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THE COMMITTEE - PRE-COUNCIL DISCUSSION FORUM

AGENDA & REPORTS

for the meeting

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Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Abrahimzadeh (Chair)

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of The Committee meeting, the Chair will state:

'Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognize and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.'

2. Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

That the Minutes of the meeting of The Committee held on 21 June 2022, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

4. Presentations

Nil

5. All reports in this section will be presented to Council

All reports in this section will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration and determination

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In accordance with sections 90(2),(3) and (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* The Committee will consider whether to discuss in confidence the reports contained within section 7 of this Agenda.

7. All reports in this section will be presented to Council in Confidence

All reports in this section will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration and determination

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Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27) Informal Car Park

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Approving Officer:
Ilia Houridis - Director City Shaping

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the operation of an informal commuter carpark on the former netball courts in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27)

The report is provided in the context of the decision of Council on 11 May 2021 to repurpose a section of the former netball courts in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli for a beach volleyball site,

In addition, Council resolved on 8 June 2021 to consider the introduction of a temporary parking fee, during key commuter times, in recognition of the large number of cars currently using the site as a commuter carpark.

The report considers the introduction of a temporary fee, options for the closure of the informal commuter car park area, consideration of options relating to the Volleyball SA proposal and return of the site to Park Lands.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Notes the options for the informal carpark in Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27) as listed in paragraph 21 of the discussion section of Item # of the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2022.
2. Approves the closure of the informal carpark in Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27) on or about Monday 5 September 2022 (allowing for four weeks advance notice) in line with Option A outlined in Item # of the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2022.
3. Notes that a temporary parking fee will not be implemented in association with the informal commuter carpark in Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27).

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Thriving Communities Leverage the Adelaide Park Lands to promote health, wellbeing and lifestyle experiences.
Policy	Closure of the car park is consistent with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 (APLMS) which seeks a reduction in car parking in the Park Lands by 5% by 2025.
Consultation	If Council decides to close all, or part, of the informal car park, signage informing users of the closure will be erected communicating the changes for four weeks prior to implementation of the changes, along with promotion of alternative parking locations, including UPark.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The informal carpark at Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27) is not designed or considered fit-for-purpose as a commuter carpark.
Opportunities	Opportunity to close the informal commuter car park in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli and return the site to use as Park Lands.
21/22 Budget Allocation	The current annual costs for maintenance of the former netball court surface of approximately $20,000 per annum is within existing budgets.
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	A decision to proceed with Option C may result in costs arising from the decommissioning of the car park and return to Park Lands until such time as Volleyball SA develops the site.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The closure of the carpark, and implementation of the chosen option, will continue until Volleyball SA commence the proposed project at the site or another appropriate Park Lands use is identified.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background to the site

1. The site in Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27) that is currently being used as an informal commuter carpark, was originally developed as netball courts and used for that purpose until 1997. After this time, the area (of approximately 7,500 square metres),was used as an overflow car park for users of the park on weekends and public holidaysand as an event site or 'back of house' area for events.
2. There has been an increase in city commuters using the site as a free carpark since 2010, when the extension of the tram line from the city to the Entertainment Centre and the tram stop adjacent Bonython Park was created.
3. In 2015, four-hour time limit signs were installed during construction of the Royal Adelaide Hospital to manage the increase in construction workers parking on the site.
4. The site currently provides for about 350 informal car parking spaces.
5. The existing surface condition of the former netball courts has not withstood current use by motor vehicles which has deteriorated the surface and the landscape, requiring regular surface maintenance which is undertaken through surface patching.
6. Adequate car parking provisions such as defined line marking are not installed, resulting in unstructured parking that has resulted in vehicle 'creep' and approximately 20 to 30 complaints based on the last two financial years, relating to vehicles being blocked by other cars.
7. The informal nature of the car park presents challenges for consistently enforcing the four-hour parking control, however, the area is monitored and expiations issued to vehicles in excess of this time limit. In 2021/2022, 1388 expiations were issued in Bonython Park the majority of which relate to the former netball court.
8. The informal carpark is used by city visitors and workers as a free 'park & ride' facility to access the city. Alternative, paid parking is available on Light Terrace, Thebarton, opposite the informal car park and at the Entertainment Centre (Link 1 view here).
9. In May 2021, an agreement was reached with the Adelaide Park Lands Association to undertake a temporary, pilot community project aimed at restoration and re-greening. The location identified is the south-west corner of the old netball courts and will occupy an area of approximately 14.0 x 20.3 metres.

Policy context

10. The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) contains nine 'actions' to "provide car parking on and adjacent to the Park Lands only where need has been demonstrated and no reasonable alternative exists". Specific reference is made to the following five actions (from page 21 of the APLMS):

    "(1.0) Reduce car parking on the Park Lands by 5% in the period to 2025

    (2.0) Remove long term parking to discourage commuters

    (4.0) Require all proposals for car parking on the Park Lands to:

    - *Be informed by a detailed evidence base substantiating the need for users of the Park Lands*
    - *Deliver improved design outcomes that minimise landscape, visual and heat island impacts and incorporate water sensitive urban design techniques*

    (6.0) Review all on-street parking along Park Lands edges to optimise access for Park Lands users, reduce commuter parking and manage the visual impact of car parking.

    (7.0) Provide for fee-based temporary parking supporting selected Park Lands events only on sites where vegetation can be protected."

11. The General Provisions Community Land Management Plan (November 2021) (CLMP) allows for "car parking on or adjacent to the Park Lands only where there is a demonstrated need and there is no reasonable alternative consistent with the overall aim of the APLMS to reduce carparking on the Park Lands by 5% by 2025" and "to use parking controls to discourage general commuter car parking".

Volleyball SA proposal for a beach volleyball facility

12. Following the closure of the City Beach facility in Pirie Street, the City of Adelaide (CoA) worked with Volleyball SA to find a new site for the facility in the Park Lands.

13. After a consideration of options, on 11 May 2021 Council approved a section of the former netball courts in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27) being repurposed into a beach volleyball facility subject to:

    13.1. Volleyball SA receiving sufficient funding to complete the project

    13.2. Further consideration of consolidating existing and proposed amenities where practical, to service use of the entire park

    13.3. A significant portion of the area returned to green space

    13.4. Landscaping integrated with the beach volleyball facility.

14. The decision of 11 May 2021 was supported by advice received at the 11 May 2021 Council meeting, that the Adelaide Park Lands Authority on 22 April 2021 supported the proposed beach volleyball site.

15. Approximately 20% of the proposed facility is allocated for parking and bus drop-off, equating to approximately 80 car parking spaces.

16. Volleyball SA has since developed a concept plan and business case that have been submitted to the State Government, through the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing. CoA is working with Volleyball SA to progress this project.

Council resolution to consider the introduction of temporary parking fees during key commuter times

17. At its meeting held on 8 June 2021, in reference to the above decision on 11 May 2021, Council resolved the following regarding the implementation of Paid Commuter Car Parking in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli:

    That Council:

    Notes the recent Council decision that Volleyball South Australia (VSA) will seek to relocate beach volleyball facilities to the former netball courts/temporary car park within Bonython Park. Considers the introduction of a parking fee in recognition of the large number of cars currently using the site as a commuter car park.

    Requests the Administration present a report that reflects the intent of the motion, including but not limited to:

    1. *Fees to apply during key commuter times only.*
    2. *Supporting continued access to the Park for those visiting for recreation and event purposes.*
    3. *Temporary in nature only until such time that VSA are able to develop the site or another appropriate use for the site is identified.*
    4. *Financial viability and affordability, including a reference to establishment costs.*
    5. *Reinvesting the net revenue into Park Lands enhancements consistent with Council's Strategic Plan.*

18. Administration has undertaken an assessment of options for the future management of car parking (including revenue raised by introducting paid carparking fees) at the site, which assumes use of the while site for carparking (Link 2 view here). This assessment found that the proposal will have low/no return on investment for a twelve month period.

19. The introduction of temporary fee-based commuter parking in Bonython Park is inconsistent with the APLMS and CLMP.

Recommendation for the site

20. The Volleyball SA proposal supported by Kadaltilla (21 April 2021) and Council (11 May 2021) will ultimately result in the closure of the informal car park in Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27) at a point in time when Volleyball SA can deliver a new beach volleyball facility at the location.

21. In the interim, a Council decision on the closure, or partial closure, of the informal carpark is sought based on three options:

    21.1. Option A: Close the entire informal carpark but allow it to be used for events until such a time as it can be returned to Park Lands as part of the Volleyball SA development of the site for beach volleyball purposes (recommended option):

        21.1.1. Providing four weeks notice to users of the carpark with signage, flyers on windscreens and a communication strategy in place to encourage use of U-Parks in the city.

        21.1.2. Working with the Adelaide Park Lands Association to further the implementation of their temporary greening project (in accordance with the agreement for this project).

21.2. Option B: Partially close the informal carpark and leave 80 carparking spaces (in line with approval for the beach volleyball site parking) until such a time as Volleyball SA develops the site for beach volleyball purposes.

21.3. Option C: Close the entire informal carpark and return it to Park Lands until such a time as Volleyball SA develops the site for beach volleyball purposes.

22. Option A is recommended as it aligns with the APLMS statements on parking on the Park Lands and enables the space to be used for events until such a time as it is developed by Volleyball SA. It also enables a more cost-effective opportunity to return part of this area not being used by Volleyball SA to Park Lands as part of this development.

23. If Option C is pursued, the cost to decommission the site and return it to Park Lands would be in the vicinity of (subject to further contamination assessment) $900,000 to $1.3M. This would include decommissioning the carpark, removing the bitumen and reinstating turf. These costs are likely to be lower if the work is undertaken in conjunction with the redevelopment of the site as a volleyball facility.

24. Should Council decide to close the informal carpark, this would remove approximately 350 car parking spaces from the Park Lands, noting that the future Volleyball SA facility would require 80 carparks. If Council decides to close the informal carpark, there is opportunity to promote alternative parking solutions, including UPark, to existing uses of the carpark.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Location of car park and other parking options

Link 2 – Assessment of paid carparking options

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- END OF REPORT -

Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program – Year One Program Review Report

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Strategic Alignment - Thriving Communities

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Approving Officer:
Ilia Houridis - Director City Shaping

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a review of the first year of the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships and seek Council approval for further improvements to the program.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Notes the report.
2. Approves, in principle, an increase of the annual budget for the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnership Program (CIGSP) by $90,000 to $836,000 from 2023/24.
3. Approves the following changes to the CIGSP program from 2023/24 onwards:
   - 3.1. Increase Quick Response annual budget by $20,000, from $50,000 to $70,000.
   - 3.2. Increase Community Infrastructure annual budget by $50,000 to $150,000.
   - 3.3. Introduce a targeted round of Community Impact Grants in 2023/24, for youth led, youth delivered projects, with a total round budget of $20,000 for proposals up to $5,000 in value.
   - 3.4. Introduce specific guidelines in relation to project values of the Community Infrastructure category to ensure grants funding support is focused on smaller scale (minor) community projects.
   - 3.5. Divide Community Impact Grants into Programs & Events sub-categories and include the option of multiyear funding capped at two years.
4. Authorises minor changes to CIGSP Grant Guidelines to be made by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority from 2022/23 onwards.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Thriving Communities This report supports Council's vision of Adelaide as the most liveable City in the world. The Community Impact Grants support the delivery of the Thriving Communities outcomes.
Policy	The recommendations in this report align with the Community Impact Grants & Strategic Partnerships Guidelines [Link 1 view here].
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Grant recipients are required to provide public liability insurance, sign a grant agreement that identifies the key deliverables of the project and satisfactorily acquit their grant on project completion.
Opportunities	The Community Impact Grants extend the community value achieved by Council by enabling community organisations to deliver the City of Adelaide's strategic priorities according to individual and community needs and opportunities.
21/22 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	$746,000 already allocated as part of Annual Business Planning process.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Grant recipients are funded on an annual basis and must acquit within two years. Recommendation for multiyear funding, with acquittals at the end of the two year period.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Other grant funding contributors, co-contributions and in-kind support from applicants will usually be included in applications for grants.

DISCUSSION

1. At its meeting on 8 June 2021, Council adopted the current Community Impact Grants & Strategic Partnership Operating Guidelines, incorporating Community Development and Recreation & Sport Grants into one new program.

2. The changes to the program coincided with the transition to Smarty Grants as Council's grants administration and management system. This allowed the new program to commence with a revised set of application forms and acquittals.

3. The new Community Impact Grants & Strategic Partnerships Program (CIGSP) launched in August 2021.

4. A notable increase in demand for funding support from Council occurred because of the transition to the new program. A summary of all successful applicants across the four categories is provided in Link 2 view here and the below provides and overview:

   4.1. Across the four categories available, 187 applications were started within Smarty Grants, with 120 applications submitted: a submission rate of 62%.

   4.2. Of the 120 applications submitted, 58% were successful in receiving some funding support.

   4.3. The total budget for requests exceeded $3 million. The grants budget allocated in 2021/22 ($746,000) was able to support just over 20% of these requests. The budget was exhausted by May 2022.

   4.4. Where applications identified a target group, the top beneficiaries were Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) people (26%), children and young people - aged 0-17 years (22%), and Aboriginal people (22%).

   4.5. The table below identifies the key changes presented to Council at its meeting on 8 June 2021 and a summary of the outcomes of these changes, in the first year of the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships.

Proposed Change	Anticipated Benefit	Year One Summary
Reduction of categories from seven to four **Minor, Program and Events Grants merge into Community Impact Grants**	Improved customer experience Improved clarity of which category to apply to	Excellent feedback via survey monkey with 83% of applicants saying they would apply again and would recommend the program. Guidelines have been highlighted as an example of best practice in Best Practice Guide for Grants Management for Local Government in South Australia produced by the LGA.
Merging Community Development and Recreation and Sports Grants into one Community Impact & Strategic Partnerships Grants Program	Presents opportunity to pool resources, continue to provide our valued grants to the community and distribute funds more strategically	In 2021/22, there were 41 more applications (107 received in total) submitted than the previous year, the number of applications approved for funding increased by 13 (65 approved in total). Funds were distributed based on project outcomes capacity to meet strategic needs. More organisations received funding than in 2020/21, many had not received funding before or in the previous twelve months. Customer feedback was positive on suitability of categories and amounts of funding available.
Value increased or stayed the same	Larger maximum amount of funding available to some applicants	Generally, the average funding amount received per successful applicant increased in each category or as a minimum stayed the same (Quick Response $1,500). In the Community Impact category, the average amount received per successful applicant increased by $3,000 and within Strategic Partnerships by just over $2,000.

Proposed Change	Anticipated Benefit	Year One Summary
		Overall, across all categories combined applicants received $3,800 less funding but an additional 14 grants were distributed.
Eligibility expanded	Open to wider audience Infrastructure Grants broadened to increase eligibility to non-sporting community groups for minor infrastructure improvements enabling greater community outcomes	Except for Strategic Partnerships (a new category), all categories saw an increase in the number of applications received. New organisations applied in all categories. Community Infrastructure Grants in particular saw applications from community-based organisations for the first time but also an incredibly diverse round. Among the projects submitted, there were: recreation and sport lighting requests, fencing for community gardens, disability access improvements for community buildings and a community cooking classroom. The majority of applicants were incorporated associations (66%), however 23% of applicants were Australian public companies, 5% were private companies and the remaining were either unincorporated associations (3%) or sole traders (3%).
Priorities expanded	Allows for more outcome focused program and greater impact on delivery of Councils Strategic objectives.	Five clear priorities that each project can clearly be linked to. Strategic Partnerships allow relationships that contribute to of Councils community impact priorities in a more collaborative way.
All grant categories, with the exception of Quick Response, now assessed by a panel, including a third-party representative where possible.	KPMG recommendation for transparency and consistency across grant programs	Assessment process for all categories now incorporates an assessment panel for final recommendations. A third party was included on the Assessment Panel for the second round of Community Impact Grants in 2021/22, and this process will continue in 2022/23. Terms of Reference for the Assessment Panel can be reviewed in Link 3 view here. External assessors will be confirmed early in the 2022/23 financial year.
Matched funding requirement removed	Removal of this requirement provides an opportunity for new organisations to apply and a potential increase in application numbers, ensuring the grants program is more competitive.	The increase in applications across the entire program indicates that it is now easier to apply, which could be attributed in part to the removal of this requirement. The increase in application numbers made the program more competitive. Customer feedback indicates the process is working well.
Strategic Partnerships replacing Major Community Development Grants.	Allow Council to negotiate agreements directly with organisations receiving the most funding, prioritising who is supported based on outcomes achieved.	The new program has allowed a shift in the way larger grant funding is distributed. Approval allows for notification earlier in the process, giving more time to develop the partnership agreements to maximise benefit not only to Council but for the partner agency as well. For the first time partnership support is more than just financial. Each partnership is managed by

Proposed Change	Anticipated Benefit	Year One Summary
		a steering group who will meet quarterly, so that Council is involved throughout delivery and contribute to project planning and implementation. This is a move away from the traditional format of granting a large sum of money and awaiting an acquittal 12 months later. Each partnership steering group has clear Terms of Reference. The group may identify further opportunities and mutual benefits that may extend beyond the original project proposal.
Community Impact Grants (Up to $25,000) can now be delivered over a two-year period	More flexibility in delivery terms allowing applicants to use funds to make their project more sustainable.	Organisations have welcomed this opportunity, especially with the uncertainty around delivery timeframes due to the COVID19 pandemic.
Multiyear agreements only available for Strategic Partnerships	Council not tied into long term commitments. Allows for flexibility and adaptability. More diversity and innovation in delivery.	A commitment to a smaller number of multiyear agreements makes more financial business sense for Council. Feedback from the customer survey has not signalled any concerns about this change, however feedback from several unsuccessful Strategic Partnership applicants indicated the lack of opportunity for alternative multiyear funding options has presented them with project planning challenges as they do not have the security of knowing they have funds beyond one year. This has been addressed by proposing the introduction of two-year agreements in the Community Impact category.

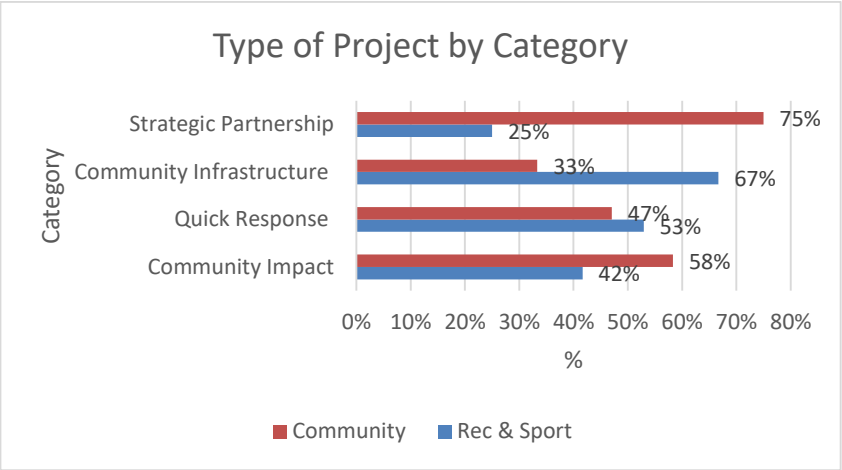
5. The Community Impact and Strategic Grants Program was oversubscribed in every category in 2021/22, with the full $746,000 budget expended by May 20221. A summary of the first year of the new program by category is provided in Link 4 view here.

6. There were more applications submitted and more successful applicants than the previous year under the two former grant programs. There was an increase in the average amount of funding received per applicant across each category except for quick response grants, which remained consistent with the previous year.

7. All program priorities were addressed, however the two most common primary priorities identified by successful applicants were participation (37%) and social inclusion (37%).

8. Merging the two programs did not appear to have a negative impact on the type of applications received or approved. Over the first year of the program 52% of the organisations granted funding were community based/focused, with 48% recreation and sport based/focused.

9. The table below shows the percentage of successful applications by type (community focused or sport and recreation focused), across all four categories. Quick response and Community Impact categories are balanced; however, community focused applications were more common for Strategic Partnerships and sport and recreation focused applications were more common in the Community Infrastructure round. This follows the pattern of the previous programs, as these two categories essentially were reproduced in a different format, with major community development grants unavailable to recreation and sport groups and infrastructure grants unavailable to community organisations. These results may indicate that more promotion to eligible groups is needed but could also be a sign of the differing priorities of the two types of applicants.



10. Grant acquittals are due for completion over the next six months, for most applications funded in this first year. The acquittals will provide further insights into what has been achieved with the grants budget and how the outcomes are being met through case studies, attendance numbers, photographs, and videos. They will also provide valuable feedback on the program and application process.

11. In the absence of acquittals to provide insight for this report, a short anonymous online survey was sent to all grant applicants to seek feedback on the first year of the CIGSP. The survey sought feedback on three main areas:

    11.1. General questions - category applied for, was the application successful, other grants applied for, would you apply again.

    11.2. The application process – pre application information, online application, staff support.

    11.3. Suitability of categories – categories and amounts available.

12. The survey was open from 5-17 May 2022 and received 29 responses (27% of all applicants). At least one response came from each of the four grant categories, but the majority were from either Community Impact (58%) and Quick Response (41%) grants, with 62% of total respondents being successful applicants. A full summary of the survey results is available in Link 5 view here and the below provides an overview:

    12.1. Sliding scale questions were used to determine if respondents would apply to the program again and if they would recommend the program to others. Of the answers received the average answer for both questions, was 5 (out of 5); very likely. Perhaps the most informative feedback in this section was qualitative, with comments including:

        12.1.1. "The process was uncomplicated and obviously designed to support genuine applicants."

        12.1.2. "The ease of the application process and availability of CoA staff to discuss ideas and make recommendations has been the best we have experienced compared to other council/local government grants we have applied for."

    12.2. Feedback on the application process was positive; in particular, customers felt that the information in the guidelines was very helpful. Smarty Grants was well received but a common comment was that application forms are too onerous or repetitive. Customers were very appreciative of the support provided by the grants team throughout the process.

    12.3. Feedback suggests that the program is meeting the needs of the community with over 79% of respondents indicating that the categories available were either suitable or very suitable for their project:

        12.3.1. Nearly 87% of respondents felt that the amount of funding available in the category they applied for was reasonable, suitable, or very suitable.

        12.3.2. In terms of the number of years funding is available for, 87.5% of answers indicated that this was reasonable, suitable, or very suitable.

    12.4. Qualitative data received from the survey will inform minor changes to the Grant Guidelines as part of ongoing continuous improvement.

13. The Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program has updated timeframes for delivery for 2022/23, considering caretaker period, where no funding can be distributed:

    13.1. An e-news detailing this information was distributed to elected members on 2 June 2022, see Link 6 view here.

13.2. An eDM was distributed to stakeholders notifying them of rounds changes for the new financial year on 9 June 2022.

13.3. The grants webpage identifies key dates for the coming year, grant guidelines will be amended in time for the opening of the next round.

Recommendations

14. Increase Quick Response annual budget to $70,000, an increase of $20,000 for 2023/24. Based on monthly averages for 2021/22, this will ensure adequate funds to service demand until the final period of the financial year. This would improve transparency, as applications received in July/August would be more likely to receive funding (or full funding) than those received in April/May solely because of budget available.

15. Increase Community Infrastructure annual budget to $150,000, an increase of $50,000 in 2023/24. This will allow more organisations to be supported in line with the increase in number of applications because of expanding eligibility.

16. Introduce more specific guidelines in relation to project values. If a project is creating a new asset, then the asset value should be no more than $100,000. If renewing or upgrading an existing asset, then allow for a $250,000 limit. This will be clearly identified and implemented in the grant guidelines immediately:

    16.1. This will ensure that applications received are smaller and more focused on community rather than major infrastructure projects, that do not fit with a community grants program.

    16.2. Contribution to funding larger community infrastructure projects is a separate consideration that sits outside of the scope of this review, and this grants program.

17. Introduce a targeted round of Community Impact Grants in 2023/24, for youth led, youth delivered projects, with a total round budget of $20,000, for proposals up to $5,000 in value:

    17.1. As Council does not have a dedicated youth officer or resource, this would support delivery of greater youth outcomes in the city community. These projects should be applied for and delivered by organisations that represent young people, through youth reference groups, or by young people themselves that want to deliver youth projects, under the auspices of an organisation. An example could include a project providing weekly workshops held in the city, for city high school students to attend after school.

    17.2. Through developing partnerships with groups such as Headspace Adelaide, Youth Inc. and Study Adelaide, a targeted round would be simple to administer. This could be incorporated into existing application processes and would not require a new category to be created.

18. Split Community Impact grants into Programs & Events subcategories and include the opportunity of multiyear funding capped at two years:

    18.1. If managing as a subcategory, applicants would have to identify through the application process whether their project is an event or program and would be assessed against similar projects. One of the aims in the development of the CIGSP program was to reduce the number of categories, so simplifying this process would be most beneficial to the customer.

    18.2. Feedback from Assessment Panel discussions indicated difficulty assessing the impact and benefit of events against those of an ongoing program.

    18.3. Although the customer survey did not indicate a requirement for multiyear opportunities, feedback from the chamber throughout 2021/22 has suggested multiyear community events funding be reintroduced.

    18.4. Two years is recommended rather than a longer time so that the grants funding available each financial year is not pre-committed to a point where flexibility and responsiveness is lost.

19. CIGSP is designed to focus on small to medium size event or projects:

    19.1. Suggest adopting a definition of a community event that is clearly articulated in the grant guidelines.

    19.2. This could be:

    ‘A small or medium sized event with a total cost of no more than $100,000. The event should be organised by community, or organisers should consult closely with a community reference group and articulate a clear benefit to the City of Adelaide community.’

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - Community Impact Grants & Strategic Partnerships Guidelines

Link 2 - Successful Community Impact Grants & Strategic Partnerships 2021/22

Link 3 - Assessment Panel Terms of Reference

Link 4 - A summary of 2021/22 by Grant Category

Link 5 - Summary of Customer Feedback Survey Responses

Link 6 - E-News - Key Dates for Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships in 2022/23 Financial Year

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Updated Rymill Park Master Plan

Strategic Alignment - Thriving Communities

Public

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 'reimagining' of Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) is identified as one of the 'Big Moves' in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) 2015-2025.

At its meeting on 23 July 2019, Council reviewed the Draft Master Plan and approved its release for community engagement. Updates have since been made to reflect the results of community engagement and projects that have since been completed or are currently underway.

At their meeting on 30 June 2022, Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority supported Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan as detailed in **Attachment A**.

This report seeks Council's formal adoption of the updated (final) Rymill Park/ Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Adopts the final Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan as detailed in Attachment A to Item # on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2022.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Thriving Communities 1.1 Leverage the Adelaide Park Lands to promote health, wellbeing and lifestyle experiences. The Rymill Park Master Plan is a high level plan that provides a vision and sets out objectives to guide developments into the future, and defines how the character and quality of the Park can be conserved, improved, and enhanced, to benefit the wider community.
Policy	Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment - Environment 2.1 Provide advice on plans, projects and policies for the Adelaide Park Lands 2.2 Provide advice in relation to tree canopy cover, biodiversity and environmental sustainability improvements. Community Land Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands (currently under review – draft for endorsement for the purposes of community consultation) For Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Manage and support improvements to playground, kiosk, picnic areas and lake with regard to the Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan. Support the upgrade of the lake to be more sustainable and water sensitive. Water Sensitive City Action Plan 2020-25 Key Action 3.3: Investigate opportunities to integrate more natural features into Rymill Lake and Botanic Creek for improved catchment-wide water quality, recreation and nature connection outcomes. Adelaide Park Lands Events Management Plan Rymill Park is a premium event space. It is a highly used informal recreation space and festival hub in the summer months and has a number of small spaces for boutique events. Adelaide Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy Current lease agreements within Rymill Park
Consultation	Key stakeholders and the wider community were consulted as part of the Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Draft Master Plan and Community Land Management Plan in November 2019. Kaurna community representatives were consulted with on the Draft Master Plan between 2017-2020. Refer to the Appendices of the Master Plan for the Community Engagement Report. Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority reviewed and supported the updated Master Plan at its meeting held on 30 June 2022.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan, once adopted by Council, will inform the new and reviewed Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, to guide future projects and enhancements within the Park. The CLMP, required under the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, will reference and support the Master Plan.
Opportunities	Opportunity to: • finalise the Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan • further progress one of the key 'Big Moves' and key strategies of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Plan: "Re-imagine Rymill"
21/22 Budget Allocation	Rymill Park Lake: $33,000 CoA Renewal budget, $407,000 State Government Grant Funding Event Infrastructure Upgrade: $2m ($1.1m State Government Funding through the State Government Open Spaces and Places for People Grants.
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Rymill Park Lake: $2,548,000 CoA Renewal budget & $2,024,000 State Government Grant Funding.

Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Subject to Council approval, the Master Plan will provide strategic guidance for progressive upgrades to the Park in future years.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	While no direct costs are associated with the Master Plan, it is important to note that the enhanced/upgraded and new features will require corresponding ongoing maintenance budgets. It is highly likely that additional resources will be required to effectively maintain the space.
Other Funding Sources	Once the Master Plan is completed and adopted, it will enable us to seek additional funding from the State Government to complete the remaining stages.

DISCUSSION

1. In 2016 the State Government granted $75,000 in funding to the City of Adelaide (CoA) for the Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan to 'Re-imagine Rymill' as one of the 'Big Moves' in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy. This funding was matched by CoA.
2. At its meeting held on 23 July 2019, Council approved the Draft Master Plan for key stakeholder and community consultation, including the vision, principles, actions, and overall plan.
3. Consultation on the Draft Master Plan and Draft Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for the Park was undertaken between September and December 2019 and included a variety of approaches including meetings with key stakeholders, an online survey, a community day held in Rymill Park, and a drop-in session at the City Library.
4. 674 people visited the project website, >100 people attended face-to-face engagement sessions and 102 survey responses were received. The Community Engagement Report is available in the Appendices of the Master Plan (**Attachment A**).
5. As summarised in the Master Plan, there was strong support from those who provided feedback for the proposals in the draft Master Plan, with:
    - 5.1. 89% of the community agreeing with the Master Plan's vision.
    - 5.2. 93% of the community agreeing with Action 1 (Enhance the lake and surrounds).
    - 5.3. 71% of the community agreeing with Action 3 (Strengthen existing and create new event spaces).
    - 5.4. 77% of the community agreeing with Action 4 (Improve entrances and paths).
    - 5.5. 88% of the community agreeing with Action 5 (Reinforce the landscape character and features of the Park).
    - 5.6. 87% agreed that the changes would encourage them to use the Park more often.
6. Feedback was not sought for Action 2 (Create an inclusive playspace) and Action 6 (Create a Place of Reflection) as these projects were underway at the time with separate, project specific consultation processes.
7. The Draft Master Plan and Draft CLMP for the Park were consulted on together due to their linked relationship to the Park. However, the approach to CLMPs has recently changed to provide a more streamlined legislative review process, that addresses not just individual parks but the Adelaide Park Lands as a whole. As a result, the Draft CLMP for this Park will be removed from this report and addressed separately in another report to Council.
8. A variety of past and existing events in Rymill Park have been considered in the development of the Master Plan as outlined in Action 3 – Strengthen existing and create new event spaces to support the Park's role as a premium event venue.

Rymill Park Lake

9. One of the considerations during the development of the Draft Master Plan was the long-term management of Rymill Park Lake, given its well-known maintenance and water quality issues.

10. Engagement on the Draft Master Plan was undertaken with Kaurna community representatives between 2017 and 2020. This engagement found that there was potential use of the site prior to settlement as a possible meeting place and/or camping site associated with a natural creek line (now known as Botanic Creek). This creek fed a waterhole that exists on the site of the Main Lake / Kainka Wirra at the Adelaide Botanic Garden and provided an abundance of food and other resources for the Aboriginal people of the area.

11. Two options for the renewal of the lake were deemed feasible in 2019, during the development of the draft Master Plan: an ornamental lake, and a vegetated wetland using stormwater from the adjacent eastern CBD catchment.

12. The results from the engagement with key stakeholders and the wider community (of over 100 people), showed 45% of respondents preferred the ornamental lake option and 55% preferred the vegetated wetland option. Conversely, key stakeholders (including park-adjacent stakeholders, the kiosk lease holder and major event organisers) were mostly in favour of the ornamental lake option.

13. We considered the feedback received during the community engagement of the Draft Master Plan and further investigated an alternative for the lake renewal, a sustainable lake, that looked beyond the site constraints of Rymill Park. This option is in line with the community's desire for an ornamental lake (open water lake with attractive views, boating and equestrian events) with a sustainable water source. The water source outside of Rymill Park is being investigated as part of the lake renewal project.

14. Kadaltilla/ Park Lands Authority supported the sustainable lake at its meeting held 28 October 2021. Council subsequently approved the Rymill Park Lake renewal option of a sustainable lake at its meeting held on 14 June 2022. This change has been incorporated in the updated Master Plan.

Changes to the Master Plan

15. The Draft Master Plan presented for community engagement in 2019 was a snapshot of a point in time, therefore minor changes have been made to the current Master Plan to reflect projects recently completed or currently underway. All changes in the document have been marked with a pink tab for ease of reference. In addition to the Rymill Park Lake component being updated, changes to the Master Plan document include:

    15.1. Inclusion of Kaurna community feedback.

    15.2. Minor modifications to the location of the inclusive playspace, to reflect where the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace has been built and updated inspiration images (project completed in 2020).

    15.3. Removal of water play reference (included in Playspace completed in 2020).

    15.4. Updated location and updated inspiration images for the Place of Reflection (project currently underway).

    15.5. Pump house for lake water reticulation deleted due to alternative infrastructure (rain gardens and tank storage) being considered as part of Rymill Park Lake renewal project.

    15.6. Event infrastructure project reference included (project currently underway).

    15.7. Reference to the Cycling Infrastructure project included (shared path adjacent Dequetteville Terrace currently underway).

    15.8. New 'service plaque' dedicated to the Lepore Brothers (installed in 2020).

Next steps

16. Should the Master Plan be adopted, a final update will be provided to community members including key stakeholders who contributed feedback on the Draft Master Plan.

17. This important strategic document will be linked to the revised Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) and will be used to guide future developments in Rymill Park.

18. The adopted Master Plan would also provide a guide for future funding opportunities and enhancements of the Park. Full implementation of the Master Plan will be dependent on future funding.

19. Any anticipated project driven maintenance service level costs increases will be presented as part of the Annual Business Plan and Budget process as and when the Master Plan progresses.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan (June 2022) – includes community engagement results in Appendices

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Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)
Master Plan

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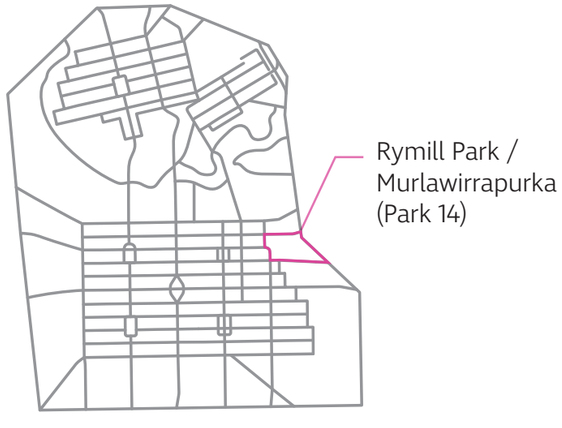
We look after the world's only city in a park, thoughtfully and purposefully designed with people in mind. Our Park Lands and squares are essential to our neighbourhoods and communities.

Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) provides both a place to relax and a place to celebrate. The strength of its landscapes make the Park a year-round attraction and places it at the heart of Adelaide's festivals and events.

Acknowledgement to Country

City of Adelaide tampinthi, ngadlu Kaurna yartangka panpapanpalyarninthi (inparrinthi). Kaurna miyurna yaitya mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku. Parnaku yailtya, parnaku tapa purruna, parnaku yarta ngadlu tampinthi. Yalaka Kaurna miyurna itu yailtya, tapa purruna, yarta kuma puru martinthi, puru warri-apinthi, puru tangka martulayinthi.

City of Adelaide acknowledges the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.



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Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) in the eastern Park Lands (2019)

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Thank you to the organisations, groups and individuals who generously contributed to this Master Plan.

Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan

Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) (the Park) has been identified as a place with great potential and ideal for 're-imagining'. Given the recent changes to the Park, a master plan presents the opportunity to build on its success as an engaging and activated city destination to attract growing numbers of visitors to the Park Lands.

The Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan (the Master Plan) is co-funded by the City of Adelaide and the State Government. Full implementation of the Master Plan will be dependent on future funding to the Park.

We acknowledge that development of this document has taken place over a number of years, and in this time a number of the actions outlined have been completed or are already underway.

Overview
Master Plan

Background

The 're-imagining' of the Park is identified as one of the ten 'Big Moves' of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) 2015-2025.

The Master Plan is required to address recent key changes within the Park and its surrounds, including:

- Growth of resident and worker populations in the city and inner eastern suburbs, requiring the continual provision and improvement of quality attractions and facilities within the Park to encourage greater visitation
- Major current and recent State Government investments in proximity to the Park, such as the redevelopment of Lot Fourteen and the tram extension along North Terrace, which will support increased visitation to the East End and the Park Lands
- The recent O-Bahn bus way through the north-west of the Park has changed the topography, views, circulation paths and vegetation within the Park, and the alignment of East Terrace separating the main park from the park adjacent Tandanya in the south-west corner
- A number of major attractions and facilities within the Park, such as the lake, public toilets, and playspace, are nearing the end of their asset life and in need of review and/or upgrade

The Park forms part of the Colonel Light's National Heritage Listed 1837 'Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout'. This Master Plan supports the values that underpin this heritage listing.

Refer to the Appendices for further details on the background of the Master Plan, as well as full community engagement results.

Vision

The Park is a welcoming, engaging and beautiful destination; a premium event space for the city during the warm seasons, while also offering a broad range of recreational opportunities all year round.

Principles

- Celebrate the entrances and connect beyond
- Reinforce a central hub
- Balance formal and informal structure
- Embrace events and activities night and day
- Respect Aboriginal culture and heritage
- Embed environmentally sustainable principles

Actions

1. Enhance the lake and surrounds
2. Create an inclusive playspace
3. Strengthen existing and create new event spaces
4. Improve entrances and paths
5. Reinforce the landscape character and features of the Park
6. Create a Place of Reflection

Overall plan



Overview
Strategic Alignment

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015–2025

'Reimagined Rymill' is one of the ten 'Big Moves' to help transform the Park Lands. It recommends as the highest priority to:

- Re-imagine the centre of the Park as a large hub including a consolidated playspace in closer proximity to the existing kiosk and away from the O-Bahn
- Improve access and amenity surrounding the kiosk and re-configure it to address the Park, as well as the lake, including increased seating opportunities

The Master Plan responds to the themes of the Shape the Park Lands 2015 community consultation on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, with further consultation undertaken on the Draft Master Plan.

When the APLMS is reviewed in future, it is intended that it will be updated to reflect the approved Master Plan and updated Community Land Management Plan.

STATUS:
The APLMS is currently undergoing statutory review by the Kadaltilla/ Park Lands Authority.

