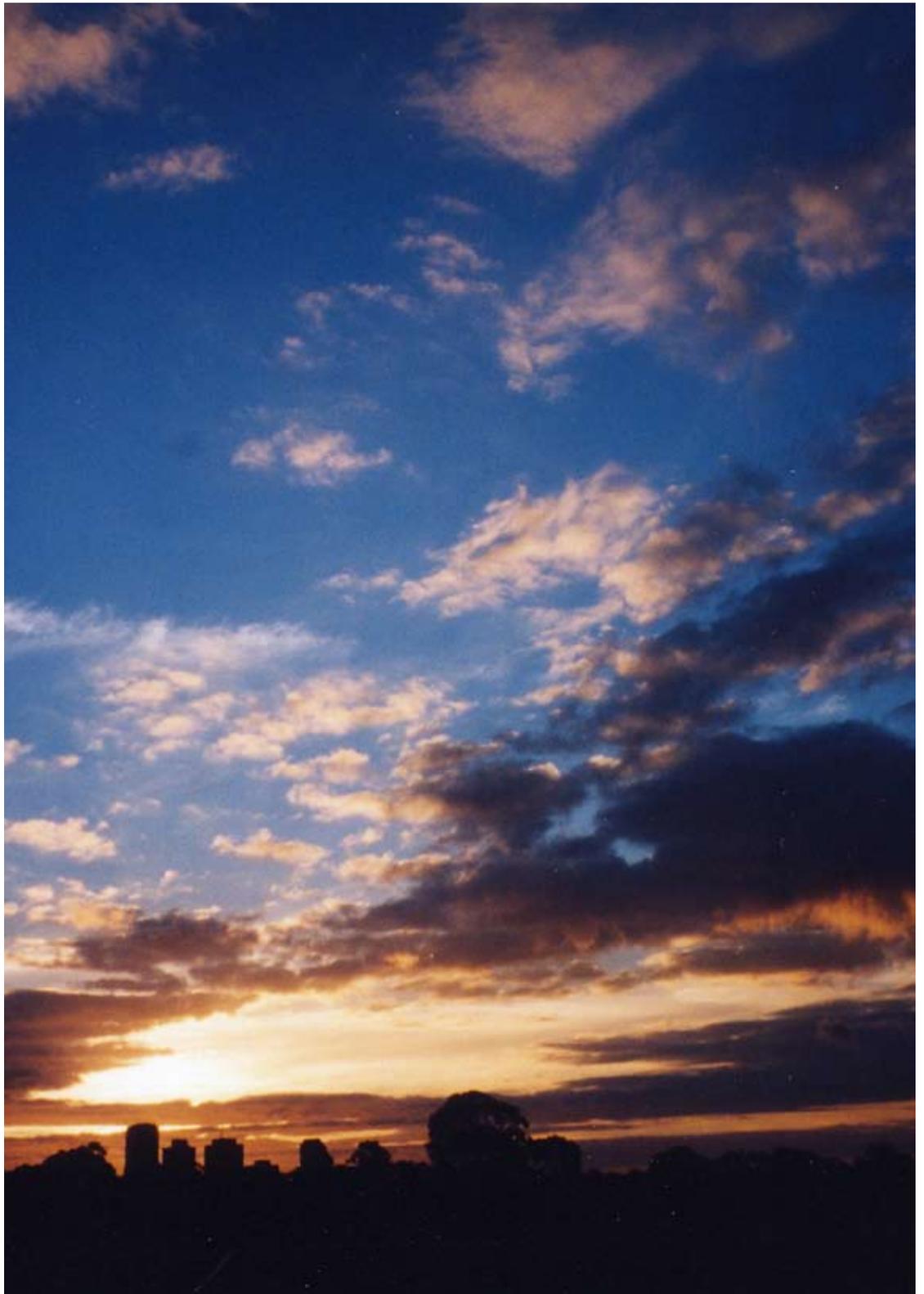


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# President's letter

There are three matters I would like to share with members in this edition of *Parklands News*. First, we are continuing the fight for Victoria Park on a number of fronts. A court action alleging a conflict of interest on voting at the 29 March Adelaide City Council meeting has had a preliminary hearing on 18 July and the full hearing is set for 13–14 September. Also, APPA has lodged a letter to the Development Assessment Commission asking for a Category 3 ruling on the development proposal for Victoria Park so that we can lodge an appeal.

