



CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Agenda and Reports

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 7 April 2026

at 8.30 pm

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda, Tuesday, 7 April 2026, at 8.30 pm

Members – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

Councillor Snape (Chair)

Councillor Giles (Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Davis, Freeman,
Maher, Martin and Dr Siebentritt

Agenda

Item	Pages
1. Acknowledgement of Country	
At the opening of the City Community Services and Culture Committee meeting, the Chair will state:	
‘Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.	
And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.’	
2. Apologies and Leave of Absence	
Leave of Absence - Councillor Cabada	
3. Confirmation of Minutes - 3/3/2026	
That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 3 March 2026 be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.	
View public 3 March 2026 Minutes.	
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Cricket Net Relocation – Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12)

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

Public

Tuesday, 7 April 2026
City Community Services and
Culture Committee

Program Contact:
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Approving Officer:
Jo Podoliak, Director City
Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the support of Council for the relocation of existing turf wicket cricket training nets in Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12), within the Licence Area.

The project will enable the Lessee, Adelaide University, to establish a new oval and make greater use of the playing fields by its sports clubs and the broader community, including Adelaide Botanic High School students, who utilise this park for physical education.

The cricket training nets will be relocated to a site previously used for lawn tennis, which has not been utilised for this purpose since 2010. The relocation will also facilitate the replacement of the existing chain wire mesh fencing with a combination of post-and-rail fencing and new black chain wire mesh fencing around the training nets only.

The current training nets area will be returned to open Park Lands use, enabling unrestricted access when not in use by the Lessee.

This matter was considered by Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority on Thursday 26 March 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 14 April 2026 for consideration

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL
THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the relocation of the existing cricket nets within Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12) as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 7 April 2026, subject to:
 - 1.1. The proposed post and rail fencing replaced with bollards as per the City of Adelaide design suite.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Community Enable community-led services which increase wellbeing, social connections and participation in active lifestyles, leisure, recreation and sport.
Policy	<u>Community Land Management Plan</u> A12.4 – Purpose for which the land is held: 'Providing sporting fields and rowing sheds, and activities in accordance with the relevant lease / licence over the land.'
Consultation	Adelaide University sports clubs and the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) informed the location and design of the redeveloped cricket nets in Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12).
Resource	This project will be managed by Adelaide University.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	This project will require Development Approval and a City Works Permit.
Opportunities	The relocation of the existing cricket nets will facilitate increased programming of the playing fields in Park 12 and improve community access to Park Lands by removing existing boundary fencing.
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The assets associated with this project will be owned by the Lessee, Adelaide University, for the life of the Lease, which ends on 30 June 2055.
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	As per the Lease Agreement, all ongoing maintenance and renewal costs will be borne by the Lessee.
Other Funding Sources	Adelaide University will fund the entire project.

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The Adelaide University (AU) has a 42-year lease (1 July 2013 to 30 June 2055) for facilities in Bullrush Park / Warnpangga (Park 10) and Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12), including a lease for the community buildings and a licence for the playing fields, which are maintained by the AU.
2. The playing fields in Park 12 include AFL and cricket ovals, a soccer pitch and two sets of cricket training nets (southern and central), as shown in **Attachment A**.
3. The southern cricket nets are hard-wicket (concrete base with synthetic turf on top) training facilities and are to be retained in situ.
4. The central cricket nets are turf-wicket training facilities and are proposed to be relocated by AU to the south-western corner of their licensed area. The relocation of these facilities will allow for the existing soccer pitch in Park 12 to be converted to an AFL/cricket oval. This would facilitate AFL and cricket programming across three playing fields in Park 12, with soccer training and matches consolidated into Park 10.
5. The relocation of the central cricket nets will enable increased use of the playing fields in Park 12 by AU's sports clubs and the broader community, including Adelaide Botanic High School students, who utilise Park 12 for physical education.

Site Context

6. The proposed relocation site is within AU's licensed area in Park 12 and includes an area formerly used for lawn tennis. The lawn tennis courts have not been used since early 2010, and access is currently restricted by a 3.6-metre-high chain wire mesh fencing. Currently the AU play tennis on the lawn tennis courts in Park 10.
7. The proposed relocation site is not accessible to the public and is sporadically utilised by the AU for non-organised sporting activities i.e. warm up area for sporting teams. In recent years the AU have identified this area as an ideal location to relocate the cricket nets. The proposed location and design of the cricket nets have been discussed with Council and Cricket Australia and funding to support the project has been sourced by the AU.
8. Beyond the fenced lawn tennis area, the site is bordered by a community building (grandstand) with adjacent car parking to the north, a mature Moreton Bay Fig tree to the west, and War Memorial Drive to the south.