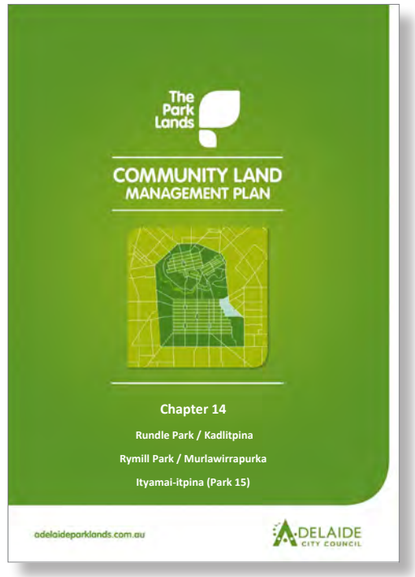


Community Land Management Plan 2013

The Master Plan addresses key challenges and opportunities outlined in the Community Land Management Plan, which include:

- Strengthening the quality and appeal of the Park Lands to attract park users
- Contributing to the open space needs and expectations of the growing residential communities in and around the city
- Minimising impacts on the Park associated with high usage and a wide range of events
- Maintaining and enhancing the formal garden settings in the Park
- Maintaining important views and vistas across the Adelaide Plains to the Adelaide Hills
- Ensuring tree avenues are conserved and strengthened
- Meeting demand for improved pedestrian and cyclist access for recreation and commuter purposes

STATUS:
The Adelaide Park Lands CLMPs are currently undergoing statutory review.



*Please note that the Master Plan and CLMP for the park were consulted together due to their linked relationship to the park. However, the approach to CLMPs has recently changed and as a result, the draft CLMP for this park will be addressed separately.

Please refer to the Appendices for the engagement results.

Overview
Key Milestones

11 April 2019, Adelaide Park Lands Authority
Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Draft Master Plan

That the Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

Supports the Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Draft Master Plan (Attachment A to Item 8.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 11 April 2019) for key stakeholder and community consultation, including the vision, principles, actions and overall plan.

07 May 2019, Committee Decision

Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Draft Master Plan

The Committee discussed and deferred the item.

Following this workshop, changes were made to the draft Master Plan to address advice and recommendations provided by APLA and the Committee. These specific changes are outlined in section 5 of the Council report COCO2019 1159 Report - Item 4.2.

23 July 2019 Council Decision
Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Draft Master Plan

That Council:

1. Approves the Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Draft Master Plan, Attachment A to Item 4.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of The Committee held on 23 July 2019, for key stakeholder and community consultation, including the vision, principles, actions and overall plan.

Undertaking – Bus and Coach Drop Off Zones

In response to queries from Councillor Martin an undertaking was given to ensure that the bus and coach drop off zones would be located on street not in the Park Lands.

Community Engagement

Was undertaken between September and November 2019 in conjunction with the Draft CLMP.

Please note that the Master Plan and CLMP for the Park were consulted together due to their linked relationship. However, the approach to CLMPs has recently changed and as a result, the draft CLMP for this Park will be addressed separately.

Please refer to the Appendices for full community engagement results.

28 October 2021, Adelaide Park Lands Authority

That the Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Supports the renewal of the Rymill Park Lake with a sustainable lake (Option C), as detailed in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 28 October 2021.
2. Supports the finalisation of the Rymill Park Master Plan and the Community Land Management Plan to include the sustainable lake (Option C).

14 June 2022, Council Decision

Rymill Park Lake Renewal Options

That Council:

Approves a sustainable lake for the Rymill Park Lake renewal project – noting that Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority supports a sustainable lake.

Overview
Community Engagement

Engagement Process

City of Adelaide undertook three separate engagement processes:

- Key stakeholder engagement for the Master Plan, between September to November
- Legislated key stakeholder engagement for the CLMP, between September and November
- Community engagement for the Master Plan and the CLMP, between 25 November to 15 December 2019.

The key stakeholder engagement was undertaken through email correspondences and face-to-face meetings with stakeholders.

A community day ("Re-imagine Rymill: Have Your Say") was held in the Park on 8 December 2019, and a drop-in session was held in the City Library on 11 December 2019.

Overall, we received:

- **102** survey responses (50% were locals, over 85% were South Australian residents)
- **4** direct email responses
- **2** phone call responses
- **34** informal comments on social media
- **>100** people attended face-to-face sessions in the park and at the library.

Future detailed actions must be implemented in consultation with relevant key stakeholders to ensure a balanced and successful outcome.

Engagement Results

There was strong support for the proposals in the draft Master Plan, with:

- **89%** of the community agreeing with the Master Plan's vision
- **93%** of the community agreeing with Action 1
- **71%** of the community agreeing with Action 3
- **77%** of the community agreeing with Action 4
- **88%** of the community agreeing with Action 5
- **87%** agreed that the changes would encourage them to use the park more often.

For the two lake options, the results were:

- **55%** of the community preferred the vegetated wetland
- **45%** of the community preferred the ornamental lake.

There was no strong preference between the options based on where people lived – those in the closest suburbs to the Park were evenly split, while for other parts of South Australia there was a slightly higher preference for the wetland over the ornamental lake option.

On the other hand, key stakeholders were mostly in favour of the ornamental lake option, due to its status as a feature in the park as a key attractor.

Key stakeholders were also interested in lighting, the kiosk, parking, facilities in the Park and pathway changes. They reinforced that ongoing conversation is needed for future actions.

Please refer to the Appendices for full community engagement results.

Please note
**The Master Plan and CLMP for the Park were consulted together due to their linked relationship. However, the approach to CLMPs has recently changed and as a result, the draft CLMP for this Park will be addressed separately.*
**Feedback was not sought for Action 2. Create an inclusive playspace and Action 6. Create a Place of Reflection as these projects were underway with separate consultation processes.*



Part one

Rymill Re-imagined



Rymill Re-imagined

The Master Plan

The Master Plan establishes an overall framework for the Park with four equally important parts: the vision, principles, actions and the overall plan.

Vision

A vision statement is the 'big picture' statement of what we want the Park's future to be.

The Park is a welcoming, engaging and beautiful destination; a premium event space for the city during the warm seasons, while also offering a broad range of recreational opportunities all year round.

Principles

The principles expand on the vision and further describe how the Park will perform.

Celebrate the entrances and connect beyond

- Attract people into the Park with paving, shelter, structures and planting
- Allow views in and out to the surrounding areas
- Encourage relationships with the surrounding city, suburbs and parks beyond by ensuring the Park remains open and inviting

Reinforce a central hub

- Provide a central focus with offerings, both permanent and temporary at the "heart" of the Park
- Ensure the elements and activities entice all, in particular families and children, on a daily basis
- Improve connectivity to key destinations

Balance formal and informal structure

- Strengthen the Park's existing landscape
- Ensure the Park retains its enticing Arcadian qualities as well as remaining a coherent part of the Park Lands

Embrace events and activities night and day

- Build on the success of the Park as a major public events venue, as well as a much-loved destination for private functions
- Create a flexible setting for bespoke and eclectic activities and events, both planned and spontaneous, throughout the year

Respect Aboriginal culture and heritage

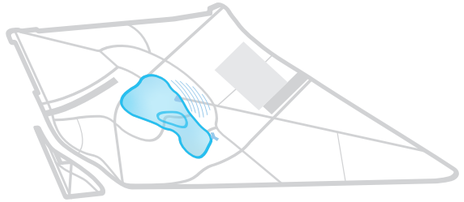
- Develop a Place of Reflection that promotes healing and encourages education to the wider community, and reinforces the important link of the Park to Tandanya

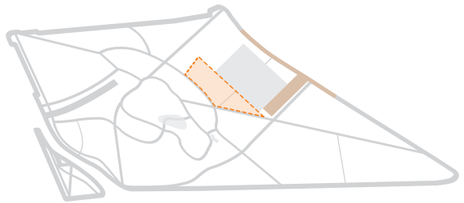
Embed environmentally sustainable principles

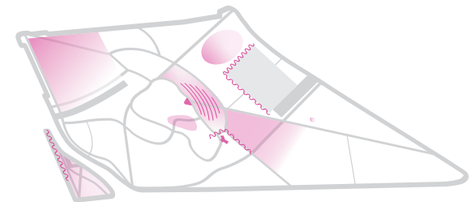
- Ensure that all design and outcomes include water and planting systems that are sensitive to the environment

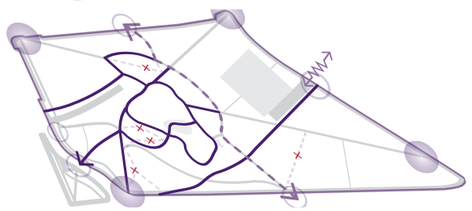
Rymill Re-imagined

Actions













These actions are the proposed physical changes that make the vision and principles a reality. Details relating to each action are provided in the following pages.

1 Enhance the lake and surrounds

- 1.1 Retain the existing form and footprint of the lake and island
- 1.2 Improve the water quality and sustainability of the lake
- 1.3 Upgrade the lake walk
- 1.4 Enhance the lake environment

2 Create an inclusive playspace

- 2.1 Create an inclusive playspace that is welcoming to all
- 2.2 Provide accessible paths to the playspace
- 2.3 Introduce flexible and appropriate parking
- 2.4 Improve access from public transport

3 Strengthen existing and create new event spaces

- 3.1 Upgrade event infrastructure
- 3.2 Create and enhance flexible event spaces
- 3.3 Improve connectivity between existing buildings, facilities and event spaces
- 3.4 Underground overhead cables

4 Improve entrances and paths

- 4.1 Celebrate the entrances to the Park
- 4.2 Reinforce and enhance the path structure
- 4.3 Improve access and circulation through the Park
- 4.4 Improve safety on paths and crossings

5 Reinforce the landscape character and features of the Park

- 5.1 Strengthen the Park's avenues and open spaces with tree planting
- 5.2 Take advantage of the Park's topography
- 5.3 Retain and enhance the existing landscape features

6 Create a Place of Reflection

- 6.1 Create a high-profile memorial to the Stolen Generations integrated in a welcoming and relaxed park setting
- 6.2 Forge stronger cultural ties between the Park and Tandanya

Rymill Re-imagined

Overall Plan

The overall plan illustrates all actions in a proposed layout. The layout is like an 'artist impression', illustrating key moves, with the specific details to be developed at a future stage.

Existing Park (2019)



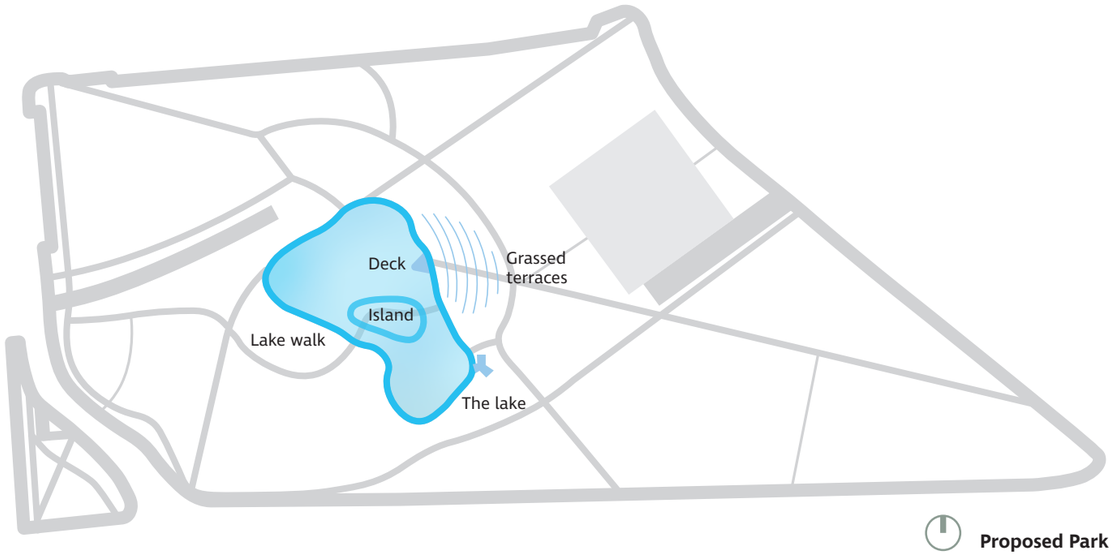


Rymill Re-imagined

ACTION 1

Enhance the lake and surrounds

to optimise the Park's key central attraction



Note: At the time of this Master Plan's formation, the lake renewal project was underway.



The existing lake surrounds with its undulating topography

Action 1 addresses:

- The deteriorating structure and ongoing maintenance of the lake
- The degrading of water quality as a result of severe seasonal impacts on the lake and resultant public health concerns
- An increasingly unsustainable source of water for the lake, which is currently filled using Glenelg to Adelaide Pipeline (GAP) recycled wastewater

Key Actions

1.1 Retain the existing form and footprint of the lake and island

- Respect the historical and cultural significance of the lake by retaining its existing footprint

1.2 Improve the water quality and sustainability of the lake

- Retain the lake as a key asset and attractor to the Park, consistent with various policies and strategies
- Explore opportunities to access sustainable alternate water sources to mains water, such as harvested stormwater
- Explore options to improve the water filtration system
- Explore option to improve the water quality of the lake by incorporating natural systems
- Grade the lake walk away from the lake to capture and reduce nutrient runoff and litter from entering the lake
- Explore alternate opportunities to contribute to greater water conservation and quality initiatives for the city

1.3 Upgrade the lake walk

- Enhance the experience of the lake walk by creating a generous edge with paving, planting and furniture
- Enhance the lake walk to strengthen the Arcadian quality of the Park
- Incorporate lighting to the lake walk and island to encourage activation and improve relationships between all elements in the central hub

1.4 Enhance the lake environment

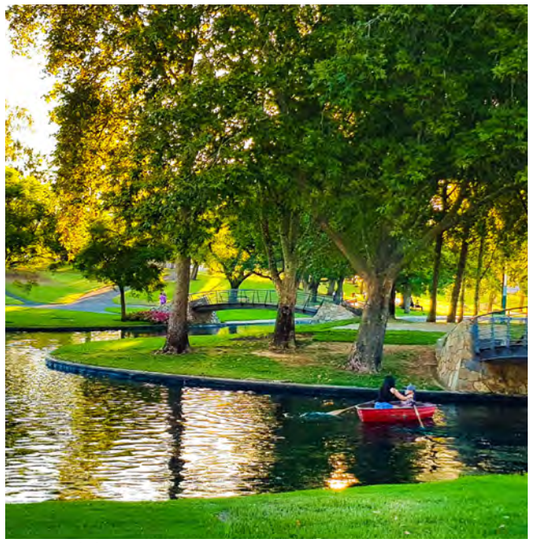
- Take advantage of the topography of the lake to create grassed terraces to provide informal seating, with tree planting
- Incorporate a deck on the lake to increase opportunities to engage with the water
- Explore opportunities with key stakeholders to express and interpret the shared Kaurna and colonial cultural significance of the Park, such as through integrated art work, sculpture, planting design, and wayfinding. Refer "A Shared History", p.57 for details.

Sustainable Lake

The Lake is a defining feature of the Park and anecdotally there is strong sentimental attachment towards it in the community. This popularity is largely due to the ornamental features of the park, the island, adjacent kiosk, playground, open grass area for picnicking and the opportunity to row boats in the lake. It is one of only a few ornamental water features in the Adelaide Park Lands.



Lake walk (Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT. Australia.
Image credit: Ben Wrigley/TCL



Current lake

The new lake to address the deteriorating structure will be supported by a sustainable (harvested and treated stormwater) water source.

A sustainable lake with improved water quality will deliver a range of positive outcomes, achieving community satisfaction and broader strategic objectives for water sustainability, amenity and lake management.

Other benefits of this approach include;

- Retains the existing appearance and qualities of the lake, and reinforces the cultural, historic and social importance of the lake as a place of gathering of families and water-based recreation
- Extensive body of open water offers visual appeal for the general community and events as well as opportunities for existing water-based recreation such as boating
- Consistent with the City of Adelaide's strategic goals to contribute to water efficiency and ecologically sustainable outcomes for the city
- Catchment-wide stormwater management, reducing flows of pollutants that would otherwise enter the riverways and St Vincent Gulf
- More resilient to climate change, drought and hot, dry seasons

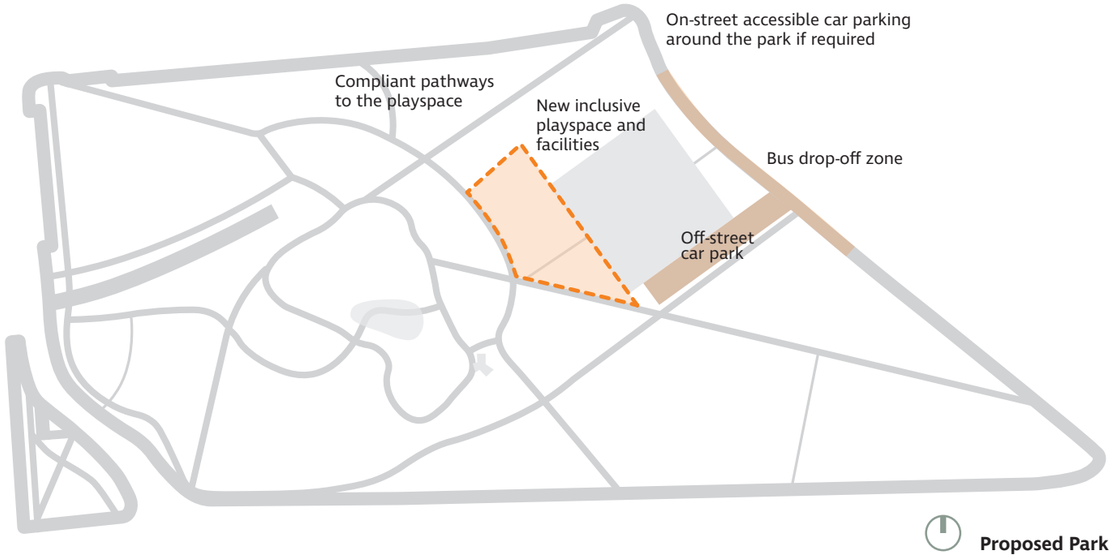


Rymill Lake renewal concept plan
Image credit: TCL

ACTION 2

Create an inclusive playspace

that is imaginative and delights the senses



Note: At the time of this Master Plan's formation, the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace project was underway.



The existing non-inclusive playspace in need of upgrade (2019)

Action 2 addresses:

- The current playspace is non-inclusive and in need of upgrade
- An insufficient number of compliant car parks and drop-off zones for buses in the area, if the playspace is upgraded and increases visitation

Key Actions

2.1 Create an inclusive playspace that is welcoming to all

- Design and deliver a high quality, inclusive playspace that incorporates principles and the goals of universal design
- Cater for all ages, abilities and cultures, including elements for a broad range of abilities (such as accommodating mobility, vision, hearing and spectrum disorders)
- Integrate accessible and multi-generational play equipment and amenities, including comfortable seating, passive areas, sensory and tactile play
- Install fully accessible amenities that are complementary to the surrounding environment and facilities, including accessible toilets and adult change facilities
- Reflect the Park's culture and history within the playspace, including its Kaurna cultural significance, such as through the use of Kaurna language. Refer "A Shared History" p.57 for further details
- Maintain public access to the playspace during events

2.2 Provide accessible paths to the playspace

- Ensure accessible paths to and from the playspace (from the north, south and east sides), to accessible car parking bays, bus drop-off zones and key facilities
- Ensure lighting of pathways to and within the playspace are compliant and meet the required standards
- Locate the playspace to support convenient and comfortable access to, in and around the playspace

2.3 Introduce flexible and appropriate parking

- Reconfigure and secure more on-street accessible car parking bays connecting to accessible paths
- Ensure that the off-street car park adjacent to the Adelaide Bowling Club is compliant with standards, including accessible car parking bays
- Explore options for additional car parking on adjacent streets to facilitate visitation to the Park and playspace
- Investigate options for a signalised pedestrian crossing south of Capper Street for safer access over Dequetteville Terrace
- Increase flexible bus and coach car parking options to facilitate visitation to the playspace

2.4 Improve access from public transport

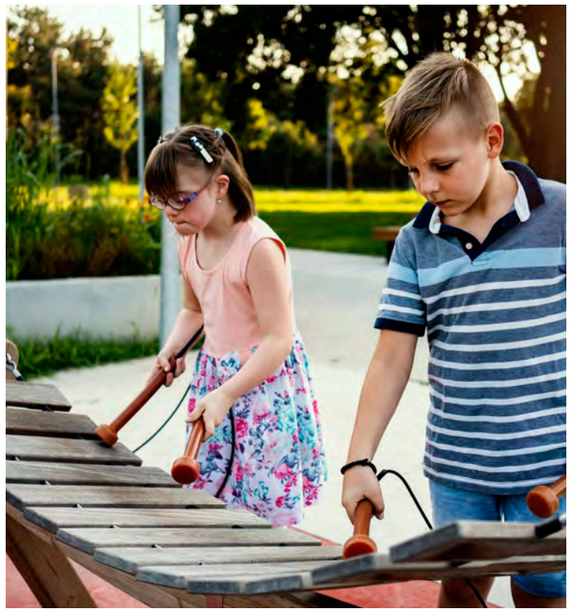
- Explore options to lengthen the X1 bus stop to enable bus and coach drop-offs, or provide a new drop-off zone on Dequetteville Terrace
- Discourage bus and coach access into the off-street car park adjacent to the Adelaide Bowling Club to reduce vehicle congestion and conflicts

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Playspace inspiration



Tidlangga Playspace and Pocket Orchard, Adelaide, Australia. Image credit: Deco Photography





Children's Garden - Royal Botanic Garden Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
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Bonython Park Playspace, Adelaide, Australia. Image credit: WAX and Sweet Lime Photo

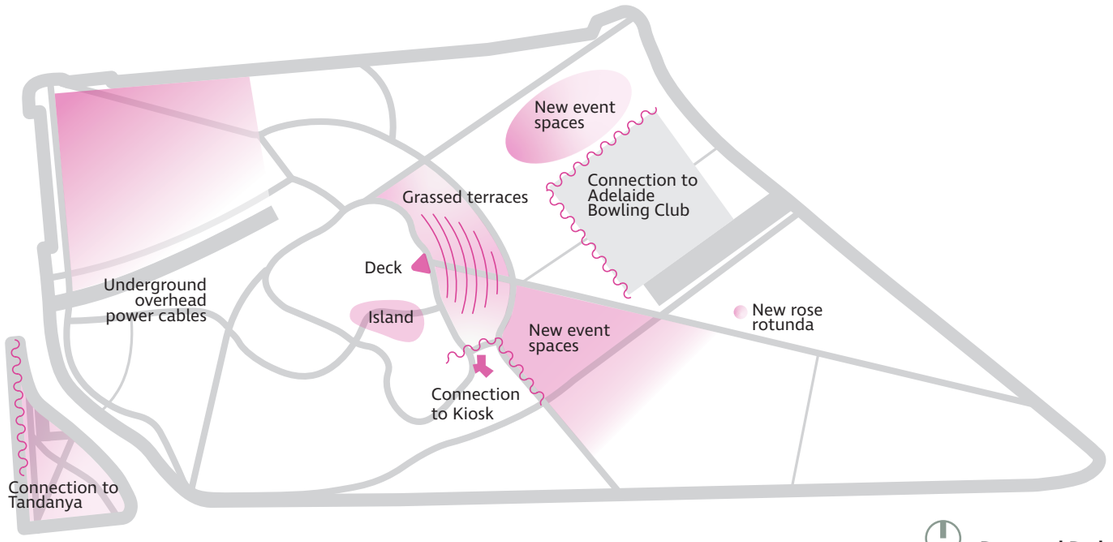


Immanuel College, Adelaide, Australia. Image credit: WAX and Sweet Lime Photo

ACTION 3

Strengthen existing and create new event spaces

to support the Park's role as a premium event venue



Note: At the time of this Master Plan's formation, the Event Infrastructure Upgrade project was underway.



Existing Stobie poles detract from the beauty and functionality of the Park

Action 3 addresses:

- The need to upgrade and expand on existing event infrastructure to address current and projected needs
- The desire to continue developing the Park as one of the city's premium open-air event spaces
- The dominance of overhead cables and associated Stobie poles in the Park restricts flexibility of event spaces
- A lack of connectivity and interaction between existing buildings and event spaces

Key Actions

3.1 Upgrade event infrastructure

- Engage with key stakeholders to identify the necessary facilities and service upgrades
- Improve utility service infrastructure such as electrical supply, potable and non-drinking water supplies and wastewater discharge points, in accordance with relevant standards, constraints and guidelines

3.2 Create and enhance flexible event spaces

- Take advantage of the slopes adjacent to the lake to create grassed terraces providing informal seating, with tree planting
- Install a contemporary open rotunda structure near the rose garden that allows for the growth of climbing roses as a draw-card for informal events
- Locate decks adjacent the existing kiosk and possibly on the island for small, informal events such as weddings and photo opportunities
- Remove aged, inappropriate or declining tree species and garden beds to open up areas in the Park for alternative uses
- Integrate playful and decorative lighting solutions to activate the Park at night and create a safer environment
- Retain views and access to the park for events, particularly from the north-western corner, as the main entrance for major events
- Consult with key stakeholders and event organisers for all event spaces, in relation to (but not limited to) new tree planting, access, circulation, set-up, footprint and configuration
- Investigate opportunities to work with key stakeholders and event organisers to, wherever possible, minimise visual and physical impacts to the park and its everyday users. This may include minimising duration of bump-in and out periods, considering attractive and semi-permeable fencing, and appropriately locating event toilets, waste and service areas away from key views

3.3 Improve connectivity between existing buildings, facilities and event spaces

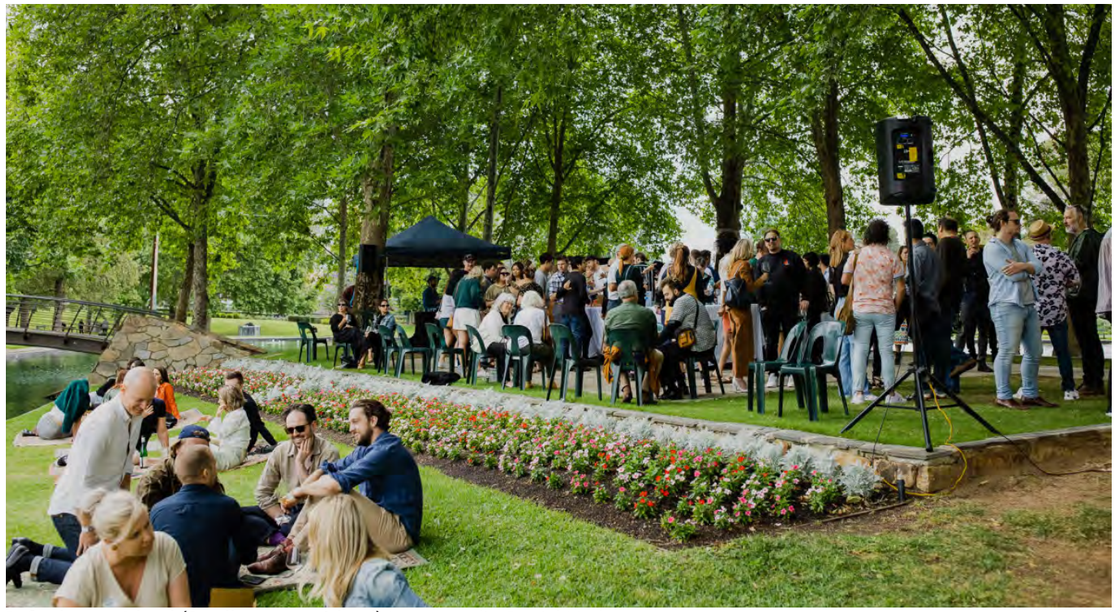
- Improve the Adelaide Bowling Club's connections with the Park by lowering or removing hedging to the south-western boundary
- Enhance the existing kiosk to incorporate more shelter, seating and connection to its Park environment
- Explore opportunities with Tandanya to activate, facilitate events and improve connections to the adjacent park
- Explore opportunities with ElectraNet to enhance the evening experience of their building façade through creative lighting

3.4 Underground overhead cables

- Underground visually and physically dominant overhead power cables and associated towers to improve the Park's aesthetics and functionality
- Explore funding opportunities for undergrounding

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Existing events in the Park



Refreshment Island (Small event on island) Image credit: Daniel Marks



Weddings (Informal small event)



Gluttony, Adelaide Fringe Festival (Major event)
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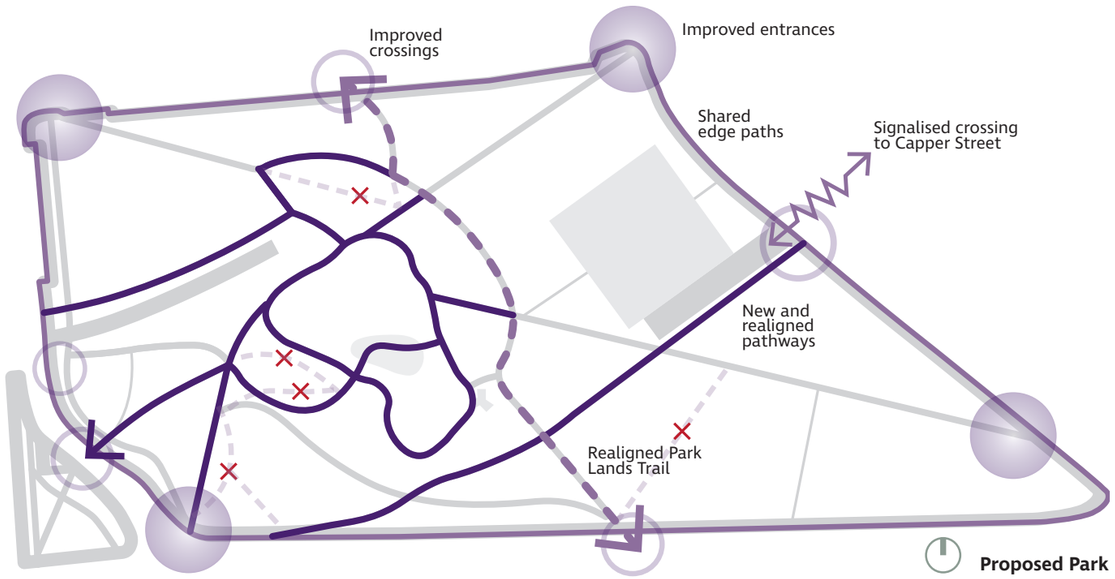


CheeseFest+FERMENT (Medium-sized event)
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ACTION 4

Improve entrances and paths

for better usability and better connections to the Park surrounds



Note: At the time of this Master Plan's formation, the Cycling Infrastructure project was underway.



Existing unsafe and uninviting connections and entrances

Action 4 addresses:

- Unceremonious traffic intersections at the Park edges
- Uninviting frontages at key gateway entrances to the Park
- A lack of safe pedestrian crossing from the Park to Kent Town across Dequetteville Terrace
- The current Park Lands Trail that traverses along the lake
- The off-street car park (adjacent the Adelaide Bowling Club) that creates potential conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles

Key Actions

4.1 Celebrate the entrances to the Park

- Attract visitors into the Park by upgrading the entrances. This may include feature paving, seating, planting, signage, artwork, bike racks and bike repair stations
- Explore opportunities to express the Kaurna and colonial cultural significance and heritage of the park - refer "A Shared History", p.57 for details

4.2 Reinforce and enhance the path structure

- Enhance the identity of the Park by retaining and reinforcing historic avenues and promenades with new tree planting
- Enhance secondary pathways that encourage exploration through the Park
- Strengthen existing shared use paths

4.3 Improve access and circulation through the Park

- Realign the Park Lands Trail to a gentler gradient between the terraced seating area and playspace
- Realign and create new secondary pathways in the Park to allow for better circulation, particularly during events
- Formalise shared edge paths along the Park's perimeter with a minimum width of 3m
- Consider separated paths (minimum 4m width) for bike riders and pedestrians along the Park Lands trail and strategic key routes
- Review gradients on steep paths, where possible, realign localised portions of paths and integrate path gradients with the existing site topography
- Address steep grades of existing bridges to improve access to the island
- Remove under-utilised or redundant paths
- Improve links to existing mid-block crossing on East Terrace near fountain to reinforce desire lines across the Park

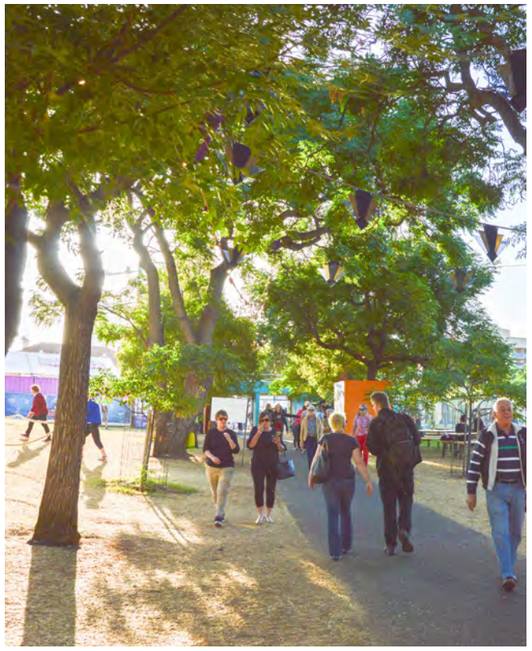
4.4 Improve safety on paths and crossings

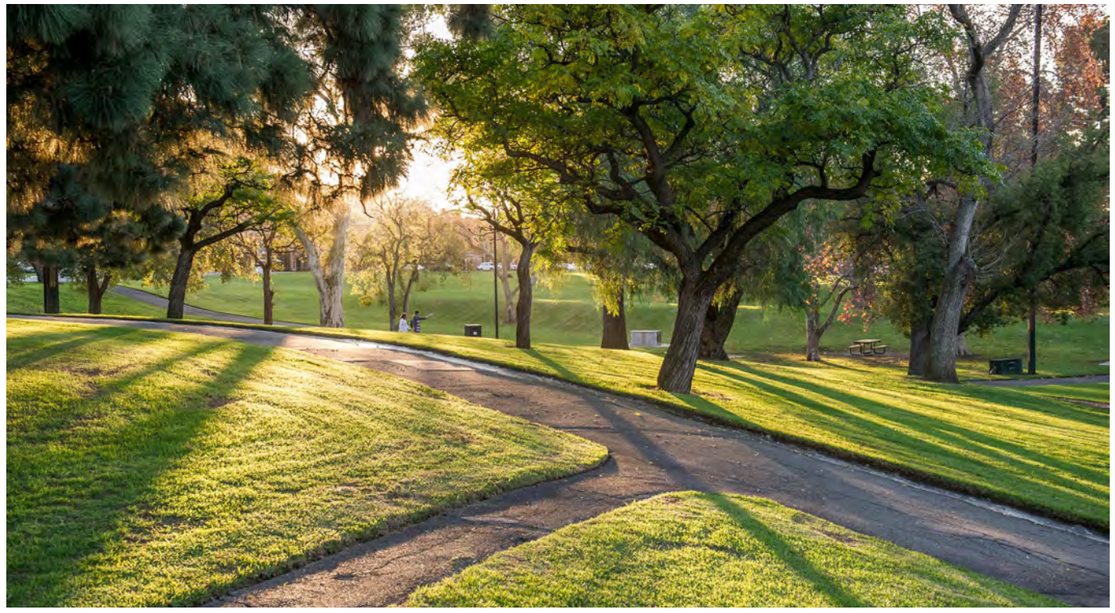
- Incorporate lighting along paths to create safe and more appealing spaces
- Investigate options for a signalised crossing to connect the park to Kent Town, south of Capper Street, for safer access over Dequetteville Terrace
- Create a new shared use pathway to provide a direct and safer route linking Dequetteville Terrace to the rest of the Park
- Review access and resolve potential conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles at the entrance to Tandanya

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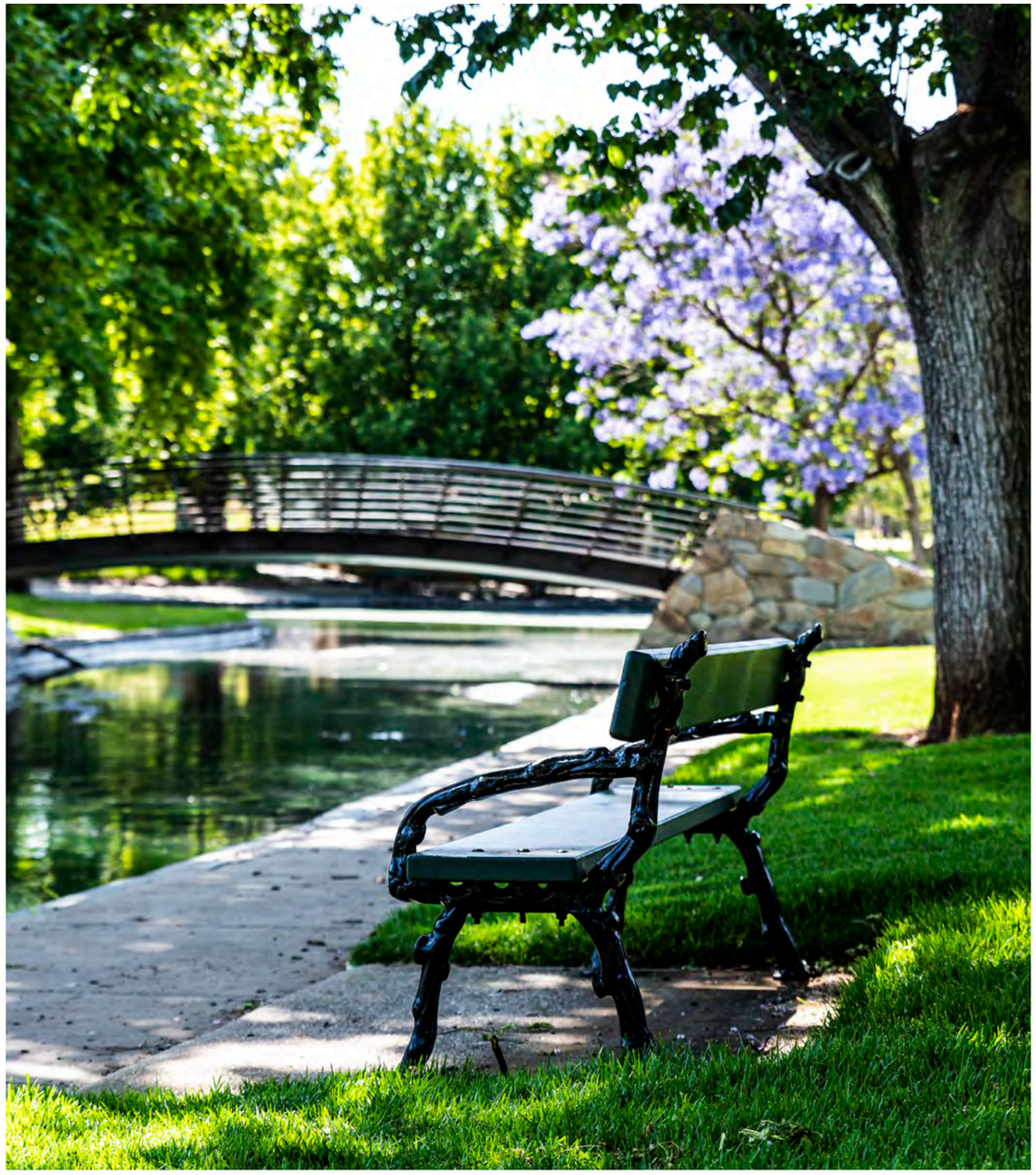
Enhance entrances and paths







