



CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Agenda and Reports

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 4 August 2026

at 6.30 pm

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda, Tuesday, 4 August 2026, at 6.30 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 Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros,
Freeman, Maher, Martin and Dr Siebentritt

Agenda

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1.	Acknowledgement of Country At the opening of the City Community Services and Culture Committee meeting, the Chair will state: 'The City of Adelaide acknowledges the Kaurna People of the Adelaide Plains as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today. We acknowledge and honour their spiritual and cultural stewardship of this Country and recognise their deep and enduring relationship with its lands, waters, the sky, and all living things. We pay our respects to Kaurna Elders past and present and recognise the important role of emerging leaders in sustaining and strengthening culture.'	
2.	Apologies and Leave of Absence Nil	
3.	Confirmation of Minutes That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 7 July 2026, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings. View public 7 July 2026 Minutes here .	
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Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

Public

Tuesday, 4 August 2026
City Community Services and Culture Committee

Presenter:

Jennifer Kalionis, Associate
Director City Culture

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

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On 9 June 2026, Council resolved:

THAT COUNCIL:

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KEY QUESTIONS

What feedback do Council Members have on the Guiding Principles for the Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group, to enable Administration to meet Council's objectives in its decision of 9 June 2026?

- END OF REPORT -

Our Community

Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group

City Community Services and Culture Committee
4 August 2026

Presenter: Jennifer Kalionis
Associate Director, City Culture



Workshop Purpose

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Background

- The Eastern Park Lands are a public civic space with competing interests to be balanced, particularly where recurring activities affect local amenity, access, environmental outcomes, cultural identity and perceptions of fairness in the allocation and use of public space.
- In response to community concerns and feedback about consultation opportunities on the impacts of motor sport events in the Adelaide Park Lands, Council sought the development of an Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group (CRG).
- The CRG provides Council with a mechanism to hear from the Eastern Park Lands community on concerns and views on the impacts of activities in the Park Lands.
- CRG advice will be provided to Council and to relevant organisations such as the South Australian Motorsport Board as part of any formal consultation processes.

What We Heard

- Council Members would like to have the opportunity to discuss and shape the ToR.
- CRG should be time-limited in a trial for 12 months.
- CRG should focus on grass-roots, community-level input.
- The participation of local businesses should be clear (eg CRG membership should include Hutt Street traders).
- CRG community input should not be limited to views on the impacts of motor sport events in the Park Lands and should broadly include the impacts of various modes of activities.
- Council needs to be regularly updated on the CRG including provision of agendas and minutes.
- Administration should avoid duplication of State Government initiated reference groups, which have arisen since the 9 June 2026 decision.

ToR Guiding Principles

Guiding principles of the proposed ToR:

- Receive and respond to ongoing feedback from our community.
- Provide a forum for community representatives to gain insight and information, and provide input into various aspects of events held in the Eastern Park Lands:
 - create an opportunity for open, two-way communication about key topics of interest related to the staging of Motor Sport events in the City, with focus on the Eastern Park Lands and roads
 - provide local advice and knowledge to the CoA project team
 - provide advice to the SAMSB and the State Government
 - ensure communities have up-to-date and accurate information about events
 - provide a forum for shared learning and continuous improvement.
- The CRG is not a decision-making group. Its feedback can be an effective conduit for community insight, enabling more equitable, transparent, and well-informed decision-making.
- Membership from nominations received on the basis of achieving a broad community representation. Maximum of 12-15 members.
- Proposed as a trial for 12 months (time-limited).
- Council will be informed of outcomes following CRG meetings via E-News.

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Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026 - 2030

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

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Tuesday, 4 August 2026
City Community Services and Culture Committee

Program Contact:
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Director Regulatory Services

Approving Officer:
Jo Podoliak, Director City
Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council adoption of the Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 (the Draft Plan), which incorporates feedback following a public consultation process.

On 14 April 2026, Council endorsed the Draft Plan for public consultation. A summary of the public consultation and key themes is provided in the report and in **Attachment A**.

During the consultation period there were 1,083 unique visits to the webpage, with 40 contributions received. This is a significant increase on the three responses received during consultation for the previous Plan.

Key themes arising from the public consultation include:

- A desire to review dog on-leash, off-leash and prohibited areas within the duration of this Plan, noting mixed feedback on which areas should be increased or reduced.
- A greater focus on cat management, including suggestions of registration and confinement.
- Support for further monitoring and enforcement of existing rules and by-laws.
- Suggested investment in dog infrastructure, including extra waste bins and bag dispensers.

The Draft Plan (**Attachment B**) has been updated to incorporate feedback, with the changes highlighted within this report.

The Draft Plan delivers on Council's legislative obligations, aligns with the Strategic Plan 2024–2028, and seeks to meet community expectations in relation to responsible pet ownership, safety and amenity.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 11 August 2026 for consideration

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

1. Notes the Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 public consultation summary report 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 4 August 2026.
2. Adopts the Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030, contained in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 4 August 2026.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Community Enable effective governance and transparency in decision making, and support community amenity, safety and responsible pet ownership.
Policy	The management of dogs and cats is a legislated function of Council. The Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 does not significantly impact existing policies or by-laws.
Consultation	Consultation was undertaken from 18 May to 7 June 2026. Results of the public consultation is provided in Attachment A .
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 addresses Council's approach to delivering the legislative obligations outlined in the <i>Dog and Cat Management Act 1995</i> . Delivery of the plan is also supported by City of Adelaide by-laws.
Opportunities	To modernise animal management practices following legislative reform, strengthen compliance approaches, and enhance community safety and amenity through responsible pet ownership.
26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 27/28 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.
26/27 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Implementation of the plan is funded within operational budgets.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. On 14 April 2026, Council endorsed the Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 (the Draft Plan) for public consultation.

Public Consultation Summary

2. Public consultation on the Draft Plan was open for three weeks from 18 May to 7 June 2026.
3. During the consultation period there were 1,083 unique visits to the Our Adelaide webpage, with 40 online responses submitted via Our Adelaide.
4. Consultation material was also provided directly to stakeholders including the Dog and Cat Management Board, the Animal Welfare League, all registered pet owners residing in the City of Adelaide, as well as signage placed in dog parks.
5. The consultation highlights include:
 - 5.1. 458 downloads of the Draft Plan.
 - 5.2. Over 8,300 people reached across social media channels.
 - 5.3. 1,514 registered pet owners notified electronically via email distribution lists.
 - 5.4. 40 responses lodged, with 65% of respondents living within the City of Adelaide. This is a significant increase on the three responses received during consultation for the previous Plan.
6. A public consultation summary report is provided as **Attachment A**.

Public Consultation Results

7. Survey responses demonstrated a desire for a review to be undertaken on the dog on-leash, off-leash and prohibited areas within the duration of this Plan, with 55% in favour and 22.5% unsure.
 - 7.1. Feedback regarding on-leash and off-leash areas was mixed, with some respondents calling for more off-leash areas, while others wanted additional dog-free spaces, with suggestions to restrict off-leash areas to fenced locations only.
 - 7.2. A majority of respondents were comfortable with dogs being allowed in playgrounds provided they remain on-leash and under effective control. There was however some support for dedicated dog-free areas.
8. Thematic analysis of the survey responses and written submissions highlighted key priorities, including:
 - 8.1. Respondents called for stronger measures to be implemented to reduce roaming cats and improve management of stray cats within the city and North Adelaide, including more education to pet owners.
 - 8.2. Further monitoring and enforcement of existing rules, specifically relating to dog-attack incidents, off-leash and on-leash compliance and increased patrols by Council staff.
 - 8.3. Suggestions for more investment in dog infrastructure, such as increased waste bins, bag dispensers, water stations and ongoing maintenance of existing dog parks.