Facility Design

9. The proposed new turf-wicket training nets have been designed in accordance with Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Facility Guidelines, as shown in **Attachment A**.
10. The training nets are oriented north-south, with the turf wickets located at the northern end. This ensures the turf wickets are away from existing trees, providing optimal growing and maintenance conditions.
11. The training nets will comprise black chain wire mesh fencing that is 3.6 metres high on the western, northern and eastern sides, 4.5 metres high on the southern boundary, and black netting placed over the top. The training nets are 36m wide and 42m long.
12. When in use, retractable fencing on the western and eastern sides will extend to the southern boundary, to ensure cricket balls remain within the enclosure.
13. The existing tennis court fencing will be removed and replaced with low post-and-rail fencing to the west of the new training nets.
14. The area to the west will be an open lawn area, with seating positioned to utilise shade from the Moreton Bay Fig tree.
15. AU originally proposed that both the turf wicket and hard wicket training nets be co-located in this southwest corner of the park. Council Administration was not supportive due to the extent of construction planned for the area adjacent to the Moreton Bay Fig tree. The hard-wicket training nets will remain in situ and accessible to the community.

Access

16. The new training nets will be utilised by AU sports clubs and sub-lessees, predominantly during the summer season. The turf wickets are not publicly accessible.

Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

17. This matter was considered by Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority on Thursday 26 March 2026. Feedback from the Board included:
 - 17.1. Suggested replacement of the proposed post and rail fencing with bollards
 - 17.2. Consider landscaping opportunities around the new cricket net location
 - 17.3. Query around possibility of retractable fencing instead of permanent mesh fencing on the southern side of the cricket net enclosure
 - 17.4. Queried what opportunities there are for accessible footpaths and high kerbing to be implemented in the area south-west of the new cricket net location (noting this area and assets fall outside Adelaide Universities' Lease Agreement).

Next Steps

18. Subject to the endorsement of the City Community Services and Culture Committee, this proposal will be presented to Council in April 2026 for consent to progress with a Development Approval application.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Adelaide University Cricket Net Relocation Concept Plan

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Relocation of Cricket Training Nets

Concept Plan

Red Gum Park/Karrawirra (Park 12)



Location of Proposed Works



Existing




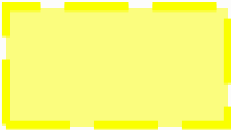



Proposed



Existing Site Conditions



Map Legend

Turf wicket cricket training nets (1,200 sqm)	
Former lawn tennis courts (1,850sqm)	
Existing buildings and sports fields	
Hard wicket cricket training nets	
Footpath	