APPA is convinced that if the expected long lease goes to Parliament for approval, as required by the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*, there is the possibility that in the Legislative Council the proposal might be defeated or significantly modified. Hence, APPA committee members are systematically approaching key politicians on this matter.

The second matter is the proposed relocation of the Royal Adelaide Hospital on to what were originally Parklands and the return of some of the present hospital site to Parklands. First, APPA makes it clear that the existing railway yards are on the Parklands and they should be

returned as Parklands. Regarding the present hospital site, APPA is in favour of as much as possible of this site being returned to Parklands and subsequently made available for use by the people of Adelaide. Any extension of the Botanic Gardens should avoid fencing that limits public use of the area.

Thirdly, the Park Lands Act says 'The Authority must prepare the management strategy within 2 years after the commencement of this section' (*Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 Part 4 section 13 (13)*). Rather than update the existing 1999 Management Plan, it is essential that a visionary Park Lands Plan should be developed that establishes a cohesive philosophy for the Parklands so that future planners and developers know exactly where the Parklands fit into a cohesive and integrated city planning strategy. This may need moving outside the square and finding the world's best planners, then employing them as part of the Thinkers in Residence program so that the vision and the supporting management strategy receive community support as well as support from all levels of government. If we think that our Parklands are worthy of National and World Heritage listing, then a visionary approach should be demanded by the Park Lands Authority.

We are waiting anxiously for word on the application for National Heritage listing of the whole of the Parklands and it is currently before Minister Malcolm Turnbull. Until our Parklands are acknowledged as the key distinguishing feature that sets Adelaide apart from other cities, we will continue to have development plans proposed by governments, councils and private sector developers that keep using the Parklands for car racing grandstands, hospitals and



even apartments along the River Torrens, all in the guise of 'progress'.

Now to more pleasant matters. Recently, one of our eminent persons, Scott Hicks, was quoted by Sheree Tirrell in *The Adelaide Magazine* published monthly (*The Advertiser* August 2007, pp 30–34): 'What appalled me when I saw the [Victoria Park] plans was that I thought: in 10 years time that is going to be apartments'. What was so uplifting about this was that Mr Hicks' concerns about the environment and the Adelaide Parklands particularly were featured so prominently in the article, even though the quote itself contains a terrible forecast. Mr Hicks went on to say: 'Because when the race we have [Clipsal 500] decides to leave town like the last one did that will be the first thing that happens. It just seems wrong ... it's the lungs of the city'. Hear! Hear!

And finally, I thank Mr Bruno Kruminis AM for being APPA's patron for the last year. Mr Kruminis has retired from his position of Lieutenant-Governor and we wish him well.

*Jim Daly*

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*Front cover: Sunset over the Parklands, looking west across Victoria Park.*

*Photo taken June 2005 by Gunta Groves.*

**Watch out for APPA's special newsletter about candidates for the Adelaide City Council elections in October.**

**The APPA committee will be collecting candidates' views on a number of issues to do with the Parklands.**

**Our many city members will be particularly interested in what the candidates have to say.**

# SUNSET OVER THE PARKLANDS

## Letter to the editor

### New hospital on dedicated Park Lands

The siting of a new hospital on the railway yards west of Morphett Street Bridge raises a problem—the land was purchased in fee simple for the ‘Inhabitants of Adelaide’. Since the receipt of purchase exists, the purchase is not in doubt. As the residents of Adelaide were not then incorporated there required to be someone who could hold the land on their behalf, as trustee. Sir Richard Davies Hanson stated this is Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, which resolves today to be Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The question of what ‘type’ of trust arises in relation to that land is yet to be resolved as to whether it is explicit, implied or constructive. However, I believe that the trustees and agents of the trustees are prevented by law from appropriating dedicated land subject to such a trust, and the Adelaide City Council certainly succeeded in several instances, and had to back-track in others, where this had temporarily been forgotten or ignored.