Incorporating feedback in the Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030

9. Feedback received during public consultation has informed changes and additions to the Draft Plan.
10. The following table presents the strongest themes raised by the community during consultation as per the thematic analysis undertaken on all written responses received:

Theme	Summary of feedback	How feedback has been addressed
Cat management	22.5% of respondents requested greater emphasis on responsible cat ownership, management of roaming and stray cats, community education and consideration of impacts on wildlife.	The Draft Plan strengthens education regarding responsible cat ownership, promotes microchipping and desexing and includes additional actions relating to community education and monitoring legislative changes.
Compliance and enforcement	Respondents requested increased visibility of Community Safety Officers and stronger enforcement of existing dog control	The Draft Plan continues Council's compliance work and includes actions focused on education, compliance monitoring and community awareness.

	requirements, particularly in relation to dogs off-leash in designated on-leash areas.	
Community safety	Respondents highlighted the importance of balancing responsible pet ownership with community safety, particularly for children and the elderly.	The Draft Plan continues to prioritise responsible pet ownership, education and enforcement to support safe shared use of public spaces.
On-leash and off-leash areas	Views were mixed. Some respondents supported additional off-leash areas and dog parks, while others preferred more on-leash or dog-free areas and suggested restricting off-leash exercise to fenced locations.	Additional action included in the Draft Plan committing to a review of dog access arrangements to ensure they continue to reflect changing community needs.
Infrastructure and amenities	Respondents identified opportunities to increase the availability of dog waste bins, bag dispensers, water stations, signage and dog park maintenance.	These suggestions will help inform future operational planning and consideration of infrastructure improvements.
Population growth	52.5% of respondents considered that increasing residential density would increase demand for pet facilities, services and open space, while also requiring ongoing review of pet management arrangements.	The Draft Plan recognises population growth as a key consideration and commits to reviewing arrangements over the life of the Plan.
Dogs in playgrounds	Feedback was mixed. Most respondents (52.5%) supported dogs remaining in playgrounds provided they are on-leash and under effective control, while others (27.5%) supported some dedicated dog-free playgrounds.	Council will continue to monitor community feedback and will now review dog access arrangements as a specific action in the Draft Plan. Existing arrangements will remain whilst the review is undertaken.

11. In summary, changes to the Draft document include:

11.1. Additional Actions

- 11.1.1. Commitment to review dog on-leash, off-leash and prohibited areas in Year 2 of the Draft Plan. This process will involve further public consultation.
- 11.1.2. Specific commitments regarding the promotion of responsibilities to cat owners, and proactive engagement with cat owners to encourage greater compliance.
- 11.1.3. Modified language in various actions to better reflect community feedback.

11.2. Document Changes

- 11.2.1. Readability improvements which do not alter the overall intent of the Draft Plan, such as minor changes in the preface, and combining the content of 'Partnerships (Section 5)' into 'Management of Dogs and Cats (section 6)'.

12. All changes made to the Draft Plan since Council adoption in April are shown as track changes in [Link 1](#).

Next Steps

- 13. The updated Draft Plan is provided as **Attachment B**.
- 14. If adopted, the Draft Plan will be finalised and made public on the City of Adelaide website, and implementation will commence.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Annotated version of the Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 Public Consultation Summary Report

Attachment B – Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030

- END OF REPORT -

Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan – Public Consultation Report

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1. Background

The draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 (the draft Plan) provides a strategic framework for managing dogs and cats within the City of Adelaide. The draft Plan promotes responsible pet ownership and supports a safe, inclusive and sustainable urban environment aligned with the priorities of the Strategic Plan.

On 14 April 2026 Council endorsed the draft Plan for public consultation. Public consultation was undertaken from 18 May to 7 June 2026. The engagement approach and community participation outcomes are outlined in the following sections.

This report summarises the feedback received during consultation, which has shaped the preparation of the final draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 submitted for Council endorsement.

2. Approach to engagement

Public consultation was undertaken from 18 May to 7 June 2026 through the Our Adelaide engagement platform, inclusive of targeted communications to registered pet owners, social media promotion and printed materials.

To support community awareness and participation, the following engagement activities were undertaken:

- An email was issued to all registered pet owners in the City of Adelaide, with 61% of recipients opening the email.
- An email notifying Our Adelaide subscribers of the consultation was sent to more than 300 subscribers whose stated interests aligned with the project. The email was opened by 54% of recipients.
- Information about the consultation was included in the Our Adelaide newsletter, which was distributed to more than 11,000 recipients and had an open rate of 38%.
- Paid Facebook advertisements ran from 25 May to 7 June 2026 to promote the consultation and encourage community participation.
- Six organic social media posts were shared across Council's Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn channels.
- 20 A3 corflute posters were placed at key parks and public spaces across the city, including designated dog parks and areas commonly used by dog owners (example in Appendix A).
- Key stakeholders, including the Dog and Cat Management Board and Animal Welfare League SA, were directly notified and invited to participate in the consultation.

The activities supported broad community awareness of the draft Plan and provided opportunities for members of the public to provide feedback on the future management of dogs and cats within the City of

Adelaide. The result was a total response rate of 40, which is well in excess of the previous consultation for the current Plan, which had three responses.

3. Who participated

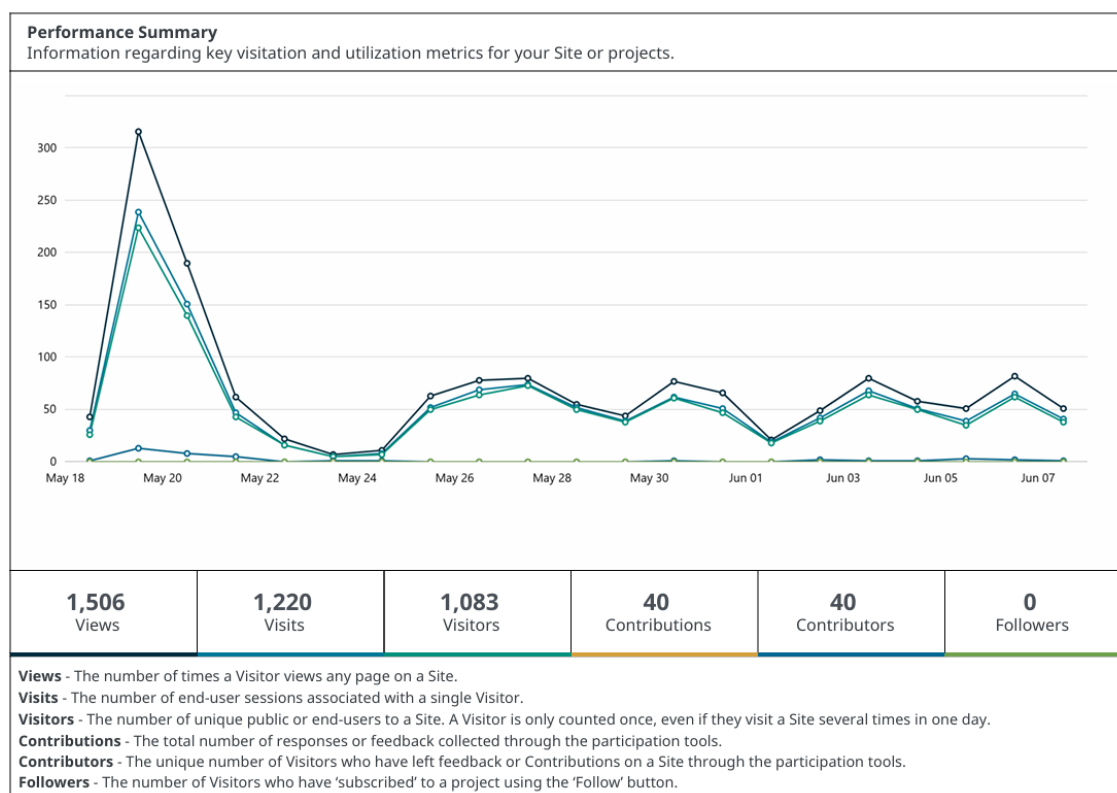
During the consultation period, there were:

- 1,083 unique visitors to the Our Adelaide webpage
- Over 8,300 people reached across social media channels.
- 458 downloads of the draft Dog & Cat Management Plan 2026-2030.
- 1,514 registered pet owners notified via email.
- 40 online responses submitted via Our Adelaide, with 65% of respondents living in the City of Adelaide.

Of the 40 respondents, the connection noted with the City of Adelaide was:

Connection	Percentage
Live in the City of Adelaide	65%
Own property in the City	57.5%
Work in the City	27.5%
Visit the City	22.5%
Study in the City	7.5%
Other	5%

To provide insight into community awareness and participation throughout the consultation period, engagement with the Our Adelaide page was monitored. The graph shows visits to the consultation page over the consultation period, highlighting peaks in engagement following targeted communications and social media promotion.



4. Consultation themes

A thematic analysis was undertaken on all written responses received during consultation. The strongest themes raised by the community are summarised below.

