

Councillor Siebentritt - QoN - South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB)

Tuesday, 10 March 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mark Siebentritt

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mark Siebentritt will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting the commitment by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) to increase tree canopy cover at Pakapakanthi / Victoria Park (Park 16), can Administration advise:

1. How many trees have been planted to date?
2. What is the estimated canopy cover of those plantings?
3. How many trees are in the forward planting plan and over what period of time?
4. What opportunities exist for the local community to get more involved with the planting program?'

REPLY

How many trees have been planted to date?

1. Since 2023, more than 300 trees have been planted by the City of Adelaide and volunteers in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
2. 44 trees are scheduled for planting in 2026.

What is the estimated canopy cover of those plantings?

3. The Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan (the Master Plan) ([Link 1](#)) establishes a target to increase overall tree canopy cover by 8 per cent, delivering a minimum total canopy cover of 30 per cent across the park.
4. Assuming an average mature canopy spread of 20 metres (equating to approximately 314 m² of canopy per tree), 344 trees would generate an estimated 10.8 hectares of canopy cover at maturity.
5. In 2022, canopy cover within Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) was estimated at approximately 22 per cent (around 15 hectares). Based on current projections, canopy cover is anticipated to increase to 30 per cent (around 20.7 hectares) by ~2040.

How many trees are in the forward planting plan and over what period of time?

6. As outlined in a report on the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan Implementation Projects presented to Kadaltilla on 18 September 2025 ([Link 2](#)), a tree planting plan has been prepared, with approximately 500 trees to be planted between 2026 to 2031.
 - 6.1. Planting is scheduled to occur annually during the seasonal window of April to May, subject to the availability of tree stock and required CoA and / or volunteer resources.

- 6.2. The number of trees planted annually will be guided by the availability of suitable tree stock and the capacity of Administration and volunteers.
7. The planting of an additional 500 trees would increase the overall canopy within Victoria Park by 15.7 hectares achieving an overall canopy of 60 per cent (41.5 hectares) by ~2050.
8. Administration has been working with South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) to identify suitable planting locations, noting that existing event infrastructure constrains planting opportunities within the northern section of the park. The tree planting plan will need to be reviewed following the State Government's recent announcement regarding the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix and the proposed track realignment within Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
9. It is noted that the current MotoGP proposal and associated works are expected to result in impacts to trees across a number of parks within the Adelaide Park Lands, including:
 - 9.1. Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)
 - 9.2. King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15)
 - 9.3. Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
10. Administration will work with the SAMSB to understand the total impact consistent with the monitoring we are undertaking with tree loss and replanting commitments on the following State Government led projects:
 - 10.1. Adelaide Aquatic Centre
 - 10.2. New Women's and Children's Hospital and,
 - 10.3. North Adelaide Public Golf Course redevelopment.

What opportunities exist for the local community to get more involved with the planting program?

11. Administration works closely with the South East City Residents Association (SECRA), which in 2023 initiated the community-led 'Green Pakapakanthi' program to increase tree canopy within Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
12. Administration also partners with several schools to plant trees within the Adelaide Park Lands on various tree planting projects.
 - 12.1. In 2023, more than 120 secondary students from 11 Catholic schools planted approximately 1,500 native trees and plants in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) as part of World Youth Day activities.
13. Administration met with SECRA on 27 February 2026 to discuss the upcoming 2026 planting program which includes four community planting programs:
 - 13.1. Expansion of the existing Miyawaki planting zone on the southern side of the existing planting zone adjacent to the wetlands.
 - 13.2. Establishment of a new threatened species recovery zone (*Austrostipa gibbosa*) and future seed bank.
 - 13.3. Additional tree planting at the eastern end of South Terrace.
 - 13.4. Establishment of a new native verge planting zone on South Terrace at the end of Vincent Street.
14. Information is available on the City of Adelaide website outlining how local community members can participate in tree and biodiversity planting ([Link 3](#)) across the Adelaide Park Lands.

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