Concept – Relocation of Turf Cricket Training Nets



Concept – Relocation of Turf Cricket Training Nets




KEY PLAN



LEGEND

EXISTING

 RETAIN EXISTING CHAIN MESH FENCE


 EXISTING TREES

NEW

 CHAINMESH FENCE
3.6m & 4.5m HEIGHT

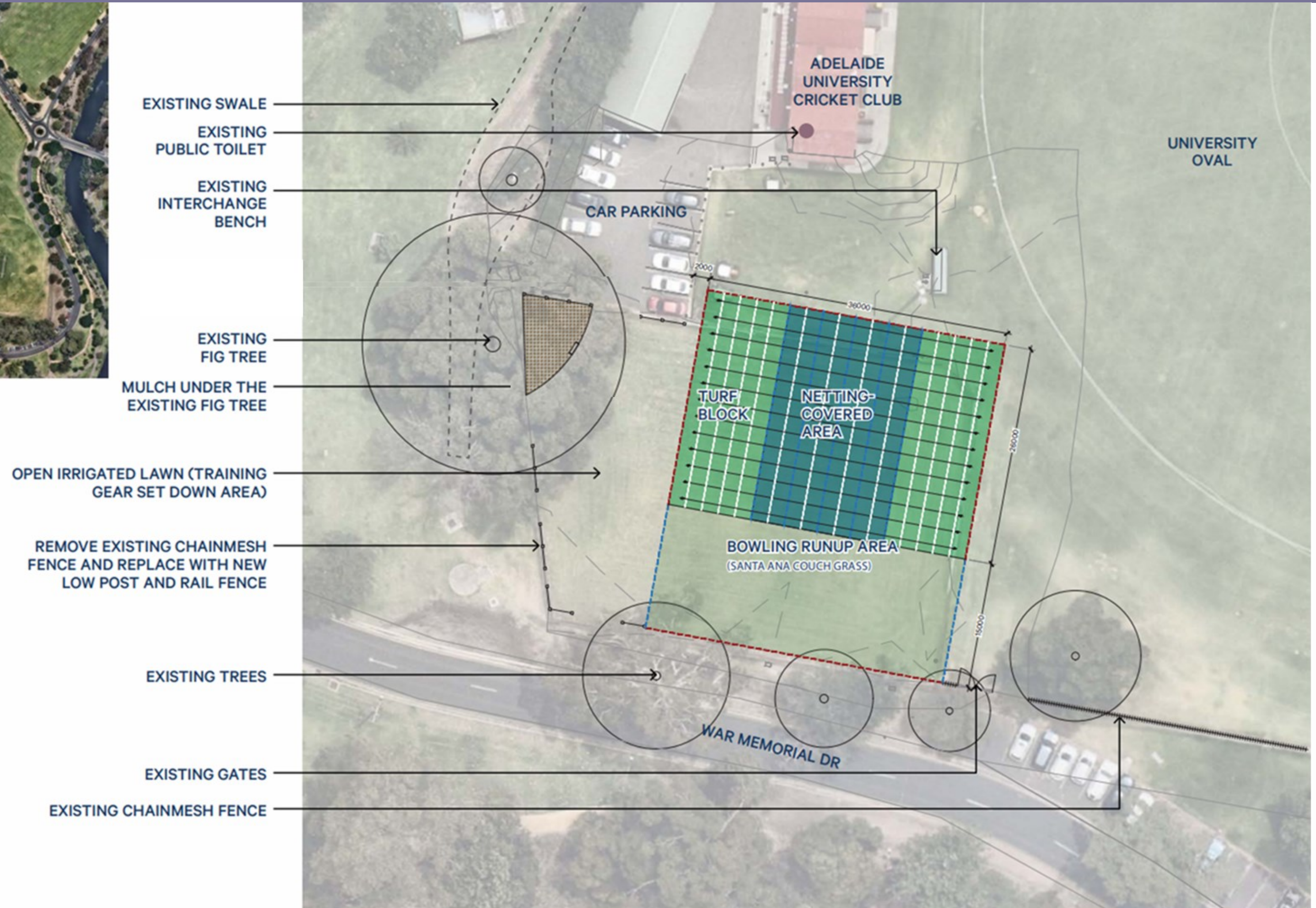
 RETRACTABLE NETTING
3.6m HEIGHT

 NEW OPEN POST AND RAIL
ALONG BOUNDARY

 POST WITH STRUCTURAL
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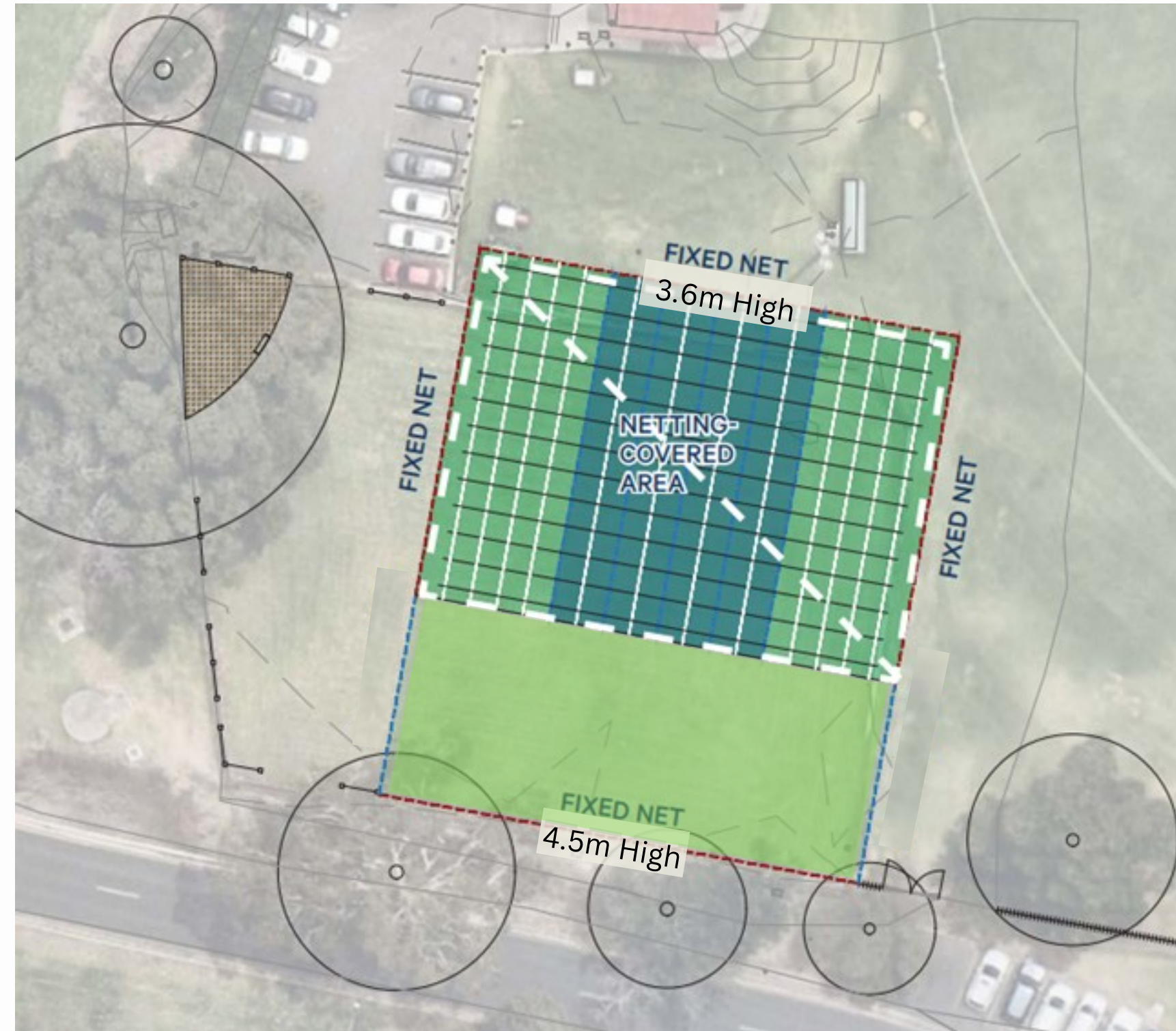
 MULCH AREA