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5. Consultation outcomes

Overall, respondents were supportive of the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030.

The consultation identified six key themes:

- stronger focus on responsible cat ownership and management
- increased compliance and enforcement of existing dog control requirements
- balancing pet ownership with community safety
- community desire to conduct a review of on-leash, off-leash and dog-prohibited areas
- future improvement of pet-related infrastructure and amenities
- planning for future population growth and changing community needs.

Feedback received during consultation has informed the final draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 submitted to Council for endorsement, including additional actions relating to dog access arrangements, and further commitments relating to community education.

Appendix A – Example of public consultation material

Your furry friends want us to hear from you!

Share your feedback on the proposed Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030.

Consultation closes 11.59pm, Sunday 7 June.

Scan the QR code to share your thoughts:





Tell us what you think.
ouradelaide.sa.gov.au

Appendix B – All submissions/verbatim comments (de-identified)

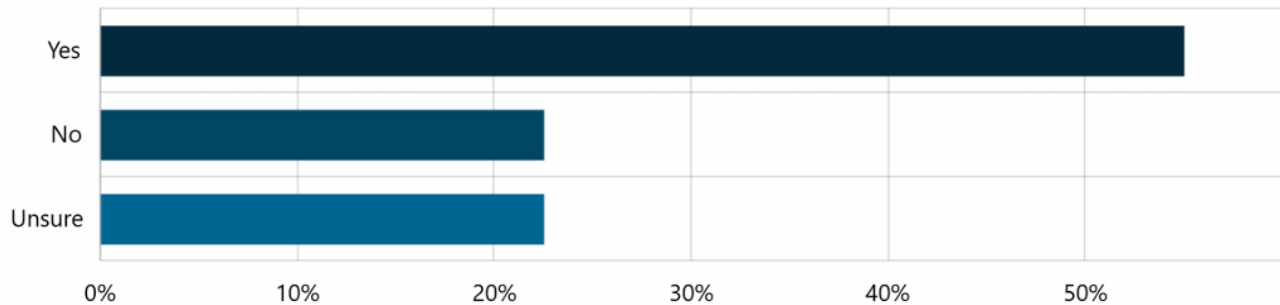
Question: Do you have any feedback on the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030?

Verbatim comment
People taking their dogs to shops/cafes makes life very difficult for service dogs and their people. We have had several incidents where untrained dogs have lunged at my dog. Adelaide is supposed to be inclusive and accessible for everyone but it's not great for people like us. Very disappointing. Friends have also been annoyed by dogs in the mall and around cafes with their owners who thinks it's charming if their dog begs for food, barks or pees. Can we please have dog free spaces except for service dogs? We deserve safety and a pleasant experience.
Not any evidence of ongoing education for pet owners. In particular, dog owner requirement to have effective control of their dogs at all times (even off leash), picking up of dog poop. In addition, cats should NOT be allowed out to roam. You have such beautiful parklands under your control however, you are one of the few councils nationwide that allows cats to roam day and night and I am sick of seeing dead wildlife as a result of cats killing them.
We live in the CBD area around McLaren Street. We have appr. 15-20 stray cats on this street most evenings/ nights. We believe something needs to be done about this and couldn't find this to be addressed in the plan.
I hope all owners allow pets in the house/townhouse and no need for strata approval. We need more vet clinics in the CBD.
Overall plan -Objective and Actions are reasonable
This is a comprehensive plan, easily understood. I can only comment on dogs. I would like to see some more specifics on the number of officers allocated for oversight of on- leash parks and how reports can be made to ensure action is taken for repeat offenders. I've walked my dog(s) in Wellington Square for over 20 years. This is an on-leash area with young parents crossing the square with children on way to Primary School and older folk from Helping Hand walking with frames. Dogs off-leash in the area are a danger for both groups simply because they can quite accidentally scare or knock them over, let alone attack them. There are two small signs (I'd like to see 4 large signs at each entry) and NEVER in the time have I seen an officer checking the area. On the occasion I called ACC it was suggested I follow the dog's owner home, and report back! Not a very satisfactory process by any imagination.
Can we get more information on how council will support renters who are also pet owners? Stratas can still overrule the new legislation and deny renters with pets. Looking at the management plan, there doesn't seem to be much information about this.
Do you have an approach to dealing with stray cats? The most effective strategy is community cat desexing. Cat Adoption Foundation is currently rolling out such a program in collaboration with Salisbury Council - to show that it works and to develop a structures and processes that can be replicated elsewhere. This collaboration with Salisbury is very successful - it has desexed over 700 cats in 18 months and is still going. Read more here: https://www.g2z.org.au/assets/newimages/Transforming%20Cat%20Management%20-%20Collaborative%20Model%20-%20Virginie.pdf Based on the report it sounds like stray colonies are a smaller issue in the CBD, but I know some exist (southwest corner). A similar approach could be useful here too, to get/stay on top of stray cat management.
Looks fair
One of the issues with dog compliance is not enough bins or bag provision around north Adelaide. Barking hard to monitor. One neighbour even if dog barks once complains ... Examples of what is acceptable versus what define issue ...
Yes, as a long term city resident and pet owner
I object to Bullrush Park being an on-leash location. Its is the only park in the vicinity of the northern end of North Adelaide where a dog can play off-leash. There has never been an issue with dogs off the lead in this area. By making it on-leash, the residents located around the Melbourne Street areas will not have a park they can take their dogs in walking distance.
I don't believe this should be a cash grab for the council and introducing fees for this plan will not work as so many are facing difficulty with the costs alone of day-to-day life.

There is a severe lack of provisions for cat management. There should be provisions for outdoor/roaming cats (ie a plan to reduce roaming cats, increase education for cat owners, mention of wildlife impact and health impact for the pet)
I didn't see anything about management of feral cats
It is clear about on leash and off leash areas which is good to know and have a map of areas, names of parks etc Information about what is nuisance barking is needed. More street bins for dog droppings to be put in. Information about using red bins etc in the street for dog droppings. Need for more street bins, cleared often.
no
Not enough consideration given to non dog owners, who do not want to be jumped on or bitten. Many dog owners do not control their dogs. but simply say he won't hurt you. Dogs should be muzzled in public.
What about considering other pets - rabbits, rodents, reptiles (do people still keep these as pets?). Cats and rabbits also bite.
Cat registration and night time confinement should be mandatory
Yes. Don't add anymore dog parks to the Parklands. The Parklands are being eroded away leave the land in it's natural state. Dogs are always off leashes in the West Parklands and are often not under control. As this is one of the least used part of the Parklands I have never seen any council dog controllers in the area even though I walk there every day.
As a resident of North Adelaide there appears to be considerably fewer off leash areas to walk our dogs than say the other side of town. Maybe a few more areas of parklands/ golf courses could be opened up, maybe within specific time frames?
Yes you should change the rules to allow dog owners to take their dogs into cafes. Our laws are way behind other jurisdictions and nations. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and sensible when it comes to controlling their dogs and not letting them bother others.
Off leash dog areas are important for all users of the City of Adelaide. As a daily user of Victoria Park I feel there is enough space allocated, however I would like to see some cycle and scooter free zones allocated. Walkers and dogwalkers are regularly placed in unsafe situations with cyclists and scooter riders using all paths at excessive speed with no regard for others. Slow down warnings painted on some paths are largely ignored. Lastly, I would like to see some of the off-leash areas protected from being fenced off by the increasing number of events being held in this area. The temporary event fencing is often in place weeks before the bump in of the events and particularly the north south path that runs parallel to East Tce is quite dangerous when the fence is in place. The fencing on the edge of the bitumen path and forces walkers, dogs, runners, cyclists and scooter users onto the same path with no space to the side to escape. We need to become more like Europe.
As a daily user of Victoria Park, I believe our off-leash areas are well-sized but poorly managed in terms of safety and access. The increasing speed of cyclists and scooter riders on shared path, combined with the premature installation of event fencing that forces all users into dangerous, narrow corridor, regularly puts pedestrians and dogs at risk. I urge the Council to designate specific cycle-and-scooter-free zones and paths, better regulate the timing and placement of event infrastructure, and adopt a more pedestrian-prioritised urban planning model to ensure the park remains a safe, accessible space for everyone.
Looks ethical Would like to propose one more point which was brought to my attention by animal welfare league when I was donating my late dogs bedding and the last of his food. I was told by Management some people do not have money and are supplied free food and bedding for their pet by the Animal welfare league. People that have no residential address or dwelling should not legally be allowed to have possession of any animal. An animal is a responsibility that requires care, nurture, vaccine, shelter, food, water a nice hot bubble bath a caring owner and a warm bed snuggle.
Cat owners should be required to confine their animals within their properties at all times.
Larger, simpler signage everywhere. A complaints / report phone number in large font on all signs. Cats should not be allowed outside the house. Killing too much wildlife.
Looks good to me

The plan is very compliance driven and not aligned with trends in pet ownership. Adelaide city council remains one of the least inclusive when it comes to pet ownership to the extent that even pet waste bags are a rare find and not located with rubbish bins.