The current case of amnesia seems to be more extended and severe than previous instances, but is by no means the first attempt to assert rights which can be proven to be false, unjustified or unlawful. If a freehold is claimed over land which was set apart by Colonel William Light and dedicated as Park Lands, I would maintain that the means by which a so-called ‘freehold’ was obtained requires rigorous examination as I do not expect bureaucrats or Ministers or the Governor to have the power to lawfully convert the land to other use or ownership. This is backed up by a Royal Commission which identified much unlawful occupation of areas along North Terrace (such as areas occupied by the University of Adelaide which are not supported by lawful tenure).

I wonder if the assertion of ‘freehold’ on the veritable ‘Park Lands’ requires an enquiry by an Independent Commission Against Corruption. Interference with fee simple land titles must be a very serious offence as it has the potential to undermine the basis upon which all property is held in South Australia. To assert that the holder of the fee simple is no longer the owner of land by virtue of an administrative instrument having been unilaterally executed to dispossess the rightful owner at law or in equity must raise serious questions about government accountability and property rights. I would also wonder if knowingly making such an assertion, having possession of evidence to the contrary, would amount to fraud. I would have expected that that probability must give most people pause for thought.

Kelly Henderson

Obviously, a man’s judgment cannot be better than the information on which he has based it. Give him the truth and he may still go wrong when he has the chance to be right, but give him no news or present him only with distorted and incomplete data, with ignorant, sloppy or biased reporting, with propoganda and deliberate falsehoods, and you destroy his whole reasoning processes, and make him something less than a man.

Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, in an address to the New York State Publishers Association, 30 August 1948

**Silly me! I thought that we elected a Labor Government in 2002 and again in 2006 with a platform of preserving the Adelaide Parklands from commercial development and the return of alienated Parklands to the community. Labor campaign material (see extract right) said so! I also presumed that the Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 would help to protect the Parklands.**

Instead, the Rann Labor Government has broken its election commitments and broken with longstanding Labor policy to resist encroachments on the Parklands. Since 1965, Labor governments under Walsh, Dunstan, Corcoran, Bannon and Arnold mostly resisted grabbing Parklands for development. The Rann government is now presiding over the biggest land grab (Victoria Park and railway yards west of Morphett Street Bridge) in living memory. Additionally, all alienated areas announced and re-announced by the Rann government as being returned to Parklands are yet to be rehabilitated and made accessible to the community. (Even in the creation of new parks, as at the proposed subdivision at the Cheltenham racecourse, the Rann government didn’t maintain its public commitment to 40 per cent open space but slid back to 35 per cent, and possibly lower according to recent reports.)

To be fair, the railway yards area was not originally excised from the Parklands by the Rann government. However, it is wilfully continuing the misconception created by the Brown/Olsen Government that the area was ‘Crown’ land and could therefore be given to the State Transport

Authority in fee simple (in 1994), and then transferred to the Minister for Health under the current hospital proposal.

The process of the conversion from dedicated Parklands, owned by the people of Adelaide in fee simple, to Crown land that can be given to TransAdelaide in a freehold title raises important questions (see Kelly Henderson’s letter, right).

**Recently, I was alarmed and upset when I read about the Olsen Government’s plan to build permanent structures for car racing and other events in our Parklands ... Adelaide has always been known as a city in a park. Now gradually we are seeing this Government build more and more permanent structures in our parks. That means less and less space for public use. Where will it stop?**

Vini Ciccarello MP Member for Norwood  
Extract from Labor campaign material 2002

There are approximately 24 hectares at the railway yards site and approximately 47 hectares of ‘masterplan’ at Victoria Park that are under a cloud.