Existing pathways and entrances to be upgraded

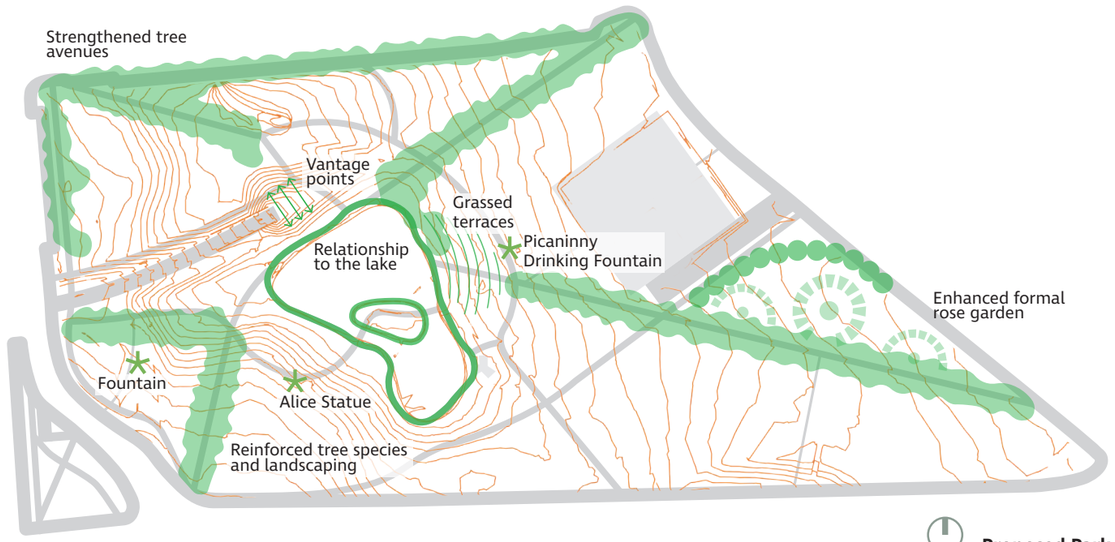


Existing lake walk to be upgraded

ACTION 5

Reinforce the landscape character and features of the Park

to ensure the enticing and attractive qualities are retained





Existing treed avenues to be reinforced

Action 5 addresses:

- The desire to retain and enhance the Arcadian character of the Park
- Using the formal gardens, in particular the rose garden, as a key attraction
- Using the slopes to take in views to the lake
- A lack of embankment and topography definition
- The negative noise and visual impacts of the surrounding traffic from streets into the Park
- The mixed tree planting in the Park without a strengthened sense of character

Key Actions

5.1 Strengthen the Park's avenues and open spaces with tree planting

- Strengthen the existing formal tree-lined avenues and create new tree avenues
- Reinforce the lake walk with further plantings of jacaranda, quality paving, custom furniture and the central focus with staggered rows of ornamental deciduous trees
- Remove aged, inappropriate and declining tree species to allow for realigned formal avenue plantings
- Remove or relocate lemonwood and olive trees to other areas of the Park Lands where these exist in more significant numbers
- Provide ample shade and shelter, as well as buffer noise through mature trees

5.2 Take advantage of the Park's topography

- Create a terraced seating area with tree planting using the slopes adjacent to the lake
- Utilise and activate the newly created new vantage point over the O-Bahn tunnel
- Review recent planting to further enhance screening to the O-Bahn tunnel from the east
- Ensure the seating and slopes capitalise on the valuable views across the lake and Park

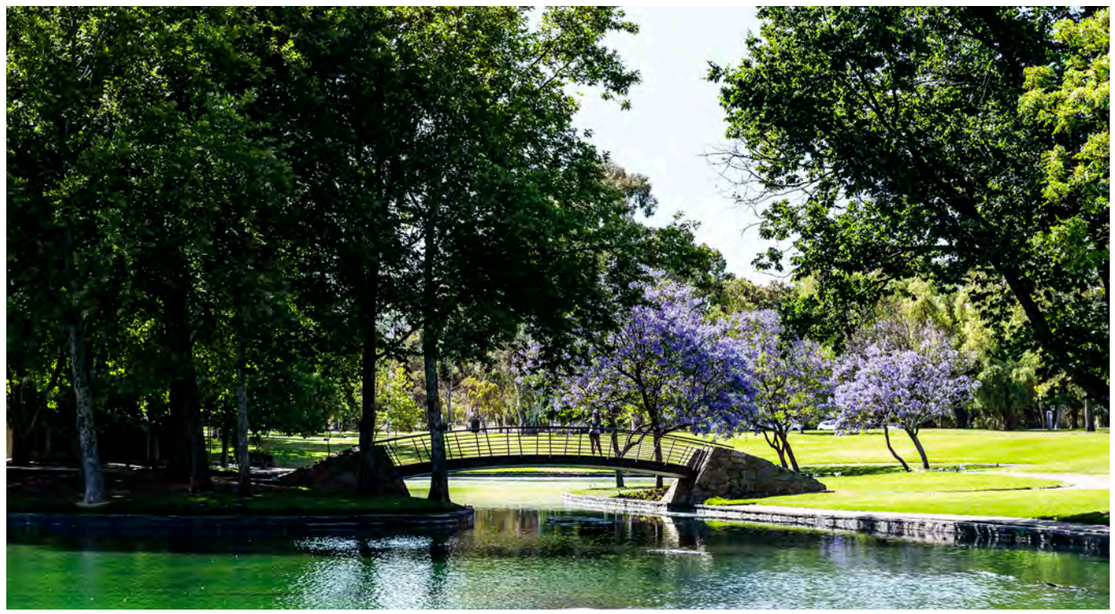
5.3 Retain and enhance the existing landscape features

- Celebrate the formal rose garden by enhancing the perimeter with ornamental trees, as well as rejuvenating the lower level plantings
- Reinforce the northern rose garden, substantially reduce maintenance, and allow for additional event space in the south by removing the existing southern garden beds
- Maintain the ornamental and seasonal garden beds across the Park
- Maintain and enhance the island's landscape features, including the trees, layout and turf
- Replace the island's paving with new stone paving and extend as necessary. Retain and extend the stone wall if required
- Install creative and functional lighting to highlight specific landscape features, such as the lake and island, and supply decorative lighting to event spaces
- Immerse the 'Alice' sculpture in a playful garden by incorporating elements from the site that encourage play and interaction
- Protect and retain the existing Rymill Park plaque, as well as other similar sculptures and features across the Park (such as *Piccaninny* and the fountain)
- Explore opportunities to include Kaurna language and indigenous/endemic plants where appropriate, and in consultation with key stakeholders

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Landscape character and features to be strengthened



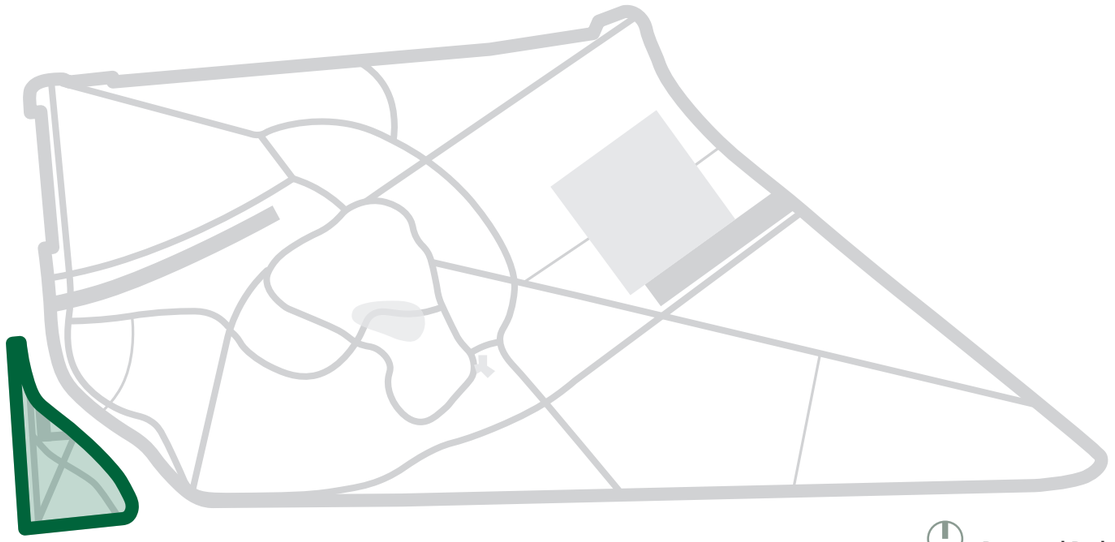




ACTION 6

Create a Place of Reflection

to commemorate the Stolen Generations



Place of Reflection and enhanced park

Note: At the time of this Master Plan's formation, the Place of Reflection project is underway.



Existing Park adjacent Tandanya and Electranet

Action 6 addresses:

- The desire for increased recognition of Aboriginal culture in the Park
- The desire for a positive and respectful statement about the City of Adelaide and the State Government's commitment to reconciliation and acknowledgment of the Stolen Generations

Key Actions

6.1 Create a high-profile memorial to the Stolen Generations integrated in a welcoming and relaxed park setting

- Demonstrate commitment to reconciliation with a Place of Reflection artwork to commemorate the Stolen Generations
- Use the space to promote healing and to educate the wider community
- Be a contemplative place for members of the Stolen Generations and their friends and families to visit
- Be suitable for use for community Sorry Day events or similar cultural events
- Integrate complementary lighting associated with the new artwork
- Maintain access and egress to emergency service areas for Tandanya and ElectraNet

6.2 Forge stronger cultural ties between the Park and Tandanya

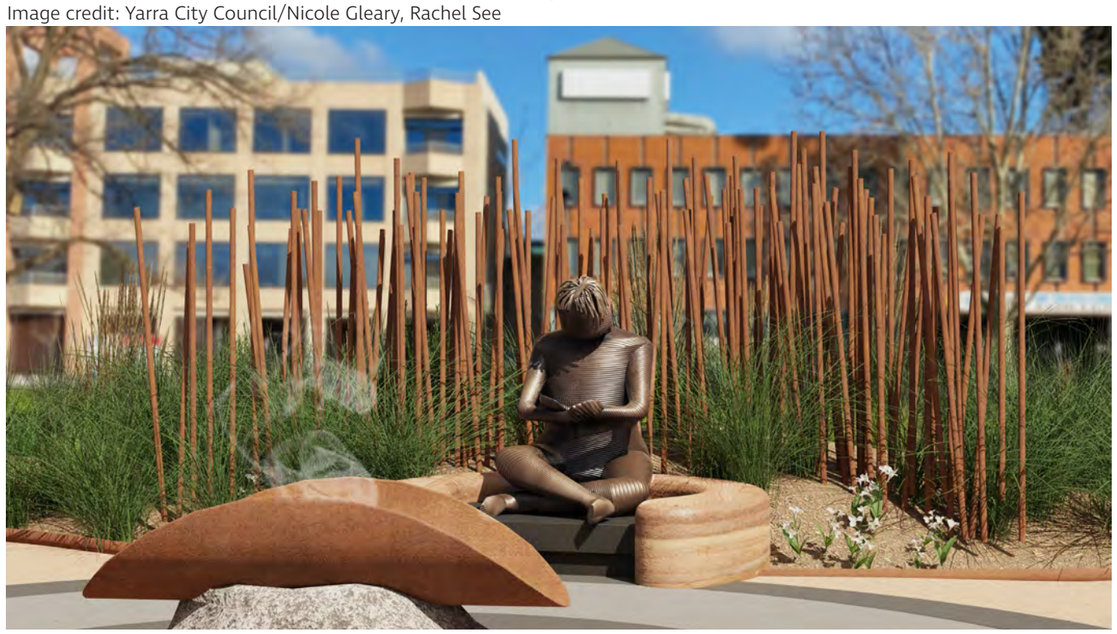
- Reinforce the Park's connection with adjacent buildings, in particular Tandanya
- Work with Tandanya to create a welcoming space for the Kaurna and broader Aboriginal community and the institutes's visitors
- Facilitate Tandanya's formal and informal events, exhibitions and gatherings in the park adjacent Tandanya
- Review access and resolve potential conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles at the entrance to Tandanya

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Place of Reflection inspiration



Reko Rennie, *Remember Me*, 2018. Commissioned by Yarra City Council (Victoria).
Image credit: Yarra City Council/Nicole Gleary, Rachel See



***Place of Reflection*, by Yvonne Koolmatrie and Karl Meyer in association with Exhibition Studios** (artist's illustration)
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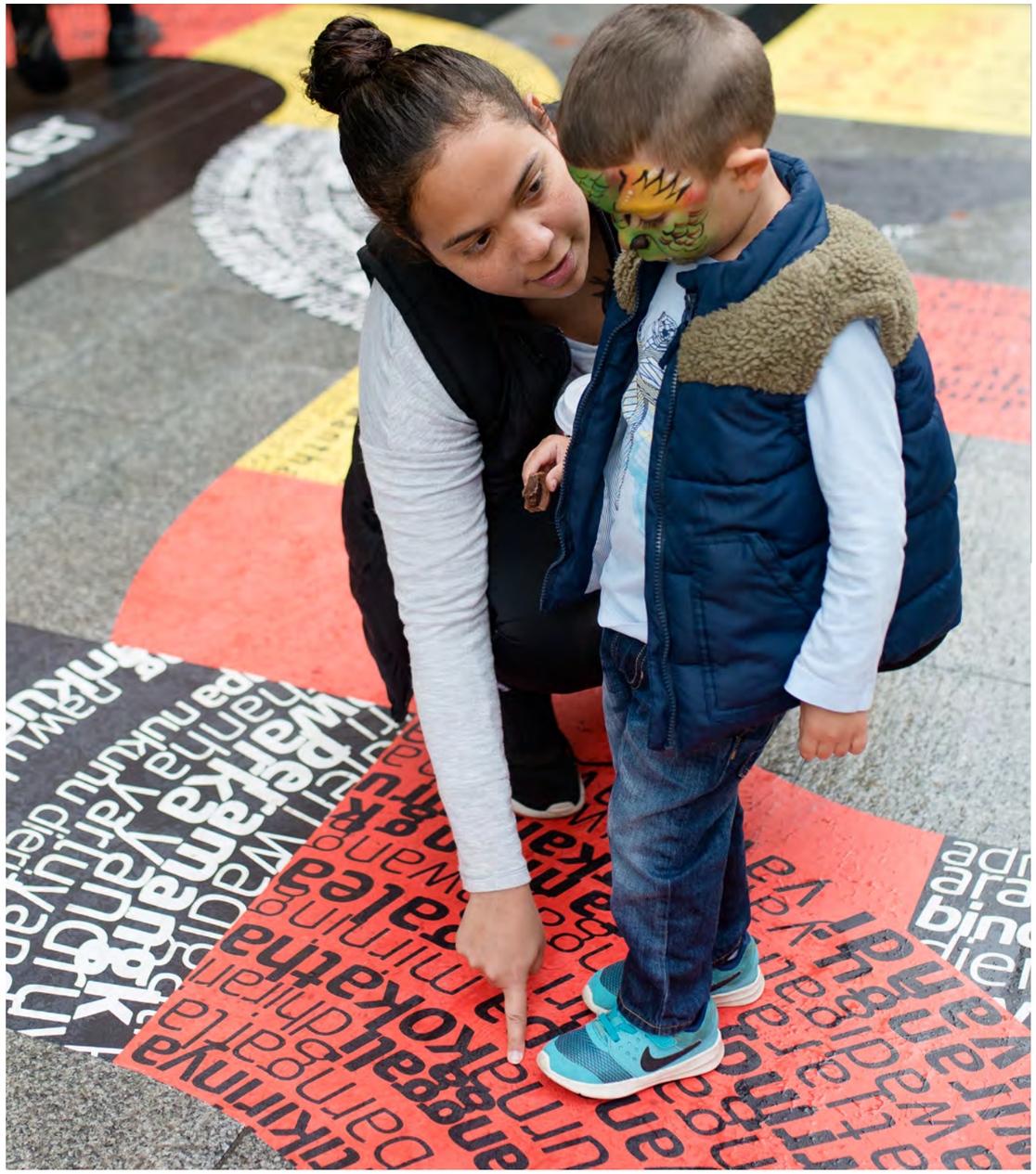


Image credit: NAIDOC in the Mall 2017

Detailed Overall Plan



Action 1

1. Enhance lake
2. Enhance lake walk

Action 2

3. New inclusive playspace and facilities
4. Improve car parking
5. Improve bus drop off zones
6. Upgrade paths to the playspace

Action 3

7. New grassed terraces
8. New deck
9. Underground power lines*
10. Upgrade event infrastructure*
11. Enhance and create new event spaces
12. New rose rotunda
13. Enhance kiosk

Action 4

14. Formalise and create inviting entrances
15. Realign Park Lands Trail
16. New vantage point, terraces and landscape over berm
17. New and realigned paths
18. New shared edge paths encircling the Park
19. New signalised pedestrian crossing to Kent Town

Action 5

20. Enhance formal treed avenues
21. Enhance garden beds, sculptures and other landscape features*
22. Enhance formal rose garden
23. Improve tree planting across the Park*

Action 6

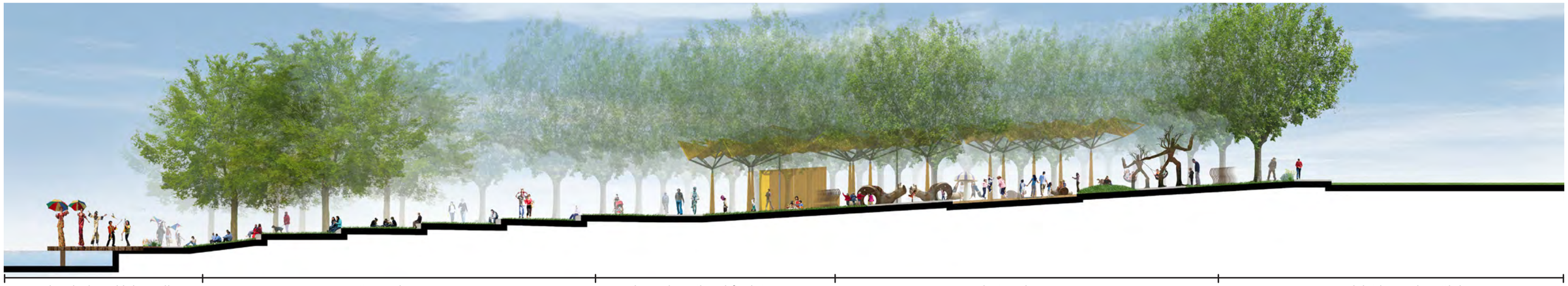
24. Place of Reflection
25. Enhance park adjacent Tandanya

* Note: actions that apply to multiple or generalised areas are not located on the plan

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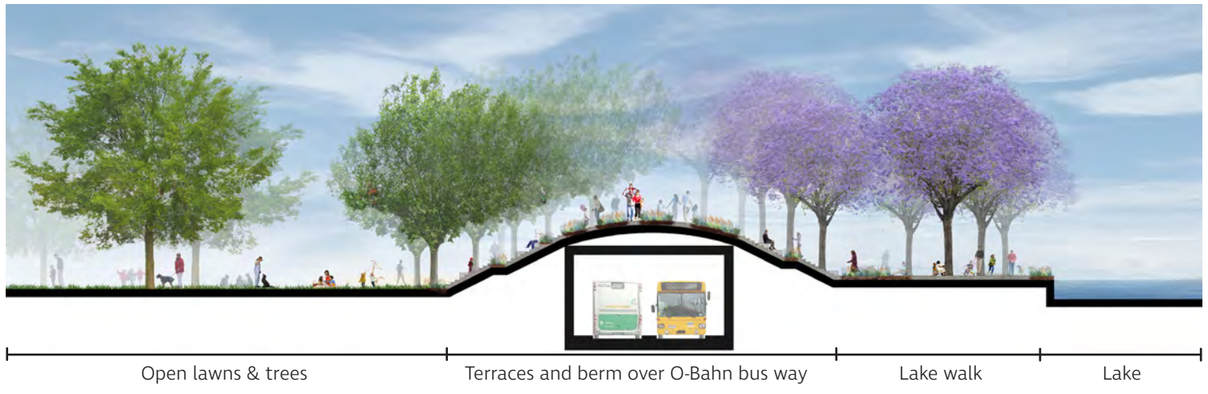
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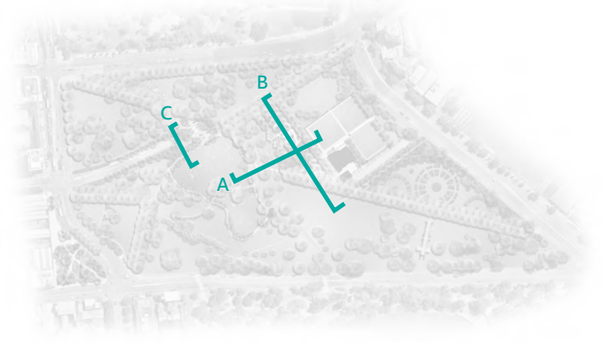


Section B, through the inclusive playspace



Section C, through the O-Bahn bus way





Part two

Delivery

Delivering the Master Plan

There are a number of factors that influence how this Master Plan progresses. These will inform decision makers in determining future commitments to delivering the Master Plan. The below proposals for delivery are subject to Council and Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority's consideration and approval of the Master Plan.

Design stages

A number of structured design stages are undertaken to progress from a high level master plan to on the ground construction works; these typically include:

1. Detailed survey and services investigations
2. Detailed design and cost estimate
3. Documentation ready for tender
4. Finalising documentation for construction and awarding the construction works

Each stage requires an appropriate level of funding to ensure the appropriate level of investigation and due diligence are undertaken. This process is likely to occur over a number of years to provide sufficient time to prepare documents and cost estimates before a commitment to funding.

Staging considerations

The timing and magnitude of funding commitments will inform staging. Other considerations that inform staging include:

- Logistics for each stage, particularly to reduce impacts to events, businesses, organisations and the playspace, as well as movement of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles
- Achieving economy of scale and cost effectiveness
- Minimising disruption during construction
- Identifying small improvements that could be delivered as part of Council's 'business as usual' program
- Delivering visible benefits for the community in early stages



Delivery

Delivering the Master Plan (cont.)

Funding options

The City of Adelaide's Annual Business Plan and Budget (BP&B) approves the operational and financial planning for services and projects in the upcoming financial year. Inclusion of funding to progress the Master Plan will be considered as part of future annual BP&B's.

Where possible, upcoming asset renewal planning and budgets will be proposed to align to relevant aspects of the Master Plan.

The City of Adelaide also liaises closely with the State Government to identify potential funding for projects that align with strategic state priorities. In recent years, public space upgrades have been achieved through funding partnerships.

In 2017, the City of Adelaide and the State Government co-funded the development of the Master Plan as one of the identified demonstration projects in the Park Lands.

The Master Plan aligns with the State Government's objectives to support the conservation and enhancement of natural and cultural open spaces, and to create or revitalise public spaces that are important to the social, cultural and economic life of their communities.

In March 2019, the State Government announced their commitment of $1 million to fund the inclusive playspace within the Park (the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace) to commemorate the life and contributions of entertainer and disability advocate, Quentin Kenihan. This is project is now complete.

In addition to the playspace, the City of Adelaide has also committed to the delivery of the Place of Reflection (artwork and surrounds) within the Park.

In 2021-22 and 2022-23, Council has committed to funding renewal of the lake, a shared path along Dequetteville Terrace as one of the Cycling Infrastructure projects (both in partnership with the State Government) as well as upgrades to event infrastructure in the Park.

The City of Adelaide continues to explore options for the broader Park Lands and city layout to be included as a recognised cultural site on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Maintenance implications

It is important to note that many of the actions listed in this Master Plan will result in an increase in maintenance service levels required across the Park due to enhancements and upgrades.

It is highly likely that additional resources will be required to effectively maintain the Park and its features.

Priorities for delivery

The Master Plan is proposed to be delivered progressively based on priorities and funding availability, subject to Council consideration.

Priority 1, short-term/current deliverables include:

- ✓ Design and construction of the inclusive playspace, including supporting facilities
- ✓ Further investigations into lake renewal options and a sustainable water source
- ✓ Design of the Place of Reflection
- ✓ Design of event infrastructure upgrades

Priority 2, medium-term deliverables include:

- ✓ Design and construction of toilets, path access and parking requirements for the inclusive playspace
- ✓ Confirmation and design of the lake, lake walk and its surrounds
- Construction of lake
- Construction of Place of Reflection
- ✓ Construction of shared perimeter path
- ✓ Construction of events infrastructure upgrades

Priority 3, longer-term/ongoing deliverables include:

- Design and delivery of the remaining Park elements, including ongoing improvements such as path upgrades and realignments, entrance upgrades, succession tree planting and selective removals to strengthen avenues and enhance event spaces

Stakeholder and community consultation

The draft Master Plan was approved by Council for engagement with key stakeholders and the broader community in July 2019.

Community members have an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft City of Adelaide's Annual Business Plan and Budget, where projects are proposed for design and construction funding for the following financial year.

Once funding is committed for detailed design of the next stage, there will be opportunities for interested community members to be informed on how the detailed design is progressing and provide feedback.

Once projects are underway, the City of Adelaide keeps the community informed on any upcoming construction work across the city, particularly where it may directly affect business, resident access or operations.

Next steps

As consultation on the draft Master Plan is complete, the City of Adelaide will progress with design and construction of approved priority projects, subject to Council consideration.

✓ *Completed*

✓ *Underway*

Part three

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The Park Today

The Park is situated in the east Park Lands precinct, one of the most heavily visited precincts in the Park Lands, catering for both major events and informal community recreational use.

The Adelaide Park Lands Visitor Research Study 2014 estimates over 300,000 visits to the Park per annum.

The Adelaide Park Lands Events Management Plan 2016–2020 classifies the Park as a "premium event site", with high demand for use by major events and community recreational activities. There is a high community expectation that these sites remain accessible for community use and continue to be maintained to a very high standard.

The Park and the surrounding areas have experienced recent changes and upcoming developments including:

- The inclusion of the O-Bahn bus way
- The tram extension in the East End
- The relocation of the Royal Adelaide Hospital
- The development of Lot Fourteen

The physical area and the people who use it will continue to change in the coming years with anticipated growth in residential and worker populations within the city and in the adjacent inner eastern suburbs of Kent Town and Norwood.

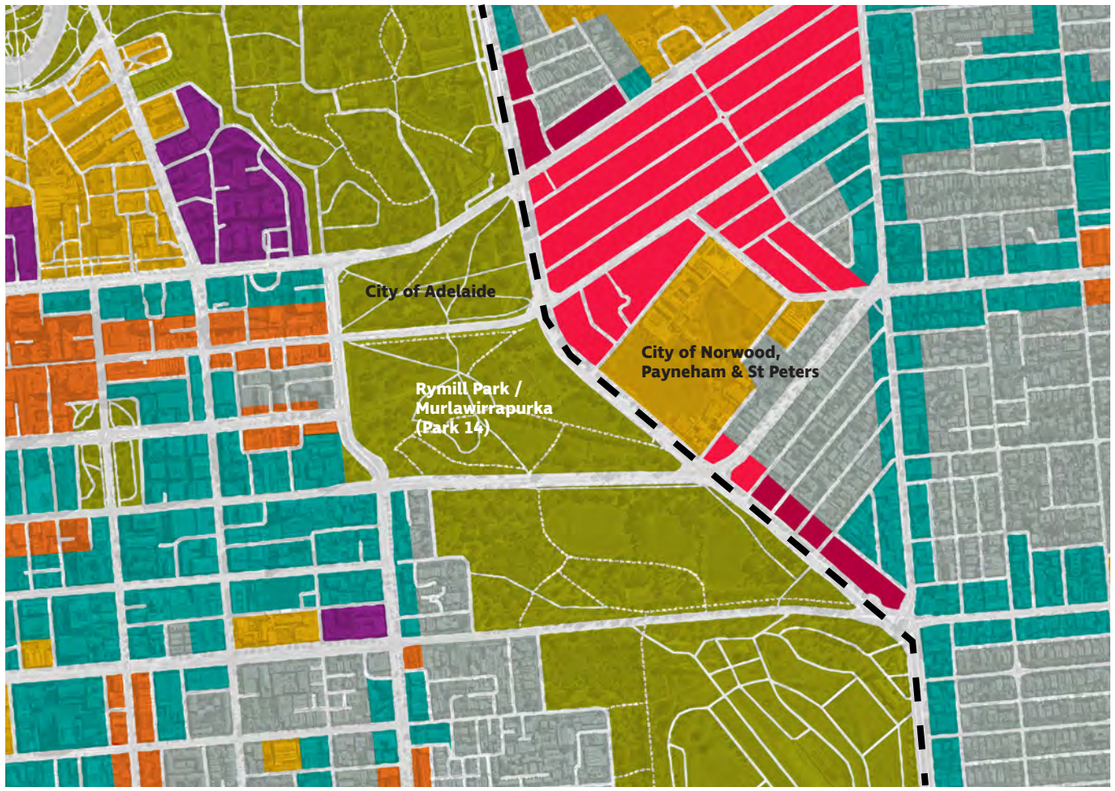
Land Use

Both the City of Adelaide and the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters (NPSP) are zoned to allow for increases in mixed use and high rise residential developments which will increase populations of workers and residents in adjacent areas and visitor numbers to the Park.

The City of NPSP has very few parks or green recreational spaces within walking distance, making Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) and the Park Lands important green recreational assets.

The schools and within the area would also view the Park Lands as a valuable recreational asset.

- Predominantly Retail
- Educational
- Adelaide Park Lands
- Predominantly Residential
- Predominantly Commercial
- Cultural / Public Institution
- Mixed Use in NPSP
- Mixed Use Medium to High Density in NPSP



A Shared History

The Park is both a significant place to the traditional owners, the Kaurna people, and the more recent colonists. Respecting, reconciling and celebrating this shared living history is vital to cultivate a rich and multi-layered place that will continue to serve its past, present and future communities.

The following section notes key themes, stories and artefacts, existing or with potential to be expressed, to recognise the history and living culture of the Park. An integrated and layered design approach is proposed with ongoing stakeholder consultation to ensure a holistic and balanced interpretation is expressed as the Park evolves.

Kaurna significance

Kaurna consultation on the Master Plan was undertaken from 2017 to 2020. Kaurna elder, Uncle Lewis Yerloburka O'Brien was consulted during its development, and Dennis O'Brien reviewed and provided feedback on the draft Master Plan. Dennis O'Brien also sought guidance from Uncle Lewis O'Brien and Senior Kaurna woman, Aunty Lynette Crocker during the review process. Based on Kaurna consultation, provided below are the culturally significant stories and elements, and recommendations for their expression in the Park.

Red Kangaroo Dreaming Place

'This is the Red Kangaroo Dreaming place of the Kaurna people. It was an important place for the Kaurna long before the City of Adelaide was established. The Adelaide Park Lands and Squares are part of this place and hold special cultural significance for us – the Kaurna people.'

— Dennis O'Brien, July 2020

Adelaide city and its Park Lands, part of which Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) forms, is the heart of the Traditional Country of the Kaurna people.

Like other Park Land areas, this Park was managed and cultivated by Kaurna people before colonisation in 1836. Some areas of the Park Lands were cleared by Kaurna people as part of traditional practices (such as with fire), for living, camping, and hunting grounds.

While no specific associations have been recorded for this Park, it was likely to have been a meeting place and/or camping site associated with the natural creek line (now known as Botanic Creek). This creek fed a waterhole that exists on the site of the Main Lake / Kainka Wirra at the Adelaide Botanic Garden, and is likely to have provided a wealth of food and other resources for the Aboriginal people of the area.

In the late 1900s Aboriginal people who camped in the area, including Ngarrindjeri man, Poltpalingada Booboorowie (or Tommy Walker as he was known to the European settlers), were forced to move to the Adelaide Botanic Garden area, and then to Glenelg.

The subsequent development of a brewery and flour mills by European settlers near the Park suggests that a supply of good, fresh water was available in the area before and at the time of settlement.

Murlawirrapurka

Three parks constitute the east Park Lands precinct, Rundle Park / Kadlitpina (Park 13), Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) and King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15). The parks are named after three Kaurna 'warriors' or 'old gentleman' who were important community members at the time of colonisation: Kadlitpina, Murlawirrapurka and Ityamai-itpina respectively.

In 1997, as part of Council's Reconciliation Vision Statement, dual naming of parks and key city sites was established. In 2003, the name 'Murlawirrapurka' was applied to Rymill Park.

The Kaurna name, 'Murlawirrapurka', literally translates as 'old man of dry forest'. Murlawirrapurka (1811–1845) was known to have been the more 'outspoken' and 'political' of the three warriors, while Kadlitpina was known as a great warrior and Ityamai-itpina was highly regarded for his grasp of language and learning.

To the colonists, Murlawirrapurka was also known as 'King John', 'Onkaparinga Jack' and 'Kua Kertameru' (meaning Crow first born male).

Murlawirrapurka was generally on good terms with the colonists. The European settlers recorded some of his words at the time and his words have also been passed through oral accounts over many generations.

Murlawirrapurka was 172cm tall, of stocky build, had 4 wives, 9 children and died aged 34 in the Onkaparinga area.

Piccaninny Drinking Fountain

The Picaninny Drinking Fountain by sculptor John Dowie in 1960, is located east of the lake. Despite being small in scale, it is significant as the earliest representation of Aboriginal cultural in a public space in Adelaide. The sculpture was inspired by the artist's travels to the Northern Territory, and depicts an Aboriginal child with a coolamon-like vessel on her head.

Master Plan Recommendations

The following themes should be considered and developed through ongoing Kaurna consultation during subsequent concept and detailed design stages of the Park:

- Retention of the Picaninny drinking fountain
- Expression of the Red Kangaroo Rock Dreaming story
- Kaurna language and Rainbow Country in the playspace
- Stories, games or animals, such as with tree shields, wodlis or integrated artwork
- Karrawirra Pari (River Torrens) reflection of the Wodli Parri (Milky Way)
- Kaurna expression at the area of the park fronting onto Tandanya
- Visual representation of Murlawirrapurka within the park, such as through interpretive signage, sculpture or artwork.

Additional themes that could also be represented in the Park (such as through sculpture, artwork, plaques, paintings or storyboards) are:

- Expression of 'Murlawirrapurka' as a dry forest
- Expression of 'King John' and 'Onkaparinga Jack'
- Red kangaroos, representing 'Red Kangaroo Dreaming Place'
- River red gums and other indigenous plants representing previous vegetation along the creek
- Stars (wodli parri) and planets, representing ancestors (people and animals)

A Shared History

Colonial history

The Park largely retains its original shape and form as devised by Colonel Light in 1837.

The low lying park was often waterlogged, and its western side was used as a rubbish dump from the 1850s.

The Park of today still shows evidence of the original substantial tree planting that was undertaken during the William Pengilly and August Pelzer (both City Gardeners) administrations, which reinforced a semi-formal Victorian 'gardenesque' style.

Two cross-axial pathways, historically evident since the 1870s, are lined with Oriental Planes (*Platanus orientalis*) and White Cedars (*Melia azedarach var. australis*). Various studies suggest that both avenues are important aesthetic and design elements in the Park.

Over time, the land use shifted from 'a despoiled grazing wasteland' to a park with the commencement of tree plantings in the late 1870s and 1880s. Following fencing in the late 1870s, the Park assumed the role and function of a semiformal garden, still apparent today.

By this time, the Park had been largely cleared of indigenous vegetation.

In the 1950s–60s, under Town Clerk William Veale, the Park was substantially transformed to accommodate an ornamental lake, picnic and recreation grounds, and a large rose garden, resulting in much of the present character and planting strategy.

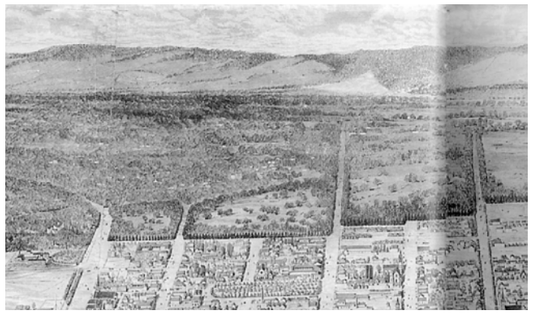
In 1960 'Rymill Park' was named after Sir Arthur Rymill, Lord Mayor of Adelaide from 1950 to 1954, a long-standing council member and strong advocate for the growth and improvement of the Park Lands.

The Park is a distinct example of the re-crafting of the Park Lands by Pengilly and Pelzer, from an informal mixed species landscape into a semiformal 'gardenesque' park, characterised by tree-lined axial pedestrian pathways and feature memorials. Importantly, it is one of two major recreational parks created in Adelaide (the other being Veale Gardens) and today still retains much of its previous structure and character.

Statement of Cultural Significance

'[Murlawirrapurka]/Park 14/Rymill Park is a significant example of the re-crafting of the Adelaide Park Lands by William Pengilly and August Pelzer from an informal mixed species landscape into a semi-formal Gardenesque park characterised by tree-lined axial pedestrian pathways and feature memorials.
More importantly, it is one of two major park facilities created in the 1950s-60s under Town Clerk Veale to serve as major recreational venue for Adelaideans. It still retains much of this 1870s-1930s structure and character although it was significantly renovated in the 1950s-60s to create a major park landscape with a feature lake.'

— Adelaide Park Lands and Square Cultural Landscape Assessment, Dr David Jones 2007



Lithograph dated 10th July 1875 showing extensive edge plantings



Map dated 9th February 1917 depicting the pedestrian and tram circulation systems.



Scene of the East Park Lands dated c.1905 depicting the extensive tree planting and intricate crushed rock pathway system in the Park.
Source: State Library of South Australia, B 26309

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National Heritage Listing

The Adelaide Park Lands were first laid out in Colonel William Light's 1837 plan for Adelaide. Adelaide is the only Australian capital city to be completely enclosed by park lands and is the most extensive and substantially intact nineteenth-century park lands in Australia. It is also the oldest 'dedicated' public park lands in the world.

Light's model of a city surrounded by park lands is recognised as a major influence of the Garden City Movement, one of the most important western urban planning initiatives of the time.

In recognition of its significance, the 'Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout' (The Layout) is included on the National Heritage List.

The Layout is a significant example of early colonial planning which has retained key elements of its historical layout for over 180 years.