Question: Do you believe City of Adelaide should review the on-leash, off-leash and no dog at all times areas within the duration of this plan?



Yes/No/Unsure	Verbatim comment
NO	There are plenty of options for both on leash and off leash areas
NO	Seems well considered already
YES	To make it safer for all when using shared spaces
YES	Dogs are becoming a nuisance in the Apartment blocks and surrounding areas. I am tired of dogs snapping at other dogs, howling on balconies, barking in restaurants, sitting on seating for humans in public spaces and defecating on streets.
YES	Some owners do not care what their dog does when off leash. E.g. there is one lady who consistently allows her 2 dogs to play in the vic park wetlands chasing the wild ducks. I've approached her several times and she is abusive.
NO	Plan is clear and appropriate
NO	Dogs should be kept safely on a leash at all times in public spaces to protect the safety of the dog, other people and other animals. Leashes provide effective control, reduce the risk of accidents, incidents and conflicts, and assist to ensure shared public spaces can be enjoyed by everyone.
YES	We need to ban bikes and large run clubs from off-leash areas to ensure safety; while the amount of off-leash space is sufficient, these vital public areas must be strictly protected from being locked down and rendered inaccessible by major events. Some run clubs are running 4-5 wide on a path and dangerous and intimidating.
YES	Remove Bikes and Scooters from the off leash areas - the number of off leash areas are enough however there needs to be protection of these areas to prevent the major events from locking park users out of this valuable public space
YES	See above comment
YES	See above
YES	More no dogs at any time areas.
YES	Park usages change
YES	Off leash areas should not occur in areas where general public have access. Eg Victoria Park. Off leash areas should be contained within fencing.
UNSURE	Don't have a dog
NO	It's fine as is.
UNSURE	What impact will this have for the residents who own dogs already?
YES	I believe the City of Adelaide should review the current on-leash, off-leash, and no-dog areas throughout the life of this plan, as cities are not static environments. Population growth, increased apartment living, changing patterns of park usage, rising dog ownership, and evolving community expectations all place new pressures on shared public spaces.

	A framework that may have been appropriate several years ago may no longer reflect how people actually use the city today. A review is important to ensure public spaces remain balanced, accessible, and inclusive for everyone, including dog owners, families, older residents, people with disabilities, cyclists, and those who may feel uncomfortable around dogs. Good city planning requires flexibility, ongoing consultation, and the willingness to refine shared spaces so they continue to meet the diverse needs of the whole community over time.
YES	refer to above re Bullrush Park
YES	Dogs are more behaviourally unpredictable and incidents will occur, they don't always get on with humans or their own.
YES	Clarity good
UNSURE	Regular review is useful
UNSURE	I mostly focus on cats, don't know enough about dog management to have an opinion.
UNSURE	I'm not a dog owner.
	with changes to possum park & other parklands use, it seems reasonable to reconsider if on/off-leash restrictions remain appropriate it'd be nice to have only on/off leash restrictions & to remove the 'no dog at all times' limits
YES	why are the squares all on leash only?
NO	I think the areas designated are fine - as long as there are personnel to monitor.
YES	Maybe to lessen the dog attacks I think its much better to put the dogs on a leash at all times
YES	We own a dog and always abide by the on/off leash rules. However, we do see lots of dogs off leash in on leash areas (e.g. at the new wetland parks area) but we never see anyone policing this.
NO	There is plenty of dog off/on leash areas
UNSURE	I think it works quite well now. However, I selected unsure because reviews and feedback should continue even after the introduction of new management plan.
YES	It is essential for community safety
YES	I believe all dogs should be kept on leash for the protection of the wider community. They are animals not humans.
YES	Off leash should only be in fenced areas. The dog attack rate is terrible even if it is lower than last year. Keep us safe and keep the untrained dogs behind fences.

Question: City of Adelaide has a target of 50,000 residents by 2036. How do you believe this will impact pet ownership and community needs for pet facilities and services?

Verbatim comment
You are going to need serious dog control rules. All those dogs (half of the residents owning a dog is your current data), running around the parks is going to be unsafe for both the dogs and people - many people do not train their dogs.
Capping pet ownership per household.
Yes
I don't if parks can have times when off lead is permitted.
You will need to start education (and fining) people NOW - you are currently waaaaaaay too soft in terms of how you operate. Stop cats roaming, fine dog owners for irresponsible behaviour (not having effective control, not picking up poop). These issues will only become worse as the population grows.
We need more vet clinics

Yes-will have more pets esp in apartments .Prepare for more poo stations and bags to minimize poos on walkways
I believe the facilities for dogs are more than adequate with plenty of choice.
if achieved, demand/need will increase & if more facilities are not provided ACC will face increasing maintenance burdens & potentially complaints where existing facilities are overused.
All weather facilities (ie. indoor) would be great - particularly with the impact of climate change becoming more evident with high summer temperatures & high-volume rain events. Council could encourage new high density developments to include pet exercise/dogwashing/cleaning facilities to support responsible pet ownership. This could extend to appropriate noise mitigation in apartment dwellings to reduce potential noise impacts
Yes! This will affects rental opportunities. If most places are bound by strata laws that can't accommodate the growing population and pet owners, people will be forced out of the city.
Not if appropriate plans are made and implemented in the same time frame.
More availability of poo bag dispensers and rubbish bins. Pet water dispensers are a welcome
Small green spaces in dense apartment areas for fogs to toilet ... as per many European cities
I am unaware of any pet services in the city mile. I do often see residents going out for daily exercise of walking their dog.
The City of Adelaide will likely need ongoing review processes, robust community consultation, and evidence-based planning to ensure pet infrastructure evolves in line with population growth.
Ultimately, planning for pets is not separate from planning for liveability, it is part of creating a healthy, connected, and inclusive city where people and communities can thrive.
Population growth will almost certainly increase demand for accessible, well-designed pet facilities and services, including off-leash exercise areas, shaded parks, waste-disposal infrastructure, water stations, veterinary access, and pet-friendly public spaces.
As residential density increases, the importance of nearby open space grows, as many residents may lack access to private backyards.
This means public spaces will need to support both pet owners and the broader community in ways that remain safe, inclusive, and balanced.
Why does it need to be a population of 50,000 by 2036? It is already overpopulated in 2026 with 26,000 odd residents; this will only make moving around the city a grid lock.
More services will ne needed. Provisions for roaming cats need to be implemented.
It will increase
I would like to see more options for well-behaved clean dogs in the eating areas of cafes etc be allowed at the discretion of the cafe owner, etc. It would improve public flow into city businesses generally. Could do a thing where the dog needs Level 4 Obedience Cert by a Vet to do this, like they do for Melbourne transport.
I am an Associate Professor at Flinders University (city campus) and I research assistance animals and community disaster responses. I'd like to talk about a study involving this possibility, to see if it improves accessibility and improves business resilience.
There will need to be more contained off leash areas.
Possibly
No impact
This is too many people and the number of dogs and cats will wreck our Oarklands.
Yes
First do a review of what's available now and the condition the dog parks. For example the small dog park off Pulteney st Pityarilla (park 19) needs some serious work on the grounds. If you monitor the rise in population and dog ownership and adjust suitable areas and If you made a feature of the council area catering for dog owners as well as non dog owners you will attract more residents and it will add to the happiness levels of the city. And if the Lord Mayor could refrain from having an opinion that would be great to. The great majority of people pick up after their dogs and are very good at encouraging others to do so. Sounds like she is not a dog lover

