

Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 27 May 2026

Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, 27 May 2026, at 4.30 pm
Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

Present:

Presiding Member	The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Deputy Presiding Member	Elinor Walker
Board Members	Tim Agius
	Daniel Bennett
	Kirsty Bevan
	Warwick Keates
	Councillor Keiran Snape
	Sally Underdown
	Sarah Russo

1 Welcome and Opening

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Board Meeting, the Presiding Member, the Lord Mayor stated:

‘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.’

1.2 Apologies

Apology –

Stephanie Johnston (Sarah Russo in attendance as proxy)

Ashley Halliday

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

Board Decision

Moved by Tim Agius,
Seconded by Daniel Bennett -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 23 April 2026 be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings, subject to replacing the word ‘human’ with ‘animal’ and ‘Park 3’ for ‘Par 3’ at Item 8 [Other Business], on page 5 of the document.

Carried

2 Conflict of Interest

Nil

3 Presiding Member Report (verbal)

The Presiding Member provided a verbal report on various matters:

- The Lord Mayor thanked the representatives from the South Australian Motor Sport Board for attending the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority meeting and sharing currently available information with the Board and community.

- In recent months, significant State Government projects affecting the Adelaide Park Lands have become a major focus for both Kadaltilla, Council, and the wider community.
- Kadaltilla recognises the significance of major events to South Australia. However, there continues to be a lack of transparency and considerable uncertainty regarding the broader processes being led by the State Government, including the overall scope, timelines, impacts and decision-making pathways associated with these proposals.
- As members know, I have actively opposed the North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025 since it passed through the South Australian Parliament in what can best be described as warp speed.
- Whilst this legislation seizes assets from the City Council, its implications extend far beyond our municipality and the open space we have previously protected. Indeed, it sets a troubling precedent for how local government, the closest tier of government to the people, may be treated by the State Government into the future.
- To reiterate, the legislation affects more than 10 per cent of the Adelaide Park Lands. It allows the State to incorporate additional land if they wish. It removes the land from the care and control of Council, transfers infrastructure and buildings, requires existing leases and licences to be cancelled, and removes important oversight processes.
- Similarly, neither the State Government nor the South Australia Motor Sport Board have provided Kadaltilla or the City of Adelaide, with details of the final design of the MotoGP circuit or its potential environmental impacts, including tree removal.
- The lack of clarity around what is ultimately being proposed for the Adelaide Park Lands, how long areas may be impacted for, and what consultation and assessment processes will occur moving forward.
- This is causing concern for the wider community, sporting users, residents and stakeholders who rely on and value the Adelaide Park Lands.
- Kadaltilla's role, as the advisory body to both Council and the State Government, is committed to protecting and enhancing the Adelaide Park Lands for the benefit of all South Australians.
- The Lord Mayor had requested that the tree numbers in the Adelaide Park Lands (profit and loss) be updated for the next meeting of the Board and to have it made public.
- The Lord Mayor advised the Board of the presence of TV Cameras and crew due to the interest in the update given by the South Australian Motor Sport Board.
- The Lord Mayor acknowledged and welcomed the Mayor of Burnside to the gallery.

4 Deputations

- Mr Gerry Butler - Butterfly Conservation SA, Convenor of the Friends of the Chequered Copper (*Lucia Limbaria*) Butterfly
- Ms Elizabeth Rushbrook - South East City Residents Association Inc (SECRA)

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Warwick Keates -

That the documents provided during both deputations be included in the minutes of the Meeting.

Carried

5 Items for Board Discussion and Decision

5.1 External Presentation - 2026 bp Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motorsport Event - South Australian Motor Sport Board

Precis of Item:

The purpose of this presentation is for the South Australian Motor Sport Board to provide information relating to the proposed declarations on the 2026 bp Adelaide Grand Final and associated motorsport event.

Presenters:

- Mark Warren - Chief Executive of the South Australian Motor Sport Board

- Nathan Cayzer - Head of Infrastructure & Overlay, South Australian Motor Sport Board

At 6.04pm the Lord Mayor sought leave of the meeting to adjourn the meeting for a period of 10 minutes. Leave was granted.