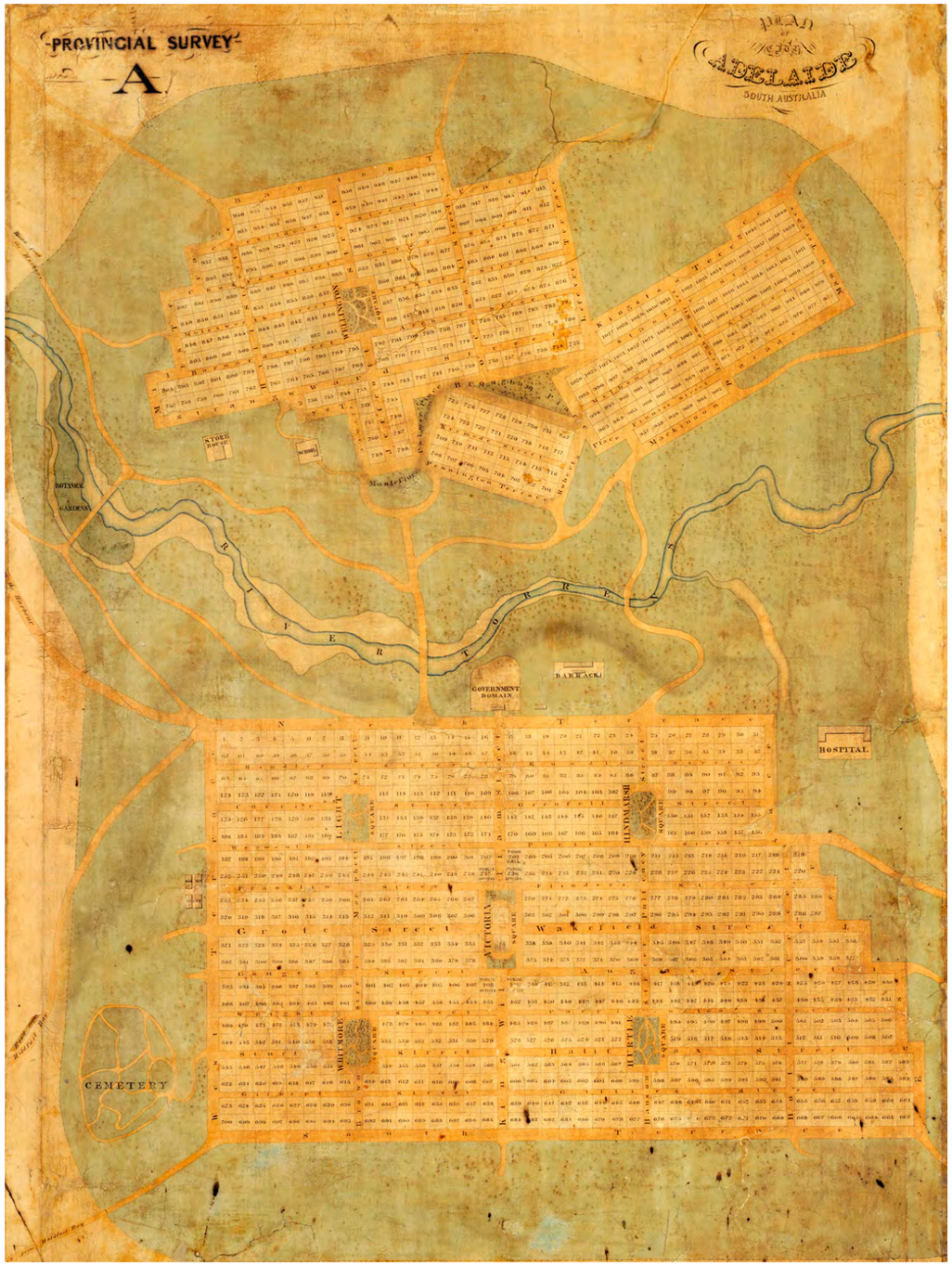
Being formally laid out prior to settlement with a grid pattern, wide streets and town squares, the Layout reflected new town planning conventions and contemporary ideas about the provision of common or reserved land for its aesthetic qualities, public health and recreation.

Comprising over 800 hectares, the Adelaide Park Lands have high social value to South Australians who regard them as fundamental to the character and ambiance of the city.

The National Heritage Listing recognises the historic layout and principal characteristics of the city and Park Lands at a macro level.

Changes at the scale anticipated by this Master Plan will not adversely affect the values which underpin the listing.

Information sourced from the National Heritage Listing, Department of the Environment and Energy



"William Light's Plan of Adelaide, 1837", surveyed and drawn by Colonel Light, drawn by Robert Thomas.
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Existing Views and Topography

Historically, Botanic Creek ran from south to north across the Park, creating a natural valley grading down from the east and west. Human interventions have accentuated the topography of the Park - perhaps more than any other in the Park Lands system - giving the Park a striking point-of-difference, where sharp embankments and views down to low-lying water bodies are rare landscape features (albeit man-made) in Adelaide's flat plain landscape.

The slopes and plateaus, when combined with the tree-lined avenues and artificial boating lake and island, imbue the Park with a distinctly European romantic sensibility, suggesting future landscape gestures that potentially provide the Park with a unique character, all the while remaining an important link in the ring of Park Lands.



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Existing Landscape Character

The Park's existing trees are a mix of formal avenues, majestic indigenous eucalypts, groupings of trees such as Peppercorns (*Schinus molle*), Pines, Flame Trees (*Brachychiton* sp.), Jacarandas lining the lake and scatterings of other mixed exotic and Australian native species.

The formal avenues of *Melia* are in decline and require replacement, while the *Platanus* avenue adjacent the Bowling Club and Rose Gardens retain a strong character and presence in the Park. The Bowling Club planting consists of predominately palms and a dense hedge of Viburnum that screens the Club and blocks views to the Park. A number of the incidental, infill tree plantings, such as the *Pittosporum, Homolanthus, Melaleuca* and *Callistemon* plantings, do not offer much amenity in terms of planting cohesion and could be considered for removed.

The formal Rose Gardens and *Wisteria* arbour are well maintained while the mixed exotic planting around the perimeter requires strengthening.

The creek line was recently slightly realigned and reinforced to accomodate the new O-Bahn Tunnel.



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Existing Events Overlay



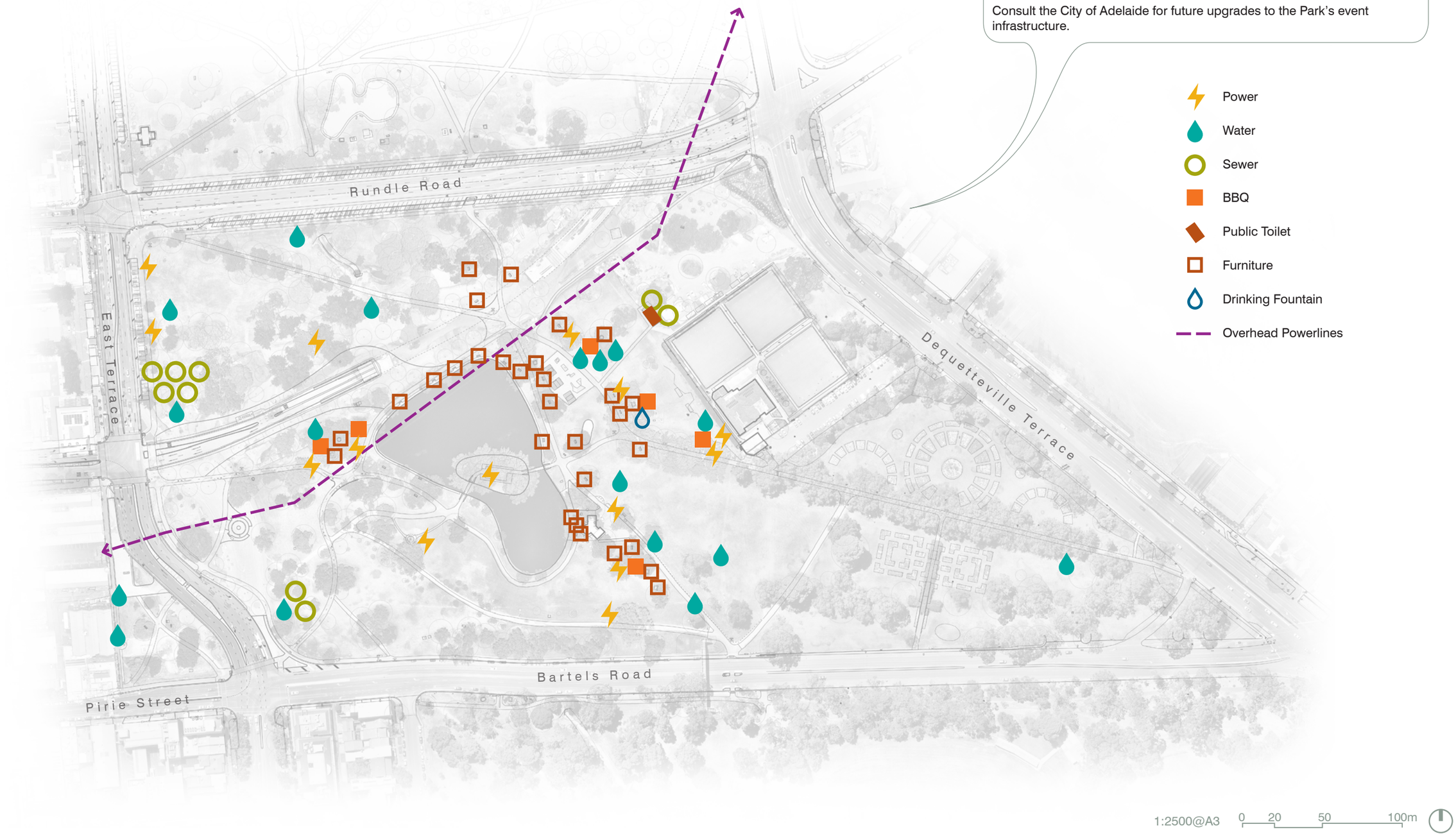
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Existing Services and Amenities

City of Adelaide has allocated funding in 2019-20 to undertake concept designs for upgrading event infrastructure in the Park to cater for the large number of events held here.

This upgrades utility service infrastructure to support events in both the Park and the adjacent Rundle Park / Kadlitpina (Park 13) ie. electrical supply, potable water supply and sewer / wastewater discharge points.

Consult the City of Adelaide for future upgrades to the Park's event infrastructure.



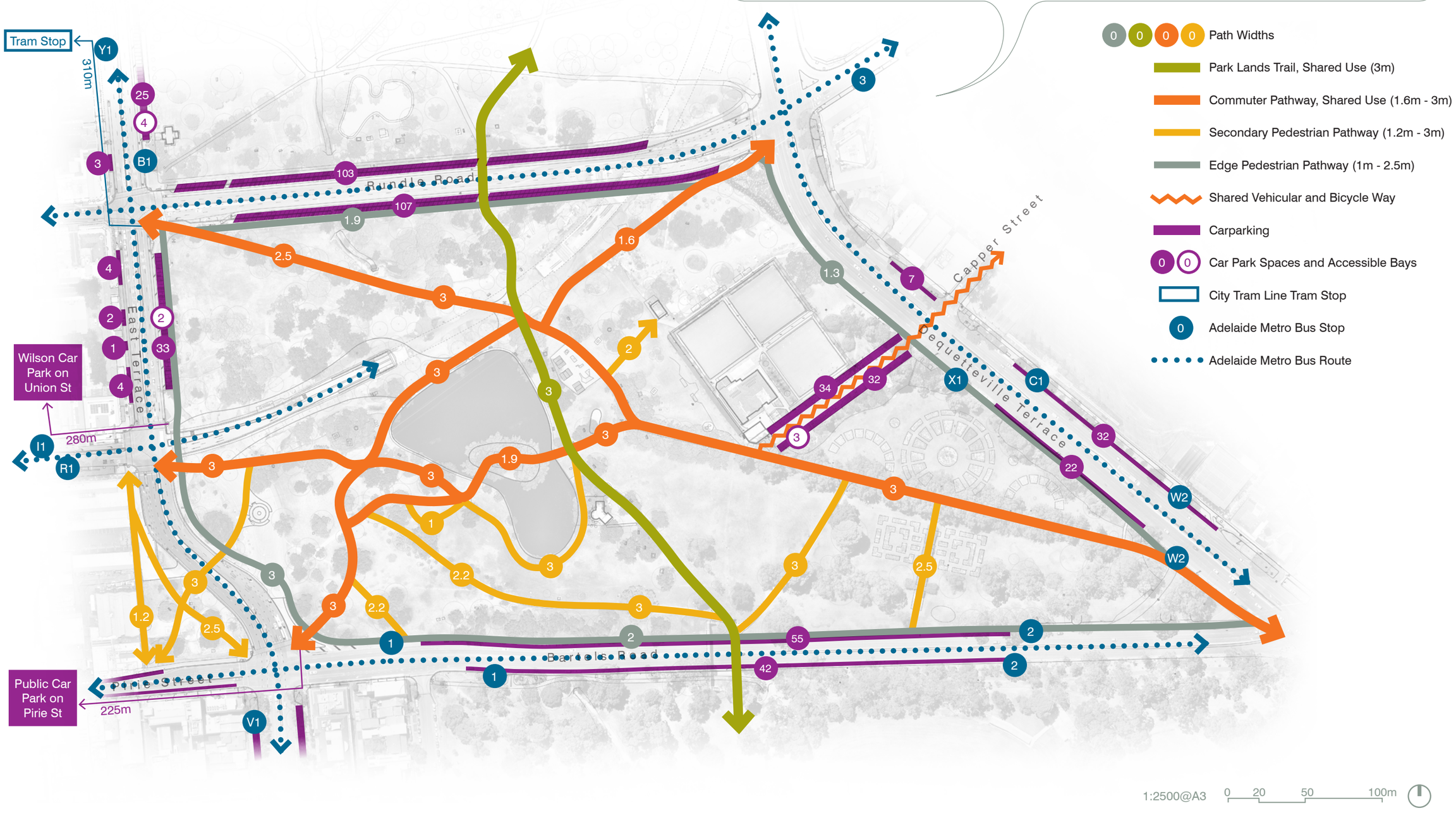
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Existing Access and Circulation

The Park is bound on all four sides by highly trafficked city streets and on-street parking located on all four streets which greatly assists with park visitation but impacts strongly on the visual and noise environment quality at the Park's edges.

Adelaide Metro buses service all four sides of the Park and the new O-Bahn Tunnel delivers travellers from the north-eastern suburbs under the Park to the Grenfell Street intersection with East Terrace. The eastern-most stop in the new City Tram Line extension will terminate at the old RAH site on North Terrace, with plans to extend the line directly past the Park to Norwood and the city's east.

The current arrangement of pedestrian paths criss-cross the Park, loosely following historic alignments with subsequent ad hoc additions and deletions occurring as deemed necessary. The Adelaide Park Lands Trail crosses the centre of the Park linking with Rundle Park / Kadlitpina (Park 13) to the north and King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15) to the south.

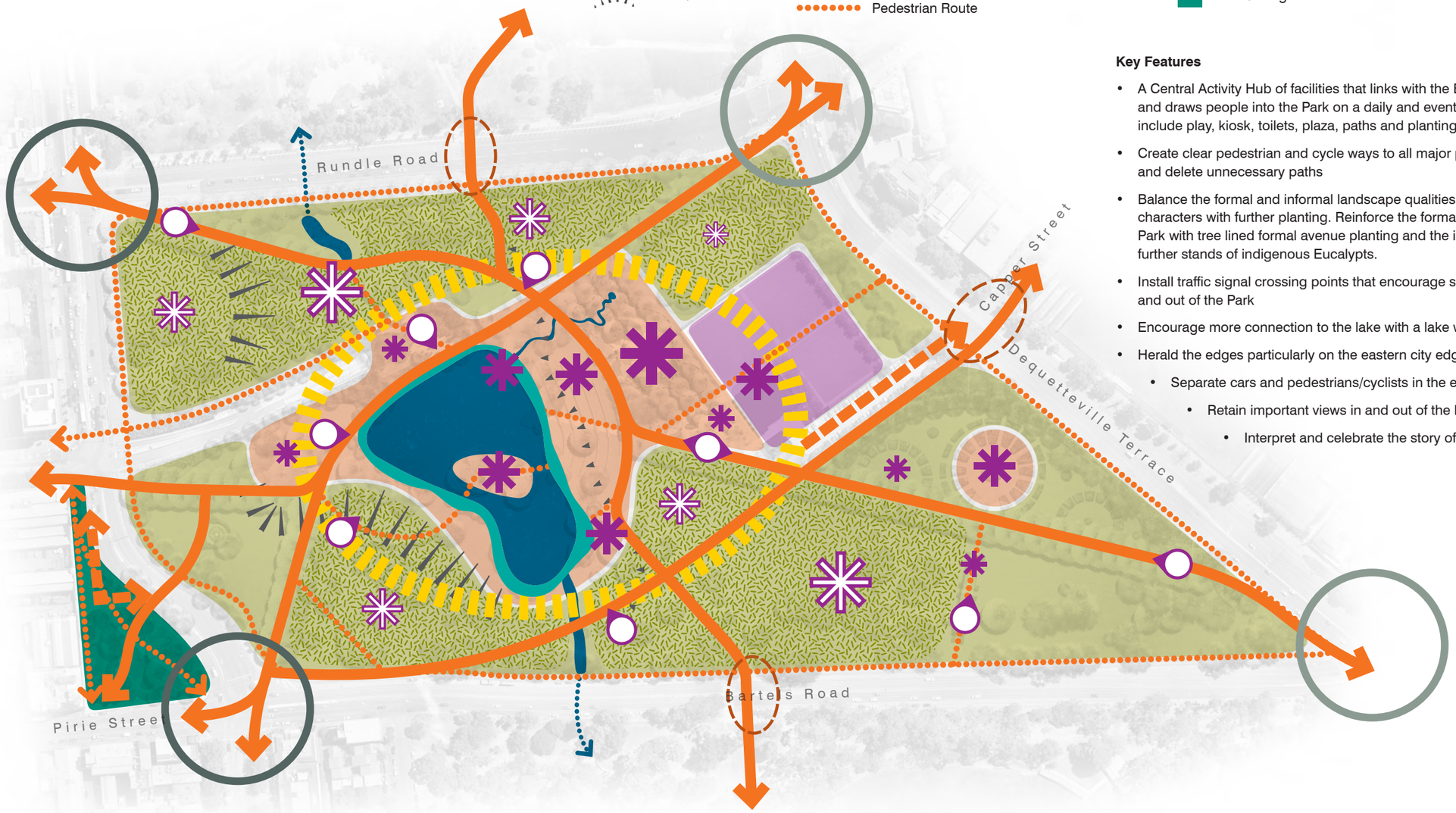


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Proposed Spatial Framework

This spatial framework illustrates the fundamental gestures and strategies that create the Park's structure. This framework builds on the Master Plan's Guiding Principles.

- Activity Hub
- Signalised Crossing
- Key Views
- Lake Walk
- Water
- Embankment
- Formal Sports / Active Recreation
- Entry to the Park from the City
- Entry to the Park from Suburbs
- Vehicular Access / Parking
- Main Pedestrian / Cycle Route (allows for occasional service vehicle access)
- Pedestrian Route
- Regular Year-Round Activity Hub
- Event-Based Activity Hub
- Family and Community Orientated Activities
- Passive Recreation
- Passive Recreation with Seasonal Major Public Events
- Urban Edge



Key Features

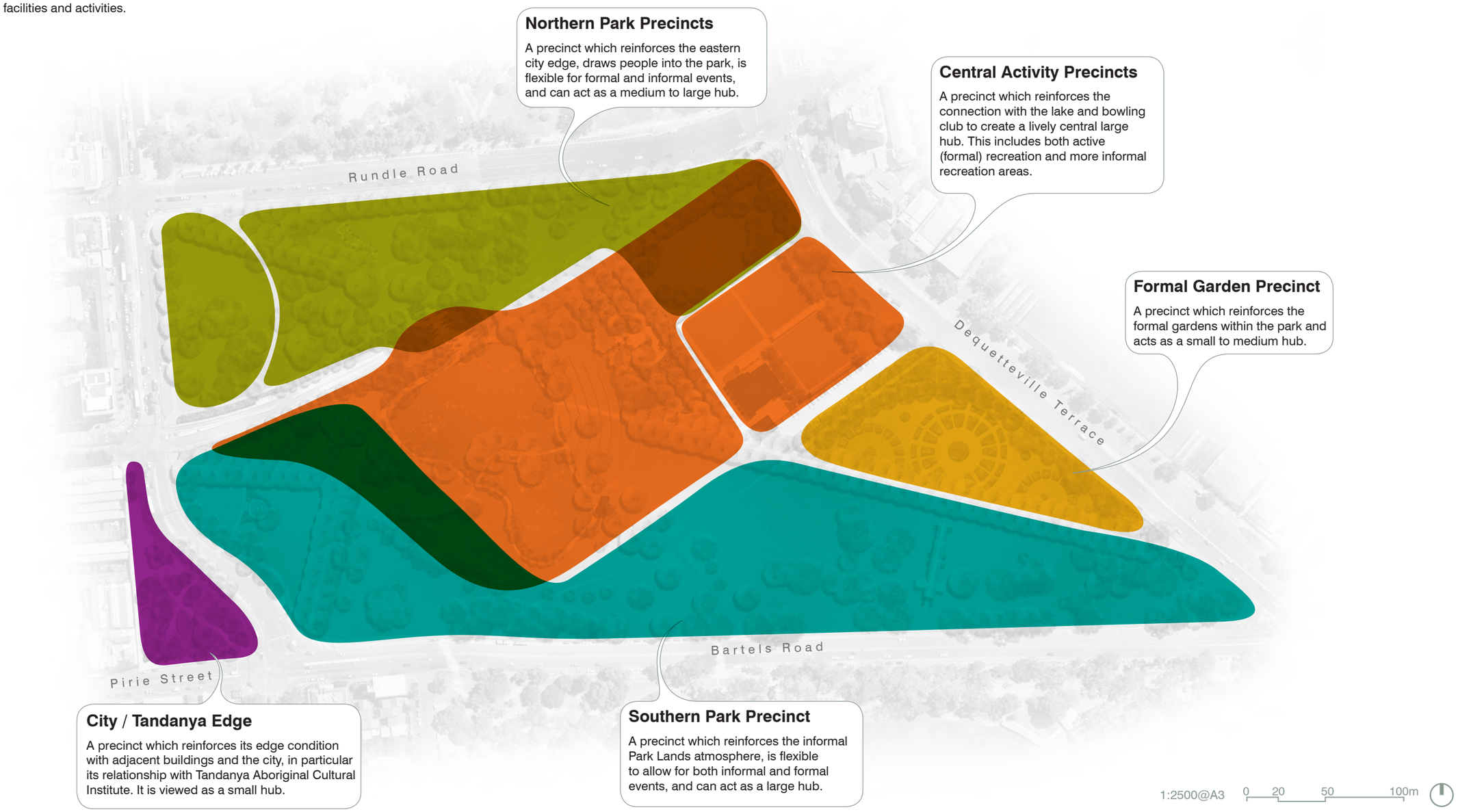
- A Central Activity Hub of facilities that links with the Bowling Club and draws people into the Park on a daily and event basis. Facilities include play, kiosk, toilets, plaza, paths and planting
- Create clear pedestrian and cycle ways to all major perimeter points and delete unnecessary paths
- Balance the formal and informal landscape qualities reinforcing both characters with further planting. Reinforce the formal nature of the Park with tree lined formal avenue planting and the informal with further stands of indigenous Eucalypts.
- Install traffic signal crossing points that encourage safe movement in and out of the Park
- Encourage more connection to the lake with a lake walk
- Herald the edges particularly on the eastern city edge
- Separate cars and pedestrians/cyclists in the existing car park
- Retain important views in and out of the Park
- Interpret and celebrate the story of water

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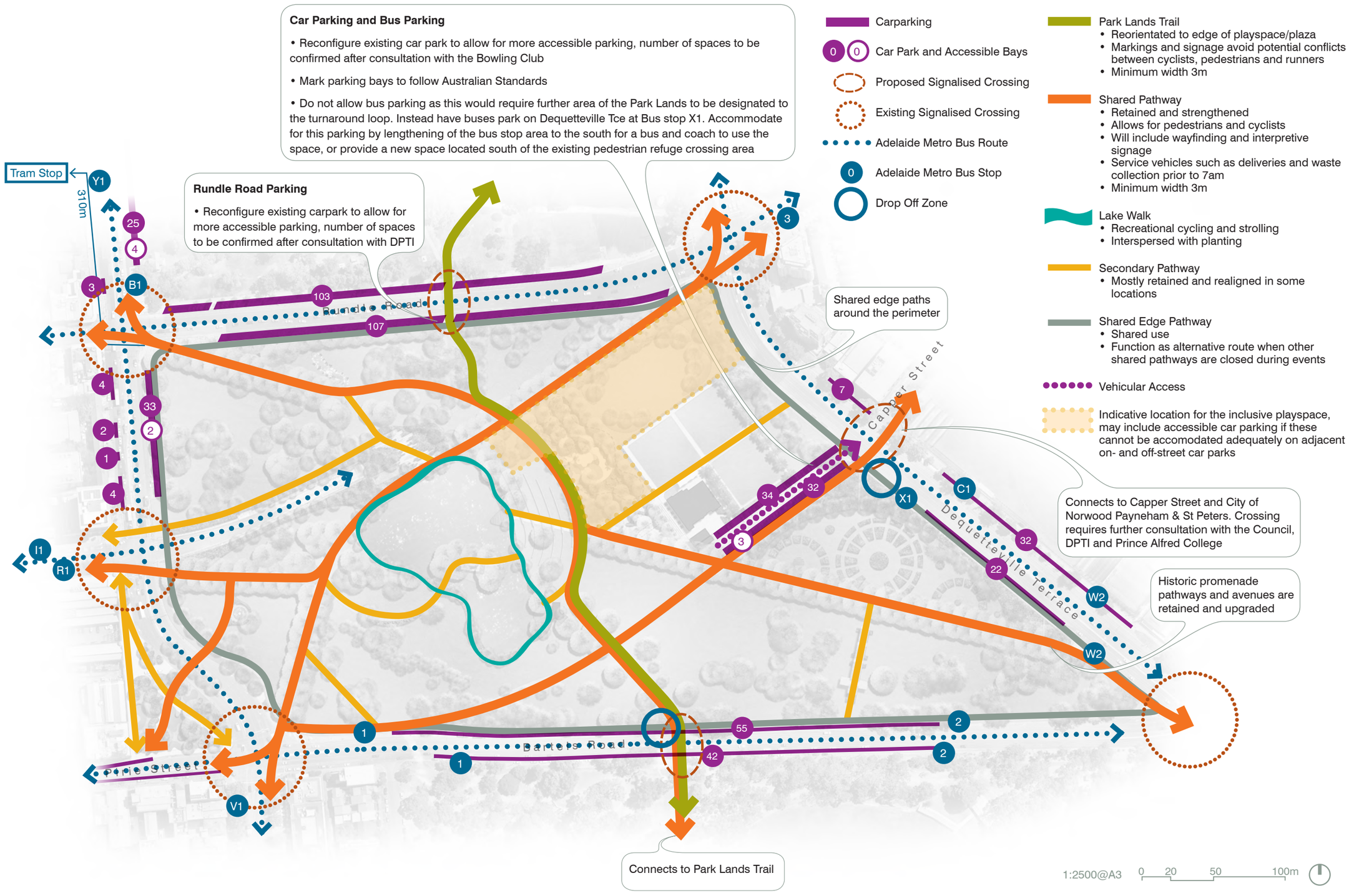
Proposed Precincts

The Park can be divided into a number of precincts that respond to the its physical landscape structure, its varied edge conditions and existing/proposed facilities and activities.



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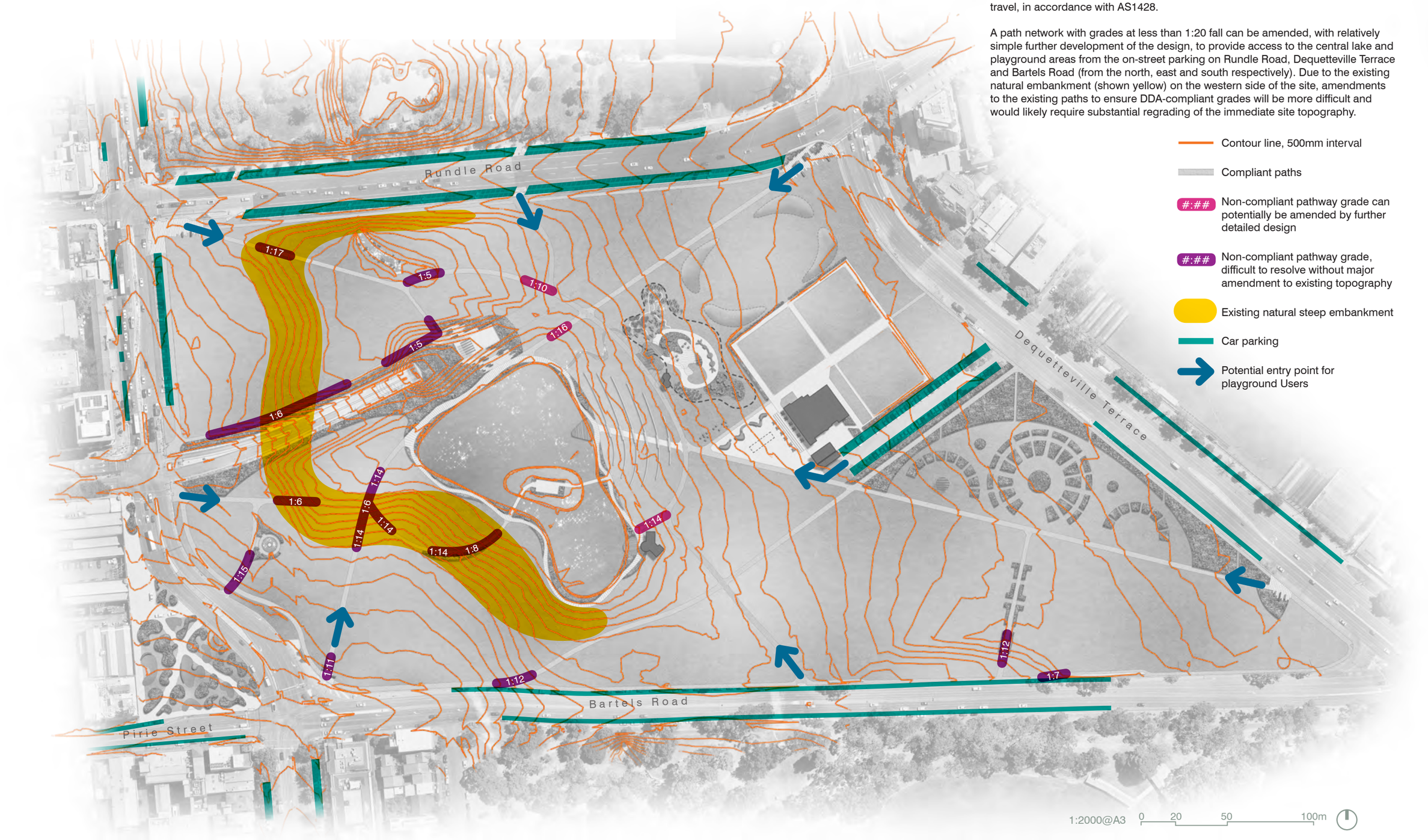
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Proposed Pathway Compliance

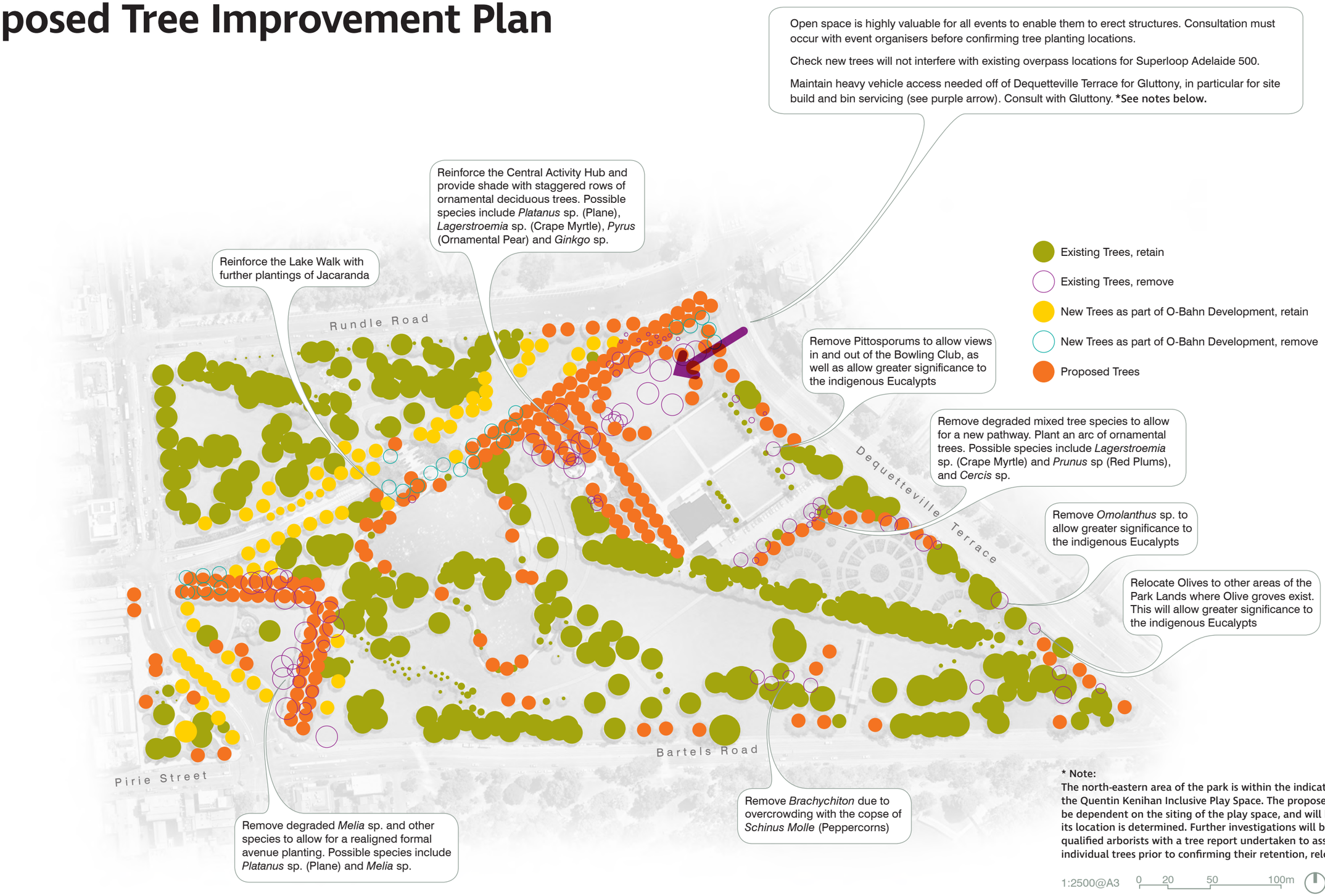
All major pathways (existing and proposed) are a minimum of 2m in width, providing adequate space for two wheelchairs to pass in opposite directions of travel, in accordance with AS1428.

A path network with grades at less than 1:20 fall can be amended, with relatively simple further development of the design, to provide access to the central lake and playground areas from the on-street parking on Rundle Road, Dequetteville Terrace and Bartels Road (from the north, east and south respectively). Due to the existing natural embankment (shown yellow) on the western side of the site, amendments to the existing paths to ensure DDA-compliant grades will be more difficult and would likely require substantial regrading of the immediate site topography.



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Proposed Tree Improvement Plan



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Proposed Lighting

The Park is proposed to be sufficiently and beautifully lit in selected locations, to allow for increased safety and night time activation. The better lit and more people who use the Park at night, the safer it will be.

The Park's lighting is to meet the required P lighting levels, with use of City of Adelaide approved fittings, and by upgrading existing fittings as required.



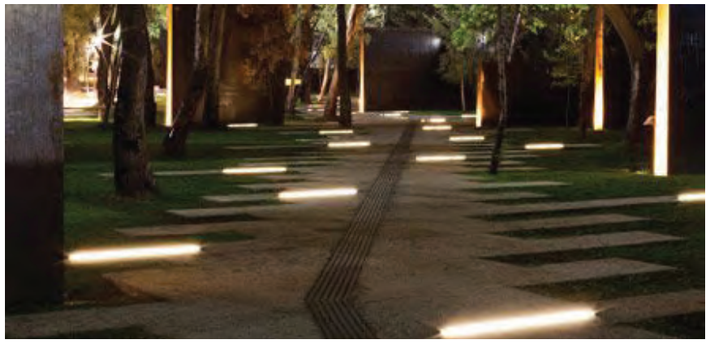
- Formal Avenues
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Proposed Lighting



Formal Avenues
Tree lighting that is movement activated. Walking/riding along these avenues would be marked by a change of intensity/colour, marking a person's movement. These avenues could become night-time destinations for families and commuters alike.



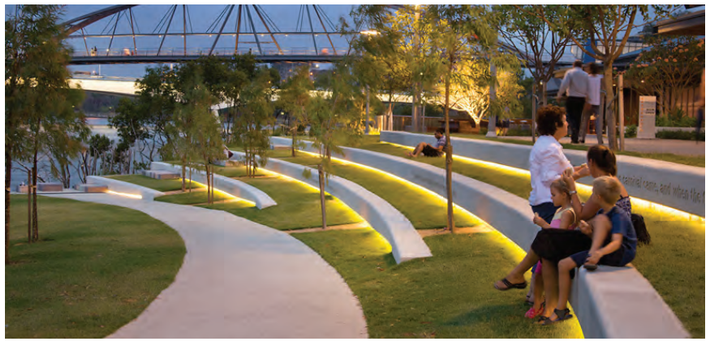
Park Entrances
Linear high output LED would be recessed into the paving and vertical surfaces to act as entrance markers. Could also be flexible LED strips taking the shape of indigenous symbols.



Lake Walk
Lakeside furniture can be a source of light, transforming the Park at night. Custom made benches and stools could have perforated supports that allow light to spill onto the ground and apply the pattern of the perforation onto the ground.



Island
Custom festoon would span the island and bridges to create a romantic event destination. Could also be "chandeliers" of festoon hung amongst the trees.



Terraced Areas
Concealed underlighting will highlight the contours of the terraces.



Playground
The playgrounds inner spaces will be lit with bright soft lighting that will provide both decoration and safety. These lights will be housed behind frosted polycarbonate to protect them and diffuse the light.



Structures
The buildings will be lit with soft warm low recessed light. Low colour temperature frosted LED s will be used to make the timber surfaces glow. These structures should feel like lanterns.



Park adjacent to Tandanya
The lighting in this area will enrich the earthy tones of the rocks and pathways. The use of Sodium Vapour bulbs or LEDs attuned to the spectrum of sodium vapour will create a warm twilight atmosphere.



Pathways
The approach to the general pathways is to meet required P lighting levels, with use of City of Adelaide approved fittings, and by upgrading existing fittings as required.

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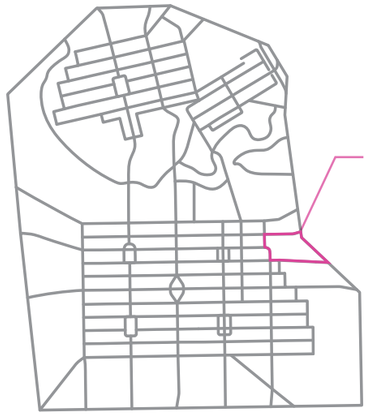


***The Draft Master Plan and Draft CLMP were consulted together due to their linked relationship - however, the approach to CLMPs was recently changed and as a result, the Draft CLMP for this park will be addressed separately. (May 2022)**

Acknowledgement to Country

City of Adelaide tampinthi, ngadlu Kaurna yartangka panpapanpalyarninthi (inparrinthi). Kaurna miyurna yaitya mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku. Parnaku yailtya, parnaku tapa purruna, parnaku yarta ngadlu tampinthi. Yalaka Kaurna miyurna itu yailtya, tapa purruna, yarta kuma puru martinthi, puru warri-apinthi, puru tangka martulayinthi.