there are many responsible dog owners in the City of Adelaide, having a range of areas for dogs and owners to use is important for wellbeing, improving mental health and promoting community engagement. I know many people who live in the community, only because I have a dog and meet people whilst out walking. We need to become more European when considering the importance of people and dogs in our community.
The City of Adelaide boasts a large community of responsible pet owners, and providing diverse off-leash areas is vital for enhancing wellbeing, boosting mental health, and fostering local connection. Personally, my dog has been the primary catalyst for meeting my neighbors and building a community network. To truly support this, we should adopt a more European mindset that recognises and embraces the essential role dogs and people play in a vibrant, connected urban society.
More pet owners may feel the increase pressure and demand for pet services. ie. doggy day care, doggy wash, doggy au pair, dog walking services dog food and hygiene need these are essential services to lifespan of an animal and an increased pressure on veterinary services. A greater demand for dog obedience.
I acknowledge that cat owners love their pets but cats are lethal to wildlife and should be banned from wandering.
Wait and see
Need to increase facilities in ratio.
There will need to be more vet services, tougher restrictions on pet ownership, following up of infringements and places to buy quality pet food and toys.
Pet ownership will become more responsible There are too many pet owners that do not care if their pet is off a leash and it frightens some of us
Pet ownership will probably decrease slightly due to the type of housing being added (apartments), or at least shift ownership to smaller dogs and cats more.
Another dog park (or pair of dog parks like the North Adelaide parks) in the south parklands might be beneficial in the long term, especially if the southern CBD continues to densify, but I think the current dog parks are great for the time being.
People are increasingly looking for dog friendly activities as the pet parenting approach (usually smaller animals), especially in younger people, is seen as an alternative to children. With many younger people living in the city, more pet friendly facilities and places are needed to support social and recreational activities for people and their pets. And, for goodness sake, make waste bags readily available to reduce the amount of pet waste!

Question: Dogs are currently allowed in playgrounds in the City of Adelaide if on a leash. Do you believe there should be any playgrounds in the City of Adelaide that don't allow dogs/cats?

Verbatim comment
Yes! Your playgrounds are brilliant but many are getting a bad reputation because of dogs. Please give us dog free parks - start with Quentin Kenihan, I've seen a dog in there chase a terrified child - the dog was on a lead but no-one was holding it.
I feel dogs should not be allowed in playgrounds ever. Playgrounds are for our most vulnerable and should not be accessible for unpredictable animals.
They should be tame and on leash
If under control this should be allowed. However playgrounds are primarily for children so if the dog owner is not with kids I can see no reason for the dog to be present at the playground.
No. Dogs need socialisation.
I don't think the issue is with dogs in playgrounds, I think the issue is with dog OWNERS in playgrounds with their dogs. It's like parents driving with young kids in the car, they're not concentrating on the road properly!
on leash should be ok.
Some dogs are aggressive so its much better to put them on a leash especially when children are present.
Dogs on leash in playgrounds reasonable esp family has dog as pet
No. Families go on walks with dogs on leash so as long as they observe on leash this should be adequate.

No, allowing dogs in playgrounds encourages families (of all configurations) to undertake physical exercise & to socialise. Taking the dog/cat & the kids to the park is a great way to engage in the community & should not be discouraged - requiring dogs to be on lead should be sufficient
Sure! Not everyone is into dogs and cats, so there should be parks and playgrounds for them too.
Again, don't know enough about this to have an opinion.
Parents often have children and a dog at the playground. Fine as long as the dog is controlled
As long as controlled at least dogs and children both getting exercise
Breed restrictions of those have mauled people in the past from any children play areas.
Yes, I think that there should be a few playgrounds for children that are animal free, for safety and ethical reasons.
No if they are on a leach they can be controlled.
Yes
No as lomg as on leash
No. Princess Elizabeth playground removed back fence but no clarification has been available on the spot for dogs on leash. Signage would help.
No, they should be allowed.
Yes, absolutely. And inspectors need to enforce compliance.
Not sure - as long as it doesn't affect people's health and safety (people clean up after their dog, and dogs are under control). Many people, including children, love to admire dogs, and if they don't own a dog it is a good opportunity for them to watch and sometimes pat and engage with dogs - this is great for education and wellbeing.
Unsure
Dogs should not be allowed in playgrounds. I have a 3 year old grandchild and the pine bark and lawn areas often stink of dog wee. It is revolting. The council does appear to do a good job of removing dog poo and rarely see this.
No . But owners must be responsible for the removal of any waste and the behaviour of their animals (no matter how ' harmless') . And council may need to supervise these playgrounds
On leash is fine for me.but understand that not all would agree.
Dogs in playgrounds on leash are important so that families with dogs can still enjoy this space.
Dogs in playgrounds on leash are important so that families with dogs can still enjoy this space. Not all dogs are the same, and owners should be held accountable for their dogs behaviour.
Childrens playgrounds should be dog free, Childrens playground are designed primarily for children, while separate dog parks already exist to provide an opportunity for an off leash recreational experience for dogs.
No
100%
I live on South Terrace where residents of [REDACTED] South Terrace take their dogs to the playground and let them off the leash to run around within the fenced area and defecate in the garden areas. These people do not have children. Dogs should be allowed with attendant family members only and be on a short leash, restrained at all times in the playground areas.
For sure please !
Perhaps one, for children who have had bad experiences with animals. The next new playground could be designated as such to avoid interrupting current residents use of playgrounds.
Absolutely they should be allowed. Many families have pets and children. If they are not allowed, families will go elsewhere.

Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030

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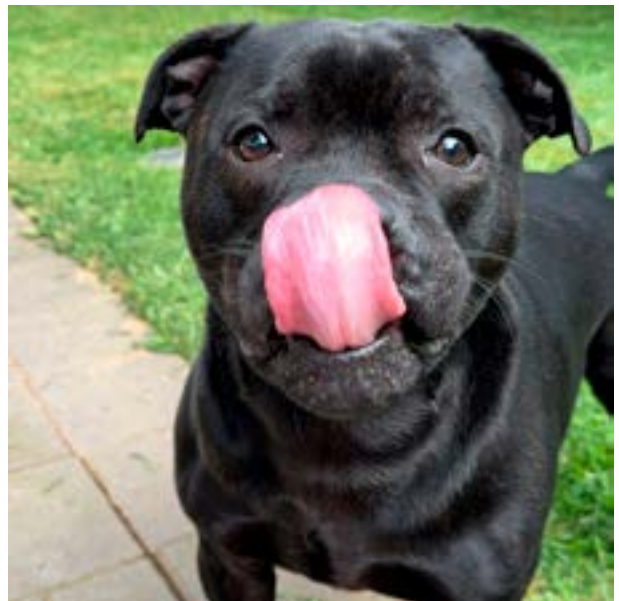
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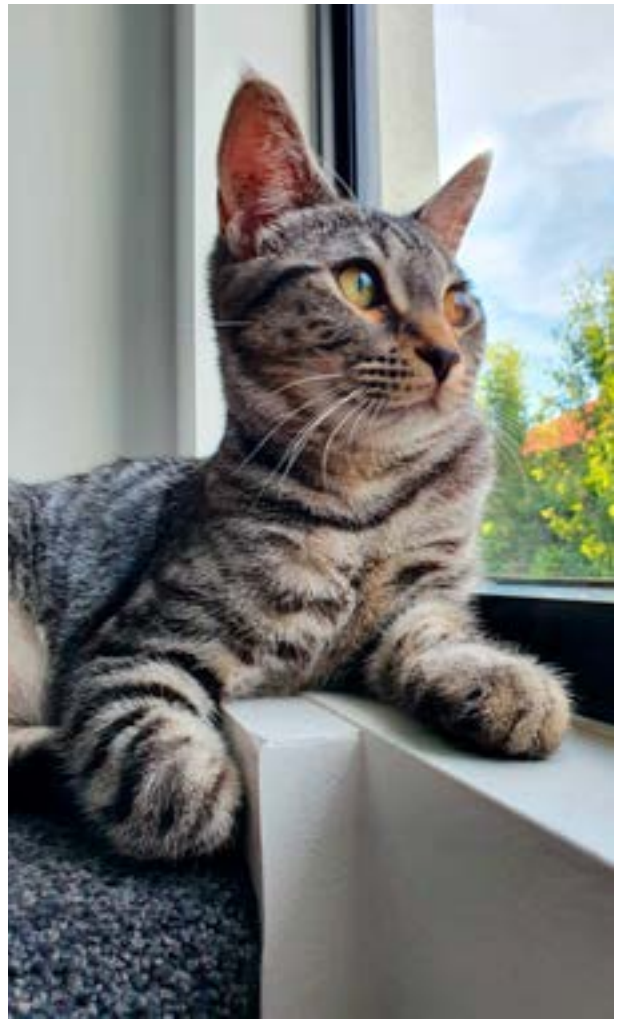
Thank you for sharing photos of your adorable fur babies and best friends – they truly make our day!



