

SOUTH EAST CITY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION REPORT MAY 2022 ISSUE 5

Victoria Park Wetland

The Wetland at the southern end of Victoria Park opened to the public on Saturday May 7. SECRA was advised on May 6 that *'earlier today the wetlands were officially opened (see attached media release). We'd like to express our gratitude for your interest and support for the project throughout construction.*

In addition to aiding the management of flooding in Park Lands Creek and downstream residential areas, the wetland will improve water quality, enhance the biodiversity of the area and create amenity for park users.

The wetland includes a series of lagoons, surrounded by walking paths and boardwalks for



recreational use. Two viewing platforms enable visitors to observe and soak up the surrounding environment along with an amphitheatre as a meeting place for storytelling and education. Come and explore all that the wetland has to offer!

The newly planted vegetation will be maintained under a contract arrangement for 2 years. This will ensure the successful establishment of the plants by watering,



weeding and replacing those plants that don't survive. The site, including its structures, will be maintained by the City of Adelaide.

When visiting, please stay on the paths and follow any signage in place. This will help the wetland to establish and thrive.

For more information visit www.bhkcstormwater.com.au '

Note: The photographs above were taken this morning (Saturday May 7) during a walk in the wetland by a committee member. Go and take a look yourself. It is absolutely wonderful.

History Month historic walks

Emails have been received from members regarding a Historic Walk to be held in May, and which was mentioned in our last member update.

These activities are part of the History Festival, which is held in May, and we are delighted that SECRA committee member Dr Heather Nimmo is involved with these. She will be managing a self-guided Historic Hutt walk on May 18 and if you plan to attend please RSVP to Heather via secra.sa@gmail.com.

Heather is also presenting a talk on *Writing Local History* at The Box Factory.

Both are promoted in History Month Information for the City of Adelaide. You can find out more at: <https://festival.history.sa.gov.au>

A Guided tour of Victoria Park will be held by the Adelaide Park Lands Association on Sunday 15 May at 2pm. Meet at the corner of Halifax Street and East Terrace.

Description: A two-hour guided tour of the treasured community open spaces, heritage, and woodlands in this eastern expanse of the Adelaide Park Lands.

About this event

Join Park Ambassador Rose Wight OAM and Doug Mc Evoy AM for an exploratory walk around one of the most historic parts of the Adelaide Park Lands. Learn about its horse-racing and motor racing history as well as its surprising ongoing role in providing rare habitat for an endangered butterfly. See the exercise track, construction progress on the new wetlands, and the open woodlands. Bring the kids! Dogs on leads are also most welcome. Wear sturdy shoes for a walk of about 2 hours duration.

There is a small charge for the walk and you can enrol at

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/guided-walk-through-victoria-park-pakapakanthi-park-16-tickets-220577763027>.



Immediate Past Chair conducting a previous APA Guided Walk through Victoria Park

The new SECRA website

SECRA member Peter Davis has been working with committee members Elizabeth Rushbrook and Anne Ballard to develop a new and updated website. More news soon!

SECRA Membership

2022 SECRA membership renewal payments are now overdue. A reminder has been sent to all non-financial members. We thank you in advance for your prompt payment!