Clouds and the setting sun usually create a thing of beauty, but not this time. This time we are seeing an ominous descent of our Garden City into world mediocrity and worse through political opportunism that will be remembered for generations.

Gunta Groves

# SAVE VICTORIA PARK FIGHTING FUND

The campaign to save Victoria Park from the development aspirations of the government, Adelaide City Council, the Motor Sport Board and the South Australian Jockey Club is going to be long and expensive.

The APPA committee members have already put in their own resources and will continue to do so, and some people have donated previously. However, some aspects of the campaign will cost money, and lots of it.

APPA has received generous and significant donations recently, due to the 'masterplan' being revealed. More money is needed, so please consider donating to ensure that APPA puts up the best fight possible.

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***The Adelaide Parklands and future generations  
will thank you***

## ***From the treasurer***

A warm welcome to our new members.

This edition of *Parklands News* marks the half-way point for our membership year. Members who have yet to renew their memberships will receive a separate 'final reminder' inserted with this newsletter. Please return this promptly with your payment as APPA relies exclusively on membership fees to remain afloat.

In the interests of further increasing our membership, the APPA membership brochure has been included with this newsletter. Please pass it on to a friend, relative or colleague, or even consider gifting an APPA membership. For members who receive the electronic version of *Parklands News*, a PDF of the brochure is attached. Please print it and pass it on or e-mail it to another potential member or two.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see various references to legal actions that APPA has been obliged to become embroiled in or initiate. These legal actions commenced by your committee relate directly to the Victoria Park corporate entertainment development proposal, deceptively referred to as a 'grandstand'.

The Adelaide City Council acts in the role of trustee for the community-owned Parklands. This role requires protection of the Parklands, not their commercial exploitation. Certain elected Councillors and some ACC Administration staff clearly fail to understand that role.

Equally, the state Labor government has no authority to impose developments on the Parklands. The Labor government arguably won government in 2002 on the back of the Parklands preservation

vote, when Jane Lomax-Smith delivered the seat of Adelaide to Labor. Jane Lomax-Smith campaigned vigorously on Parklands protection from commercial exploration, vociferously supported by Mike Rann. Now APPA finds itself fighting the Rann government because of yet another about-face by Mike Rann, renegeing on election promises and commitments.

As the APPA legal bills start to mount, I implore all members to dig deep and donate to the cause. Remember, it is only APPA and its supporters that stand between preservation of the Parklands and the determined efforts of the state government and the Adelaide City Council to destroy our Parklands as we know them.

*Philip Groves*

# The Victoria Park 'grandstand' proposal and conflict of interest

***Some APPA members might not be fully aware of the events surrounding the votes taken by the Adelaide City Council in relation to the proposed Victoria Park 'grandstand' on Monday 26 March and subsequently on Thursday 29 March 2007.***

The resolution in favour of the motion which was passed on 29 March with the casting vote of the Lord Mayor Mr Michael Harbison was supported by Councillors Anne Moran and Richard Hayward.

Both Councillor Moran and Councillor Hayward sit on the South Australian Motor Sport Board. Their appointments were made by the Governor on 8 September 2005.

It is usual practice that when a Councillor has an interest in a matter before the Council which might be, or might be seen to be, in conflict with the interests of Council, the person with the interest absents him or herself from the voting in relation to the matter under consideration.

On both occasions when the matter in relation to the proposed Victoria Park grandstand was considered at Council, both Councillor Moran and Councillor Hayward addressed the meeting and stated they did have an interest, on the basis that they were one of 'Council's two nominees on the

South Australian Motor Sport Board'. Having declared their interest, they then indicated, however, that they had been advised that they were entitled to participate in the deliberations and subsequently voted on the matter.

Clearly, without their support the motion would not have proceeded.