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. First shaped by the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains, Then by Colonel William Light, Adelaide is known for being a liveable city that is progressive, resilient, bold, trailblazing and enterprising. It is a vibrant, high-density urban environment that supports a growing residential population of approximately 30,000, a significant workforce of over 170,000 local jobs and over 350,000 visitors each day. 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 six 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.

Pet ownership plays an important role in achieving a vibrant, connected and inclusive city 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

 **760ha**
OF PARK LANDS



 **29**
PARKS



 **6** PUBLIC
SQUARES



  **30,000** RESIDENTS



 **510** REGISTERED CATS



 **1,174** REGISTERED DOGS



 **23** OFF-LEASH AREAS



Places for free play & exercise

 **2** DOG PARKS



Dedicated zones with separate areas

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:

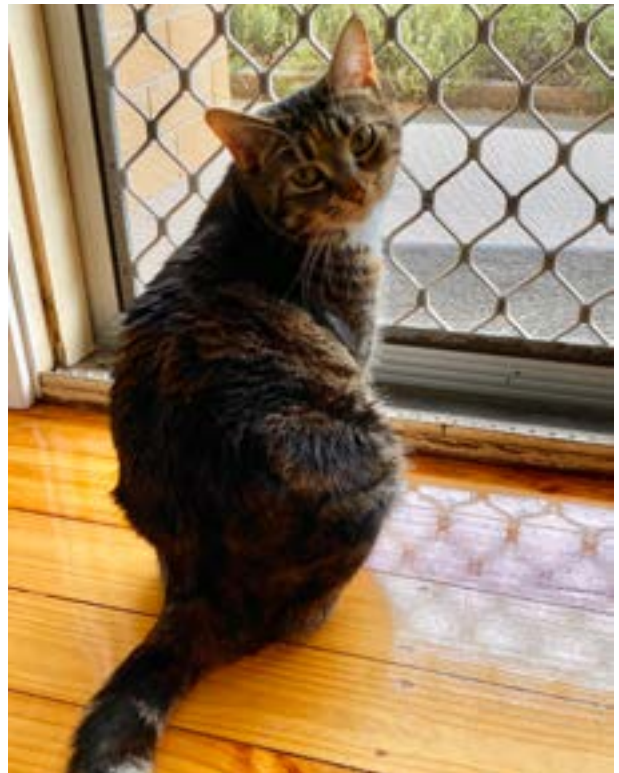
- Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership
- Reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats
- Promote the effective management of dogs and cats, including through mandatory microchipping and desexing

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

The Dog 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.

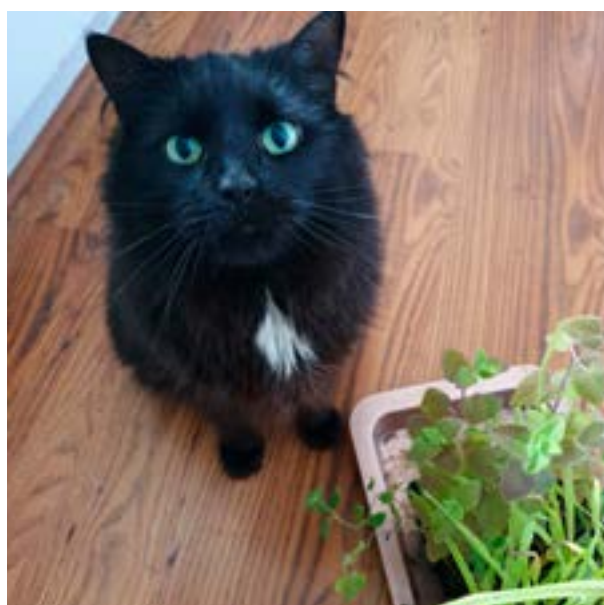
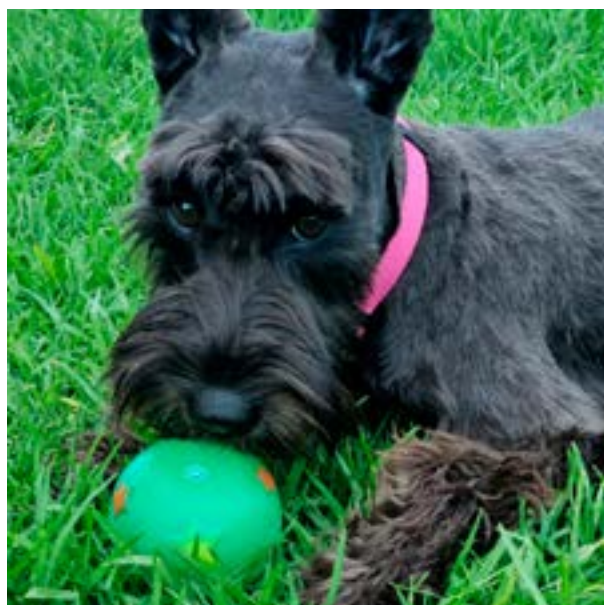
The objectives of the Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030 align to the goals the Strategic Plan. The following table demonstrates the relationship between the goals of each Plan.

Strategic Plan Aspiration	Relevant Strategic 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	Recognises pet ownership as a social connector Promotes 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	Promote protection of local wildlife Encourage responsible pet ownership (eg picking up waste) Support microchipping and desexing to manage populations sustainably
Our Places – Interesting, purposeful and safe	Create safe, inclusive and healthy places for our community Review the Dog and Cat Management Plan Provide services that encourage responsible pet ownership	Dog park infrastructure and off-leash areas provide safe recreation Dog registration and enforcement reduce 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
- 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
- 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 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:

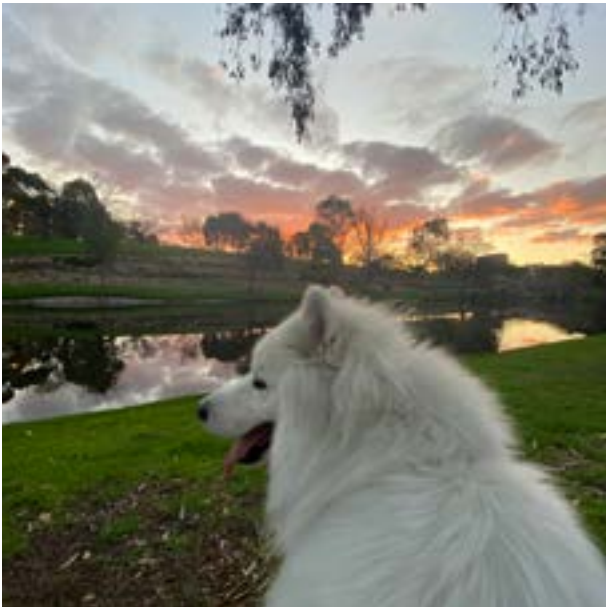
- Dogs By-law 2024
- Cats By-law 2024

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



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

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 encourage all cat owners to contain their cats to their property.

5.1 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.

5.2 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.

Council is committed to reviewing these arrangements throughout the life of the plan to ensure they continue to reflect changing community needs, population growth and the needs of both pet owners and the broader community.

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

cityofadelaide.com.au/resident/pets-and-animals/dog-on-leash-and-off-leash-areas/



6. 2026–2030 Objectives & Actions

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

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	2025/26
Cat complaints	13	20	12
Dog attacks	43	31	34
Dog barking complaints	70	70	47
Dogs wandering at large	119	91	100
Dogs impounded	4	5	4

a. Dog and cat registration and responsible ownership

Increase in awareness of pet ownership responsibilities, through community education, promotion and compliance monitoring, leading to a higher rate of dog and cat registration.