City of Adelaide acknowledges the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.



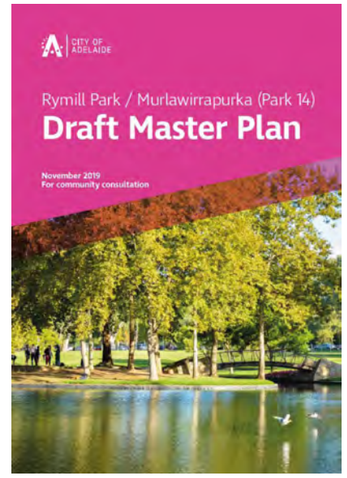


Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) in the eastern Park Lands

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Verbatim feedback is attached at the end of this report.



The Draft Master Plan



The Draft Community Land Management Plan

Executive summary

As a result of engagement on the draft Master Plan and draft Community Land Management Plan for Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14), valuable and detailed feedback was received from key stakeholders and the community.

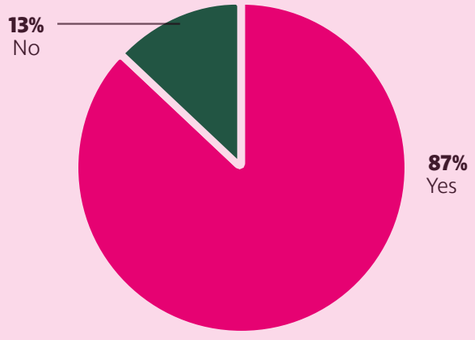
The strong interest in the project resonated in the comments, with many describing how unique and valuable the park is to them, as well as fond memories in the park.

Key Statistics

Several stages of engagement were undertaken in the last quarter of 2019 to capture feedback from key stakeholders and community members.

- **674** people visited the project website
- **>100** people attended face-to-face engagement sessions
- **102** survey responses
- **87%** agreed that the changes would encourage them to use the park more often

Will these overall changes encourage you to visit Rymill Park more often?



Who we heard from

60% of community members visited the park at least once a week, 56% walked to the park and 58 respondents described themselves as a local resident. The park was popular for "passing through", then "picnics and recreation" and "events".

Where were they from?

We heard from many locals, with 34% of people located within a 10 minute walk of the park, and 51% from the City of Adelaide and City of Norwood, Payneham St Peters. The wider community also showed interest in the plans, with 36% from South Australia outside of these neighbouring Council areas.

What did they have to say?

There was strong support for the proposals in the draft Master Plan and the CLMP, with 89% of the community agreeing with the master plan vision and 83% agreeing with the CLMP proposals overall. Support for the proposals are highlighted on the page opposite.

Some comments include...

"Love that this space is so enchanting during the Fringe season. It is truly unique and special to Adelaide."

"With a diverse age range from small children to the elderly, quality and safe paths are essential."

"I believe changes are good and probable, if approached in consultation with key stakeholders as they are slated to occur."

Refer to the Appendices for verbatim feedback from the community.

How many agreed with the draft Master Plan and CLMP proposals?

The Master Plan	
89%	The Vision
93%	Action 1. Enhance the lake and surrounds
71%	Action 3. Strengthen existing and create new event spaces
77%	Action 4. Improve entrances and paths
88%	Action 5. Reinforce the landscape character and features of the park
The CLMP	
83%	The CLMP overall
81%	The changes to dog management

Statistics include "strongly agree" and "agree", and reflect views of community members only. Feedback was not sought for Action 2 and Action 6 as these projects were underway with separate consultation processes.

Lake Option: Ornamental Lake or Vegetated Wetland?

Overall, more community members preferred the wetland option (55%) over the ornamental lake (45%). There was no strong preference between the options based on where people lived – those in the closest suburbs to Rymill Park were evenly split while for other parts of South Australia there was a slightly higher preference for the wetland.

On the other hand, key stakeholders were mostly in favour of the ornamental lake option.



Next steps

The Master Plan and CLMP will be reviewed and revised considering the engagement results, with the recommendations and final draft plans brought to Council for endorsement in 2020.

Glossary of terms

For the purposes of this document, the below terminology is used:

CoA — City of Adelaide

Council — The governing body of the City of Adelaide, represented by the Lord Mayor and 11 Elected Members

Rymill Park — Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14), in the eastern Park Lands

The Master Plan — The Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Draft Master Plan

CLMP — The Draft Community Land Management Plan for Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)

QKIP — The Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace, a playspace in the park that will provide opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to play and connect with others. It is named after the late Quentin Kenihan, a disability advocate and ambassador for inclusive playspaces

APLMS — The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025, a legislated planning document that describes future directions, actions and projects to be delivered in the Park Lands



Background

The Master Plan

The "re-imagining" of Rymill Park is identified as one of the "Big Moves" in the APLMS.

The Master Plan is co-funded and developed in partnership between the State Government and the City of Adelaide. It proposes a vision and principles, supported by key actions and an overall plan that respond to themes from the "Shape the Park Lands 2015" public engagement.

In July 2019, Council approved the Master Plan for key stakeholder and community consultation, including the vision, principles, actions and overall plan.

The CLMP

Under the Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005, the CLMP is required to be reviewed at least every five years. This review is timely to align with the proposals of the Master Plan, to enable improvements to occur in Rymill Park.

In September 2019, Council approved the CLMP to be released for statutory consultation, including approvals from the Minister responsible for the Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005, adjoining Councils and relevant State agencies, key stakeholders and the community.



Consultation

CoA undertook several engagement processes:

- Key stakeholder engagement for the Master Plan, between September to November 2019
- Legislated key stakeholder engagement for the CLMP, between September and November 2019
- Community engagement for the Master Plan and the CLMP, between 25 November to 15 December 2019.

The key stakeholder engagement was undertaken through email correspondences and face-to-face meetings with stakeholders.

The community engagement comprised:

- An online survey available on the project's Yoursay Adelaide website
- Hard copy surveys available at CoA libraries, customer service desk and community centres
- A community day ("Re-imagined Rymill: Have Your Say") held in Rymill Park on 8 December 2019
- A drop-in session at the City Library on 11 December 2019
- Written submissions
- Email submissions
- Submissions by phone.

Methods for marketing included:

- A public consultation advertisement in the Advertiser newspaper
- A government gazette
- Media release
- Email via Yoursay Adelaide's registrants and contact list
- Email to various CoA community newsletters (Sport & Fitness Connect newsletter, What's On newsletter)
- Direct email to various key stakeholder individuals and organisations
- Targeted paid advertisement on Facebook
- Strategic and timed posts through CoA official media channels (Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn)
- Posters to shopfronts of cafes, restaurants and businesses along Rundle Street and the East End
- Large banners and corflute posters in and around Rymill Park
- CoA internal communications (CoA Daily, posters around the building)
- Through non-official channels, such as the publishing and exposure of the Master Plan through the Advertiser website and social media.

There was also some visibility due to the concurrence of other projects in the park:

- The Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace
- The Place of Reflection
- The Rundle and Rymill Parks event infrastructure upgrade
- The Rymill Park car park trials.

Who we heard from

Key Stakeholders

Feedback was sought from the following[1]:

Immediately adjacent stakeholders / surrounding businesses

- Adelaide Bowling Club
- Future kiosk operator
- Tandanya
- ElectraNet
- City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
- Prince Alfred College
- Oromax
- Lasers in Medicine
- CoA Access & Inclusion Advisory Panel.

Major event organisers

- Adelaide Fringe
- Gluttony
- Adelaide 500
- Adelaide International Three Day Event
- South Australian Tourism Commission
- CheeseFest.

State Government Departments and Ministers

- Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, including
  Stephan Knoll MP - Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning, and
  the Office for Design and Architecture
- Department of Environment and Water
- Renewal SA.

Aboriginal and cultural organisations

- Council of Aboriginal Elders of South Australia
- Eastern Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service
- Kaurna Yerta Corp.
- Kaurna Heritage Committee
- Ramindjeri
- Kaurna Cultural Service
- Reconciliation South Australia.

Community, resident and business precinct groups / accessibility and mobility organisations / others

- Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association
- East End Coordination Group
- Hutt Street Traders Association
- South East City Residents Association
- Garden East Presiding Officers
- Maras Group
- Kent Town Residents Association
- Rose Society of South Australia[2]
- Walking SA
- Bicycle Institute South Australia
- Bicycle SA
- Heart Foundation
- Renewal SA.

The Community

For community consultation, feedback was sought from a broad range of interested community members and visitors to the park.

For the purposes of this report, a series of "catchments" have been identified based on proximity to Rymill Park as follows:

- Directly adjacent residents within 800m (along Kent Town and Hackney, the East End and Hutt Street north)
- Wider residents (City of Adelaide and City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Council areas and surroundings)
- South Australian residents (non-inclusive of the above Councils)
- Interstate or overseas visitors.

Kaurna

For findings from consultation with the Kaurna community, please refer to the Master Plan report, pp57-58 "A Shared History".

[1] Not all stakeholders provided feedback. Refer to page 25 for details. Verbatim feedback from community engagement is attached at the end of this report. All percentages in this report have been rounded to nearest whole number for ease of reading. Manual calculation of these rounded percentages without the additional decimal data may result in totals other than 100%.

[2] Email bounced back.



Community catchments: 800m or approximately 10 minutes walk is the maximum walkable catchment for pedestrians to travel reasonably and comfortably to an open space (reserach from Active Healthy Communities).

Who we heard from

How many people were engaged?

The project received:

- **102** survey responses (44 online and 58 hard copy)
- **4** direct email responses
- **2** phone call responses
- **>100** people attended face-to-face sessions in the park and at the library.

In addition, via the Yoursay Adelaide website:

- **44** people were "engaged" visitors, who submitted a completed online survey
- **435** people were "informed" visitors, who learned more about the project by browsing through web information and downloading the content
- **674** people were "aware" visitors, who visited the project page
- **33** new registrations to Yoursay Adelaide
- **468** downloads of the Master Plan (full and short versions)
- **94** downloads of the draft CLMP (full and short versions).

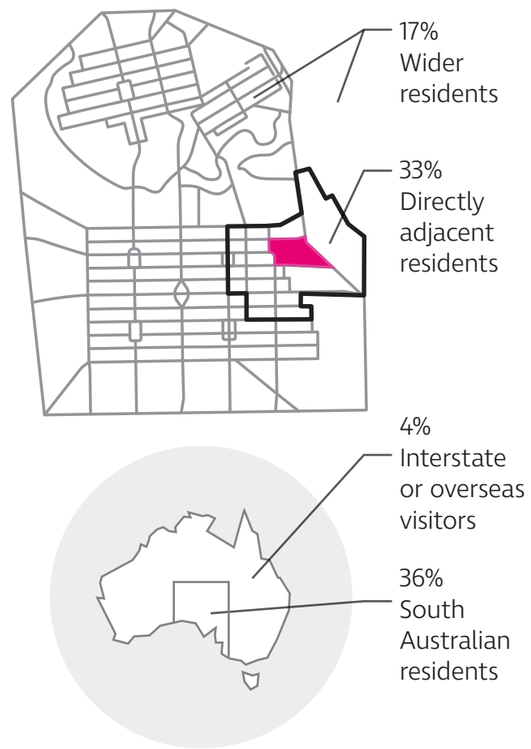
Informal interest and comments were also noted via social media:

- **31** comments captured on Facebook
- **3** comment captured on Twitter
- **21** likes on LinkedIn.

Where were the engaged people from?

From the survey responses received:

- **35** (33%) submissions were from directly adjacent residents
- **17** (17%) submissions were from wider residents
- **37** (36%) submissions were from South Australian residents
- **4** (4%) submissions were from interstate or overseas visitors
- **10** (10%) submissions did not provide location information.



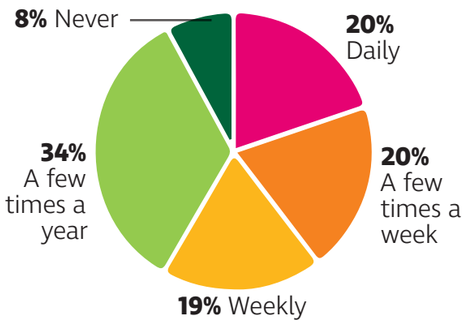


Findings from community consultation

General Questions

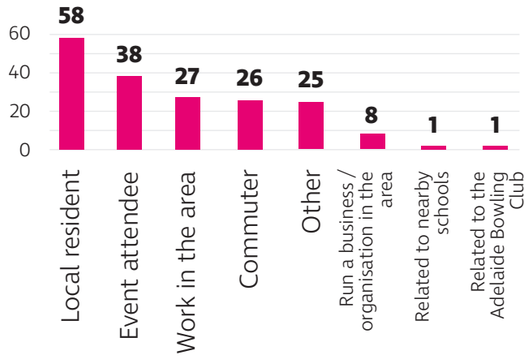
Q1. How often do you visit, use or travel through the park?

The survey respondents were regular users of Rymill Park with approximately 60% (59 people) reporting they visited Rymill Park at least once a week.



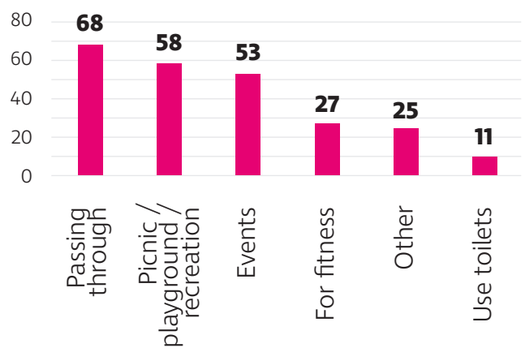
Q3. What is your relationship to the park?

Most people identified themselves as a 'local resident' (58) and around a third were 'event attendees' (38).



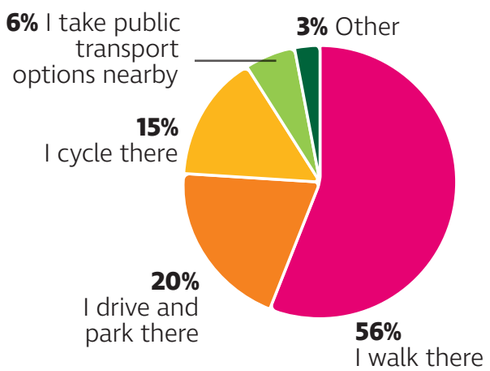
Q2. Why do you visit the park?

The most common reason to visit the park was 'passing through' (68), followed by 'picnic / playground / recreation' (58) and 'events' (53).



Q4. How do you usually travel to the park?

More than half of respondents walk to the park.



Action 1. Enhance the lake and surrounds



Q5. Which lake option do you prefer?



Preference by where respondents live:

- The lake options were evenly split for directly adjacent and wider residents
- For respondents outside of the immediate suburbs, the wetland option was preferred (13% ornamental, 22% wetland)
- For respondents who did not specify their address, their preferrances were evenly spread.

Respondent's residence	Option 1. Ornamental lake	Option 2. Vegetated wetland
Directly adjacent	18%	17%
Wider residents	8%	9%
South Australian residents	13%	22%
Interstate or overseas visitors	2%	2%
Unknown	5%	5%
Total	**45%**	**55%**

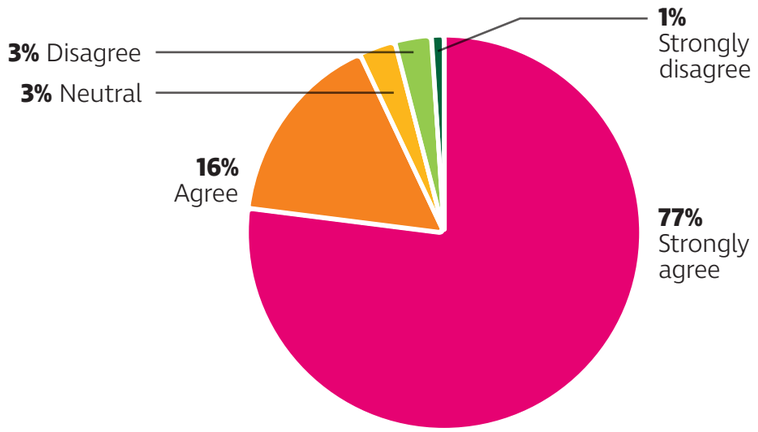
Findings from community consultation (continued)

Action 1. Enhance the lake and surrounds



Q6. How do you feel about Action 1?

93% of respondents supported Action 1.



Any other comments on Action 1?

Comments included:

"An ornamental lake that can be used for recreation (eg. swimming and paddling) would be wonderful... Could be a beautiful place for locals and tourists to cool down... This could also generate business (towel rental, bars etc)..."

"The [ornamental] lake is synonymous with Rymill Park, it draws folk from all over Australia and internationally. It is unique to Adelaide and must remain."

"I believe that an enhancement to the ornamental lake will increase the formality of the park and solidify the area as an urban/city park rather than a suburban park, especially in regards to it's proximity to East Terrace and other historical buildings."

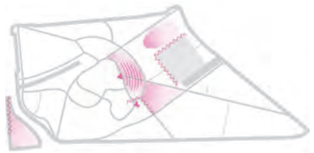
"I think this [wetland option] would be amazing for the environment. And I see my parents taking my children to explore it and learn about nature and ecosystems."

"Overall I would also support the wetlands lake option but I don't feel it fits with the other intended uses for the park. Noisy and bustling events don't feel compatible with the peaceful wetland environment."

"I am all for wetlands and bringing back biodiversity... which attracts birds and wildlife however it also attracts many mosquitos."

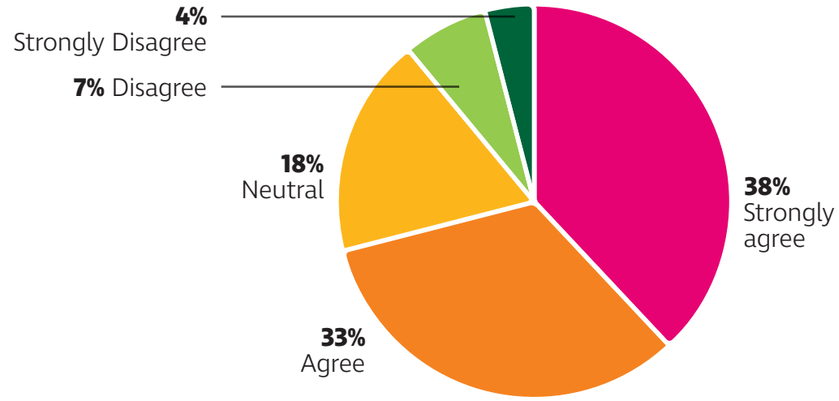
"There would be adequate space for both ornamental and wetland features"

Action 3. Strengthen existing and create new event spaces



Q7. How do you feel about Action 3?

71% of respondents supported Action 3.



Any other comments on Action 3?

Comments included:

"I like the idea of having more small events here, but not if it destroys the grass (the way [the] Fringe does)."

"I fear for the families who can't afford to participate in many of these events. Enough space has been allocated to events over the years."

"Love that this space is so enchanting during the Fringe season. It is truly unique and special to Adelaide."

"I think this fits with a wetland option to me, given the sort of funding required it is reasonable to expect a higher level/number of events, and more spaces for this - in fact I feel the adjoining parklands to the north are getting more pressure from events, so it would be sensible to try and moderate/displace some of this to lesser utilised parts of the Rymill Park locality... I am a strong believer in minimising fixed/permanent buildings in the parklands in general, so hope this can be balanced."

"When considering old trees to remove Australian natives should be retained, particularly those providing nesting and other habitat."

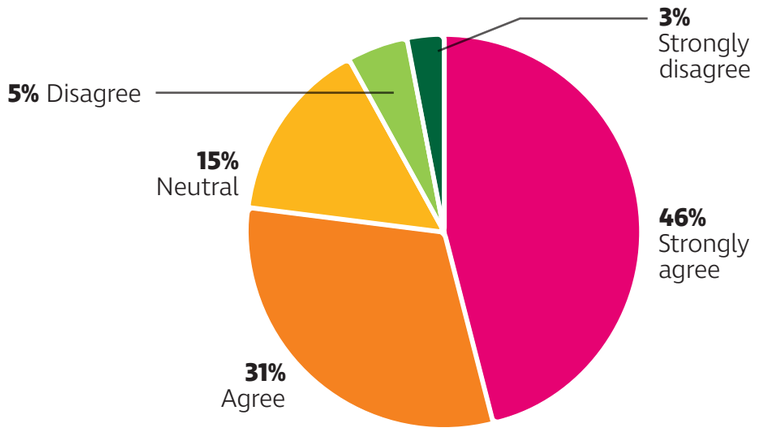
Findings from community consultation (continued)

Action 4. Improve entrances and paths



Q8. How do you feel about Action 4?

77% of respondents supported Action 4.



Any other comments on Action 4?

Comments included:

"Ensure a diverse and high quality lighting. Something that makes visiting the park at night an interesting experience."

"Realigning the pathways is a brilliant action - particularly love the additional lighting proposed, as someone who walks through the park at night it would be great to have that added sense of safety. Also - lighting at night will mean people can use the park for fitness activities later into the evening with that added sense of safety too."

"With a diverse age range from small children to the elderly quality and safe paths are essential."

"Entrances and paths seem fine, I don't think access is a challenge."

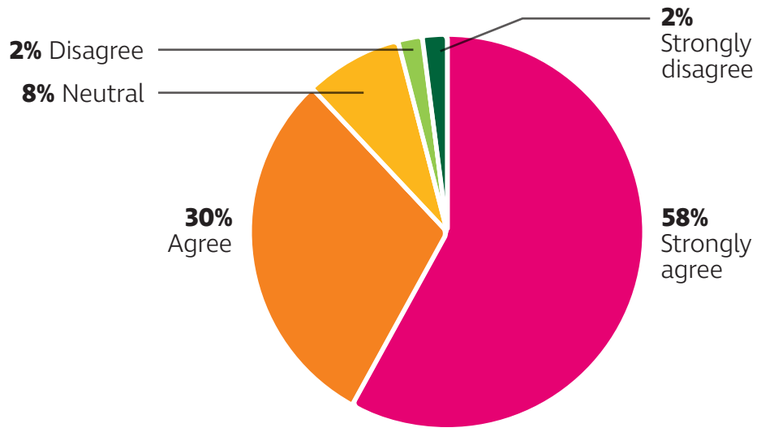
"Action 4 seems to be an exercise in spending money unnecessarily. The pathways are good, there is easy access to the park all around, there is an existing pedestrian crossing on Dequetteville Terrace and Rundle Street - installing another one would restrict heavy traffic flow adversely (especially during rush hour)."

Action 5. Reinforce the landscape character and features of the park



Q9. How do you feel about Action 5?

88% of respondents supported Action 5.



Any other comments on Action 5?

Comments included:

"Fix the lake lining as my boat gets stuck and I have to go into the lake to rescue it every time."

"Please be very aware of the sensitivity of "removing aged or declining species to allow for realigned formal avenue plantings" - we have watched these older trees growing over many years and generations and should regard these as part of the park's heritage."

"I also think [City of Adelaide] would do well to plant a lot more Jacarandas as, just like the cherry blossoms in Japan, this would become a go to spot in Spring for events."

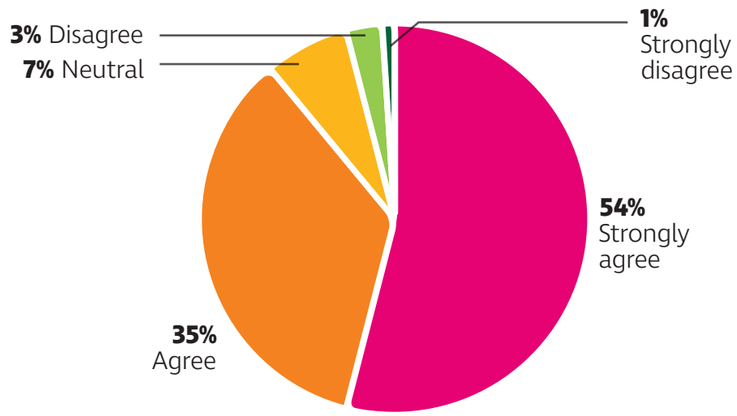
"The removal of trees needs to be a long-term transition - so that while they are still providing habitat for birds and other wildlife the new trees are growing. Very important to increase amount of shade on the grassy hills. I have no feelings about the rose garden. I would also increase the number of native trees, and especially if creating a more natural wetland situation - thinking about what kind of leaves / sediment will end up in the wetland."

Findings from community consultation (continued)

On the Master Plan

Q10. How do you feel about the vision of the draft Master Plan?

89% of respondents supported the vision.



Please explain your choice

Comments included:

"I feel it can be achieved without going completely 'English Garden'."

"I'm not sure how all the elements will come together cohesively as one vision, especially having a play area, a place of reflection and event spaces. If it can be combined well I think it will be fantastic but I feel the event space criteria clashes."

"Please place the local residents first to enjoy the park. Do not place the tourists first to attempt growing numbers to visit the park."

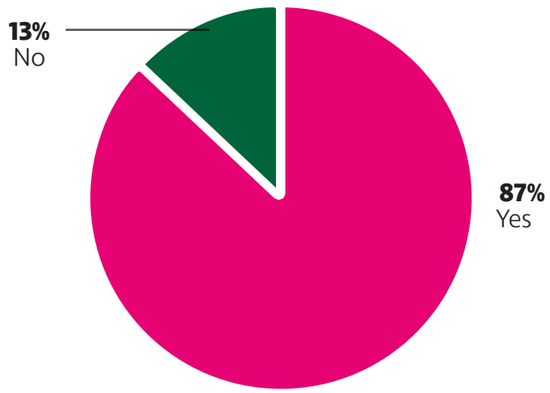
"It has a lot of components, and is trying to achieve so many things. I strongly advocate for the consideration of a wetland, for a wide range of reasons and benefits to be realised by the community and our environment. Also strongly advocate for keeping the island, as a key feature I love to spend time and pass through! I like the ideas for more interesting lighting as well."

"Only talks about activities. Also should touch on nature, accessibility, open to all people, much more than recreational activity."

"Although the options under consideration vary widely, I feel the directions being considered are generally a good balance of competing issues, and will watch with interest!"

On the Master Plan

Q11. Will these overall changes encourage you to visit Rymill Park more often?



Other comments

Comments included:

"I already visit twice daily however some renovation and upgrades might lead me to stay longer than just passing through..."

"I do appreciate the overall upgrade of the Park but for me it is not a question of yes/no. Park is an important, necessarily everyday environment for city dwellers."

"Making the lake more of a wetland will. But the rest is window dressing."

"Better new and improved park will make me want to visit through it more, probably encouraging more physical activity for myself."

"But only if the lake is maintained!!!"

"Reactivating the kiosk, improving the lake (which has been in poor condition and often algae affected for some time) and a new playspace will attract visitation - and is necessary because visitation declined significantly during O-Bahn construction and hasn't fully recovered."

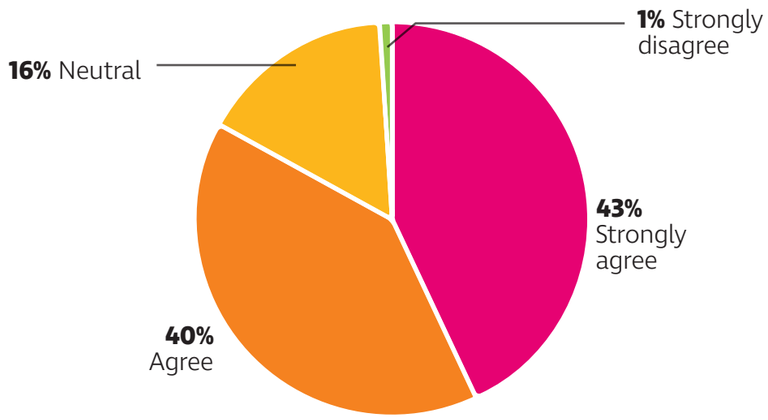
"Whilst I already commute through the park every day, these changes would make the park a destination, not just a thoroughfare."

Findings from community consultation (continued)

On the CLMP

Q12. How do you feel about the proposals and content in the CLMP?

83% of respondents supported the CLMP.



Please explain your choice

Comments included:

"Anything that seeks to benefit native wildlife would be appreciated greatly."

"The dog restrictions being suggested are too extreme, by all means keep dogs away from the playground if not on leads, but the point is dogs need to be under effective control at all times, otherwise utilise the parkland's impressive dog parks if you can."

"I feel that there could be a greater percentage of native species in the park while still retaining its 'character'."

"I don't like what the Garden of Unearthly Delights does to the parklands. Gluttony is more spread out and seems to have less impact. I wish there was a way or a different location that could be used for these events that had less impact on nature."

On the CLMP

Q13. Do you support the proposed changes to dog management?

Of the 80 people who responded to this question, 81% (65 people) supported the changes to dog management. 4 people suggested a fenced dog park be installed in Rymill Park. Some who disagreed with the proposals specified the on/off-leash times as too restrictive (5), while others said dogs should be on leash at all times (2).



Any other comments on dog management in the park?

Comments included:

"Agree dogs to be on leash in playground. Disagree with on-leash time - dogs controlled at all time dogs are quite self-regulated."

"I disagree with the mandatory on-leash times. This is the one park close to home where we can play fetch without bothering anyone and I've found the other dog owners who use the park to be respectful when there are people/ kids/events in the vicinity."

"I am a dog owner and think that it is fair and suits my dogs requirements. My dog loves these [Park Lands] and so we are glad he can continue to enjoy them."

Findings from community consultation (continued)

Q14. Do you have a favourite story or personal memory about the park to share?

"Me and my sister and her friend would visit it eat ice cream and climb trees and look at worms"

"My favourite part of the park is walking through daily and noticing how the leaves change with the seasons - something we can easily forget when consumed in the concrete heavy city surrounds. Connecting through the natural phases of the year in this way always brings a sense of calm and wonder to me."

"One day in summer (it was one of the really hot days!) my partner and I were walking our dog through the parklands in the early evening and the sprinklers were on. The 3 of us just ran through the sprinklers laughing and cooling down."

"On 23rd March 2002 we were married on the island in the lake on a beautiful sunny autumn day."

"Picnics, rowing and playing around the lake with my family. having a drink at the kiosk during cold winter days or hot summer nights."

"The period each year the roses are out in bloom makes relaxing there pleasant."

"Arnie [Rossi, a former founder of the kiosk] will be clapping his hands with joy from above at the news of the Quentin Kenihan legacy of an all inclusive playground being installed in [Rymill Park]."

"My husband and I had our wedding photos taken in Rymill Park in July 2004. We have some special memories of that day and photos taken with our friends on the bridge to the island are some of our favourites of that day."

"Attending the Fringe festival and Garden of unearthly delights and seeing the park transformed into a fantastic venue."

"On warm summer evening this is fully shaded and one of the best places to be working up a sweat dancing for Dancing Room! Surrounded by the cool breeze picked up off the water and through the trees, easy to get to and easy to be entertained on the other side of the banks if you happen to walk past."

"When I saw a Corella for the first time at Rymill park."



Findings from community consultation (continued)

Q15. **Do you have any other comments or anything else you would like to share about the draft Master Plan or CLMP?**

Comments included:

"[Adelaide Bowling Club] are permanent, should be more permeable. Fences are bad, temporary events are great. No parking in the Park Lands. Note the historical use of the ABC but see in the long term that it goes."

"As an overseas visitor (Scotland) I always visit the park when in Adelaide"

"Family friendly for water. Trashed need to be better managed, damaged turf."

"I think the O-Bahn tunnel has enhanced the park - the western exit is beautiful at night. I'd like to see the kiosk reopened and stay open more consistently (ie. more than 8 months) with more regular/predictable hours. I think the interior needs some work so that operators can move about and serve customers more efficiently. I strongly support the Quentin Kenihan Playgrounds concept - a bigger playgrounds, more trees, better toilets and a bit further away from the lake (for safety)."

"I would like to see safe entry points for cyclists, and well-maintained cycle paths. i love the rose garden, please keep that :)"

"It would be great to have families be able to access some water in the park in terms of a small play pond or something similar, as part of the proposed wetland (option 2)."

"More trees I would suggest bottle trees gum trees and other trees bushes and shrubs and native grass and native moss"

"Opportunity to trial pesticide free management of Park Lands. Eg Hobart city Council, Europe where studies show decrease in insect numbers from pesticides"

"Rymill Park has a functional and attractive kiosk in front of the lake which is enjoyed by many people. Unfortunately it is closed in the colder months. Can we not try and encourage this to be opened during these colder months .... another good reason to visit the park in the "off season""

"The lake must stay as it is the jewel in the crown of [Rymill Park]. It is used during the summer for families or friends to engage with each other, rowing together enjoying this unique space."

"Would just like to say that I think you do a wonderful job of maintaining the parklands. When there are events there is minimal disruption to local residents and the Team always have the parklands reverted to a beautiful standard shortly after events. Thank you for your commitment to making them a wonderful place to be."

"Don't do high end design, just practical. Already beautiful and well used."

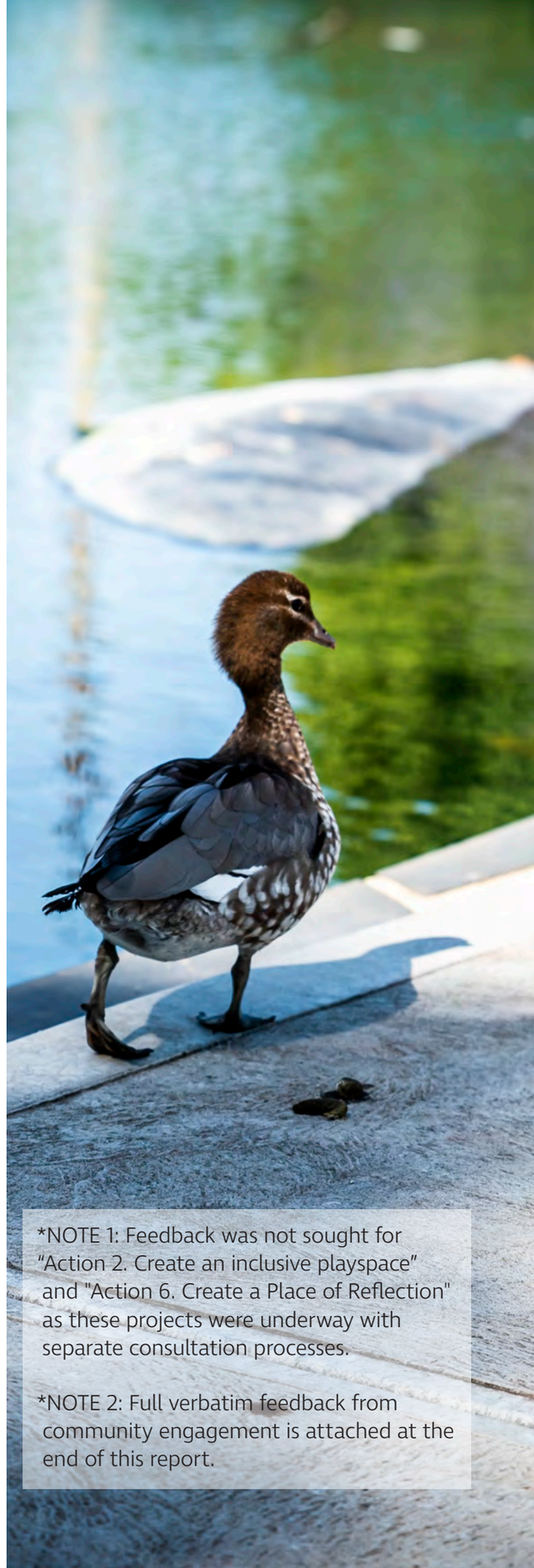
"I live close by (~100m away) with my dog and we visit daily as I love the combination of grass, trees, flowers, lake and fountain with accessible paths where she can run freely. I'd love to see a drink fountain near the fountain near the west BBQ area - the existing one near the east playground, while beautiful, is difficult to use to fell water bottle and dog bowls (and sprays you in the face). As a young(ish) person struggling with mobility, thank you for the beautiful and accessible park with good walkways. This park was a key influencer in my decision to live nearby and I appreciate the effort you put into making it both beautiful and functional."

"The park should basically be a place of daily relaxation and recreation for the residents. The City should not first attempt for attracting / growing tourists' numbers to visit."

"The two most important factors for me are shade during the day and safe space lighting at night."

"The park should basically be a place of daily relaxation and recreation for the residents. The City should not first attempt for attracting / growing tourists' numbers to visit."

"Would be nice to see pop up food trucks, coffee stands, ice cream etc on non- event weekends"



*NOTE 1: Feedback was not sought for "Action 2. Create an inclusive playspace" and "Action 6. Create a Place of Reflection" as these projects were underway with separate consultation processes.

*NOTE 2: Full verbatim feedback from community engagement is attached at the end of this report.

Findings from key stakeholders

Key stakeholders were consulted in a different way to the community. Initially face-to-face meetings were offered to brief stakeholders about the project.

Qualitative feedback was captured from these robust discussions and key stakeholders were encouraged to fill in a feedback survey to accurately capture their sentiments.

Key stakeholders who provided feedback include:

- Adelaide Bowling Club
- Future kiosk operator
- Tandanya
- ElectraNet
- City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
- Adelaide Fringe
- Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, including
  Stephan Knoll MP - Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government,
  Minister for Planning,
  the Office for Design and Architecture,
  Planning and Land Use Services,
  Traffic Operations,
  Planning & Transport Development
- Department of Environment and Water, including
  Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges,
  Aboriginal Engagement Unit,
  Sustainable Water Resources Unit,
  Heritage South Australia
- South East City Residents Association
- Several members of the Garden East Presiding Officers
- Maras Group
- Rose Society of South Australia.

Key stakeholders who provided verbal feedback include:

- CoA Access & Inclusion Advisory Panel
- Gluttony
- Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association.

For consistency, feedback from key stakeholders is categorised into themes (next page) that align with the feedback survey.

*NOTE: Feedback was not sought for "Action 2. Create an inclusive playspace", as engagement on the QKIP was undertaken separate to this consultation. One thing to note however, is that key stakeholders supported the need for the inclusive playspace to be fenced, which is already considered by the QKIP project team.

General comments on the Master Plan

The stakeholders generally agreed with the Master Plan and its proposed changes. They agree that the changes are "good" and reflect alignment to other strategic documents.

Many stakeholders appreciated that they were approached to discuss the plans, and reinforced that ongoing conversation is needed for future actions.

Comments included:

"The overall principles are good and reflect the aspirations of the APLMS."

"I believe changes are good and probable, if approached in consultation with key stakeholders as they are slated to occur."

"The actions are good and will work towards achieving the desired outcomes and vision."

"The documents are consistent with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (2015-2025) and the State Government's vision for the Adelaide Park Lands – to create an urban park that is attractive, diverse, resilient and alive with activity."

"The Department is supportive of the management plan and offer the following suggestions for inclusion in the plan and general comments around the plan."