The Local Government Act defines the circumstances in which a resolution may be set aside where a vote has occurred and one or more of those voting should not have voted because of their conflict of interest.

Two private citizens, Dr Heather Nimmo, a resident of East Terrace and I, a South Terrace resident, both of us being frequent and avid users of Victoria Park, together with APPA sought legal opinion in relation to the legality of the claim by Councillors Moran and Hayward that they were entitled to vote. On the basis of this legal advice, it appears that their ability to vote may be open to challenge.

APPA members and a number of private citizens have subsequently combined and donated monies to fund a legal action in relation to the validity of the Adelaide City Council's vote in relation to this matter.

The initial hearing was in the District Court before Chief Judge Terry Worthington on Wednesday 18 July.

At that hearing, the District Court set aside Thursday 13 September and Friday 14 September to hear the case.

The forthcoming elections for the new Adelaide City Council will occur five weeks following the hearing. In my view, it would be extremely inappropriate for the Council to attempt to advance this matter further in the meantime because the Council is in 'caretaker' mode.

As this is a matter currently before the Courts, it is inappropriate to further discuss the legal argument that the matter will proceed upon.

The conflict of interest action is one of two challenges that APPA is involved in relating to the proposed Victoria Park grandstand (the second challenge relates to the Development Application for the redevelopment of Victoria Park).

*Michael Henningsen*

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## **All the trees disappeared**

Whilst living in the Parklands the natives supplied us with firewood, they would take a tomahawk and go up a gum tree and cut the limbs off ... That was the way the Parklands became denuded of its trees, all the limbs cut off by the natives, and as the immigrants began to increase the white men felled the butts and then grubbed the roots, until all the trees disappeared.

*Extract from 'My early days in the Colony' by John William Adams (1805-1893) who came out on 'The Buffalo' arriving 24 December 1836. Recorded in Adams 1774-1971, a family history by Myra Stringer (Lutheran Press 1971, p 22).*

# Mozzies, malaria and pseudo swamps ... aka 'wetlands'

***In the last issue of Parklands News, Richard Brown wrote about the flood mitigation scheme for the south Parklands. He described how wetlands could be included in the scheme, mentioning storage basin 6 in Victoria Park as a possible location. This time, Mike Hudson writes about the dangers of wetlands in urban environments.***

It was the worst possible birthday present.

Balancing on a couple of sodden logs on the ultra humid Sumatran hillside, I woke to discover that during the night I had acquired a pair of bright red socks.

Closer inspection revealed that the 'socks' were, in fact, the bloody legacy of a couple of hundred mosquito bites. The standard-issue jungle-trekker's mozzie net had failed miserably.

Six months later, after what is apparently an unusually long reaction period, I eventually persuaded my GP my flu symptoms were in fact an onslaught of malaria. The next week passed in a haze as groups of Flinders Medical Centre staff and students hovered bedside to study my, at the time, unusual case.



Which goes *some* way to explaining my present preoccupation with—and opposition to—the ever-growing public love-in with 'wetlands'.

Note the quotation marks.

To the gullible public, 'wetlands' presents a warm, fuzzy feeling of green do-gooding.

Be blunt and truthful and call them swamps, and perhaps the inherent dangers might come into focus more sharply.

Meanwhile, for some—like those reportedly to be enthusiastic about creating a Port Road mozzie heaven—it

seems that all that is needed for a wetlands is a large hole surrounded by suitable aquatic plants.

A visit to the University of Sydney and Westmead Hospital's Department of Medical Entomology's Web site topic on 'Freshwater wetlands' (natural and constructed) at <http://medent.usyd.edu.au/fact/freshwet.htm> warns otherwise. It is, surprise surprise, a 'complex problem which must be considered case by case and must be carefully assessed for mosquito productivity and management'.

The report goes on to say that 'expert advice on the potential hazards, nuisance values and health risk, and the options for minimising the mosquito populations should be sought and carefully considered'. Which is why I believe that any plans to create large expanses of stagnant water, whether temporary or permanent, anywhere in the metropolitan area must be viewed with extreme caution.