 BENCH



Concept – Relocation of Turf Cricket Training Nets

- When in use, the bowling run-up area will be enclosed with retractable fencing.
- When not in use, the bowling run-up area will remain open and accessible.



Map Legend

Fixed Net	■ ■ ■
Retractable Net	■ ■ ■
Net Covered Area	■ ■ ■
Bowling Run Up	■ ■ ■
Tree Canopy	○

Concept – Relocation of Turf Cricket Training Nets

- Decommission and remove existing turf wicket cricket training nets
- Reinststate the current turf wicket training nets to open Park Lands use



BEFORE

AFTER

City of Adelaide Dog and Cat Management Plan

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

Public

Tuesday, 7 April 2026

City Community Services and Culture Committee

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Approving Officer:

Jo Podoliak, Director City
Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to release the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030 (the draft Plan) for public consultation.

All councils have legislated obligations regarding animal management in the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*. The draft Plan delivers on Council's obligations, aligns with the intent of Council's Strategic Plan 2024–2028, and seeks to meet community expectations in relation to responsible pet ownership, safety and amenity.

Council's approach to animal management has been developed throughout previous plans. The draft 2026-2030 Plan does not materially alter the current approach. The plan builds on the existing foundations and outlines actions that will continue to improve animal management and encourage responsible pet ownership.

Subject to endorsement, the draft Plan will be released for public consultation in accordance with Council's Public Communication and Consultation Policy. A further report will be presented to Council following public consultation outlining feedback received, proposed amendments, and the final Plan for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 14 April 2026 for consideration

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL

1. Endorses the draft *Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030* as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 7 April 2026, for the purposes of public consultation, prepared in accordance with Section 26A of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*, as amended.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to:
 - 2.1. Make minor editorial or administrative amendments to the draft Plan and consultation materials prior to release, provided these do not alter the intent.
 - 2.2. Notify the Dog and Cat Management Board upon preparation and, if applicable, amendment of the Plan, in the manner determined by the Board.
3. Notes that Administration will present a further report to Council following consultation, including a summary of feedback received, proposed amendments, and the final Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030 for consideration.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Community Enable effective governance, risk management, accountability and transparency in decision making, and support community amenity, safety and responsible pet ownership.
Policy	Management of dogs and cats is a legislated function of Council. The draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 (draft Plan) does not significantly impact existing policies.
Consultation	The draft Plan will require public consultation in accordance with Council's Public Communication and Consultation Policy, including engagement with residents, community members, and dog and cat owners.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The draft Plan addresses Council's approach to delivering the legislative obligations outlined in the <i>Dog and Cat Management Act 1995</i> . The plan is also supported by City of Adelaide by-laws. Engagement has occurred with the Dog and Cat Management Board in preparing the draft Plan.
Opportunities	To modernise animal management practices following legislative reform, strengthen compliance approaches, and enhance community safety and amenity through responsible pet ownership.
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The Plan will operate from 2026–2030
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. Section 26A of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* (the Act) requires every council to prepare a plan relating to the management of dogs and cats within its area, consistent with guidelines issued by the Dog and Cat Management Board (DCMB) ([Link 1](#)).
2. Throughout 2024 and 2025 the State Government proposed changes to the Act, which were anticipated to impact requirements for Dog and Cat Management Plans.
3. Council's current *Dog and Cat Management Plan* expired in 2024 ([Link 2](#)). In consideration of the pending legislative reform and in consultation the DCMB, the City of Adelaide sought approval from DCMB to continue the use of Council's current plan until December 2025.
4. Reviewing the Dog and Cat Management Plan is a specific action of City of Adelaide's Strategic Plan 2024-2028.
5. An effective Dog and Cat Management Plan also supports other Strategic Plan actions, including:
 - 5.1. Provide services that encourage responsible pet ownership
 - 5.2. Enable community-led services which increase wellbeing, social connections and participation in active lifestyles
 - 5.3. Create safe, inclusive and healthy places for our community
 - 5.4. Protect and restore native habitat in our city