Lighting was a key theme for many parties. Some suggested contemporary and engaging light displays around the lake, tree avenues, the island, the pathways and even on the ElectraNet buildings.

Comments included:

"Create a strong focus on contemporary and engaging lighting displays around the lake to attract people to the area at night."

"… Lighting to highlight the landscape characteristics should be a priority such as the trees avenues or the trees on the island."

"… Pathway lighting in the area and adjacent to the lake…"

"Lighting on lake walk to be a feature of the park, with changing colour or light shows."

"Idea - look into lighting up the beautiful electrical buildings with contemporary aboriginal artwork or light displays similar to the Yabarra – Gathering of Light held on the Torrens River over fringe this year. Partner with SA Power Networks (who own the buildings) to deliver the project. Makes sense as the are a power company and it's a light display. Could be pitched as a positive community contribution and a a good PR opportunity."



Findings from key stakeholders (continued)

General comments on the Master Plan (continued)

Another key theme was the **kiosk**. Many stakeholders stressed the need to have an operational and attractive kiosk to complement the lake, events and the park. A lively, serviceable and compliant kiosk would attract visitors all year round.

Comments included:

"Supportive of the kiosk reopening and the social value it provides."

"Very keen on deck outside kiosk on lake for customers to enjoy food & beverages."

"An updated Kiosk (food and beverage) as well as activities to do around the lake… will further entice me into Rymill Park for fun."

"Would like to see more than one [food & beverage] facility in the park (in addition to the kiosk)."

"Services that are needed in the kiosk as gas and sewer connections, so if any infrastructure is planned for the new plaza etc. that could simultaneously connect to the kiosk that would be ideal."

Parking was also a prevalent theme. There is an understanding that the changes to the park, in particular the presence of the QKIP, will attract an increasing number of visitors. Management of on- and off-street car parks and ongoing consultation with stakeholders will be imperative in achieving a balance for all.

Comments included:

"... That the City of Adelaide take this opportunity to consider the management of on-street carparking that surrounds Rymill Park... welcome the opportunity to discuss the on-street parking along Dequetteville Terrace and possible management options.

"We believe that close attention must be given to providing more public free parking within the area, without inconveniencing local residents and, of course the Adelaide Bowling Club members and guests."

"Car park – should better facilitate public use."

"Accessible parking needs to be considered for a number of side access ramped high-modified self-driving vehicles (with auto-side ramps,1.5m wide)."

"Parking requirements to inclusive play space need to be demonstrated."

"The investigations regarding parking need to be done to determine if accessible parking, drop offs etc are required and the impacts to the park and any traffic movement should be clearly identified and addressed..."

Some stakeholders also requested additional **signage** in and around the park to better inform visitors about accessibility and interpretation.

Comments included:

"Simple signage at relevant locations could be considered… relating to best practice stormwater management … opportunities to build community understanding/awareness of ... best practice stormwater management…"

"Signage to warn visitors about steep embankments."

Action 1. Enhance the lake and surrounds

Majority of key stakeholders were **in favour of the ornamental lake option**, due to its current status as a feature in the park, and concerns that a wetland would no longer serve the park as a key attractor. Many also liked the recreational activities that surround the lake, such as boating and picnicking.

One stakeholder who was in favour of the wetland option cited the opportunity to reduce chances of blue-green algae blooms, which will encourage more visitors. However, it is important to note that both lake options would improve water quality through a new filtration and recirculation system.

Stakeholders also recommended that the ornamental lake option suited the cultural heritage of the park better than a vegetated wetland.

Comments included:

"Ornamental lake… the only such lake in the parklands and should be protected… this unique asset must be kept and celebrated… allows the row boats [to] operate, which I believe is one of the park's most loved features."

"… The ornamental lake has better synergy with the design and extent of uses proposed within Rymill Park… make more sense to retain the lake as a recreational pond rather than a vegetated wetland… based on the understanding that the City of Adelaide is considering other options for larger scale wetlands, which would be more viable."

"We strongly believe that [a wetland] will change the feel of the parklands instead of enhancing the place it already is… we understand water quality is currently the biggest ongoing issue with the park so we would support the planting of some water species to help with diversity and water quality as long as it doesn't subtract from the ornamental feel of the lake."

There were also comments regarding the **lake walk**:

"The lake walk path [is] to be a high-quality material"

"Ensure the lake walk path in front of the kiosk allows enough room between the lake and the deck…"

Another stated that **Water Sensitive Urban Design** and connectivity to Botanic Creek would be useful to improve whole-of-catchment for the creek:

"… Supportive of the stated objectives for improving the lake, including exploring options for stormwater recycling… design will recognise the existing connectivity with Botanic Creek… [the City of Adelaide] as downstream catchment manager... ensure that the whole-of-catchment context for Botanic Creek is considered."

"The prospect of exploring stormwater use and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) is a good initiative."

Findings from key stakeholders (continued)

Action 3. Strengthen existing and create new event spaces

Most stakeholders were favourable of events in the park, and would like **more facilities** to better service and enhance events in the park. Some were concerned about the length of events in the park (including bump in/out times) and the associated site remediation.

Comments included:

"Upgrading event infrastructure (access to power) in the parklands will aid future multi use, underground overhead cables that are easily located and marked for planning will increase the look of the area."

"Concern over impact of events on Rymill - environmental impact, cost of remediation, park being unavailable for 25% of year, bump in and out is too long, the visual impact when the back end of event is presenting itself to the street."

"Would like to see more than one food and beverage facility in the park (in addition to the kiosk)… more 'plug and play' services for a variety of food trucks, or "pop up" kitchens"… supports an amphitheatre style space and night time activities."

"We would like to see [the deck] relocated on the southern end of the lake so it could be used as a small stage for music."



Action 4. Improve entrances and paths

Positive and constructive feedback was received on pathway changes to the park.

A common comment was regarding the proposed **signalised crossing on Capper Street**. Many parties supported this proposal and wanted further design details to be investigated (for example signal phasings, the look and feel, and its impact on traffic sequencing along Dequetteville Terrace).

Comments included:

"Careful consideration would have to be given as to placement and sequencing of the traffic lights on both Rundle and Bartells Roads."

"… Supports the introduction of a signalised (pedestrian actuated) crossing to enable both pedestrians and cyclists to cross over Dequetteville Terrace. It is also something that the Kent Town community would strongly support…"

"Love the idea of a crossing to Capper Street to link the inner suburbs & [Prince Alfred College] to the park."

Another theme was regarding the **pathway changes**. Most stakeholders agreed that the pathways need an upgrade due to age, compliance and safety, but some changes needed to be further evaluated in detail.

Comments included:

"Long noted that these pathways have been in need of repair, puddling adjacent, cracks and steep inclines/declines."

"... Is there an opportunity to provide 'secondary' entrance treatments eg. to the new entry just south of the existing car park entry, where the signalised crossing is proposed?"

"Make the newly created entrances playful and contemporary."

"Path network – review paths marked for removal, particularly ones recently installed as part of the O'Bahn works."

"Footpaths – on the Rymill Park side of Dequetteville Terrace these are inadequate given the expected increase in use."

"... That a mid-point formal entrance along Dequetteville Terrace also be included in the draft Master Plan."

"Buttress roots are trip hazard on paths… have accessible paths to park furniture… emergency access to playspace to be considered… access to accessible toilet facilities."

One stakeholder highlighted the park's current use for access and as an evacuation assembly point:

"… Advise of the need to retain multiple points of access and egress from [ElectraNet's] East Terrace frontage. The Rymill building reception area fronts the park along with a number of gates and doors which provide emergency evacuation routes for staff, access for ElectraNet and SA Power Networks maintenance vehicles and also access for Emergency Services vehicles. ElectraNet also utilises a small section of the park as an evacuation assembly point, generally two to three times a year."

Findings from key stakeholders (continued)

Action 5. Reinforce the landscape character and features of the park

A majority of stakeholders **supported** this action, with some additional comments regarding events, tree species and paving.

Ongoing consultation will be required to work through additional trees or planting changes. Future edits to the rose garden will require consultation with the Rose Society of South Australia.

Comments included:

"Love the idea of more Jacaranda trees around [the] lake – it is a great feature in spring."

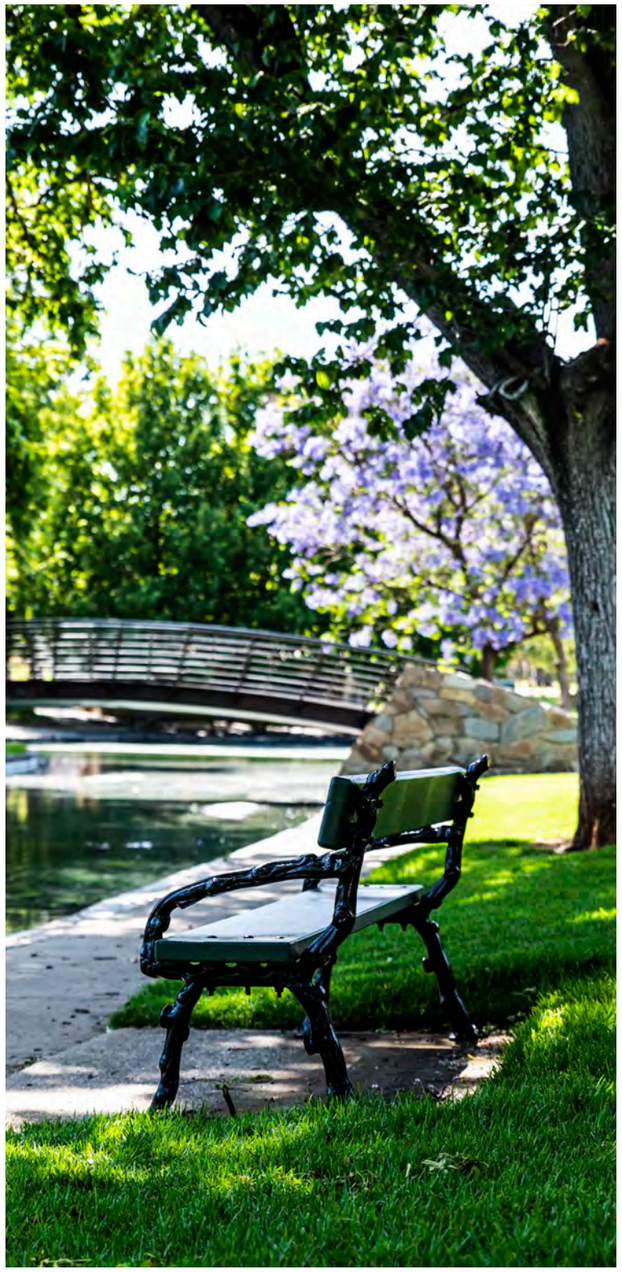
"Would love to see the island's paving upgraded."

"Changing plantings around [the Adelaide Bowling Club] to allow viewing from outside is fantastic."

"Apprehensive of tree planting with regards to the footprint of existing event sites that return to the parklands year on year."

"I appreciate tree planting is at the forefront of park improvement… by adding flora to this section of the event site both Adelaide Fringe and Gluttony stand to lose significant visibility for their event site entrances. Some flexibility should be considered here due to Fringe's long running association with the park and our commitment to maintaining the land on which our temporary site is built."

"… The current event use of the parklands and impeding access to Rymill Park from East End with additional tree planting..."



Action 6. Create a Place of Reflection

All key stakeholders **supported** this action. However, some had concerns about the Place of Reflection's positioning in the park adjacent Tandanya instead of the main park, while others were convinced and encouraged due to its proximity to Tandanya.

Comments included:

"Is there an opportunity to create a physical connection between Tandanya and the potential Place of Reflection via existing openings in the built form?"

"Would the Place of Reflection be better integrated into the main park, rather than being disconnected and isolated by East Tce? … Appreciate the proximity to Tandanya though. However, this could also be an opportunity to extend the connection to Tandanya and draw it further in to the Park."

"Place of Reflection should be in the park beside Tandanya as it would be more tranquil there."

"I believe the location identified... is the perfect location for the place of reflection. As a "pocket park" it gives you the opportunity to really focus the design around first nation culture and history. Plus it is located next to the Tandanya National Aboriginal Culture Institute, giving the operators a great opportunity to engage and activate the site."

"The Place of Reflection really aligns with our commitment to Cultural / Traditional owners."

*Note 1: The location had already been consulted and agreed upon by stakeholders of the Place of Reflection project.

*Note 2: The community were not consulted on Action 6, as the Place of Reflection's consultation ran separately to this project.

Miscellaneous

Unique comments that were raised but were not prevalent were:

"... That consideration be given to the installation of cycling infrastructure within the Park (ie. bike repair stations, bike racks etc.) to encourage greater usage by cyclists."

"Fencing [to the Adelaide Bowling Club] – we understand that our current boundary security fences are to remain, and we are happy with that. Not that we want to keep people out, but the damage that can be created by dogs, people inadvertently walking over or inappropriate use of our "Greens" is a major concern and, for us, can prove very costly. We are happy to have un-interrupted views to the parklands and them to us, but not at the risk of damage to the "Greens"."

"O-bahn tunnel needs further consideration and screening."

Findings from key stakeholders (continued)

On the CLMP

The CLMP was **well received** by key stakeholders.

Key stakeholders who responded and provided feedback on the CLMP include:

- City of Norwood, Paynehan & St Peters
- Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, including
  Stephan Knoll MP - Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government,
  Minister for Planning,
  Planning and Land Use Services
- Department of Environment and Water, including
  Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges,
  Aboriginal Engagement Unit,
  Sustainable Water Resources Unit,
  Heritage South Australia.

The Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (including Stephan Knoll MP) and the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters did not have specific comments regarding the CLMP, but were supportive of its intent and alignment with the APLMS.

The Department of Environment and Water also supported of the plan, and offered the following suggestions to be included:

- A few text changes and inclusion to the document, for sections pertaining to lake and water management
- Comments regarding water quality and holistic creek management
- Comments and background regarding the heritage significance and values of the Adelaide Park Lands.

No feedback was received on proposed dog management changes.



Next steps

Feedback received will be used to review and refine the final versions of the Master Plan and the CLMP, that will be presented to Council for endorsement in 2020.

The Master Plan

Key changes to the Master Plan based on consultation feedback include (but are not limited to):

- Inclusion of the consultation results
- Sensitivity of events and post-event site remediation
- Reviewing plantings, tree removals and screening of site elements
- Increasing creative and functional lighting around the park
- Upgrading amenities and other landscape features in the park
- Traffic management considerations around signalised crossings
- Access and egress considerations for emergency services and vehicle access
- Additional secondary entrances and reviewing pathway changes
- Managing path and service access to various features in and around the park
- Emphasising the importance of ongoing consultation and conversations with stakeholders.

The content will also be updated to reflect the QKIP concept design. Decisions on next steps, which may include detailed design and construction of staged improvements, will follow Council's endorsement of the final Master Plan and future funding to the park, with the actions likely be delivered in stages over several years.

The CLMP

Key changes to the CLMP based on consultation feedback include (but are not limited to):

- Recognising the diverted drainage line as a remnant water course
- Recognising the value of working with City of Burnside and Adelaide Botanic Garden to manage Botanic Creek as a whole-of-catchment approach (see suggested text)
- Updating the CLMP with relevant edits to the Master Plan – such as the recomended lake / wetland option
- Including the dog management changes to 2013 version.



Appendices

Appendix 1

Community engagement survey feedback

Appendix 2

Other feedback (social media & informal comments)

Appendix 3

Engagement material



APPENDIX 1
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SURVEY FEEDBACK

Detailed breakdown of all survey feedback by question.

Q1. How often do you visit, use or travel through the park? (tick one only)

101 people responded to this question.

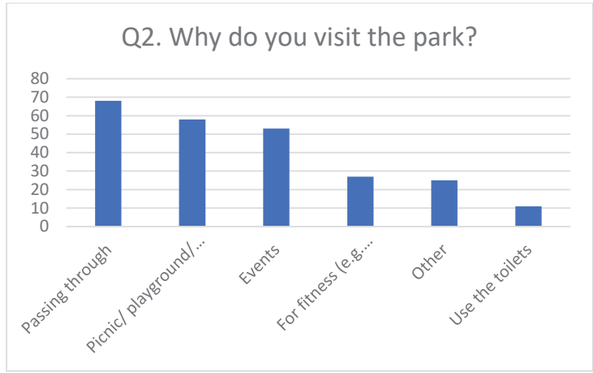
Frequency of visit	Percentage
Daily	20%
A few times a week	20%
Weekly	19%
A few times a year	34%
Never	8%
Grand Total	**100%**



Q2. Why do you visit the park? (tick as many as apply)

There were 242 responses to this questions, people selected multiple reasons to visit the park.

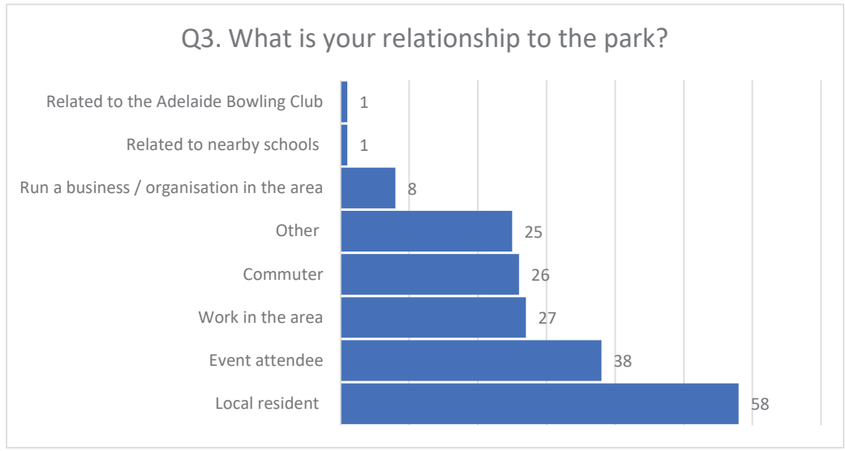
Reason to visit	Responses
Passing through	68
Picnic/ playground/ recreation	58
Events	53
For fitness (e.g. jogging)	27
Other	25
Use the toilets	11



Q3. What is your relationship to the park? (tick as many as apply)

There were 184 responses to this question, with people selecting multiple relationships to the park.

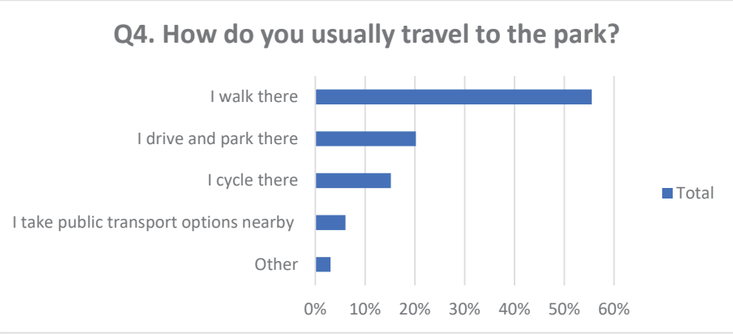
Reason to visit	Responses
Local resident	58
Event attendee	38
Work in the area	27
Commuter	26
Other	25
Run a business / organisation in the area	8
Related to nearby schools	1
Related to the Adelaide Bowling Club	1



Q4. How do you usually travel to the park? (tick one only)

99 people responded to this question.

Travel to the park	Percentage
I walk there	56%
I drive and park there	20%
I cycle there	15%
I take public transport options nearby	6%
Other	3%
Grand Total	**100%**



QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Action 1: Enhance the lake and surrounds

Q5. Which lake option do you prefer? (tick one only)

102 people responded to this question.

Lake options	Percentage
Ornamental Lake	45%
Vegetated Wetland	55%
Grand Total	**100%**

Any comments on your preferred option?

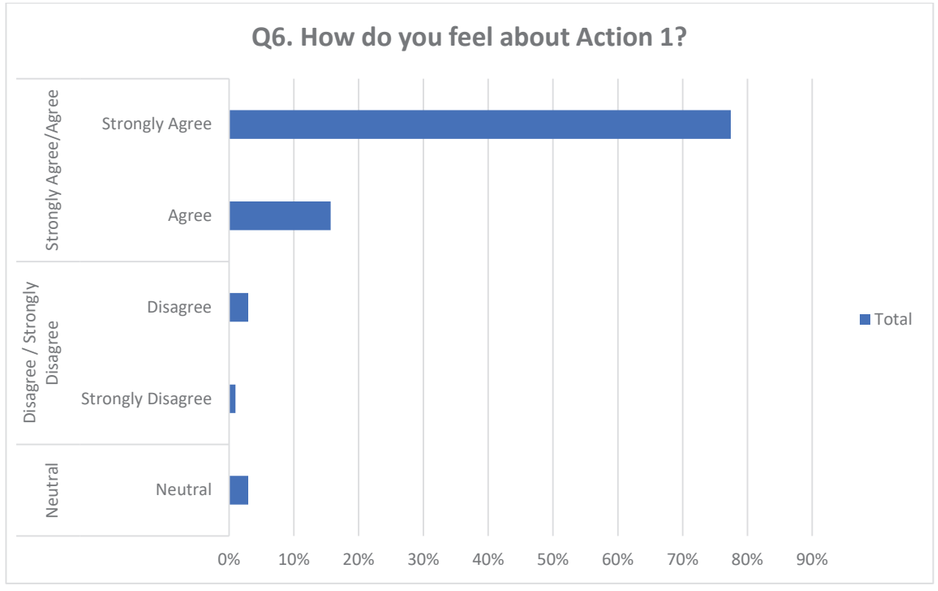
Ornamental Lake comments
1. Good for wild birds like ducks, silver gulls, masked lapwings, willie wagtails, magpie-larks, white faced herons, etc. 2. The landscape with water reflects sunshine is beautiful with trees. (Need to improve water quality.) 3. To avoid mosquitos moths and even bats in the future from wetland planed.
Allows the row boat activity to continue, which I believe is a key unique feature of the park, and what so many people remember when you ask about their experiences there.
An ornamental lake that can be used for recreation (EG swimming and paddling) would be wonderful. Adelaide can be so warm in summer so this could be a beautiful place for locals and tourists to cool down, similar to Cairns and Brisbane. This could also generate business (towel rental, bars etc) to the local area.
Combination of wetland and lake okay - see drawing of a vegetated wetland around outer edge of lake, around the bridges and island the water is kept clear of lilies and vegetation then kids can play with remote control toy boats.
I am all for wetlands and bringing back biodiversity. I live in the North and we have plenty of wetlands which attracts birds and wildlife however it also attracts many mosquitos. I prefer the ornamental lake option as this will attract some birds and some mosquitos but not in plague proportions. You don't want residents, event organisers or attendees complaining about mosquitos or ibises etc. What I love about Colonel Lights designs is the uniform layout of streets in a square and the open spaces that have lovely gardens and green grass. I think it is important to preserve and enhance these spaces for public use for future generations who live, work and play in Adelaide. New York city is a good example of a great city park.
I believe that an enhancement to the ornamental lake will increase the formality of the park and solidify the area as an urban/city park rather than a suburban park, especially in regards to it's proximity to East Terrace and other historical buildings.
I have a strong preference for a lake rather than wetlands, both for aesthetics and not wanting a mosquito breeding ground.
I have purchased boats to use on the lake
Lake being the main attractions in the park, it should be retained as lake with necessary upgrade. The lake provides an important habitat for the wild birds that give visitors (including children) to the park a great pleasure to watch.
much more 'park' and 'people' orientated...just use the new hitch smart digital sound devices from Norway that break down and prevent blue green algae from forming. https://www.ultrasonicalgaecontrol.co.uk/algal-types/blue-green-algae/ or https://www.lgsonic.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=lgsonic&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI57WYlaKH5gIVCA4rCh1tpQwKEAAYASAAEgKCCPD_BwE
My preference is based my comment on Action 1 below. If the space is to be used as a general park I'd prefer the Wetland option to promote environmental care
Opportunity for wetland. Not keen on horses going through the lake. Keep the boats.
Renovate/upgrade existing features and establish a Wetlands environment across the road in King Rodney Park / Ityamai-Itpina.
The existing lake is the "heart" of Rymill Park and is part of the history of the East End of Adelaide. Being able to take children on a lake so close to the CBD in a rowing boat or enjoy the tranquil open view of the lake is something we should not let go of. There are already various wetlands within easy access - the almost next door Botanic Garden being the closest. The water maintenance and supply to the lake needs to be improved. The cost of maintenance on the proposed wetlands may be lower than the lake, but that is the small price we need to pay for such beauty. If the cost side is a main driver then please cut the costs in other areas / actions - covered below.
The lake is so beautiful and tranquil - a true oasis next to the city. It gives great pleasure to families whether they are resident or visiting the city. Great appeal to interstate and overseas tourists. There are many wetlands in existence around the city and along the river, but Rymill Lake is unique.
The lake is synonymous with RP, it draws folk from all over Australia and internationally. It is unique to Adelaide and must remain.
There are many other places in the parklands with space for vegetated wetland - including Vic Park and others. The ornamental lake component is an important differentiator, and preserves an import

element of Adelaide's recreational and urban history. Maintaining recreational boating is important. While I am not a participant or member of such groups, it is good to see model boat clubs and the like use the lake too.
There are other semi-natural wetlands nearby including in the botanic gardens and along the river. The ornamental lake is a distinctive feature that should be maintained.
We strongly OPPOSE a wetland - it is inconsistent with the character of Rymill Park, which is more of a sculptured, planned and beautiful park environment. there are wetlands in the Botanic gardens and Victoria Park, where they fit the surrounding environments and are appropriate. Wetlands would be completely inappropriate in Rymill Park and the lake should be a major highlight.
Wetlands are for nature reserves and national parks City parks and gardens need to be practical, useable & manageable
Wetlands encourage feral pests from the city dwellings and bird life risk will increase
while I am supportive of wetlands the lake is very much part of family time where there is much interest in the birds and parents and children love the rowing on the lake. My own grandchildren have always loved being taken to the lake for the playground and ice cream at Arnies and a row around the lake.
Whilst the wetland option also sounds good I don't think it will be compatible with the other intended uses for the park, particularly for hosting events.
In reference to your survey on “Lake or Wetlands” We believe Rymill Park as a city park & garden, a lake is more practical, manageable and useable. Wetlands are better placed in natural bushland settings not city parks and gardens.
Vegetated Wetland comments
Boardwalk in the wetlands
Combining a wetlands for a better environmental outcome but still be able to use the area for the 3 day event would be best.
Go with Paris - got amongst the reeds
I am concerned about climate change and how Adelaide is responding to the (conservative) predictions, utilising more our water in the parklands better seems a far more forward-thinking strategy, and the vegetated wetland ticks this box.
I don't think you need to necessarily have one pitted against the other - there would be adequate space for both ornamental and wetland features as part of the lake. Ideally we would have a space where it was safe for families to come and keep cool in water throughout summer, as there isn't anywhere nearby to do this except in fountains, which are usually not shaded. This would help our community be climate ready. Currently I am unsure whether either of these options include this sort of space - boating is different. To improve the water quality and sustainability of our water management the wetland proposal is superior. Wetlands can generate many benefits that can now be realised through monetary value in quantifying improved water quality, ecological health, neighbourhood character and human health.
I feel that this proposed plan prioritises human benefit over the needs of the native fauna of the area. I think a vegetated Wetlands would be a positive step in reducing the risk that was cause by the O - Bahn roadworks, through the park.
I think this would be amazing for the environment. And I see my parents taking my children to explore it and learn about nature and ecosystems
If it helps environmentally as well as ornamentally I think its the obvious choice given the current state of our environment
Look at Changguangxi Wuxi wetlands Park - Upo wetland Korea
Might bring bird life to city for children to experience that they might not be able to otherwise.
More cost effective. Better fit with the climate and natural environment

Much preferred option, good for wildlife and the environment, more sustainable, and can be enjoyed all year round, it will encourage children and families to enjoy nature and is free. A boating lake has weather restrictions and is not accessible to everyone. .
Not only is the vegetated wetland more environmentally friendly and water-efficient than the ornamental lake, but it also has the opportunity to act as a great educational area, as well as promote a greater variety of wildlife and birds in the area. It also will help save money with the cleaning of the water of the lake, so it is beneficial all round!
Relationship features to the lake tied
Salisbury wetlands, showcase to visitors
The wetland concept is also a wonderful idea - it would attract more birds and native reptiles/animals and make a safe environment for them. It is also much more sustainable and (I imagine) would be less costly for council to maintain. The only proviso would be that it doesn't preclude Adelaide from the Three Day Event across Vic Park, unnamed park and Rymill. The 3de is a fantastic family friendly and reasonably priced event and it's terrific to have it so near the city.
this choice should fit future sustainability goals.
This represents the modern way of city design. I'm sure our founders would have done it this way if they knew what we know now.
Vegetated Wetland will bring a more diverse variety of native waterbirds which I am very fond of
Wetlands filter there own water saving money put carbon in mud look amazing and it’s harder to fall into the water because plants surround it and it looks better and is more natural and relaxing and improvs mood and environmental efficiency
While I am in support of the wetland I would not want to lose the whole lake and would enjoy seeing a water feature and kids water play area (this would support the kiosk)
While I love the history of the ornamental lake people can take part in similar activities along the River Torrens. I think the benefits to nature far out-weigh any other options for the park. It will also be a place of awareness and connection to nature

Q6. How do you feel about Action 1? (select one only)

Action 1	Percentage
Strongly Agree/Agree	**93%**
Agree	16%
Strongly Agree	77%
Neutral	**3%**
Neutral	3%
Disagree / Strongly Disagree	**4%**
Strongly Disagree	1%
Disagree	3%
Grand Total	**100%**



Any other comments on Action 1?

Strongly Agree/Agree
I live in the Brewery apartments across the road
I seem to have heard talk of doing something to capture more of the rainfall run off for several decades (meanwhile Urrbrae has actually seen this achieved somewhat locally), and really feel that it is long overdue addressing the issue of water in the south and eastern part of the parklands, so this - and specifically Option 2 of Action 1 - is for me THE priority.
I strongly agree to keep the lake as it is (albeit renovated or improved).
I think there's a strong case to use the lake and islands as a versatile open-air theatre space in conjunction with local arts groups, schools and the state theatre company. Having the islands as a stage with the audience surrounding the lake could offer amazing directorial and stage design opportunities for local creators.
It will increase the power that the environment has on people's moods when they drive past it will bring them a release of relaxation and will increase the efficiency of the nature it's kind of an Adelaide thing because Adelaide is like one of those cities would like a lot of nature strips so it will be good because all those nature strips need to have some large body of water also increase evaporation and lower the temperature give shade helping people in summer and in winter
On the lake can include 1. row boats 2. very small sail boats with sails to enhance look 3. water fountains 4. guided boat ride (popeye) lunch included depending on size of lake 5. kiosk 6. shelter areas
Retain the ornamental lake
See above comment. A space the prioritises the benefit of native animals in the area

Sustainable environmental design with involvement from Kaurna and knowledge of how the land used to be is so important
The lake (and family use of same, and recreation on and near, and the former kiosk business) have all suffered across recent years due to "short termism" and poor decision making by Council. I strongly believe that in this location and for this area Council needs to commit funds and effort to maintaining the ornamental boating lake as a key part of the tapestry of the parklands and a part of Adelaide's vibrant history.
the ornaments lake was previously very popular especially with those who loved sailing model boats, and an ornamental lake can be more adaptive for other uses, such as the International Horse Trials.
Wetland - tourist
With climate change the more sustainable the better.
With the increase in residential apartments and population in the city any improvement in city facilities is essential.
Neutral
I feel strongly that we need the wetland
Disagree / Strongly Disagree
Just leave it as it is Wetlands won't work due to evaporation. Leave it, move then. Litter in wetlands is key, bad for wildlife.

Action 2: Create an inclusive playspace

Feedback was not required on this action, as engagement on the playspace was undertaken separate to this consultation. Please refer to the project's Your Say Adelaide page at: https://yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au/QK-playspace

Action 3: Strengthen existing and create new event spaces

Q7. How do you feel about Action 3? (select one only)

101 people responded to this question.

Action 3	Percentage
Strongly Agree / Agree	**71%**
Agree	34%
Strongly Agree	38%
Neutral	**18%**
Neutral	18%
Disagree / Strongly Disagree	**11%**
Disagree	7%
Strongly Disagree	4%
Grand Total	**100%**

Any other comments on Action 3?

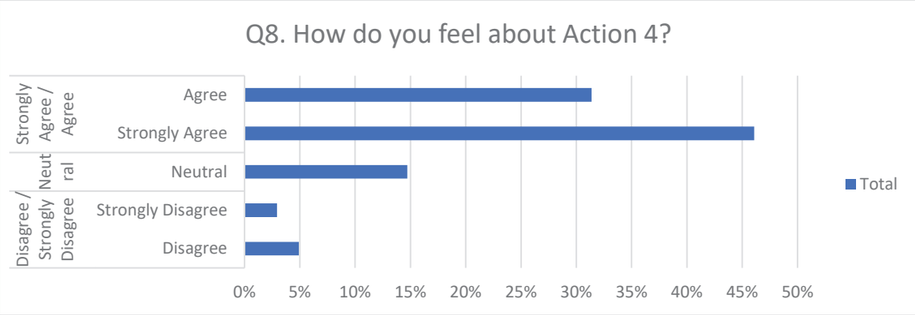
Strongly Agree
a more inclusive, tactical and sensory play space will be important for young families using the city, as well as modern and a community win
Music is good. Draws people. Grants for music, markets to be more grassroots. Markets, more public spaces. Move events around to other park lands, circulate. More incentives for public land - thinking outside the square.
We want lots of tourists
With the increase in residential apartments and population in the city any improvement in city facilities is essential.
Agree
Don't bite of parts of the park lands. Architecturally well designed. Have a tourist lens.
event spaces that can attract new events (with built in support technology such as power sources and pop up light sources, sounds systems can be plugged in easily, Adelaide Free WIFI works well with big crowds etc.)
I feel the current event spaces could be more clearly defined and facilities updated.
I think this fits with a wet land option to me, given the sort of funding required it is reasonable to expect a higher level/number of events, and more spaces for this - in fact I feel the adjoining parklands to the north are getting more pressure from events, so it would be sensible to try and moderate/displace some of this to lesser utilised parts of the Rymill Park locality. (I should also add I am a strong believer in minimising fixed/permanent buildings in the parklands in general, so hope this can be balanced as it has with the Victoria Racecourse.
Love that this space is so enchanting during the Fringe season. It is truly unique and special to Adelaide.
Not priority for undergrounding. Clear defined areas for events. Currently is a bit vague, hard to tell where the events part is, hard to recognise.
The negative noise and visual impacts from the park to the residents close to the park must be carefully evaluated especially at night time.
Upgrading infrastructure and undergrounding power line are great proposals, and improving the event spaces overall is obviously good. We accept that Rymill Park is and will remain and event space - and we support, and attend, many of the events. That said, the event s impact the park so that's why we only agree but not strongly. We make the following points: 1. There should be a Council policy about what event are approved for which parks 2. Set up and strike down times should be minimised 3. There should be strict design guidelines for how the events are set up - eg set back from East Tce to maintain a green perimeter; attractive fencing; no toilet blocks and dump bins creating an ugly park-front (there should be services areas hidden away inside the park)
When considering old trees to remove Australian natives should be retained, particularly those providing nesting and other habitat.
Neutral
I like the idea of having more small event here, but not if it destroys the grass (the way Fringe does). I also found that during Fringe, the bins with doggy bags were removed, so visitors who weren't prepared with their own supply couldn't pick up after their dogs - so please relocate this rather than remove it.
Rose garden rotunda structure - would be good if roses provided cooling and shade benefit.
The noise pollution from some events disrupts the surrounding environment. Enforcement of strong regulations and committed event management need to be installed as part of Action 3.
Wetland to take priority over event space in this instance
Would prefer to see less events in the park because of the damage they cause. Unless better protection can be provided
Disagree
Action 3 is OK EXCEPT for creating an events space on the corner of a very busy Dequetteville Terrace. Surely fencing around the Bowling Club is a necessary form of security and should be enhanced, not removed! Must, must renovate the Kiosk and encourage year-round usage.
Keep events open. Less bitumen than current.
regarding the rose garden. Letter attached
We need to keep the initial reason for the placement of RP. As stated earlier, I fear for the families who can't afford to participate in many of these events. Enough space has been allocated to events over the years, forever increasing.
Strongly Disagree
Adelaide already has an impressive event infrastructure. Rymill Park is already very well used for events - the Fringe and many others which must earn the C.O.A. a good income. These events are well run and logistically efficient, and most important is that they are "temporary" - the events are set up and dismantled and the park is left intact without destroying the original intention of the park's set up. It is a national heritage as a park, NOT as an event zone. It would be sacrilege to start erecting permanent structures or zones to just bring in even more events. We are very sensitive to "removing aged or declining species that impede on event spaces" - we have watched these trees growing over many years and generations - to remove them for increased event space would be totally wrong.. Many people I talk to see this as a money making project rather than conservation and care for this city heritage. I am particularly horrified to think that the C.O.A would even consider erecting a building in the corner of the park next to the Bowling Club - that would totally spoil the inward and outward views between the park and the city.
All it does is makes cheep places with small profits and will be dirt when there are no events
There is already a playground that already exists in the parklands. Funds that can improve the existing one should be considered.

Action 4: Improve entrances and paths

Q8: How do you feel about Action 4? (select one only)

103 people responded to this question.

Support for Action 4	Percentage
Strongly Agree / Agree	**77%**
Strongly Agree	46%
Agree	31%
Neutral	**15%**
Neutral	15%
Disagree / Strongly Disagree	**8%**
Disagree	5%
Strongly Disagree	3%
Grand Total	**100%**



Any other comments on Action 4?

Strongly Agree
Ensure a diverse and high quality lighting. Something that makes visiting the park at night an interesting experience.
Friendly paths, more accessible. Look at other park's pathways, bridges compliance.
I don't necessarily think most paths have to be heavily engineered, but would welcome more paths in general, or tracks to easily lead pedestrians and cyclists around more of the parklands. (Personally, my dream is to see the roadways intersecting the eastern parklands specifically, eventually be raised slightly higher if need be, in conjunction with pedestrian access by way of tunnels under them without involving steps or significant decent.) And while a big fan of the bus tunnel, note there is a bit of a dead space adjoining part of this near the city side, where there is no easy way across - even the long garden beds near there by the lake don't sufficiently allow passage through from north/south directions.
I hope that an improved entrance and path throughout the park will be of a higher visual quality than the current asphalt.
realigning the pathways is a brilliant action - particularly love the additional lighting proposed, as someone who walks through the park at night it would be great to have that added sense of safety. Also - lighting at night will mean people can use the park for fitness activities later into the evening with that added sense of safety too.
This is a no brainer!
Whilst the paths and entrances are ok, they could certainly use some updating.
With a diverse age range from small children to the elderly quality and safe paths are essential.
Agree
Access for all people very important using wheelchairs or strollers with kids.
Agree with tree avenues along paths, and the use of blonde bitumen as it is a more reflective surface and less likely to contribute to the urban heat island effect.
Needs to more engaging to attract more use
People need walk ways it looks welcoming once I was walking with my friends we didn't have a plan on where to go in for like a huge path and whenever we see use password just think why not go in because it's the past you can walk is open and it looks welcoming so we trusted and so to other people.
We have been told that trees will be felled, but we don't know how many trees will replace them. More lighting and bench seats needed to be added.
Neutral
entrances and paths seem fine, I don't think access is a challenge.
Paths that help not hinder Native wildlife.