The Meeting resumed at 6:14pm with the following members present:

The Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Chair), Elinor Walker, Tim Agius, Daniel Bennett, Kirsty Bevan, Warwick Keates, Sally Underdown and Sarah Russo.

5.2 Consultation - 2026 bp Adelaide Grand Final

Councillor Snape re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 6:15pm.

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Elinor Walker,
Seconded by Daniel Bennett -

THAT THE KADALTILLA / ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND COUNCIL:

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

1. Notes the Declaration of the proposed Declared Areas, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event as contained in this report.
2. Notes the Declared Area for the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final as shown in Attachment A to Item 5.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 27 May 2026.
3. Notes the Declared Area for the 2026 Associated Motor Sport Event as shown in Attachment B to Item 5.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 27 May 2026.
4. Notes that the South Australian Motor Sport Board advises that the increase in the Declared Area for the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final includes Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17) for event car parking facilities as the existing area used along Fullarton Road will be unavailable due to 2027 Motorcycle Grand Prix of Australia (MotoGP) circuit redevelopment in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
5. Notes the South Australian Motor Sport Board request for the permanent removal of the central toilet block adjacent to the Criterium Track in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) as part their planned infrastructure works under the proposed 2026 Adelaide Grand Final Prescribed Works Period.
6. Authorises the Presiding Member to write to the Minister Planning, consistent with Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority's functions under the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* to provide Kadaltilla's comments in relation to the occupation of the Adelaide Park Lands by the South Australian Motor Sport Board for the purposes of the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event.
7. Authorises the Presiding Member of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority to write to the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Motor Sport Board on behalf of Kadaltilla with its feedback to the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event consultation as follows:
 - 7.1. Notes that there is a Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi Remnant Vegetation Management Plan (2018) in place between the City of Adelaide and the Minister for Environment and Conservation and that both parties consider the vegetation at the site to be within the definition of the endangered ecological community listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
 - 7.2. Seeks from the South Australian Motor Sport Board confirmation that the Minister responsible for the South Australian Motorsport Board and the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event, has made a self-referral under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) in relation to this significant area and

- event and taken steps to prepare an environmental impact assessment and heritage impact assessment.
- 7.3. Seeks from the South Australian Motor Sport Board advice on how obligations contained within the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*, *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*, Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi Remnant Vegetation Management Plan, Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi Master Plan and Key Biodiversity Area Management Plans are being monitored and enforced during event planning, the staging of the event, bump-in, bump-out and remediation.
 - 7.4. Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board remove the area identified as the Butterfly Conservation Zone from the Declared Area from any proposed motor sport activity in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
 - 7.5. Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board remove areas identified as Revegetation Conservation Zones and Buffer Conservation Zones from any proposed motor sport activity in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) and the removal of Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17).
 - 7.6. Seeks from the South Australian Motor Sport Board, as outlined in the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984*, the immediate provision of independent, pre-and post-event ecological monitoring, including cumulative impact reporting over multiple years particularly in relation to the Grey Box Grassy Woodland threatened ecological community and associated biodiversity values in relation to motor sport activities in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
 - 7.7. Seeks from the South Australian Motor Sport Board, advice on the role of independent ecological experts and engagement with Traditional Owners in determining acceptable use of Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) for motor sport purposes.
 - 7.8. Seeks from the South Australian Motor Sport Board, advice on an evidence-based limit on the number, duration or scale of motor sport events that Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) can sustainably accommodate each year in relation to its status as a Key Biodiversity Area.
 - 7.9. Noting the expansion of the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final, Kadaltilla seeks from the South Australian Motor Sport Board, a briefing on the proposed impacts including environmental of the 2027 Motorcycle Grand Prix of Australia (MotoGP) on the National Heritage Listed Adelaide Park Lands, as soon as possible and no later than July 2026.
 - 7.10. Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board ensure the use of or the reinstatement of permeable pathways throughout the Declared Area for the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event.
 - 7.11. Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board confirm increased public access to the bikeways and pathways and further access considerations and advice for members of the public, during the Prescribed Works Period 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event.
 - 7.12. Requests that Council and the South Australian Motor Sport Board continue to work collaboratively to pursue greening and tree canopy increase in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) in line with the Master Plan.
 - 7.13. Requests that the South Australian Motor Sport Board consult with the administration on options to reinstate public toilet facilities within Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) in line with the Master Plan at their cost.
 8. Requests that Council, consistent with the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi Remnant Vegetation Management Plan 2018, continues to facilitate the 'persistence' of species of conservation significance on the site in the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi Key Biodiversity Area.
 9. Requests that Council, consistent with *Adelaide Park Lands Act* Section 9 (g) and the consultation provisions of the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984*, directs all feedback received by the community to the South Australian Motor Sport Board and the relevant Minister during the consultation period.