Actions	Timelines	Key measures
Provide clear information on dog and cat registration requirements, responsibilities and benefits	Ongoing	Community reach via website, social media and community engagement
Promote responsible cat ownership practices, including the benefits of microchipping, desexing and managing roaming behaviour	Ongoing	Increased community awareness and engagement with cat management information
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 (eg Dog and Cat Management Board, AWL, RSPCA)	Year 1	Improved access to information and reduction in general pet enquiries per registered pet
Promote responsible pet ownership messaging through campaigns, including effective control of dogs and picking up after your pet	Ongoing	Reduction in nuisance pet reports per registered pet (20 cat complaints reported in FY24/25)
Develop a map of all doggy bag dispensers located in dog parks and playgrounds across the city and North Adelaide	Year 1	A greater understanding of current infrastructure to inform future investment options
Deliver regular community education initiatives	Ongoing	Increased community awareness and engagement

b. Microchipping and desexing

Increase microchipping and desexing awareness and participation to support animal welfare, reduce wandering pets and improve legislative compliance.

Actions	Timelines	Key measures
Deliver education and promotional materials on microchipping, desexing and responsible pet ownership	Ongoing	Community engagement and information reach
Maintain registration rebates to encourage compliance	Annual	Increased microchipping and desexing rates
Explore opportunities to promote community cat management activities, such as ChipBlitz microchipping events	Ongoing	Effective and consistent response to stray and roaming cat concerns

c. Response to animal related incidents

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

Actions	Timelines	Key measures
Increase patrols of dog parks and off-leash areas to proactively educate dog owners on responsible pet ownership responsibilities, including effective control and leash requirements	Ongoing	Reduction in wandering dog reports per registered dog (91 incidents reported in FY 24/25)
Provide staff training for responding to dog attacks, animal incidents and community safety concerns	Years 1–2	Workforce capability maintained
Maintain partnerships to ensure adequate impounding capacity	Years 1–2	Service agreements maintained
Provide staff training for responding to dog attacks, animal incidents and community concerns	Years 1–2	Workforce capability maintained
Review on-leash, off-leash and dog free areas within the life of the Plan	Year 2	Community feedback considered and areas reviewed in response to changing community needs

d. Dog barking incidents and owner behaviour

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

Actions	Timelines	Key measures
Respond to barking nuisance complaints with education and advice	Ongoing	Reduction in barking complaints per registered dog
Provide information on nuisance barking, owner responsibilities and available support	Year 1	Increased community understanding and reduced repeat complaints
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
North Terrace (in front of Government House and Cultural Precinct)	On-leash
Adelaide Zoo	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's dog leash arrangements
Adelaide Railway Station	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's dog leash arrangements
Torrens Parade Ground	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's dog leash arrangements
Universities and Cultural Precinct	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's dog leash arrangements
Lot Fourteen	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's dog leash arrangements
Adelaide Botanic Gardens	Not within Council control, please adhere to each area's dog leash arrangements



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/Pirltawardli (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
Adelaide Botanic Gardens	No dogs at all times. Assistance dogs exempted.
Frome Park	On-leash
Lefevre Park Horse Paddock	No dogs at all times. Assistance dogs exempted.

Further Information

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

For information on dog and cat management, please visit:

cityofadelaide.com.au/resident/pets-and-animals/dog-cat-registration

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Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West) Final Landscape and Access Design

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

Public

Tuesday, 4 August 2026
City Community Services and
Culture Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council for the final landscape and access design in the redevelopment of the Park Lands Community Building at Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West).

On 8 July 2025, Council resolved (in part):

'That Council;

- 4. Approves the Detailed Design of the Park Lands Community Building at Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West) as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee Authority held on 1 July 2025.'*

The design documentation approved by Council noted that the area to the west of the redevelopment project (between the new building and Goodwood Road) was the subject of ongoing landscaping and access design work.

This report outlines the assessment undertaken to resolve this outstanding work and recommends the approach which incorporates:

- A hammer head access service road with accessible parking bays.
- The removal of one non-regulated eucalyptus tree, endorsed by an arborist due to its condition.
- The addition of a minimum of 19 trees, 164 shrubs and 1,880 groundcovers.
- A 42% reduction in the area of the Park Lands accessible by vehicles, from 627 m² to 362 m².

Approval of the landscape and access design contained in **Attachment A** will ensure construction remains on schedule, avoiding delays and increased costs. The redevelopment's practical completion is scheduled for early 2027.

The landscape and access design was considered by Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority on 30 July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 11 August 2026 for consideration

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

1. Approves the landscape and access design for the community building at Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West) as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Service and Cultural Committee held on 4 August 2026.

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>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (2015-2025)</u> Strategy 1.4 - Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting. Strategy 1.6 - Strengthen the role of the Park Lands as a regional destination for competitive sport and a variety of active and passive forms of recreation. <u>Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management Plan (CLMP)</u> The CLMP for this Park supports the community building and adjoining playing fields, including the provision of sporting fields and fit-for-purpose support facilities. <u>Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy</u> The design for the Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W) Community Building, including accessible parking and service vehicle access, has been developed in accordance with this Policy.
Consultation	The landscape and access design has been developed through ongoing consultation with the Adelaide Community Sports and Recreation Association (ACSARA), project design consultants and relevant stakeholders, including traffic and transport consultants, landscape architects and arborists. Workshops and design meetings were undertaken throughout the project to inform operational requirements, functionality, accessibility and the overall landscape and access outcomes.
Resource	This project will be undertaken within the established project budget.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Delivering the Community Building without appropriate service access and accessible parking would limit equitable access to a public facility and present a reputational risk to the City of Adelaide. It would also increase the risk of ongoing vehicle encroachment onto the Park Lands, resulting in continued damage to surrounding landscape areas.
Opportunities	The finalisation of this aspect of the redevelopment project will enable the Community Building to fully support community sport and recreation, while improving accessibility and broader community use of the Park Lands. It will also enhance the landscape setting through the addition of new trees and native plantings.
26/27 Budget Allocation	The proposed design will be delivered within the approved Community Building Redevelopment project budget of \$6.094 million, comprising: • Prior year budget allocation - \$992,000 • 2026/27 New and Upgrade funding - \$3.721 million • 2026/27 Renewal funding - \$680,000 • Delivery costs and overheads - \$701,000 The New and Upgrade funding includes ACSARA's contribution of \$2.55 million, including a \$1.55 million State Government grant.
Proposed 27/28 Budget Allocation	No budget allocation is currently proposed for 2027/28. Budget allocations will continue to be reviewed and re-timed as required to align with project delivery timeframes and construction program requirements.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The provision of the Community Building will be reviewed in accordance with the Buildings Asset Management Plan.
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report

Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Maintenance responsibilities will be shared between the CoA and the lessee, in accordance with the lease agreement.
Other Funding Sources	ACSARA will contribute \$2.55 million to the redevelopment, including a \$1.55 million State Government grant.

DISCUSSION

1. The Adelaide Community Sports and Recreation Association (ACSARA) is the Lessee of a Community Building and three playing fields in Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West).
2. ACSARA has operated from this site for over 35 years, delivering a range of recreational and social programs that support community wellbeing and align with the purpose of the Park Lands and the City of Adelaide's strategic priorities.
3. On 8 July 2025, Council approved the Detailed Design of the Park Lands Community Building at Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West). The approved Detailed Design is consistent with the Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy.
4. The design documentation approved noted that the area to the west of the redevelopment project (between the new building and Goodwood Road) was the subject of ongoing landscaping and access design work. That area is the subject of this report and is resolved through the final landscaping design.

Landscape and Access Design

5. The final landscape design includes;
 - 5.1. The addition of a minimum of 19 trees, 164 shrubs and 1,880 groundcovers, with a focus on native species appropriate to the Adelaide Park Lands setting.
 - 5.2. Irrigated garden beds, low-growing species located along pathways to maintain sightlines
 - 5.3. Maintenance of safe pedestrian movement throughout the site
 - 5.4. Compacted rubble pathways, consistent with Park Lands design principles.
 - 5.5. Removal of one non-regulated eucalyptus tree with low retention value.
6. The recommended solution includes a formalisation of the vehicular movement paths to reduce the encroachment of vehicles (and associated damage) onto Park Lands areas.
7. Currently, vehicles use approximately 627m² of Park Lands in Park 21 West to access the building services, the community activities undertaken by the lessee, and to maintain the park.
8. The design reduces the area of the Park Lands accessible by vehicles to 362 m². This represents a reduction of 265 m² (42%) in the area of the Park Lands susceptible to damage from vehicular movements.
9. Formalising access arrangements provides greater certainty for users, reduces ongoing damage to Park Lands areas caused by informal vehicle movements and improves accessibility outcomes for people living with disabilities, service vehicles and Park Lands maintenance activities.
10. The Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy prioritises safe and accessible disability parking, drop-off, and loading/unloading spaces adjacent to community buildings, with access and parking requirements to be considered in accordance with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy.
11. The Design Consultant responsible for the approved Detailed Design recommended that Council provide at least one accessible parking space adjacent to the building. Administration considers that providing two accessible parking spaces delivers a more equitable outcome for a community facility accommodating approximately 88,000 users annually, improving access and flexibility during periods of peak demand while having minimal additional impact on the Park Lands.
12. Strategy 2.8 in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) states that car parking will be located on or adjacent to the Park Lands only where a need is demonstrated and no reasonable alternative exists. The assessment undertaken by Administration demonstrates:
 - 12.1. The challenge of providing reasonable alternatives for disability access parking nearby.
 - 12.2. The facility currently accommodates approximately 88,000 users annually, demonstrating a clear need for accessible parking to support safe and inclusive access.