Legislative Amendments

6. The *Dog and Cat Management (Breeder Reforms) Amendment Act 2025* was passed on 18 June 2025. ([Link 3](#))
7. The first amendments commenced on 17 November 2025, introducing updated compliance tools, increased penalties and revised document governance requirements for councils.
8. The amendments do not materially alter the delivery of animal management services in the City of Adelaide, but they require revised documentation processes and updated compliance considerations.
9. The key amended provisions made to the Act include:
 - 9.1. Allowing a council's Dog and Cat Management Plan to be incorporated into other strategic documents, rather than the previous requirement for a stand-alone plan.
 - 9.2. Requiring a council to notify the DCMB when a plan is prepared or amended, rather than seek endorsement of the board.
10. Whilst future City of Adelaide Dog and Cat Management Plans may be incorporated into broader strategic documents, due to the timeframe of Council's current Strategic Plan and the expiry date of the previous Dog and Cat Management Plan in 2024, progressing a stand-alone plan is recommended.

Dog and Cats in the City of Adelaide

11. The City of Adelaide currently has 1,174 dogs and 510 cats registered.
12. Reported incidents relating to dogs and cats are shown in the table below.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 (Q1&2)
Cat complaints	13	20	3
Dog attacks	43	31	18
Dog barking complaints	70	70	22
Dogs wandering at large	119	91	46
Dogs impounded	4	5	2

13. In addition to dogs registered within the City of Adelaide, Administration note many dogs registered in other Council areas regularly visit City of Adelaide's Dog Parks and Park Lands.
14. While the data does not demonstrate an increase in the first six months of this financial year, it is noted as the city's population and activation increases, the volume of animal management incidents is also expected to increase.

Overview of the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030

15. The draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 (the draft Plan) does not propose material changes to Council's approach to animal management.
16. The plan outlines actions that will continue to encourage responsible pet ownership, increase dog registrations, microchipping and desexing, and reduce instances of animal nuisances and public safety risks.
17. The draft Plan supports, and is underpinned by key pillars of Council's approach to animal management:
 - 17.1. Administration of the City of Adelaide's Dogs By-law 2024 and Cats By-law 2024.
 - 17.2. Designated on and off leash areas in the City of Adelaide ([Link 4](#)), approved by Council in 2021 following public consultation.
 - 17.3. Two designated dog parks ([Link 5](#)).
 - 17.4. Appropriately trained Community Safety Officers (CSOs) undertaking proactive inspections and responding to community reports.
 - 17.5. Proactive community education initiatives on registration requirements and benefits and responsible pet ownership.
18. Administration has consulted the DCMB on the contents contained in the draft Plan to ensure it meets legislative requirements following the recent amendments.
19. The draft Plan has been developed through a review of the 2019-2024 plan; analysis of requests, registration statistics and animal incident/report data; consideration of legislative reforms; stakeholder engagement with the DCMB and animal welfare organisations; and internal engagement. Further public and external consultation will occur following endorsement of the draft Plan.

Next Steps

20. Should the report be endorsed:
 - 20.1. The draft Plan will be released for public consultation in accordance with Council's Public Communication and Consultation Policy, with notification also provided to the DCMB as per Section 26A of the Act.
 - 20.2. Community and stakeholder feedback will be collected, analysed and incorporated into the Plan where appropriate.
 - 20.3. The draft document will be professionally designed prior to public consultation.
21. Following public consultation, Administration will provide a further report to Council for endorsement based on the feedback provided.
22. Once adopted and notified, the Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030 will guide Council's animal management activities and services.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - The *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*

Link 2 - City of Adelaide Dog and Cat Management Plan 2019 - 2024

Link 3 - The *Dog and Cat Management (Breeder Reforms) Amendment Act 2025*

Link 4 - City of Adelaide Dog On-Leash/Off-Leash Map

Link 5 - City of Adelaide Dog Parks

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – The draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030

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Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030

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1. Our City

The City of Adelaide is South Australia's capital city council, encompassing the Adelaide CBD and North Adelaide and surrounded by the Adelaide Park Lands. It is a vibrant, high-density urban environment that supports a growing residential population, a significant workforce and a large number of visitors each year. Public spaces, parks and streets are heavily used, making the effective management of dogs and cats essential to community safety, amenity and wellbeing.

Pet ownership continues to grow across Australia, with approximately 69% of households owning a pet. This growing trend is reflected within the City of Adelaide, which encompasses approximately 760 hectares of park lands, including 29 parks and 6 city squares. These expansive open spaces, along with the city's dedicated dog parks, have become vibrant social hubs that foster connection among residents, visitors and the wider community.