10. Notes that Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority's advice will be presented to the City Community and Culture Committee on Tuesday 2 June 2026.

Carried

Undertaking – Ground Disturbing Works

In response to a query from Tim Agius, Jo Podoliak, Director City Community gave an undertaking to review any works that are ground disturbing and/or geotechnical exploration related to motorsport events auspiced by the South Australian Motor Sport Board.

5.3 Updated Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) Management Plan

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Warwick Keates,
Seconded by Sarah Russo -

THAT THE KADALTILLA / ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES COUNCIL:

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

1. Supports the draft Key Biodiversity Area Management Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 5.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 27 May 2026 contemporises and replaces the 2018 Key Biodiversity Area Management Plan.
2. Notes the draft Key Biodiversity Area Management Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 5.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 27 May 2026 will be finalised by the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Adelaide.
3. Recommends that the Presiding Member and Council write to the relevant State Government Minister's seeking their commitment to maintaining all Key Biodiversity Areas, and in particular Areas 1 and 6, and to provide advice on the potential impacts of the North Adelaide Public Golf Course and MotoGP projects on these two Areas.

Carried

Kirsty Bevan left the Colonel Light Room at 7.00pm

5.4 Water Sources and Forward Planning for Drought Conditions

Precis of the Item:

The purpose of this presentation is to outline the broad program of work and activities being undertaken across the City of Adelaide in response to potential drought conditions in the Adelaide Park Lands.

Presenter:

- Tom McCready, Director, City Infrastructure

Kirsty Bevan entered the Colonel Light Room at 7.09pm

5.5 Draft Park Lands Leasing and Licencing Policy

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Elinor Walker,
Seconded by Sally Underdown -

THAT THE KADALTILLA / ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES COUNCIL:

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

1. Supports the Draft Adelaide Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy, as contained in Attachment A to Item 5.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 27 May 2026, for the purpose of public consultation.

Carried

5.6 Beach Volleyball Facility in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27)

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by Elinor Walker,
Seconded by Councillor Keiran Snape -

THAT THE KADALTILLA / ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES COUNCIL:

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

1. Supports the findings of the Site Plan Concept Report as contained in Attachment A to Item 5.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 27 May 2026, confirming Option 1, utilising the former netball court site, as the optimal location for the proposed beach volleyball facility in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27), subject to refinements as detailed in the Site Plan Concept Report.

Carried

6 Items for Noting

7 Other Business

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Sarah Russo -

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority requests that Council:

1. Considers reinstatement of the World Heritage bid budget for 2026/2027.
2. Requests the Administration to provide an updated timeline of steps from here, including plans for advocacy to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency and State Government.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.53 pm

The Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Presiding Member

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Documents Attached:

- Item 4 – Deputation Presentation provided by Mr Gerry Butler - Butterfly Conservation SA, Convenor of the Friends of the Chequered Copper (*Lucia Limbaria*) butterfly
- Item 4 – Deputation provided by Ms Elizabeth Rushbrook – South East City Residents Association Inc (SECRA)