Signalised crossing is important. Night time light on the ground on the path. More lights for cars to see pedestrians. By night be sure we can see where is the path. Having better edges is really good, having straight lines doesn't really matter.
Disagree
Action 4 seems to be an exercise in spending money unnecessarily. The pathways are good, there is easy access to the park all around, there is an existing pedestrian crossing on Dequetteville Terrace and Rundle Street - installing another one would restrict heavy traffic flow adversely (especially during rush hour).
Long crossing across O-Bahn for walking (East Tce)
Strongly Disagree
The vast majority of people do not see " unceremonious traffic intersections" - we see the efficient and practical management of traffic around the parks with some busy roads. Neither do we see "uninviting frontages" at key gateway places - we see a park that has open boundaries with no main entrances, but practical pathways - as was the original plan for the parks. I use Dequetteville Terrace entry to the park every day and I do not see " an unsafe shared road in the off street car park that creates potential conflicts" - where does this information come from?? Installing a "signalised crossing" to connect the park to Capper St would be a total waste of public money and would only slow down traffic on Dequetteville Terrace. There is very little pedestrian traffic and THERE ARE ALREADY CROSSINGS IN PLACE around a 100m away at the junction of Dequetteville and Rundle. PLEASE use all the money the C.O.A. may be budgeting on these unneeded actions to improve the quality of the lake water and maintenance and plant more trees and flowers !!!

Action 5: Reinforce the landscape character and features of the park

Q9. How do you feel about Action 5? (select one only)

101 people responded to this question.

Support for Action 5	Percentage
Agree / Strongly Agree	**88%**
Strongly Agree	58%
Agree	30%
Neutral	**8%**
Neutral	8%
Disagree / Strongly Disagree	**4%**
Disagree	2%
Strongly Disagree	2%
Grand Total	**100%**

Any other comments on Action 5?

Strongly Agree
adding more tree's to the park will make it a much more beautiful space to connect with. I'm not a particular fan of the rose garden but understand its importance in reflection of the era the park was established. I would love to see some native shrubs and bushes used for additional greening of the spaces as these options would be much more resilient to the changing climate as well as beautiful in honoring our country and land.
Fix the lake lining as my boat gets stuck and I have to go into the lake to rescue it every time

Mix in garden bed
Plant more trees. Trees and flowers that are bee friendly. Plane trees not suitable for allergy. More art in the park! SALA schools / art involved in the Park Lands - the Park Lands is an asset. Trees are a metaphor, don't cut trees because they look old.
Please be very aware of the sensitivity of "removing aged or declining species to allow for realigned formal avenue plantings" - we have watched these older trees growing over many years and generations and should regard these as part of the park's heritage. Please also see my comments under Action 3, making room for event areas, on the same subject.
Ramblings on the side, manicured in the middle for weddings. Rambling roses better than manicured
Same as Action 3 Question 7 answer.
The O-Bahn busway is obviously a complete contradiction to the landscape character of the park and needs to be "masked" by imaginative planting and landscaping. What Council's done is much better than what DPTI did, but it still isn't enough. Anything from dense planting to an arbour or other structure over the busway.
Agree
I also think ACC would do well to plant a lot more Jacarandas as, just like the cherry blossoms in Japan, this would become a go to spot in Spring for events.
Need to be in keeping with the landscape
Personally, the need for more trees, and avenues of them as well, appeal to me for shade, and as a refuge for wildlife. And the vantage point over the bus tunnel should be better utilised, ideally in such a way as to make traversing the eastern part of it easier.
plant more ornamental trees (not natives) and cluster the plantings o there is still plenty of open space.
The current character of the park is good but could use again some updating and the entrances could be more clearly defined and have nice signage.
Neutral
I already think it is beautiful and the Council do a wonderful job of maintaining it. But I guess there is always room for improvement :)
I don't know what the landscape was your ears so I don't know if it's good or bad so I'm just a bit neutral
Leave as much natural environment as possible and should not install decorative lighting.
The removal of trees needs to be a long-term transition - so that while they are still providing habitat for birds and other wildlife the new trees are growing. Very important to increase amount of shade on the grassy hills. I have no feelings about the rose garden. I would also increase the number of native trees, and especially if creating a more natural wetland situation - thinking about what kind of leaves / sediment will end up in the wetland.
Disagree
Preference should be given to native species of trees and other plants. With less seasonal and more long-term plantings.
regarding rose garden. Letter attached
Strongly Disagree
Why does the parklands need to be landscaped?! Surely this shouldn't hinder Native wildlife as a result of this.

Action 6: Create a Place of Reflection

Feedback was not required on this action, as engagement on the Place of Reflection project was undertaken separate to this consultation.

Q10. How do you feel about the vision of the draft Master Plan? (select one only)

101 people responded to this question.

Support	Percentage
Strongly Agree	54%
Agree	35%
Neutral	7%
Disagree	3%
Strongly Disagree	1%
Grand Total	**100%**

Please explain your choice

Strongly Agree
Although the options under consideration vary widely, I feel the directions being considered are generally a good balance of competing issues and will watch with interest!
I like the location of the Place of Reflection.
I think this is a really important move in making Adelaide a more inclusive place for all of our community and particularly the first nations peoples.
Need to recognize history
Same as Action 3 Question 7 answer
Agree
However, it seems to becoming more used for special events which excludes families. RP was initially aimed to create a peaceful safe environment for children and families to relax, play and picnic in. Unfortunately the Fringe, Gluttony etc have increasingly used far more space almost making it difficult for families on a limited income to use this public space for which it was initially designed. We enjoy the events mentioned but I feel that for 3 months of the year it is not available to recreation for families.
I feel it can be achieved without going completely 'English Garden'
I have mixed opinions about various parts eg agree with Actions 1 and 5 and disagree with Actions 3, 4
I'm not sure on this project so don't have an opinion
I'm not sure how all the elements will come together cohesively as one vision, especially having a play area, a place of reflection and event spaces. If it can be combined well, I think it will be fantastic but I feel the event space criteria clashes with reflection and playspace.
Is upgrading Park for local (Adelaide) people or for enhancing the number of visitors?
It has a lot of components and is trying to achieve so many things. I strongly advocate for the consideration of a wetland, for a wide range of reasons and benefits to be realised by the community and our environment. Also strongly advocate for keeping the island, as a key feature I love to spend time and pass through! I like the ideas for more interesting lighting as well.

It will improve people coming because the main reason people don't come is kids fall in the water and the water is not relaxing it gross
The basic master plan seems to have the enjoyment of the park's visitors in mind. I do not agree on the event space in the parkland on Dequetteville Terrace, nor the proposed wetlands.
We agree but not strongly because there is an inherent contradiction between Rymill Park as a 'welcoming, engaging and beautiful' park and an event space. For some events, the park as a park is no longer welcoming, engaging or beautiful. In principle we support the event, so we are not opposed, hence we 'agree' but it does mean that the events have to be well managed (before, during and after)
Neutral
Please place the local residents first to enjoy the park. Do not place the tourists first to attempt growing numbers to visit the park.
Trying to do too much. Like stuff it full - extract the maximum value. Being more impressive to people on the O-Bahn.
Disagree
A Place of Reflection for the Stolen Generations, a 'Place of Reflection' may clash with the 'Place of Reflection' being proposed for somewhere in the Park Lands for the survivors of Domestic Violence. Can we explain the link between this site and the Stolen Generations? Would such a place of reflection be better incubated into Lot 14 and proposed Aboriginal Art and Culture Gallery, making a link between the Gallery and Botanic Gardens?
Only talks about activities. Also, should touch on nature, accessibility, open to all people, much more than recreational activity. Part of a network Opportunity for recreational.
Strongly Disagree
See above comment. Parklands that only exist for the human benefit instead of the benefits of native wildlife should be reconsidered.

Q11. Will these overall changes encourage you to visit the park more often? (select one only)

100 people responded to this question.

Encourage more visitation	Number
No	13
Yes	87
Grand Total	**100**

Please explain your choice

No
Even now I love to visit the park very often.
I already consider the park to be a good asset
I already visit at least twice a day
I already visit quite regularly.
I already visit the park every day.
I already visit twice daily however some renovation and upgrades might lead me to stay longer than just passing through...
I do appreciate the overall upgrade of the Park but for me it is not a question of yes/no. Park is an important, necessarily everyday environment for city dwellers.
I visit a lot anyway but to gain environmental benefits is very important.
Making the lake more of a wetland will. But the rest is window dressing.

unchanged
Yes
Better new and improved park will make me want to visit through it more, probably encouraging more physical activity for myself.
But only if the lake is maintained!!!
Depending on outcome
I often visit Rymill Park for recreational purposes and believe it has a lot of potential. An upgrade of the facilities and infrastructure could transform this area into a new destination.
I would love to engage in the vegetated waterways. It would encourage me to picnic there.
I'd love to take my kids to see a wetland! Amazing!
I'll take friends and family to race the boat
if it is a wetland
If the parklands exist for the betterment of native wildlife.
If there was the option to swim in the lake, I will be there every day in summer!
It is Adelaide's great resource and I would like to utilise it more.
It will be more pleasant environment
More often I don't know, I cross the park more than I stay in the park, Maybe a bit often.
Only if the lake remains. A wetlands is not appropriate for RP as it has a special ambience which should be retained. There is a superb wetlands close by in the Botanic Gardens and Victoria Park! Enough.
Reactivating the kiosk, improving the lake (which has been in poor condition and often algae affected for some time) and a new playspace will attract visitation - and is necessary because visitation declined significantly during O-Bahn construction and hasn't fully recovered.
Same as Action 3 Question 7 answer.
The new play space will be a great place to bring my children and I'm looking forward to viewing the new lake because my husband and I had wedding photos taken there 15 years ago.
They are good Changes
We have much more interest in seeing a wetland than a lake with people in boats.
we regularly walk around the Torrens and do a 6-9 km loop, so will incorporate the enhanced Rymill / Murlawirrapurka park as part of our circuit.
wetland would be nice to sit at
Whilst I already commute through the park every day, these changes would make the park a destination, not just a thoroughfare.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DRAFT COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Q12. How do you feel about the proposals and content in the CLMP? (select one only)

80 people who supplied their address details responded to this question. As the CLMP is a legislated consultation, only comments from people who supplied their location details can be included.

Support for CLMP	Percentage	Number of responses
Strongly agree	43%	34
Agree	40%	32
Neutral	16%	13
Strongly disagree	1%	1
Grand Total	**100%**	**80**

Any other comments on the CLMP?

Anything that seek to benefit native wildlife would be appreciated greatly.
I don't like what the Garden of Unearthly Delights does to the parklands. Gluttony is more spread out and seems to have less impact. I wish there was a way or a different location that could be used for these events that had less impact on nature.
I feel that there could be a greater percentage of native species in the park while still retaining its 'character'
No
Same as Action 3 Question 7 answer.
The dog restrictions being suggested are too extreme, by all means keep dogs away from the playground if not on leads, but the point is dogs need to be under effective control at all times, otherwise utilise the parklands impressive dog parks if you cannot (yet) control them. But keep dogs and their owners fully free to run and exercise off lead as much as possible.

Q13. Do you support the proposed changes to dog management (Page 15 of the CLMP)?

80 people recorded responses to this question.

Support for dog management changes	Number of responses	Percentage
No	15	19%
Yes	65	81%
Grand Total	**80**	**100%**

Any other comments on dog management in the park?

No – don't agree with changes
Agree dogs to be on leash in playground. Disagree with on-leash time - Dogs controlled at all time dogs are quite self-regulated
Dogs on leash at all times. Dog species - mindful of the dog's type. Give the dogs their own space - dog park, fenced areas. No dogs peeing on wedding dresses - don't want dogs running into brides Kickabout that's where dogs can go.
Dog's should be on a leash when near native wildlife
Dogs should be on leash and under control at all times, especially in such an area where we are encouraging children to visit.
Either one blanket - all the time or not at all to better manage. Don't mind if on/off leash already.
I disagree with the mandatory on-leash times. This is the one park close to home where we can play fetch without bothering anyone and I've found the other dog owners who use the park to be respectful when there are people/kids/events in the vicinity.
I have found there is plenty of space for dog users, and other park users, and would be sad to see restrictions on the former - I don't personally believe either the owner nor the dog(s) get a great deal of exercise by only walking, and running is easier without leads. I should also add I am amazed how little much of the parklands is used much of the time, the biggest users all year round (regardless of weather) seems to be people walking their dogs, followed by sports etc.
I love dogs but too many owners don't pick up after their dogs.
I think dogs should be off-leash
I think owner discretion should be maintained throughout the park, there is a limited number of spaces that dogs can be free to run around within the city limits on the Eastern side, so I think having dogs able to be off lead when there is no one around is important
Yes – agree with changes
Dog parks - fenced
dogs should all be on a leash when formal event are being held in the Park.
Don't ban them butt make dogs kept on a leash
I am a dog owner and think that it is fair and suits my dogs requirements. My dog loves these park lands and so we are glad he can continue to enjoy them.
It would be good to have another dog park installed on this side of the city for dog walkers.
No dogs
No matter what dogs should be on leads at ALL times. But incorporate a fenced area where dogs can be let off the lead.
The park is large enough to incorporate a fenced dog park (my choice, backing onto the bowling club)

Q14. Do you have a favourite story or personal memory about the park to share?

Arnie Rossi a former founder of the kiosk in RP has a beautiful generous heart. Each morning a group of disabled folk, travelled from all across Adelaide to have coffee with Arnie. This was such a special thing to witness, seeing the compassion and care shown to this group by Arnie. One of these gentleman, in fact managed the hire of the row boats. The satisfaction that this job gave this person was heart warming. Arnie will be clapping his hands with joy from above at the news of the Quentin Kenihan legacy of an all inclusive playground being installed in RP. This is definitely the home for this.
Arnies is and was a very special place and needs to be preserved as a place for families to relax and have a bite to eat and coffee while children are playing. Arnie loved the park and it needs to have a special place in his memory.
As I mentioned earlier my husband and I had our wedding photos taken in Rymill Park in July 2004. We have some special memories of that day and photos taken with our friends on the bridge to the island are some of our favourites of that day.
Attending the Fringe festival and Garden of unearthly delights and seeing the park transformed into a fantastic venue
Enjoy the International Three Day Trial. Especially the water jumps. As a child I do recall using the kiosk a lot...but that was perhaps way too many decades ago!
Great place for the following events. Fringe. Tour Down Under. Clipsal 500.

I walk through the parklands every day, (except when excluded by event closures) and would like to see the Adelaide's unique character and Colonel Light's vision preserved
Me and my sister and her friend would visit it eat ice cream and climb trees and look at worms
My favourite part of the park is walking through daily and noticing how the leaves change with the seasons - something we can easily forget when consumed in the concrete heavy city surrounds. Connecting through the natural phases of the year in this way always brings a sense of calm and wonder to me.
None in particular.
On 23rd March 2002 we were married on the island in the lake on a beautiful sunny autumn day. We've also had family gatherings, as well as pre-Christmas parties with our East End neighbours, around the BBQs. On the other hand we were among the leaders of the campaign against the O-Bahn extension through Rymill Park - and although we achieved a compromise so that it's' not as bad as it was going to be, it remains a matter of regret.
On warm summer evening this is fully shaded and one of the best places to be working up a sweat dancing for Dancing Room! Surrounded by the cool breeze picked up off the water and through the trees, easy to get to and easy to be entertained on the other side of the banks if you happen to walk past.
One day in summer (it was one of the really hot days!) my partner and I were walking our dog through the parklands in the early evening and the sprinklers were on. The 3 of us just ran through the sprinklers laughing and cooling down.
Picnics, rowing and playing around the lake with my family. having a drink at the kiosk during cold winter days or hot summer nights
Rowing around the lake with my Dad
Sorry, I'm out of time to share any of these, but I do appreciate the parklands enormously thanks.
The period each year the roses are out in bloom makes relaxing there pleasant.
Too many write. Bring back paddle boats and I'll take my dates there
Very good memories sitting at the kiosk last summer with a pizza and glass of wine with friends...
When I saw a Corella for the first time at Rymill park.
Yes, mums ballet story.

Q15. Do you have any other comments or anything else you would like to share about the draft Master Plan or CLMP? For example, this could include facilities or activities that you would like to see, things that we have missed, or proposals in the draft Master Plan that you would like to change. Please include your additional comments below.

"Don Dunstan Park" Vogue festival - north Tce don't do it in Rundle Mall. Use government house. Think bigger, Needs to be more about fashion than retail. Focus on the culture and fantastic arts in the middle. Vogue - focus on the mature woman - empty shop?
ABC are permanent, should be more permeable. Fences are bad, temporary events are great. No parking in the Park Lands. Note the historical use of the ABC but see in the long term that it goes.
Another park comments - lighting or lines or cats eyes along the path running NW from Greenhill Rd/Fullarton Rd intersection please - it' completely dark during new moon and the park is hard to see even with a bike light.
As an overseas visitor (Scotland) I always visit the park when in Adelaide
Confusing Park - looks different, no cement.
Don't do high end design, just practical. Already beautiful and well used.
Everything is perfect :)

Family friendly for water. Trashed need to be better managed, damaged turf.
I feel very sorry for skateboarders etc who have lost a great facility in the city, and the existing one in the parklands seems a very poor substitute - they deserve more!
I live close by (~100m away) with my dog and we visit daily as I love the combination of grass, trees, flowers, lake and fountain with accessible paths where she can run freely. I'd love to see a drink fountain near the fountain near the west BBQ area - the existing one near the east playground, while beautiful, is difficult to use to fell water bottle and dog bowls (and sprays you in the face). As a young(ish) person struggling with mobility, thank you for the beautiful and accessible park with good walkways. This park was a key influencer in my decision to live nearby and I appreciate the effort you put into making it both beautiful and functional.
I think the O-Bahn tunnel has enhanced the park - the western exit is beautiful at night. I'd like to see the kiosk reopened and stay open more consistently (i.e. more than 8 months) with more regular/predictable hours. I think the interior needs some work so that operators can move about and serve customers more efficiently. I strongly support the Quentin Kenihan Playgrounds concept - a bigger playgrounds, more trees, better toilets and a bit further away from the lake (for safety).
I would like to see safe entry points for cyclists, and well-maintained cycle paths. I love the rose garden, please keep that :)
It would be great to have families be able to access some water in the park in terms of a small play pond or something similar, as part of the proposed wetland (option 2).
Kids water zone / splash zone, kids water area
Like the look of Paris
Maybe more covered (sheltered) with benches and tables Brass bands / cinemas Maintain as an alcohol free zone!
More bins / amenity along the walkway, rubbish dump - not opposite residents, thought of rubbish on Bartels Rd. Sounds management is a problem - don't face it to residential buildings. Truck management - better event management. Kiosk - better sun shade / protection - for constant activation.
More trees I would suggest bottle trees gum trees and other trees bushes and shrubs and native grass and native moss.
No.
only in regard to Arnie
Opportunity to trial pesticide free management of Park Lands. Eg Hobart city Council, Europe where studies show decrease in insect numbers from pesticides Increase biodiversity City would provide information on what residents (and councils) can plant to attract bees/insects biodiversity populations. Historical signage in park to provide information about past use.
Overall I would also support the wetlands lake option but I don't feel it fits with the other intended uses for the park. Noisy and bustling events don't feel compatible with the peaceful wetland environment.
Rymill Park has a functional and attractive kiosk in front of the lake which is enjoyed by many people. Unfortunately it is closed in the colder months. Can we not try and encourage this to be opened during these colder months .... another good reason to visit the park in the "off season" I have spoken to previous kiosk tenants who told me that the winter months obviously have less people using the park, and that it is simply not economic to keep renting the kiosk. The full rentals are simply too high during the leaner months to stay open with the number of customers. Many of us still use the park over the winter months and there is definitely a demand for the kiosk, even if reduced. Can the C.O.A not reduce the rent considerably during the winter months ? Some

income for the C.O.A. is better than none, and the place would be better maintained if there were permanent tenants - a win for everybody concerned !!
Strongly disagree with the increasing encroachment of buildings into the Adelaide parklands
The lake must stay as it is the jewel in the crown of RP. It is used during the summer for families or friends to engage with each other, rowing together enjoying this unique space. The place of reflection - strongly agree - Yes definitely a quiet, tree
The park should basically be a place of daily relaxation and recreation for the residents. The City should not first attempt for attracting /growing tourists' numbers to visit.
The two most important factors for me are shade during the day and safe space lighting at night.
This Park was once (and possibly still is) a designated emergency landing zone for helicopters departing the former ORAH helipad. Lot 14 may well again one day have a helipad and at the very least a drone pad. Drones for delivering freight and people is not far away and the Park Lands ill play a roll as drop off and pick up zones and emergency go to zones if something goes wrong when operating over the CBD. Council should be thinking forward to ensure spaces exist to play this roll for drones.
Wait time not too long for pedestrians at lights
We don't support action 6 in the main part of Rymill Park - a place of reflection would be ok in the small park next to Tandanya but it is inconsistent with everything else in Rymill Park itself (i.e. events etc) so given we don't support Action 6, we can't say we support all proposals. WE do NOT support a Place of Reflection in Rymill Park itself as it seems totally inconsistent with other intended uses of the park (e.g. events). A Place of Reflection would fit well in the small park next to Tandanya and is more relevant there anyway given its theme. However we remain neutral about this - if it came to a choice in limited budget, we would prefer to spend the money 'masking' the O-Bahn in the main park. Rymill Park is fundamentally a family-friendly park and this should remain its focus. We would like to reinforce our strong opposition to the wetlands option for the lake - Rymill Park is a beautiful, sculptured park and should have an ornamental lake. This is also more 'family-friendly'. In respect to events we've been told that some of our issues are outside the scope of the master plan - however it's essential that ACC takes a 'whole of council' approach to this, and ensures that these issues are at least considered. What's the point of a master plan to design a beautiful park is you then allow event organisers to set up their events in such an ugly way - Rymill Park during the Fringe looks like a construction site with ugly fencing along East Tce and toilet blocks and dump bins immediately behind it. So all these interstate and international visitors instead of seeing our beautiful premium park, see something ugly instead. Just as Council has design guidelines for other things, there should be strict design guidelines for how events are set up. Secondly, since the Fringe was extended from 3 weeks to 4, the impact on the park lands has been much greater. Next year it's 14 Feb to 15 March (31 days) and yet usually Gluttony and the Garden extend beyond the official Fringe dates - this shouldn't be allowed. They also take too long setting up and striking down. Amy measures that could minimise the impact on the park should be considered. Also, in creating new event spaces, there should be guidelines as to what types of events are approved in Rymill Park - Rymill Park is a premium park and should only have premium events that appeal to a wide, general audience.
Worried about mosquitos, water rats. focus on Torrens, urban farms to reduce transportation costs.
Would be nice to see pop up food trucks, coffee stands, ice cream etc on non- event weekends
Would just like to say that I think you do a wonderful job of maintaining the parklands. When there are events there is minimal disruption to local residents and the Team always have the parklands reverted to a beautiful standard shortly after events. Thank you for your commitment to making them a wonderful place to be.

APPENDIX 2 OTHER FEEDBACK

Details of informal comments made via social media, face-to-face sessions, email or phone.

Comments recorded at library drop in session

Comments from one person who wished to remain anonymous. Include playspace – great The aerial looks busy. Prefer Ornamental lake option – this will attract families and reuse water. Adelaide is known internationally, for us to survive and thrive, need attractive option for young people. Engagement with water is important to attract young families. Tree planting good for people and cooling. Event spaces – better /improve access to fringe events Need a place for kids to be busy and safe. Focus on kid friendly, encourage people to stay. How do we support adolescent / youth space, consult with teens that will bring them into the park. Desire for a mix of people/ages.

Email during consultation period

In reference to your survey on “Lake or Wetlands” We believe Rymill Park as a city park & garden, a lake is more practical, manageable and useable. Wetlands are better placed in natural bushland settings not city parks and gardens.
I would prefer the Park to be left alone. The Park is a Council make-work area. Trees are mutilated for no clear reason other than there is a ladder & power saw presently unoccupied. The only tree of any interest to children was cut down because someone had the audacity to sleep under it. The mortality of young planted trees is high but then 16 young uprooted trees were left out in the hot summer sun for 2 weeks plus because it took too long with a mechanical digger to plant them before Christmas 2 years ago. The choice of trees is inappropriate but they have to be able to resist the liberal use of weed-killer ? Roundup so that the man on the lawnmower does not have to get off his machine to cut any grass growing close to the trunk. But then the Adelaide City Council countenanced the spending of many million dollars to slowly dig a ditch that on covering, became an access route to the Obahn track & yet not remove the Stobie poles & put the power cables underground despite a transformer box having been struck by lightning some months earlier. There was money to move the fountain. I have no confidence that whatever the Council does will improve the park but I have total confidence that nothing said will make any difference.
Fix Rymill Park Kiosk!!
Wetlands are a magnificent feature of many landscapes but existing configuration of Rymill Park is excellent in every way except toxic lake water. Suggest using EM1 - essential micro organisms to optimise water quality in lake. Water is a key feature of the lake, as are the two bridges linking the central island. blames failure of kiosk business is in part due to declining lake water quality, exacerbated by horse trials causing, stagnant ponding and rubbish build up. Lake lining is delaminating. Suggest using moving water / fountain to oxygenate water. Suggest a trial of EM1, referencing previous waste management improvements with Ebenezer Place in 2017/2018. Connection with first Australians and the water. Global warming is exacerbating lake water toxicity. Offer to assist with a trial of EM1 at Rymill lake.

Phone calls

In favour of a wetland
Supports a stage or structure for an outdoor cinema near the lake and barbecue areas for local artists, musicians and comedians to perform

Comments on social media advertisements and posts (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter)

Noting that not all comments are recorded here, only those directly relevant to the project

Facebook Ad “Wetland or a lake?”	**31 comments** **Comments on wetland**: "Council and consultants know which is more sustainable, environmentally friendly and in keeping with Australian culture so go with that" "Wetland!!! Come and see the felixstow wetland to see how beautiful it can be. So much better than what has been there." "I'd love to see a wetland in the city." **Comments on ornamental lake:** "A rejuvenated ornamental lake with paddleboats, ducks, umbrellas covering outdoor snacking, a young-family-friendly place" "An ornamental lake with a few fancy fountains" **Other Comments:** "I love it just the way it is with the little island. Please don't destroy something so beautiful and perfect." "You already have a lake. You had a great cafe too till the o Bahn construction site screwed them" "Just leave it alone, no need for it!" "Both please..plenty of space"
Facebook Posts “Wetland or a lake?”	**Comments** "An old one, but still valid - winter ice skating! - Make the whole park a winter park that can revert back to water in summer!" "Ornamental lake of course wetlands should be out in the suburbs and semi rural areas" "Rymil Park looks amazing they must have some very skilled employees working there" "Ornamental lake of course wetlands should be out in the suburbs and semi rural areas" "Wetlands if that is hydrologically and environmentally appropriate" "Whatever is best for the environment is best for us in the long term." "Neither just leave it alone"
LinkedIn Ad	21 likes
Twitter Ad	1 Comment, 7 Likes, 1 Retweet / 0 Activity / 8 Likes, 3 Retweets / 3 Likes Retweeted by Jane Reilly from 5AA (3 Dec 2019) - Two comments: 1. "lake with trees and plants, lights barbeque areas,table and seats little pergolas, with electricity solar power of course. bridges, paddle boats, miniature boats,so people can form a little club. for the kids a native trail,or a bike trail. water fountains for drinkingand in lake" 2. "Wetland! I love the lawns and benches in Rymill Park, but they're harder to enjoy when the lake looks like toilet water due to additives to deter algae blooms. A wetland is way better!"

APPENDIX 3 ENGAGEMENT MATERIAL

Feedback survey

https://yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au/rymill-master-plan

See the Yoursay page for full documents.

Survey questions:

Q1. How often do you visit, use or travel through the park? (tick one only)
Daily | A few times a week
Weekly | A few times a year | Never

Q2. Why do you visit the park? (tick as many as apply)
Passing through | Events
Picnic/ playground/ recreation
Use the toilets
For fitness (e.g. jogging) | Other

Q3. What is your relationship to the park? (tick as many as apply)
Local resident | Work in the area
Event attendee | Commuter
Related to nearby schools
Run a business / organisation in the area | Event organiser
Related to the Adelaide Bowling Club
Other, please specify

Q4. How do you usually travel to the park? (tick one only)
I walk there | I cycle there
I drive and park there
I take public transport options nearby
Other, please specify

Q5. Which lake option do you prefer?
Ornamental Lake / Vegetated Wetland
Any comments on your preferred option?

For Q6 to Q12 (except Q11) survey asked for ranking of agreement on the following scale: Strongly disagree / disagree / neutral / agree / strongly agree

Q6. How do you feel about Action 1?
Any other comments on Action 1?

Q7. How do you feel about Action 3?
Any other comments on Action 3?

Q8: How do you feel about Action 4?
Any other comments on Action 4?

Q9. How do you feel about Action 5?
Any other comments on Action 5?

Q10. How do you feel about the vision of the draft Master Plan?
Please explain your choice

Q11. Will these overall changes encourage you to visit the park more often? Yes / No
Please explain your choice

Q12. How do you feel about the proposals and content in the CLMP?
Any other comments on the CLMP?

Q13. Do you support the proposed changes to dog management (Page 15 of the CLMP)?
Yes / No
Any other comments on dog management in the park?

Q14. Do you have a favourite story or personal memory about the park to share?

Q15. Do you have any other comments or anything else you would like to share about the draft Master Plan or CLMP? For example, this could include facilities or activities that you would like to see, things that we have missed, or proposals in the draft Master Plan that you would like to change. Please include your additional comments below.

APPENDIX 3 ENGAGEMENT MATERIAL

Engagement Material

Used to engage with the community during the community event and drop-in session.



APPENDIX 3 ENGAGEMENT MATERIAL











APPENDIX 3 ENGAGEMENT MATERIAL

Marketing Material

- Physical displays, publications & on-screen material
- Social media promotion





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CITY OF ADELAIDE

Intention to Consult on the Draft Community Land Management Plan and the Draft Master Plan for Rymill Park/ Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 198 of the Local Government Act 1999, that consultation will be open from 25 November 2019 until 16 December 2019.

Further information can be found on the City of Adelaide website at: www.yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au.

Dated: 13 November 2019

M. GOLDSTONE
Chief Executive Officer

APPENDIX 3 ENGAGEMENT MATERIAL



Twitter posts



LinkedIn posts



Facebook posts

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Illuminate Adelaide Public Artwork

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

Strategic Alignment - Dynamic City Culture

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is responsible for the management and protection of the Adelaide Park Lands. Council considers requests for new public artworks in the Park Lands, in alignment with the commitments to public art in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025.

The Illuminate Adelaide Public Artwork is the City of Adelaide's 3-year $300,000 annual commitment in the Business Plan and Operating Budget for the delivery by the City of Adelaide of a legacy public artwork for Illuminate Adelaide. The 2023 artwork will be created by internationally renowned creative media collective from Europe, Ouchhh Studio. The artwork is proposed to be designed site-specific for placement in Light Square / Wauwi. Ouchhh will be in Adelaide in July as part of the Illuminate Adelaide 2022 event as an artist in residence enabling an experience of the city and site as well as engagement around a data source to inform the work.

Heritage SA, Department for Environment and water, has provided preliminary advice that *the artwork is harmonious and a nice balance with the existing Colonel Light Memorial … the concept is in keeping with the simple and slender form of the monument [and] …the presence of the artwork may even focus more attention to the monument than it currently has form the south.* Its formal advice will be provided as part of the development approval process.

Further to this, the proximity and relationship to the Colonel Light Memorial is an important aspect of this work. The location was chosen both to provide balance in the square to the Memorial, but also to enhance the purpose of Light in this physical location. It will be placed in line with the Memorial providing symmetry and context with an enduring focus on Light in the Square.

This is a major opportunity for Adelaide to be the first city in Australia to secure a significant artwork by this internationally celebrated artist studio. Location approval is required for engagement, consultation, full feasibility and design to be undertaken. Once installed, the artwork will be a part of the City of Adelaide's public art collection and will be maintained and managed as part of the regular maintenance schedule.

The life of this public artwork, as an enduring permanent public artwork, is estimated at 25 years.

This report seeks approval from Council for the proposed site.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Approves the location of a public artwork by Ouchhh Studio within Light Square / Wauwi, based on the concept design, as shown in Attachment A to Item # on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2022.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	**Strategic Alignment – Dynamic City Culture** Deliver public art throughout the city in collaboration with the private sector as a contribution towards dynamic city culture.
Policy	**Adelaide, City of Art: Public Art Action Plan 2019-22:** Deliver Art Shines, a creative light-based public art commission program to energise, delight and make public spaces welcoming and safe. **Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025:** Strategy 1.2.3: Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart - Provide opportunities for the development of permanent and temporary public artworks and memorials across the Park Lands. Strategy 1.3.7: Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination - Encourage and support unique attractions in the Park Lands. **The Park Lands Community Land Management Plan, Chapter 17, Light Square / Wauwi:** Enhance the Square through creative design and distinctive features that broaden its appeal and use, including maintaining public art to contribute its distinctive character.
Consultation	Internal engagement, Illuminate Adelaide, the City of Adelaide Public Art Round Table, Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority (to occur on 23/6) and Heritage SA. Further key stakeholder, elected member, business and community engagement to be undertaken as part of the feasibility process.
Resource	Project support will be provided by the Infrastructure Delivery and Creative City teams.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	There is a reputational risk with key stakeholders and the wider community should this location not be supported.
Opportunities	Reinforce the city's reputation as a place of quality arts and cultural experiences. Provide a cultural tourism destination that will attract local, regional, national and international visitation, leading to visitor expenditure in the city. Shared funding and project management resourcing.
22/23 Budget Allocation	City of Adelaide's 2022-23 budget for this project is $300,000
Proposed 23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	An enduring permanent artwork with an expected lifespan of 25 years.
22/23 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Annual maintenance costs are anticipated to be in the order of $10,000. To be confirmed as part of the detailed design stage.
Other Funding Sources	The full budget of the project will be fully costed once location is approved and feasibility is completed. It is expected to exceed the $300,000 allocation. The City of Adelaide contributed $50,000 in 2021-22 from unspent funds. This project will also leverage funding

	from Illuminate Adelaide who have committed to provide the additional funding in next year's programming budget. This is included in the partnership agreement with Illuminate.

DISCUSSION

1. Illuminate Adelaide is an annual major winter event that celebrates innovation, music, art, light and technology that takes place throughout July.
2. Through the City of Adelaide annual Business Plan and Operating Budget process a total $900,000 was allocated as $300,000 per annum over three years and will be delivered as follows:

	Illuminate 2021	**Illuminate 2022**	**Illuminate 2023**
Public Artwork	*Golden Rhombohedron (Obtuse)*	In development	Title TBC
Artist	Jason Sims	In development	Ouchhh Studios
Location	Grote Street	In development	Light Square / Wauwi
Status	Complete	Concept development underway for Council to note.	Feasibility and approvals underway

3. It is intended that this series of co-commission partnerships with Illuminate Adelaide will create a collection of interactive and light-based artworks in the city which, over time, will become a significant cultural experience and visitor attraction.
4. For 2023 Illuminate Adelaide has proposed a significant opportunity to co-commission an artwork from internationally renowned creative media collective, Ouchhh Studio. Due to working with an international artist and the Park Land location proposed, this report for 2023 precedes the Illuminate 2022 Public Art commission Council report which will come to the August meeting.
5. Ouchhh is a global multi-disciplinary creative hub and innovator with outstanding results in the art science technology for ten years. The Studio is a pioneer of data paintings and sculptures, working with a team of engineers, academics, creative coders, designers and media artists. The Studio's main office is in Istanbul, with approximately 52 public art projects represented across the world, including London, New York, Berlin, Tokyo, Seoul, Milano, Abu Dhabi, Paris and more. The Studio has received multiple accolades and awards in the international arena.
6. This ambitious public artwork will be a national first, as the only permanent public artwork of this significant international artist collective in Australia.
7. A data driven light-based artwork is proposed to be designed sympathetically and site specific for installation in Light Square / Wauwi.
8. The Ouchhh Studio public artwork will be designed to a scale and shape that is respectful, in context and amplifies the experience and character of Light Square / Wauwi.
9. It is proposed that the artwork is located centrally at the southern end of Light Square where it will sit in balance and harmony with the existing and culturally significant Colonel Light grave and memorial and will retain the formal design of the Square.
10. The artwork will sit below the canopy of the trees and will frame Light's Memorial when viewed along the north-south axis.
11. The Ouchhh Studio public artwork will amplify and add value to Light Square / Wauwi as a cultural destination, driving tourism and attendance in the west end of the city, supporting Council's commitment to reignite Adelaide.
12. Light Square / Wawui is the ideal location given its proximity to the cluster of cultural experiences in the west end precinct, including the JamFactory, ACE Open, Samstag Museum of Art, Guildhouse, Feast Festival. Nexus Arts, The Lion Arts Centre, the Museum of Discovery (MOD) and many creative studios.
13. The Ouchhh Studio public artwork will enhance Light Square / Wawui as a vital and open civic space, while further complementing the two existing public artworks *The Eternal Question*, 1982 by Richard Tipping and *The Knot*, 1975 by Bert Flugelman on loan from the Art Gallery of South Australia.

14. The Ouchhh Studio public artwork will be designed in accordance with City of Adelaide Park Lands design and safety guidelines. It will have minimal impact on the existing landscape, with no significant trees removed, the pathways alignments across Light Square retained, views of the skyline highlighted, and grassed space remaining accessible for events and community gatherings.
15. Four existing eucalypt saplings will be removed and replaced by a minimum of four new trees to increase the amenity and long-term canopy of the Square. The placement of the relocated saplings will take into account the layout and boulevard design of the existing tree scape. The addition of the artwork will mirror the Colonel Light memorial and add a gateway to the existing boulevard.
16. The addition of the artwork may also require the removal or relocation of four existing lamp poles at the Southern end of the Square. Given that the artwork is light-based there will be no net change to the quality and amenity of light in the Square.
17. In alignment with the commitments in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025, the Illuminate Adelaide public artwork will enhance the attractiveness and night-time safety of Light Square / Wauwi to a wide cross-section of the resident, worker and visitor populations and, as a result, will increase its use.
18. City of Adelaide will work with Ouchhh Studio to incorporate local data into the artwork that showcases the city's environmental leadership and commitment to sustainability.
19. Initial site investigations show that the proposed location in Light Square / Wauwi is clear of major underground services and that the project is achievable from a logistics and budget perspective.
20. Preliminary consultation has been undertaken with Heritage SA, the City of Adelaide Public Art Round Table and Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority. All are supportive of the proposal for the Ouchhh Studio to be commissioned to create an Illuminate Adelaide public artwork.
21. Heritage SA, Department for Environment and Water, has provided preliminary advice (ahead of formal consideration as part of the development approval process) that *the artwork is harmonious and a nice balance with the existing Colonel Light Memorial located in Light Square / Wauwi. The concept is in keeping with the simple and slender form of the monument, and the presence of the artwork may even focus more attention to the monument than it currently has from the south. A slenderness of the ring would be desirable in the final design of the artwork.*
22. Members of the City of Public Art Round Table, including representatives from Arts South Australia, Art Gallery of South Australia, Guildhouse, Jam Factory, Nexus, Tandanya National Cultural Institute, and esteemed local artists have expressed *the extraordinary opportunity this project provides for Adelaide to secure such a high-quality artwork from a revered international artist studio. It would also provide a valuable opportunity for local artists to connect, learn and collaborate with Ouchhh*. They further noted that *a commission from Ouchhh would existing artworks in the City of Adelaide collection and that light-based, digital sculptural artworks would help create a must visit destination and memorable space.*
23. The 23 June Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority meeting was cancelled. This matter will be presented as the Special Kadaltilla meeting scheduled for 30 June 2022. Advice from that meeting will be provided at the Committee meeting on 5 July 2022.
24. Pending Council approval of the proposed location in Light Square / Wauwi, Illuminate Adelaide will progress the detailed design of the artwork, in line with regular Council processes.
25. The artwork will then be fabricated, installed and launched as part of the Illuminate Adelaide 2023 event.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Concept Design for Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork

- END OF REPORT -

CONCEPT DESIGN

ILLUMINATE ADELAIDE
OUCHHH PUBLIC ARTWORK

JUNE 2022 - V3

ARCHITECTURE+OBJECTS
+INSTALLATIONS

Skein practice on Kaurna Land and we acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains area where we live and work and we respect their spiritual relationship with Country.