Pet ownership enhances quality of life for individuals and families and delivers broader community benefits, including increased physical activity, social interaction and improved mental health and resilience.

The City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024-28 aspires to create a vibrant, connected and inclusive city. Pet ownership plays an important role in achieving this vision by strengthening community ties and enhancing the everyday experiences of those who live, work and play in Adelaide. City of Adelaide's Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 builds upon these values, supporting a city that is both pet-friendly and responsibly managed.

About our City <to be included as an infographic>:

- 760ha of Park Lands
- 29 parks
- 6 squares
- 26,120 residents
- 1174 dogs registered
- 510 cats registered
- 23 off-leash areas
- 2 dog parks with separate areas for small and large dogs

2. Background

The City of Adelaide is responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* (the Act) across the city and North Adelaide. The Act provides the legislative framework for managing dogs and cats in the community and outlines the responsibilities of councils, owners, and the broader community.

The objectives of the Act are to:

- Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership.
- Reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats.
- Promote the effective management of dogs and cats, including through mandatory microchipping and desexing.

Councils are required to develop a plan to guide the care and control of dogs and cats within their local area. The plan must address compliance, education, registration, identification, and facilities for dogs and cats, as well as broader community engagement and environmental protection.

As of 2023, there were more than 315,000 dogs registered across South Australia, including over 1,100 registered within the City of Adelaide. [REFERECE: Dog and Cat Management Board. Annual Report 2023-24, p. 16.] This equates to around one dog for every two households, reflecting South Australia's position as one of the leading pet-owning states in the country. Nationally, pet ownership has seen a marked increase since COVID-19, further highlighting the need for effective animal management strategies at a local level.

The Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 outlines how the City of Adelaide will meet its legislative responsibilities, promote responsible pet ownership, and support a safe, inclusive and sustainable urban environment aligned with the priorities of our Strategic Plan.

The Plan has been developed through:

- Review and evaluation of outcomes from the previous Dog and Cat Management Plan (2019-2024).
- Analysis of requests, registration statistics and incident/impounding data.
- Consideration of emerging legislative reforms and policy directions.
- Engagement with internal and external stakeholders, including the Dog and Cat Management Board and animal welfare organisations.
- Engagement with the community through Council's public consultation processes.

3. Strategic Context

The City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024-28 has several key priorities which will support and enable residential population growth to a target of 50,000 by 2036. Effective animal management within a such a growing and diverse capital city environment is critical.

The objectives of the Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 align to the goals in the Strategic Plan. The following table demonstrates the relationship between the goals of each Plan.

Strategic Plan Aspiration	Relevant Strategic Plan Actions	Alignment with Dog and Cat Management Plan
Our Community - Vibrant, connected and inclusive	Enable community-led services which increase wellbeing, social connections and participation in active lifestyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise pet ownership as a social connector Promote mental and physical wellbeing through pet interaction and dog parks Support pet owners in higher density living
Our Environment - Resilient, protected and sustainable	Protect and restore native habitat in our city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote protection of local wildlife Encourage responsible pet ownership (e.g. picking up waste) Support microchipping and desexing to manage populations sustainably
Our Places - Interesting, purposeful and safe	<p>Create safe, inclusive and healthy places for our community</p> <p>Review the Dog and Cat Management Plan</p> <p>Provide services that encourage responsible pet ownership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog park infrastructure and off-leash areas provide safe recreation Dog registration and enforcement reduces risks in public spaces Barking and roaming dog management enhances community safety and wellbeing

4. Legislative Responsibilities

The City of Adelaide's responsibilities under the Act are as follows:

- Ensure all dogs are registered from three (3) months of age.
- Ensure that all dogs are identified by an identification tag when in public.
- Maintain a register of dogs containing the information required by the Dog and Cat Management Board (The Board), (which may be kept in electronic form), and that is to be readily available for public inspection; and ensure that the Board is provided with information contained in the register as required by the Board.
- Appoint a suitable person to be Registrar.
- Appoint the equivalent of one full-time animal management officer or make other satisfactory arrangements for the exercise of the functions and powers of animal management officers.
- Make satisfactory arrangements for the detention of dogs seized under the Act.
- Make satisfactory arrangements for fulfilling other obligations under the Act, which include:
 - Management and control for dogs found to be wandering at large.
 - The issuing of expiations where a person responsible for a dog has failed in their responsibilities under the Act and/or Regulations; including:
 - Investigation and management of barking (nuisance).
 - Investigate chase, harass or attack complaints.

5. Partnerships

In order to successfully undertake our animal management responsibilities, Council works with:

- Local impounding and rehoming services
- The Dog and Cat Management Board
- Veterinarians, trainers and education providers
- Neighbouring councils
- Local Government Association SA
- Local Government Authorised Persons Association

6. Management of Dogs and Cats

The City of Adelaide enforces the requirements of the Act and relevant by-laws through education, compliance monitoring and enforcement.