- 12.3. The need addresses precinct considerations for the South-East Park Lands as outlined in the APLMS.
- 12.4. That the preferred approach seeks to address car parking in the context of the APLMS, refer to Car Parking on page 50 of the APLMS:
 - 12.4.1. *'Existing car parking is accommodated in some locations in the Adelaide Park Lands. Where appropriate, existing car parking will encourage multiple uses such as market stall, events, community sport and recreation opportunities and electric vehicle charging to maximise public access to existing infrastructure.'*
 - 12.4.2. *'Car parking will minimise its impact on the landscape, provide for additional greening and trees and incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design.'*
13. The relevant Australian Standards indicate that accessible parking spaces should be located in:
 - 13.1. Close proximity to any particular establishment which people living with disabilities are likely to use; and
 - 13.2. Areas where safe and accessible paths of travel from the accessible parking spaces to the adjoining developments are achievable.
14. To determine the most appropriate solution, Council Administration engaged traffic management and transport planning consultants to assess a range of options ([Link 1](#)) including:
 - 14.1. Amend the existing bus lane on Goodwood Road to accommodate on-road access parking (Option 1).
 - 14.2. Retain the existing bus lane with a minor indent for access parking that is available only when the bus lane is not operational (Option 1A).
 - 14.3. An indented access parking bay within the Park Lands, providing permanent access that is not impacted by bus lane operations (Option 2).
 - 14.4. Internal access road configurations (loop and hammerhead) enabling vehicles to drive onto the Park Lands and park adjacent to the community building (Options 3 and 4).
15. The bus lane options (1 and 1A) were not supported due to significant traffic impacts on a strategic public transport corridor. These options also create safety and equity concerns, as the bus lane operates between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, meaning accessible parking would not be available during these times and would not provide reliable access for people living with disabilities.
16. The indented parking bay option (Option 2) was considered; however, concerns were identified regarding vehicle movements in close proximity to Goodwood Road. The option would also require re-alignment of the Park Lands boundary and would not guarantee availability for Community Building users.
17. The internal access road options (Options 3 and 4) were assessed as providing the best overall safety, accessibility and operational outcomes, while minimising impacts on Goodwood Road and avoiding the need to modify the Park Lands boundary.
18. Administration recommends Option 4 provided in **Attachment A**, comprising a hammerhead access road and accessible parking spaces adjacent to the Community Building. This option provides safe and equitable access for people living with disabilities, service vehicles and park maintenance activities, while minimising impacts on the surrounding Park Lands and reducing informal vehicle movements across the site.
19. The proposed accessible parking spaces and associated access arrangements will be designed in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards. Exposed aggregate concrete will be used for the accessible parking spaces and shared access areas to provide a compliant, durable and low-maintenance surface that achieves the required accessibility outcomes.

Service Access

20. In addition to reviewing accessible parking options, traffic management and transport planning consultants worked with the landscape designer to develop an integrated service access solution for the Community Building, guided by the principle of minimising impact on the Park Lands.
21. The service road is required to provide safe and efficient access for essential operations, including City of Adelaide waste collection, cleansing, and facilities maintenance services. This includes access for ongoing maintenance of critical building infrastructure (eg grease arrestor).
22. Existing vehicle access to the site (restricted to authorised vehicles) is via gated, unsealed crossovers on Goodwood Road. Waste collection vehicles currently utilise this access, stopping temporarily on unsealed areas immediately west of the existing building during servicing.

23. A formalised access arrangement is required to enable service vehicles to safely enter the site, manoeuvre, and exit onto Goodwood Road in a forward direction, without compromising traffic flow or public safety.
24. Service access requirements were considered in conjunction with the accessible parking review to ensure an integrated outcome that balances operational requirements with minimising impacts on the Park Lands.
25. The recommended design incorporates a hammerhead turning arrangement, enabling service vehicles to safely manoeuvre on site while reducing the extent of vehicle movements and infrastructure required within the Park Lands.
26. The design endorsed by the consultants and Administration is provided in **Attachment A** and integrates the proposed service road with the accessible parking layout.
27. Compacted quarry rubble will be used to provide a stable surface for service vehicles while supporting permeability, reducing runoff, and integrate with the surrounding landscape.
28. Should a more durable surface, such as exposed aggregate concrete, be considered there are opportunities to reduce the extent of hardstand required by accommodating a smaller turning area, while also reducing the ongoing maintenance associated with compacted quarry rubble surfaces.
29. Access will remain consistent with existing site conditions, via two-way crossover on Goodwood Road and a manually operated gate.
30. Implementation of the service road requires the removal of one non-regulated eucalyptus tree. The arborist has assessed the tree as having low retention value due to its reduced foliage density and overall condition and supports its removal.

Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

31. This landscape and access design was considered by Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority on 30 July 2026. A verbal update on Kadaltilla's feedback and recommendations will be provided at the meeting.

Next Steps

32. Subject to Council approval, Administration will proceed with delivery of the landscape design, accessible parking and service road as part of the broader project works, with practical completion targeted for early 2027.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W) Proposed Parking Solutions

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Final access parking and service road design

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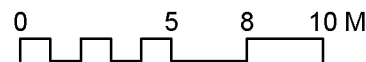


LEGEND

	EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE		CONCRETE UNIT PAVING WITH BRICK FEATURE BANDING		BRICK CLAD CONCRETE SEATING WALL
	CEMENT TREATED COMPACTED RUBBLE		GARDEN BED		PROPOSED TREE
	PERMEABLE PAVING		TURF		EXISTING TREE TO BE RETAINED



Scale:
1:250 @ A3



PARK 21W CHANGE ROOMS

ADL25003

Landscape Plan

Planting Palette

Trees	
1	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i> Golden Wattle
2	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i> Drooping Sheoak
3	<i>Banksia marginata</i> Silver banksia
4	<i>Callitris gracilis</i> Southern cypress-pine
5	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i> SA Blue Gum
6	<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> Grey box
Shrubs	
7	<i>Acacia acinacea</i> Round-leaf Wattle
8	<i>Bursaria spinosa</i> Christmas Bush
9	<i>Cullen australasicum</i> Scurf Pea
10	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> Sticky Hop Bush
11	<i>Lavatera plebeia</i> Australian Hollyhock
12	<i>Melaleuca brevifolia</i> Short-leaf Honey-Myrtle
13	<i>Myoporum viscosum</i> Sticky Boobialla



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Planting Palette

Low Shrubs & Groundcovers

1	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i> Common Everlasting
2	<i>Correa glabra</i> Rock Correa
3	<i>Dianella revoluta</i> Black Anther Flax-lily
4	<i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> Ruby Saltbush
5	<i>Goodenia amplexans</i> Clasping Goodenia
6	<i>Grevillea lavendulacea</i> Lavender grevillea
7	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> Native Lilac
8	<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i> Creeping boobialla
9	<i>Olearia ramulosa</i> Twiggy Daisy Bush
10	<i>Poa labillardieri</i> Common tussock-grass
11	<i>Themeda triandra</i> Kangaroo Grass

Riparian

12	<i>Carex appresa</i> Tall Sedge
13	<i>Carex fascicularis</i> Tassel Sedge
14	<i>Cyperus vaginatus</i> Stiff Flat-sedge
15	<i>Ficinia nodosa</i> Knobby Club-rush
16	<i>Juncus pallidus</i> Pale Rush
17	<i>Lomandra multiflora</i> Mat-rush



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