And that includes any plans in the area of flood-mitigation or wetlands construction that might take into consideration the wide open spaces of our southern Parklands.

According to the above-mentioned Web site, 'ideally constructed wetlands should be located away from the community and beyond the flight range of the important local mosquito species'. And the significant warning that follows is that 'the flight range (dispersal) of mosquitoes varies with species, from less than one hundred metres to tens of kilometres'.



One of the most frequently used responses from wetlands supporters faced with arguments about the dangers of mosquito-borne diseases, such as malaria, Ross River fever and dengue fever, is that nature will take care of the problem, with the mozzie larvae reduced by other aquatic insects. And if that doesn't help, well, there are always the neighbourhood bats and birds to consume the mosquito adults. The Department of Medical Entomology isn't impressed, and says that the only biological agents available for practical use in wetlands are larvivorous fish.

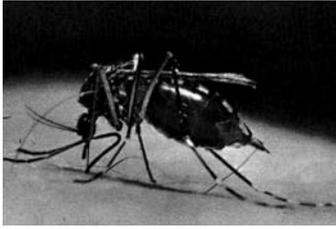
***There are about 400 species of mosquito in Australia, but only approximately 10 are commonly abundant and represent a serious pest threat through nuisance or disease.***

And what of chemical safeguards? Prevention in many countries has been heavily dependent on anti-malaria drugs and residual insecticides, but this has broken down in a lot of places because of drug resistance by the parasites, insecticide resistance by the mosquitoes and failures in administrative and logistical systems.

As if all the above isn't enough to ring warning bells about our wetlands love-in, here's the *real* sting in the tail. And it's a very big sting.

All the recent wetlands constructions have been undertaken on current climatic conditions. What happens *when* (not *if*) the effects of global warming come on-line?

## Approximately 700–800 malaria cases occur in Australia each year, all among travellers infected elsewhere.



The Department of Medical Entomology's report states that there are currently different theories as to the level and amount of climate change. Some models predict large changes in rainfall patterns, while others predict only small changes. With increases in rainfall there could be an increase in mosquito numbers and mosquito-borne diseases. However, this may not be the case as the biology of mosquito-borne diseases is a very complex issue and involves the mosquito vector, reservoir hosts and even sociological factors. And in some areas an increase in rainfall may even lead to a decrease in numbers!

But the worries about the long-term effect of global climate changes should not be confined to rainfall. There is the very real possibility of the current varieties of mosquito being substantially increased by even a minor hike in average temperatures, and it is significant that reports have surfaced in recent years of the arrival in the north of Australia of the malaria-bearing Black Tiger anopheles mosquito.

At the moment, opinion (and information) is divided on the presence of malaria-carrying mozzies in Australia. And, until now, among the 1.5 to 3 million people who die annually from the disease, there have not been any fatalities listed in Australia.

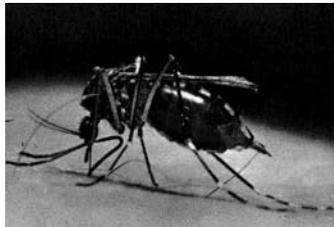
**Some mosquito species live for only a few days. Others can survive for several months during winter.**

Meanwhile, however, malaria *has* been endemic in Australia, and was declared eradicated in only 1981. Despite this 'eradication' claim, there have been 'rare' instances of malaria victims among

residents in northern Queensland, and vigilance, it is pointed out, is required to prevent re-establishment of the infection in some northern areas.

Perhaps our founding fathers got it right, all those years ago, when the first thing they did before establishing settlements was to ensure that they were well away from swamps and marshes. Of course, they had in mind the nuisance issue rather than worries about malaria. But, given the apparently inevitable global warming, perhaps we should follow their lead.

PS There is *some* good news on the horizon, albeit qualified. Despite testings by several laboratories, no conclusive evidence has been found to suggest that mosquitoes can transmit AIDS or hepatitis.