By-laws directly related to the effective management of dogs and cats include:

- [Dogs By-law 2024](#)
- [Cats By-law 2024](#)

City of Adelaide's animal management services are predominantly delivered through the Community Safety function. Community Safety Officers (CSOs) are trained and delegated with responsibilities in relation to managing animal issues, and delivery of the Dog and Cat by-laws. CSOs respond to community concerns and conduct proactive monitoring of the community, including designated Dog Parks.

Council ensures staff responsible for dog and cat management are appropriately trained and experienced in responding to complex animal management situations, including dog attacks. The team is supported by standard operating procedures and the appropriate tools and equipment to respond effectively to incidents, compliance matters and emergencies.

Animal management activities undertaken by staff include:

- Ensuring dogs are microchipped and, where required, desexed
- Annual registration of dogs from three months of age using the Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) system
- Administration of the Dogs By-law 2024 & Cats By-law 2024, including limits on the number of dogs per dwelling, dog-free areas and responsible pet waste removal obligations
- Enforcing on-leash, off-leash and dog-prohibited areas
- Responding to reports of dogs wandering at large, barking nuisance, harassment and attacks
- Maintaining appropriate arrangements for the seizure and detention of dogs

While cat registration is not currently a legal requirement, registration and identification is strongly encouraged to support the prompt reunification of lost cats with their owners.

Council focuses on ongoing community education to support responsible cat ownership and reinforce awareness and compliance with established legislative obligations.

Council supports the 'Good Cats Play at Home' strategy and encourages all cat owners to contain their cats to their property. [REFERENCE: <https://dogandcatboard.com.au/cats/keeping-cats-in>]

6.1 Community Education and Information

Council delivers proactive education to encourage responsible pet ownership, increase dog registrations, microchipping and desexing, and reduce instances of animal nuisances or public safety risks. Education covers:

- Legal responsibilities of dog owners
- Preventing nuisance behaviours such as barking and wandering at large
- Safe interactions between dogs and people
- The benefits and responsibilities of dog ownership

Education is delivered through Council's website, social media, signage, registration processes and partnerships.

Clear and accessible information is made available to residents and visitors on dog and cat rules in public spaces, including registration and compliance requirements and responsible pet ownership within a capital city environment.

6.2 On-Leash, Off-Leash and Prohibited Areas

Council provides a mix of on-leash, off-leash and dog-prohibited areas to balance recreation, safety and environmental protection. Designated off-leash dog parks provide secure spaces for exercise and socialisation.

Details of all on-leash and off-leash areas are provided in Appendix A and on Council's website.

<https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/resident/pets-and-animals/dog-on-leash-and-off-leash-areas/>

2026 – 2030 Objectives & Actions

As the city's population and activation levels increase, the volume of registered pets and the potential for reported animal incidents also increases. The actions within the Plan seek to positively impact the level of reported incidents relating to dogs and cats, in a growing capital city environment.

Incident data in recent years is shown in the table below. In addition to those registered within the City of Adelaide, many dogs from other Council areas visit City of Adelaide's Dog Parks and Park Lands.

	2023/24	2024/25
Cat complaints	13	20
Dog attacks	43	31
Dog barking complaints	70	70
Dogs wandering at large	119	91
Dogs impounded	4	5

a. Dog and cat registration compliance

Increase dog and cat registration through community education, promotion and compliance monitoring. City of Adelaide has 1,174 dogs and 510 cats registered as at March 2026.

Actions	Timeframe	Key Measures
Provide clear information on registration requirements and benefits	Ongoing	Community reach via website, social media and community engagement
Monitor and enforce registration compliance	Annual	Inspections and renewals tracked
Monitor legislative reforms affecting registration	Ongoing	Compliance with updated statutory requirements
Update Council website with trusted external resources (DCMB, AWL, RSPCA)	Year 1	Reduction in general pet enquiries per registered pet
Promote responsible pet ownership messaging through campaigns	Ongoing	Reduction in nuisance pet reports per registered pet (20 Cat complaints reported in FY 24/25).
Deliver quarterly community education initiatives	Ongoing	Increase in community awareness and engagement

b. Microchipping and desexing

Increase microchipping and desexing to support animal welfare and legislative compliance.

Actions	Timeframe	Key Measures
Deliver education and promotional materials on microchipping and desexing	Ongoing	Community engagement and information reach
Maintain registration rebates to encourage compliance	Annual	Increased microchipping and desexing rates

c. Response to animal related incidents

Reduce incidents and respond effectively to protect public safety and animal welfare through education, containment and enforcement.

Actions	Timeframe	Key Measures
Educate dog and cat owners on responsible pet ownership responsibilities	Ongoing	Reduction in wandering dog reports per registered dog (91 incidents reported in FY 24/25).
Maintain partnerships to ensure adequate impounding capacity	Years 1-2	Service agreements in place
Provide staff training for responding to dog attacks and incidents	Years 1-2	Workforce capability maintained

d. Dog barking incidents and owner behaviour

Minimise the impact of nuisance barking and support responsible dog ownership through education and early intervention.

Actions	Timeframe	Key Measures
Respond to barking nuisance complaints with education and advice	Ongoing	Reduction in barking complaints per registered dog.
Trial new technology to assist dog barking compliance monitoring	Year 2	Increase in customer satisfaction relating to dog barking requests
Develop and distribute early intervention education materials	Ongoing	Reduction in dog barking requests per registered dog (70 requests reported in FY 24/25).

Appendix A – Dog On-leash/off-leash areas City Centre

Location	On-leash/Off-leash
Public roads and streets	On-leash
Adelaide Himeji Garden	On-leash
Wellington Square	On-leash
Light Square	On-leash
Hindmarsh Square	On-leash
Victoria Square	On-leash
Whitmore Square	On-leash
Hurtle Square	On-leash
Lefevre Park Horse Paddock	On-leash
Frome Park	On-leash
North Terrace (in front of Government House and Cultural Precinct)	On-leash
Adelaide Zoo	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's animal management conditions
Adelaide Railway Station	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's animal management conditions
Torrens Parade Ground	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's animal management conditions
Universities and Cultural Precinct	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's animal management conditions
Lot Fourteen	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's animal management conditions
Adelaide Botanic Gardens	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's animal management conditions

Adelaide Park Lands

In addition to the locations below, dogs must be kept on-leash at all times when:

- within a play space.
- within five metres of children's play space equipment if play space is not enclosed.
- organised sport is in play.

Location	On-leash/Off-leash
Denise Norton Park/Pardipardinyilla (Park 2)	Off-leash
Yam Daisy Park/Kantarilla (Park 3)	Off-leash
Bragg Park/Ngampa Yarta (Park 5)	Off-leash
Bundey's Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9)	Off-leash
Red Gum Park/Karrawirra (Park 12)	Off-leash
Rundle Park/Kadlitpina (Park 13)	Off-leash
Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)	Off-leash
King Rodney Park/Ityamai-itpina (Park 15)	Off-leash
Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16)	On-leash and off-leash – See map for areas
Victoria Park Grandstand & Criterium Track	On-leash
Carriageway Park/Tuthangga (Park 17)	Off-leash
Peppermint Park/Wita Wirra (Park 18)	Off-leash, on-leash in Himeji Gardens
Pelzer Park/Pityarilla (Park 19)	Off-leash
Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20)	Off-leash
Veale Park/Walyu Yarta (Park 21)	Off-leash
Golden Wattle Park/Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W)	Off-leash
Josie Agius Park/Wikaparntu Wirra (Park 22)	Off-leash
G S Kingston Park/Wirrarninthi (Park 23)	Off-leash
Ellis Park/Tampawardli (Park 24)	Off-leash
Gladys Elphick Park/Narnungga (Park 25)	Off-leash
Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27)	Off-leash
John E Brown Park (Park 27A)	Off-leash
Mary Lee Park (Park 27B)	Off-leash
Possum Park/Pirtawardli (Park 1)	On-leash
Lefevre Park/Nantu Wama (Park 6)	On-leash and off-leash – See map for areas
The Olive Groves/Kuntingga (Park 7)	On-leash
The Olive Groves/Parngutilla (Park 8)	On-leash
Bullrush Park/Warnpangga (Park 10)	On-leash
Mistletoe Park/Tainmuntilla (Park 11)	On-leash
Tarntanya Wama (Park 26)	On-leash
Palmer Gardens/Pangki Pangki (Park 28)	On-leash
Brougham Gardens/Tantutitingga (Park 29)	On-leash
Frome Park	On-leash
Lefevre Park Horse Paddock	No dogs at all times. Assistance dogs exempted.



- Care, control and management of the Corporation of the City of Adelaide
- Care, control and management of the Crown or a State Authority (Does not form part of this map - please adhere to each area's dog leash arrangements)
- Not part of the Adelaide Park Lands
- Playgrounds
- Dog parks
- North Adelaide Dog Park
- Pityarilla Dog Park

- Dog off leash at all times
Unless within a playground or when organised sport is being played
- Dog on leash at all times
- No dogs at all times
Assistance dogs exempted
- Dog on leash in all public streets and roads in the city

- Dog on leash at all times within a playground / within five metres of children's playground equipment if playground is not enclosed
- Dog on leash at all times when organised sport is being played
- On leash means a strong leash not exceeding two metres in length
- Dog off leash at all times within a dog park and under effective control

Further Information

To register a dog or cat, please visit www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au

For information on dog and cat management,
please visit: <https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/resident/pets-and-animals/dog-cat-registration/>
or call (08) 8203 7203.

You can also visit our Customer Centre
at Ground Floor, 25 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000