Mike Hudson

## ACC NOT LISTENING

Towards the end of June 2007, the ACC sent its deep corers over the middle of Victoria Park—a remediation effort after the activities of hundreds of primary school footballers enjoying a week-long carnival. Unfortunately, the area is also the last known Adelaide Plains natural location for the pink garland-lily (*Calostemma purpureum*) and early Nancy or common star-lily (*Wurmbea dioica*, previously *Anguillaria dioica*). Trapdoor spiders also inhabit that particular area.

A Parklands ACC staff member was told about the vulnerable flora and fauna in that area last year, but seemingly the message did not get through or, if it did, was ignored. Then again, the ACC has apparently been working on a 'major events' and development agenda for Victoria Park for a long time. Some endangered flora and fauna was not going to get into the way of that.

Gunta Groves

## Bully alert!

Bullying in schools and workplaces has been receiving some attention in media and government lately. While doing some research I found a useful Web site providing information about identifying and coping with bullying. The Web site is run by the UK National Workplace Bullying Advice Line and can be found at <<http://www.bullyonline.org>>. Some interesting snippets are provided below for all of us to consider—we may even recognise someone we know.

The common objectives of bullies are power, control, domination and subjugation. A few characteristics of a serial bully are:

- Self-opinionated and displays arrogance, audacity, a superior sense of entitlement and sense of invulnerability and untouchability
- When called upon to share or address the needs and concerns of others, responds with impatience, irritability and aggression
- Arrogant, haughty, high-handed, and a know-all
- Convinced of their superiority and has an overbearing belief in their qualities of leadership
- Apt to throw temper tantrums when things don't go well or they can't get their own way
- Contemptuous of disrepute to their organisation and of collateral damage and of the destructive consequences for all direct and indirect parties
- Pushy and extremely persuasive
- Rarely blinks, may have staring scary eyes that cut right through you, or may avoid eye contact completely.

The Web site also provides an insight into the personalities of bullies: 'an adult on the outside but a child on the inside ... the bully has never learnt to accept responsibility for their behaviour'.

Typically, when called to account, the bully denies everything, or counterattacks, or feigns victimhood or persecution. It is 'a pattern of behaviour learnt by about the age of 3; most children learn or are taught to grow out of this, but some are not and by adulthood, this avoidance technique has been practised to perfection'. Another advantage of this pattern of behaviour to the bully is that it is a provocation and when the victim finally displays pent-up anger and retaliates the victim is cast as a villain. Game, set and match to the bully! But only if the bully's victim reacts to the bully. My advice is don't let yourself be manipulated by bullies.

Gunta Groves

# Of what use are the ACC representatives on SAMSB?

***The South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) has responsibility for ensuring that motor racing on Adelaide's street circuit and in the Parklands is conducted safely and according to recognised rules governing motor sport. This includes occupational health and safety aspects such as noise. Adelaide City Councillors sitting on the board should be doing more for the people of Adelaide who are affected by noise from motor racing.***

Two of the nine members of the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) are Adelaide City Council representatives. In 2005, they were Cris Magasdi and Richard Hayward and, in 2007, they are Anne Moran and Richard Hayward.

As Councillors, they represent the interests of the City of Adelaide ratepayers, and as ACC representatives on the SAMSB they should still represent those ratepayers. However, it seems that they don't.

The issue of noise pollution and the impact of noise from the annual motor racing event on city residents was aired after the 2005 event (see *Parklands News* Issue 19 June 2005, p 4). Cris Magasdi and Richard Hayward were made aware of the results of testing done at the 2005 event by Mr Graham Pring under the supervision of an industrial noise and hearing consultant. Mr Pring was a regular volunteer worker at the event and therefore, under the *Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986*, an employee of the SAMSB at the time. (The *Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986* is one of the few Acts from which the SAMSB is *not* exempted.)

It appears that there has been no effort made by the Councillors to get the Board to comply with the rules of the event regarding noise at race meetings. The submission by Mr Graham Pring indicated clearly that there was no compliance with the rules of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS) which govern the event. The submission gave an example of noise levels inside

a house on East Terrace that were in excess of OHS&W regulations, even for a workplace.

The SAMSB is responsible for compliance with CAMS rules about noise and testing of noise and emissions at the event.

The issue of the impact of noise is a serious one. Even the current recommended noise limits will result in a predicted loss of hearing in 10 per cent of males and 15 per cent of females. In addition, there is a compounding effect when loud noise is experienced in the presence of emissions from racing cars—an ototoxic effect. The National Occupational Health and Safety Commission has recommended a reduction from 85dB to 80dB as soon as feasible so that the percentage of people who are affected can be reduced to 3 per cent for males and 4 per cent for females.

During the 2006 motor racing event, noise levels were tested by Bassett Acoustics for Kellogg, Brown and Root Pty Ltd, who are the Engineering Works Managers for the SAMSB. The report from Bassett Acoustics concluded that 'employees and volunteers are exposed to  $L_{Aeq,8hr}$  levels in excess of the specified level of 85dB(A)' in 'many areas of the track' and that 'the current  $L_{peak}$  criteria of 140dB(C) is met' although 'during the RAAF aerial displays, peak sound pressure levels of 140dB(C) were recorded'.

In simpler terms, this means that the requirements of the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission's National Code of Practice for Noise Management

and Protection of Hearing at Work are still not being met.

The current ACC representatives on the SAMSB have some work to do for their privileged positions on the Board and for their annual consideration of \$10 000. Or perhaps they could explain exactly how they view their role on the SAMSB, apart from helping to entrench motor sport in the Parklands.

*Gunta Groves*

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**STOP PRESS: ACC is going ahead with a public consultation on the lease for the proposed Victoria Park building. Lord Mayor Harbison did all he could to browbeat the councillors into agreeing to go ahead with the public consultation on a lease that they claimed they hadn't had input on. Dates for public responses: 23 August to 21 September 2007. APPA members will get additional information shortly about how they can express their views. Make every effort to tell them that a building is not welcome and therefore a lease, regardless of its provisions, is not on!**

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*Gunta Groves*

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## Something clogging the pipeline?

During June and July, you may have noticed very long black pipes snaking across the south Parklands and crews digging holes. The work was being done by a Sydney company on an essential service: a water main supplying the city. The technology used was new to Adelaide but already well-known elsewhere such as London. Instead of ripping out an old riveted steel main, the work was done by pulling a rubber pipe, 650mm diameter, through the old pipe.

When some Adelaide City Council Park Lands and Sustainability Unit staff members were asked in early June about what was going on, they could not supply much detail and said that they had been given only a few days' notice before the pipes were deposited. Communication within the Adelaide City Council must be less than integrated because, according to United Water, the first drawings for the project were sent to Andrew Smith, Asset Manager (Water), on 1 December 2006. However, the permit to enter Parklands was applied for by the contractors on 1 June 2007, which may go some way to explaining the communication gap.

Asset Management is a department of the ACC that crops up as a player in many decisions regarding the Parklands.

It would help the Park Lands and Sustainability Unit if Asset Management staff communicated more freely and more often with the people who are actually looking after the Parklands, especially since there are several more major sewer and water mains crossing the Parklands.

Perhaps, by the time that other mains need work in 30 years' time, the ACC will have cleared out their own information pipelines.

*Gunta Groves*



*Above: Four lengths of 240m long pipes of 650mm diameter were deposited in the south Parklands in early June. Installation work finished at the end of July and some remediation continued into August.*

*Photo taken June 2007 by Gunta Groves.*

## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2007-08

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- 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.

I agree to be bound by the Constitution of the Association. Signature .....

Please make cheque/money order payable to: Adelaide Parklands Preservation Association Inc (*not* 'APPA')  
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