Wauwi, named to commemorate the wife of Kadlitpinna. Wauwe means female Kangaroo.

Curatorial Statement

Illuminate Adelaide is a major event of curated activity focused on the intersection of art and technology and Ouchhh Studio are a company at the forefront of development in this area.

Ouchhh Studio are international leaders in the creation of artworks and immersive experiences. The studio utilises artificial intelligence to analyse comprehensive data from various sources to make meaningful artistic expressions.

By asking the question: ‘can humans and machines collaborate to make art?’, Ouchhh Studio are pushing the boundaries of new technology to create art experiences that are completely unique and that represent the future-facing thematic of Illuminate Adelaide.

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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

ILLUMINATE ADELAIDE OUCHHH PUBLIC ARTWORK, WAUWI / LIGHT SQUARE

Ouchhh Studio and Illuminate Adelaide, in partnership with The City of Adelaide, have assembled a design team to assist with the design and delivery of the proposed Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork, to be installed as part of Illuminate Adelaide's 2023 calendar of events.

Adelaide based architecture studio Skein are currently engaged by Illuminate Adelaide to provide the Concept Design for the project that will determine the feasibility, key design considerations, project team structure, project timeline, and an opinion of probable costs for the delivery of the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork.

The initial Concept Design, as part of the project scoping phase, includes the following and is provided to the City of Adelaide for internal review and comment:

— A site plan integrating a site survey, service runs and services locations (data provided by City of Adelaide and other third parties consultants) to test the viability of the project in the nominated location.

— A Concept Design for the sculptural form and art work that will house the artist's digital screens, sufficient for design review by Illuminate Adelaide, the City of Adelaide, and Ouchhh Studio. The design will explore appropriate positioning on site, art work size and scale, best-practice construction systems and material selections, the connection of the art work to the ground and required base/plinth structure, and public safety.

— A Concept Design documentation set sufficient to obtain fee proposals from relevant secondary consultants including geotechnical, civil, structural, and services engineers.

— A Concept Design package for use by Illuminate Adelaide and the City of Adelaide to obtain the required application approvals for the project.

— Two high-level cost estimates by a quantity surveyor, based on the Concept Design and subsequent Construction Documentation, as well as technical data supplied by Ouchhh Studio and secondary consultants fee packages and included information. Consultant fee packages to be included are: surveyors, civil, structural and services engineer/s, certifier, landscape architect (if applicable), cost consultants, safety in design, and all other necessary secondary consultants for project delivery. The two cost estimates are to be supplied at the conclusion of both the Feasibility Study and Concept Design phase and the Documentation phase. At this stage, a high-level cost estimate has been initiated for the Concept Design phase but not completed.

— Indicative project timelines including design, documentation, tender, construction / installation, and project launch and hand-over.

— A survey of appropriate and available building contractors and fabricators suitable to undertake construction of the art work is currently in progress.

The site nominated for the installation of Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork is the southern portion of Wauwi / Light Square in Adelaide's CBD. The Illuminate team has presented an initial proposal to the City of Adelaide to support reports to Council for the scoping and Concept Design for the proposed work.

The Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork is to be based on the current Ouchhh Studio Eye of Mexico Data w project and is to be a maximum of 8.7m high and 1.5m wide with the projection surface band running the full width internally. The size and scale of the artwork will be refined and finessed based on the Concept Design investigations and project team discussions, and in line with Council's requirements.

Skein are to work closely with the Illuminate Adelaide, City of Adelaide, and Ouchhh Studio teams, as well as the internationally recognised Arup Engineers civil, structural and services engineering team, to resolve overall formal resolution and design detailing.

The City of Adelaide, as the key project partner, will take on ownership of the permanent public art work once completed and integrate the project into the Adelaide Park Lands Sculptural Trail.

Durability and longevity will be key to determining material selections and detailing for the project and the Concept Design will clearly define parameters for ongoing maintenance, informed by the City of Adelaide's scheduling and associated budget.

Public safety will be a design priority, given the location of the artwork in a busy pedestrian and cycling park, as well as the proximity to vehicle traffic, and the design team will undertake a best practice approach to designing for public space with special consideration to the Adelaide Park Lands design guidelines.

SITE RATIONALE

ILLUMINATE ADELAIDE OUCHHH PUBLIC ARTWORK, WAUWI / LIGHT SQUARE

The Concept Design focuses on key site attributes that define Wauai/Light Square's identity which fall into the categories of past and future heritage, audience engagement, and natural beauty, outlined below.

The Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork aims to evolve and expand upon the presence of Colonel William Light's Monument by developing an art work that is both complimentary in scale and one that offers symmetry and balance to the axis and internal layout of Wauwi/Light Square.

The Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork design utilises a halo form to frame Colonel William Light's Monument from the south Boulevard approach, drawing the eye towards a familiar and significant piece of Adelaide history.

Setting the digital component of the art work into the internal surface of the halo assists in achieving a slender edge band, that will not detract, but enhance the site vista from south to north and connect the contemporary nature of the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork to the SA Health and Bio-Medical Precinct built landscape beyond.

It is envisaged that the external surface of the halo will be clad in a mirrored material that will reflect the natural and built landscape to the east and west of the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork.

The simplicity of the form chosen for the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork offers a generous surface for the digital projection work whilst minimising the comparative impact of the large scale art work.

Wauwi/Light Square is a heavily trafficked pedestrian and vehicle route which will showcase the art work and selected City of Adelaide data set/s to a wide and varied audience, both day and night. The southern Morphett Street approach is also an approach for visitors to Adelaide's CBD heading to the likes of the Adelaide Oval and the Riverbank Precinct by car or on foot. The scale and animated nature of the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork aims to captivate the attention of an audience approaching at various speeds, in multiple directions, and from all distances.

The Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork is proposed to be situated at the southern end of square. As such, the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork will retain a respectful distance from Colonel Light's Monument, as well as established trees, while enlivening a pocket of the Square which is in need of beautifying and upgrade.

Ouchhh Studio and Illuminate Adelaide are seeking approval by the City of Adelaide for the proposed artwork to be located in Wauwi/Light Square, Adelaide. The design team will develop the art work and its' sculptural nature to respond to the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Objectives outlined below:

<u>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy</u>

Amazing Art: Deliver a program of public art across the Park Lands, including art trails and interactive artworks that encourage discovery, inspiration and play.

Skein to review in collaboration with City of Adelaide.

Respond to the following APLMS themes:

- Vibrancy – parks that are vibrant with activities and events.
- Connectivity – parks and places that are connected by paths and trails.
- Sustainability – parks where the natural environment is protected.
- Activation – parks with the facilities people need to stay longer and feel comfortable.
- Lighting – parks that are well lit for safe early morning and night time use.
- Public art – art for discovery, inspiration and play.
- Gardens and landscapes – a variety of gardens and landscapes.
- Valued Park Lands – respect and celebrate the value and heritage of the Park Lands.

Meet the following APLMS Objectives:

- Responsive.
- Iconic.
- Inclusive.
- Enriching.
- Resilient.

Achieve the following APLMS Objectives:

- Dynamic, active and tranquil places.
- Connected places and spaces.
- Welcoming and attractive places.
- Sustainable and enduring places.

PLANNING ZONES + OVERLAYS
SA PROPERTY + PLANNING ATLAS

The below information is taken directly from the South Australian Property and Planning Atlas and summarises relevant planning and zoning information the design team will respond to.

ZONES
Capital City - CC

OVERLAYS
— Airport Building Heights (Regulated) - All structures over 70 metres AHD

— *The Airport Building Heights (Regulated) Overlay seeks to ensure building height does not pose a hazard to the operation and safety requirements of commercial and military airfields.*

Airport Building Heights (Regulated) - All structures over 80 metres AHD
The Airport Building Heights (Regulated) Overlay seeks to ensure building height does not pose a hazard to the operation and safety requirements of commercial and military airfields.

Building Near Airfields
The Building Near Airfields Overlay seeks to ensure development does not pose a hazard to the operational and safety requirements of commercial and military airfields.

Design
The Design Overlay seeks to ensure significant development positively contributes to the liveability, durability and sustainability of the built environment through high-quality design.

Hazards (Flooding - Evidence Required)
The Hazards (Flooding - Evidence Required) Overlay adopts a precautionary approach to mitigate potential impacts of potential flood risk through appropriate siting and design of development.

Noise and Air Emissions
The Noise and Air Emissions Overlay seeks to protect new noise and air quality sensitive development from adverse impacts of noise and air emissions.

Prescribed Wells Area
The Prescribed Wells Area Overlay seeks to ensure sustainable water use in prescribed wells areas.

Regulated and Significant Tree
The Regulated and Significant Tree Overlay seeks to mitigate the loss of regulated trees through appropriate development and redevelopment.

VARIATIONS
Maximum Building Height (Metres)
Maximum building height is 53m
Concept Plan 79 - Primary Pedestrian Area
Minimum Building Height (Metres)
Minimum building height is 27m

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS EXTERNAL TO SAPPA - *expanded on later in the document.*
Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy
Community Lands Management Plan
Park Lands Design Guidelines

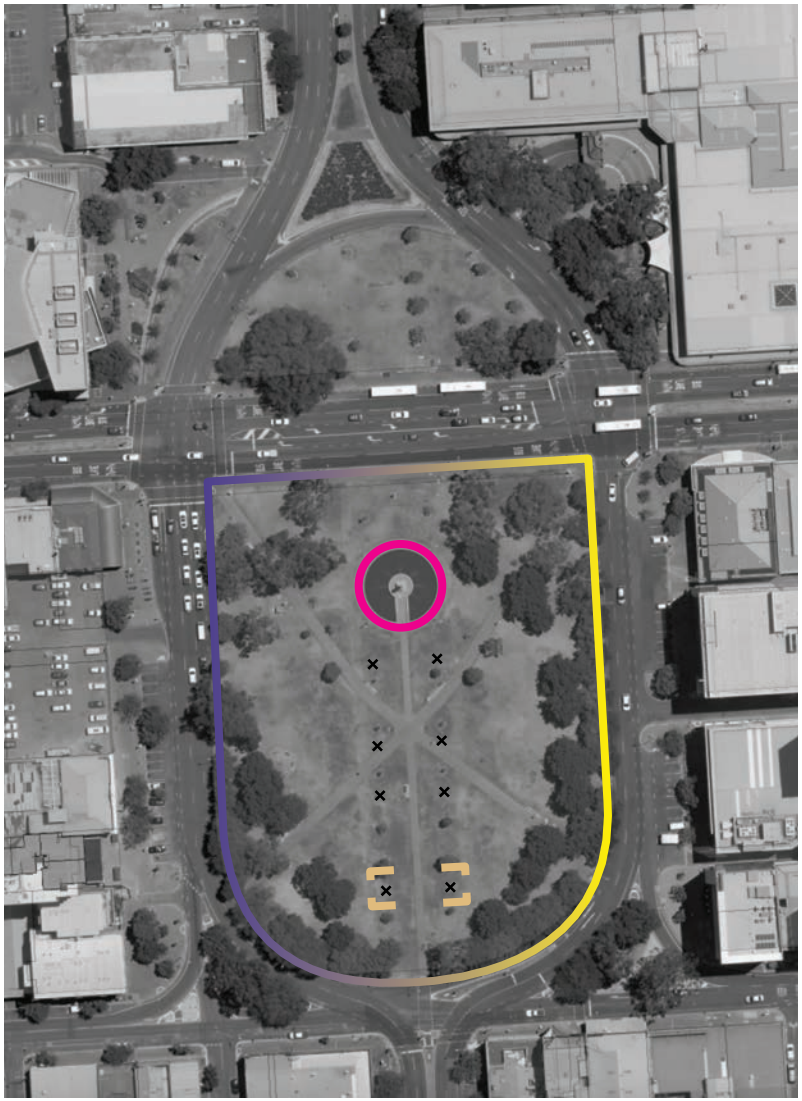
ADELAIDE CONTEXT
PROJECT LOCATION

PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION
WAUWI / LIGHT SQUARE



SITE ANALYSIS

EXISTING FEATURES + PROPOSED ART WORK LOCATION





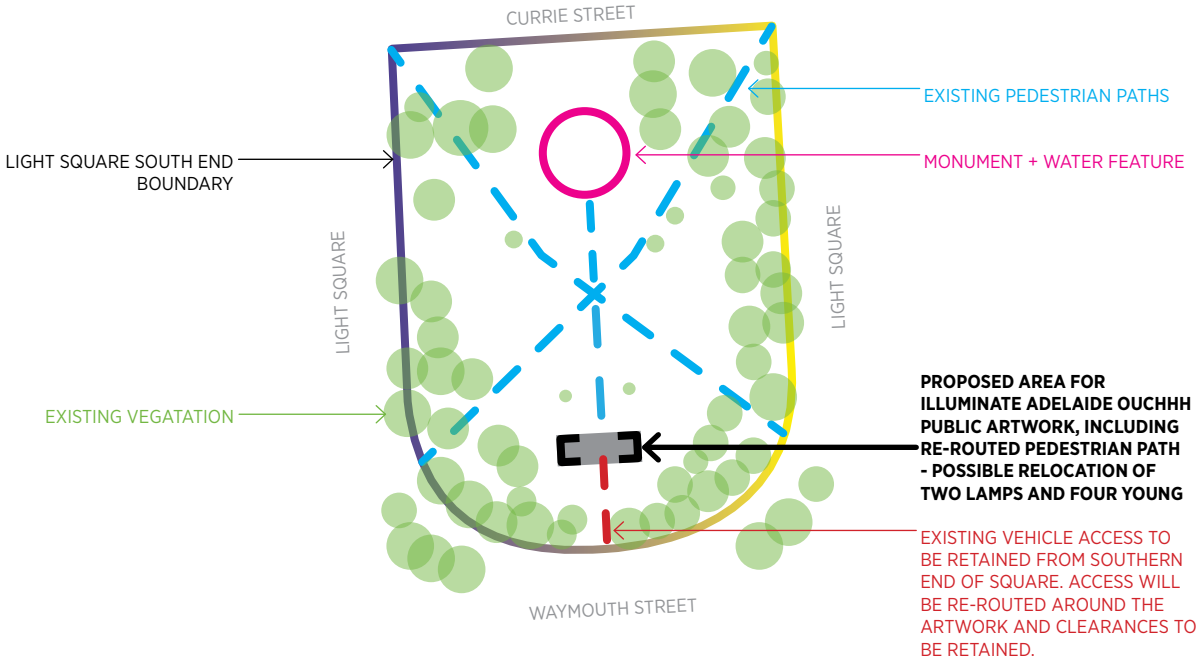
EXISTING BENCH SEATS



EXISTING LIGHT POLES



EXISTING PAVING



LOCATION PLAN

ARTWORK LOCATION + RELEVANT SITE FEATURES ON EXISTING SITE PLAN

ADVICE ON SUBSTITUTE TREE PLANTINGS
IF FOUR SOUTHERN CORYMBIA SP. ARE REMOVED, THEY SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH QTY. 2 TO 6 X 400L TREES IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS ON AN AXIS ALIGNMENT AS IDENTIFIED ADJACENT. KEEPING WITHIN THE SQUARE'S FORMAL PLANTING DESIGN AND PRESERVING OPEN SPACE FOR FUTURE EVENTS.
DEPENDING ON EXACT LOCATION THE SPECIES SHOULD BE:
CORYMBIA SP (TO MATCH EXISTING)
FRAXINUS SP (TO MATCH EXISTING – OXYCARPA)
JACARANDA SP (TO MATCH EXISTING – MIMOSIFOLIA)



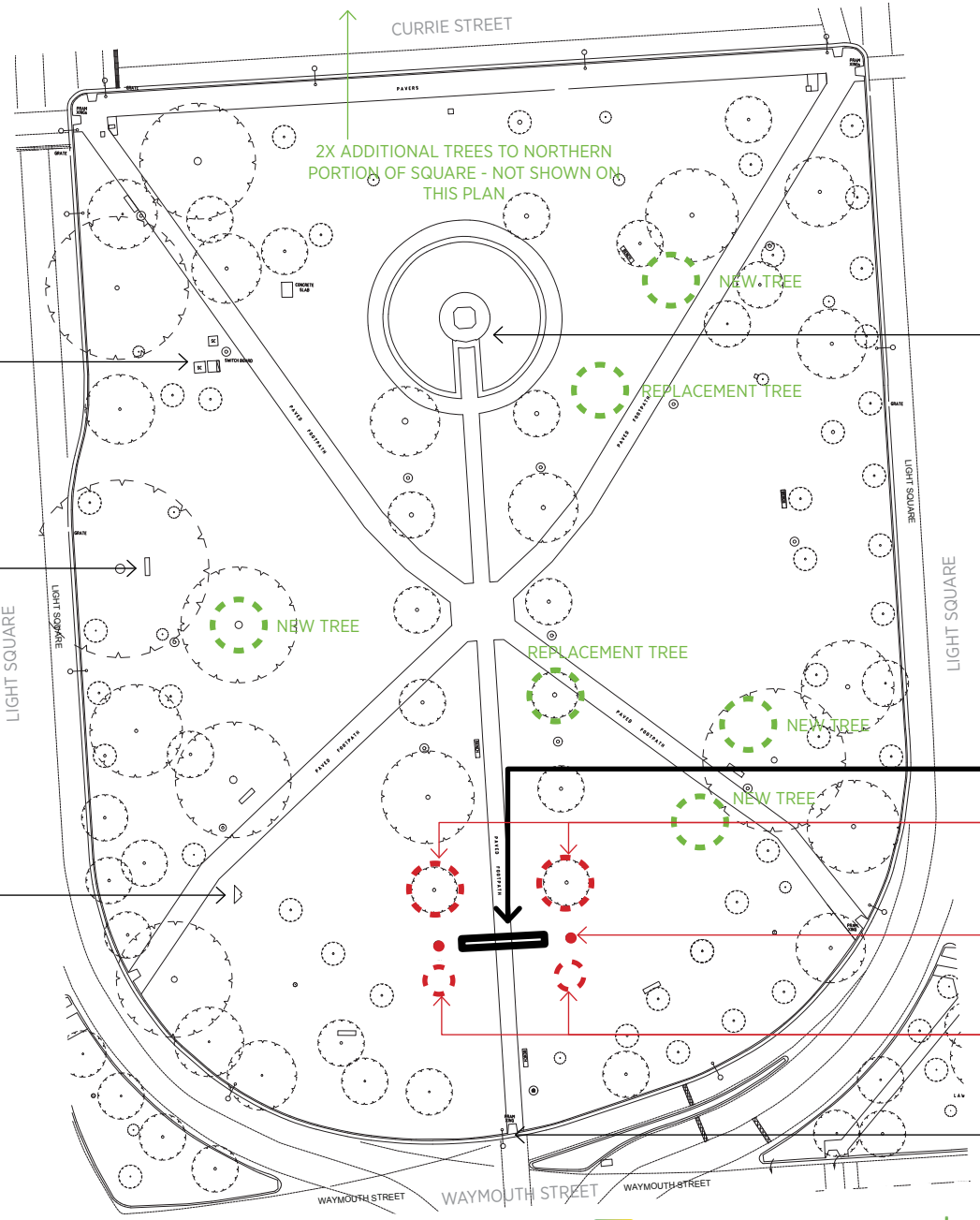
SITE TRANSFORMER



'THE ETERNAL QUESTION', BY RICHARD TIPPING



CATHERINE HELEN SPENCE BY LEVA POCIUS



RECOMMENDED LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL OR REPALCEMENT PLANTING

RECOMMENDED RELOCATION OF LIGHT POLE

RECOMMENDED RELOCATION OF LIGHT POLE



COLONEL WILLIAM LIGHT GRAVE AND MONUMENT

PROPOSED SIZE AND LOCATION OF ART WORK, DESIGNED TO AS 1428.1-2009 DESIGN FOR ACCESS AND MOBILITY - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PATHWAYS SURROUNDING THE ARTWORK - NEW BUILDING WORK.

RECOMMENDED RELOCATION OF TWO YOUNG EUCALYPTUS TREES TO NORTH OF PROPOSED ART WORK.

RECOMMENDED RELOCATION OF TWO LAMPS WITH A FOCUS ON ENHANCING PUBLIC LIGHTING AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND MOBILITY.

RECOMMENDED RELOCATION OF TWO YOUNG EUCALYPTUS SAPLINGS TO SOUTH OF PROPOSED ART WORK.

VEHICLE / PEDESTRIAN PATHS AUGMENTED TO DIRECT PEDESTRIANS AROUND ART WORK WHILE ALLOWING EVENT AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLE ACCESS.

ARTIST INTRODUCTION
ARTIST BIO + RELEVANT WORK

Ouchhh is a global creative new media studio with a cutting-edge innovator in the creative field who has been showing outstanding results in the art science technology scene for 10 years.

The Studio is a pioneer of data paintings and sculptures, a mind-driven approach, discovering new technological models to reflect the variety of context and experience that "the roots of art, science, and technology are mysterious", that shape their futuristic perspective. The team currently consists of engineers, academics, creative coders, designers, media artists, motion graphic designers, and other talented individuals from a variety of fields with one synced vision that knowledge creates an epic public experience.

Ouchhh has a main office in Istanbul, and partnerships in LA, Vienna, Barcelona, Paris, London, and Berlin. They consider themselves to be a multidisciplinary creative hub focused on interactive new media platforms, data paintings, artificial intelligence, data-driven sculptures, kinetic public arts, immersive experiences, offering direction, art direction, and producing A/V architectural facade performances.

Ouchhh created approximately 52 public art projects for every continent such as Tokyo, New York, LA, Mexico, Seattle, Chicago, Miami, Abu Dhabi, Milano, Paris, Melbourne, Shanghai, Beijing, Washington DC, Montreal, São Paulo, Seoul, Roma, Moscow, Prague, Brussels, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Scotland, Singapore, Las Vegas, London, Barcelona, Berlin. Institutes such as Ars Electronica, Cern, Nasa, Google, Signal, iMapp, Mutek, Melbourne Light Festival, Singapore Art and Science Museum, Frost Miami Science Museum, SAT Société des arts technologiques Montreal, Canada National Space Center UK, American Indian Arts, Atelier Des Lumiere, LLUM Light Festival Barcelona and many more.

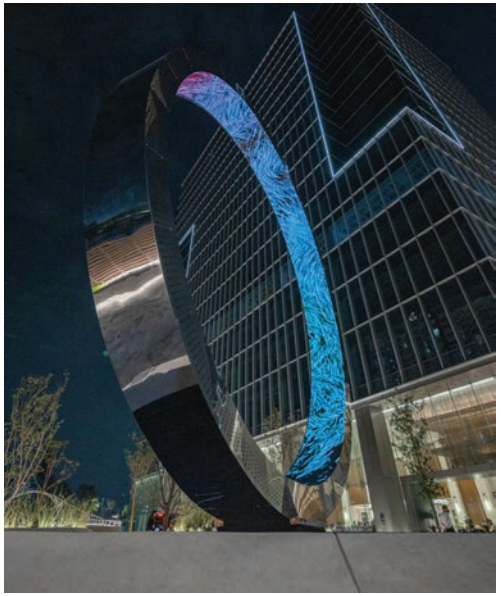
Studio works have received multiple accolades and awards in the international arena such as Reddot design Best of the Best Awards, German Design Award, Iconic Best of the Best Award, MUSE Awards (USA) 10th Annual IDA Awards (The International Design Awards) LA, Asia Design Award (Seoul) and ADC Awards (The Art Directors Club) NY, CODAwards, AVIXA Awards (Las Vegas).

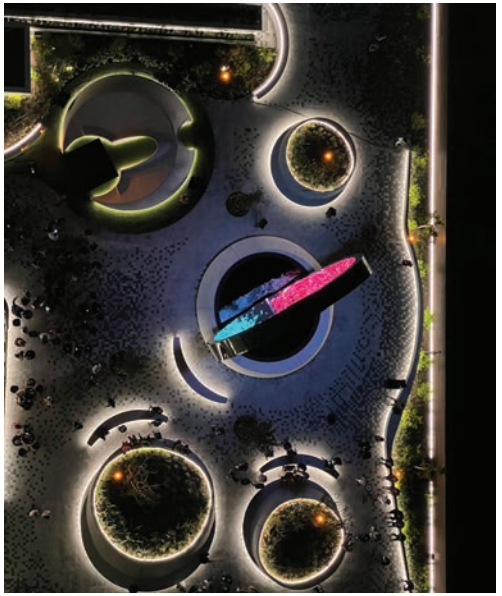
https://ouchhh.tv/INFO

Relevant work
The recently realised artwork entitled Eye of Mexico (see following page) is a comparable artwork of scale to the proposed Ouchhh Sculpture.

The Eye of Mexico is a dynamic work that transports us to the future of mobility in Mexico. It also highlights the importance of Neuchâtel Cuadrante Polanco's real estate development project as a turning point in the urban evolution of the Nuevo Polanco area, as well as a statement of art and technology, both for residents and visitors. The art piece will surely become a sought-after community destination that will be displayed regularly to create a meeting point and enhance the allure of the plaza.

MASSIVart and MIRA commissioned the acclaimed visual artist and Creative Director of the award-winning Ouchhh art collective, Ferdi Alici, to create this piece. "The Eye of Mexico" will contain demographic, urban and mobility data for Mexico, thus showcasing the neighbourhood's dynamism and acting as a kind of portal towards the future of cities and of Mexico City itself. Collaboration with MASIVart + MIRA.





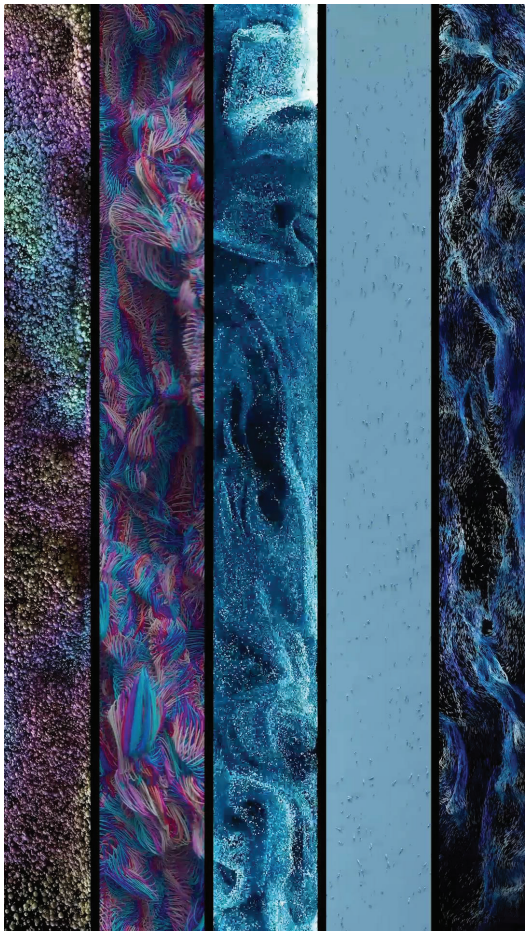
Concept imagery from the Eye Of Mexico project

ARTIST'S CONCEPT FOR THE OUCHHH PUBLIC ARTWORK

PROJECTION IMAGERY + SIMILAR, PROPOSED FORM

Projection imagery concept
Ouchhh's concept is for City of Adelaide data to be utilised for the digital screen imbedded into internal surface of the art work. Current discussions are that the focus of the data set utilised will be sustainability-driven and derived from City of Adelaide initiatives and infrastructure.

'Ouchhh's main goal is not just to create an iconic landmark but also to create a data-driven public art to inspire and create a sense of marvel to everyone who experiences it through awe-inspiring arts.', Ouchhh Studio.



Concept imagery for internal digital projection surface





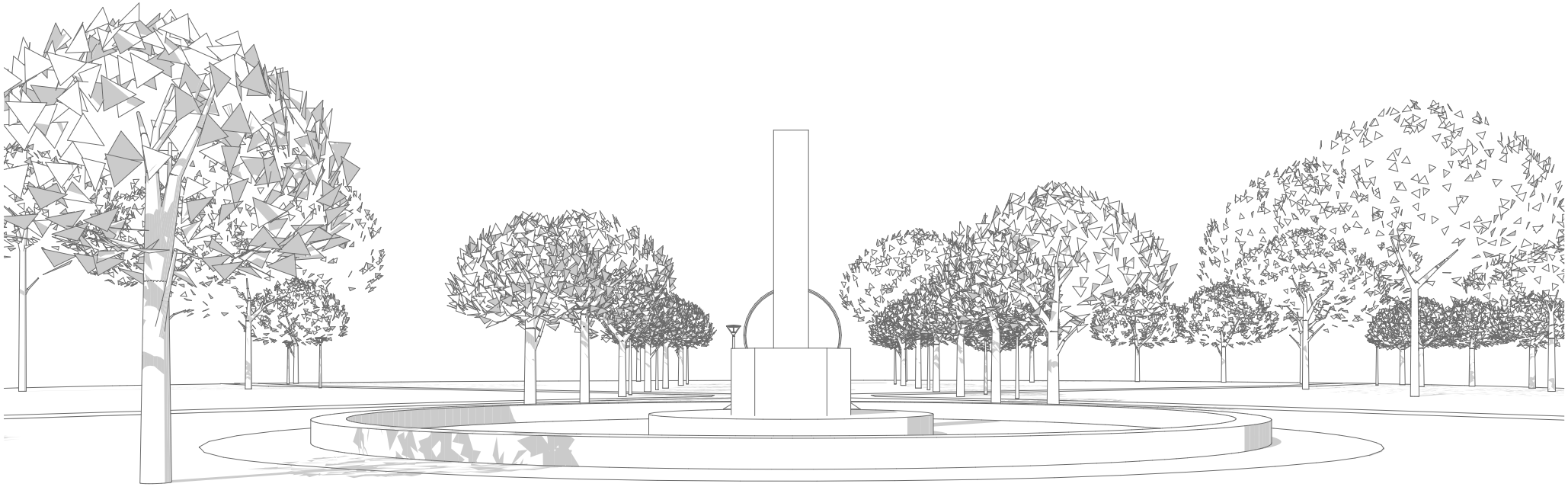
Progress images of the Eye of Mexico installation.

CONCEPTUAL VIEW
WAYMOUTH STREET, SOUTH APPROACH



CONCEPTUAL VIEW

CURRIE STREET, NORTH APPROACH



MATERIALS + FINISHES
SELECTIONS

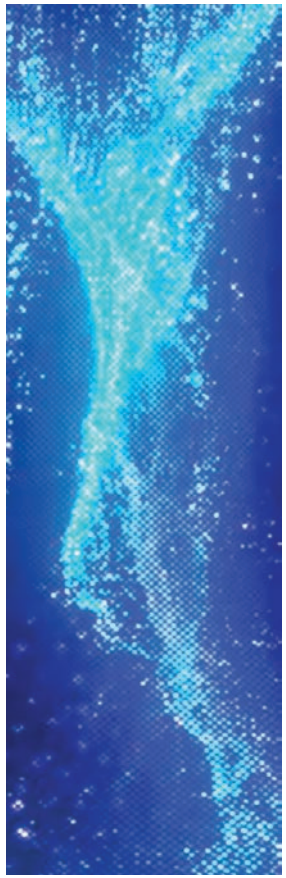


Landscaping
Indicative finish to plinth - light concrete finish.





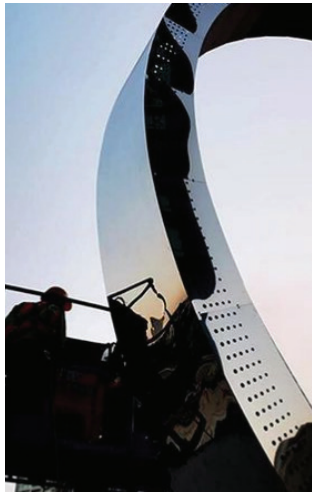
Landscaping
Sensitive to existing site conditions - reinstate new red brick herringbone pathways and grass. Designed to AS1428 Design for Access and Mobility.

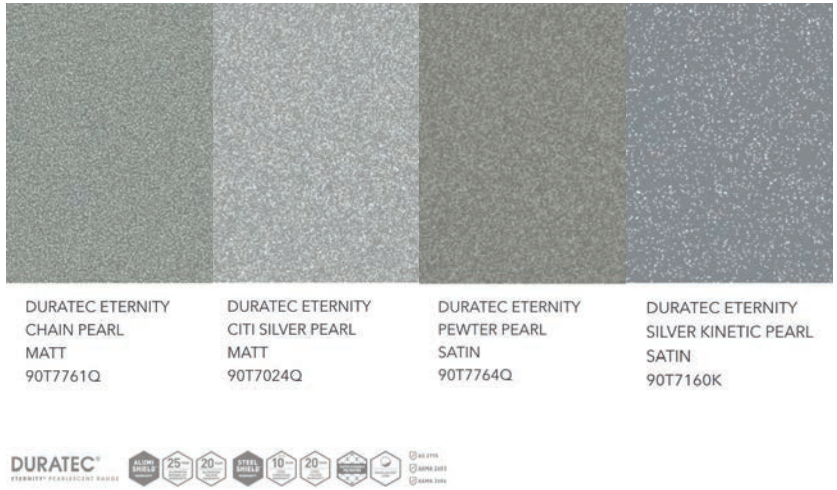


Projection imagery
Digital surface to be durable, tamper-proof and I.P rated.
Designed and detailed to Australian Standards.



Cladding of structure
Indicative finishes options - reflective quality with level of reflectiveness to be developed during early design phase. Designed and detailed to Australian Standards.

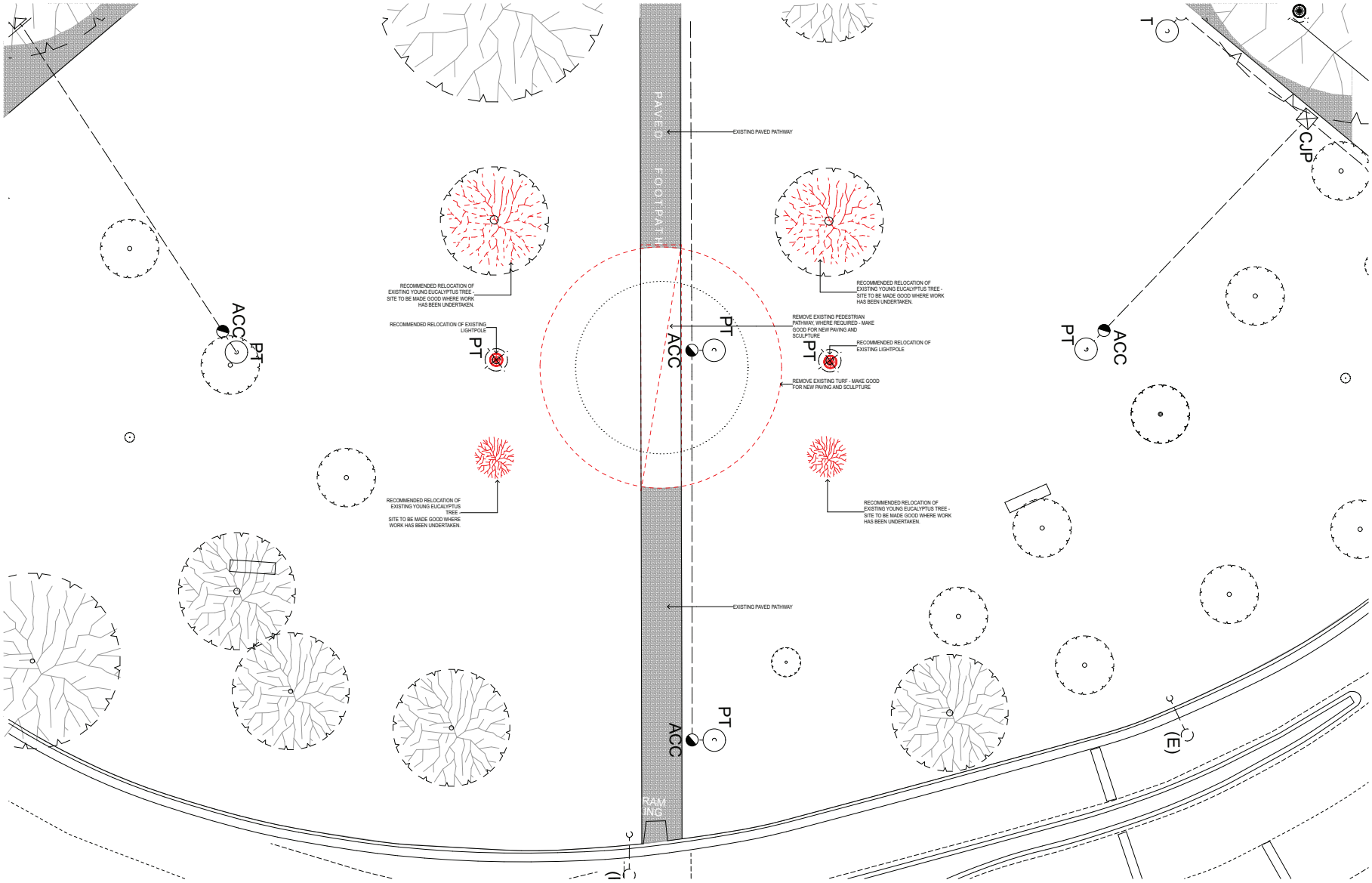




Powdercoat finish to exposed steel structure
Indicative finish - reflective quality to compliment clading of structure.

SITEWORKS PLAN

ART WORK + IMMEDIATE LANDSCAPE



SITE WORKS NOTES

1. REMOVE ALL EXISTING CONSTRUCTIONS AND FINISHES NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK AS DEPICTED ON THE DRAWINGS. INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ITEMS SHOWN ON THE PLANS WITH DASHED LINES.

2. CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING Dial Before You Dig SANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS.

3. CONTRACTOR TO ADHERE TO *SAPN WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF SAPN INFRASTRUCTURE: Network Access Permit Process - 2015*

4. CONTRACTOR TO ADHERE TO SAFEWORK SA, *EXCAVATION: CODE OF PRACTICE*

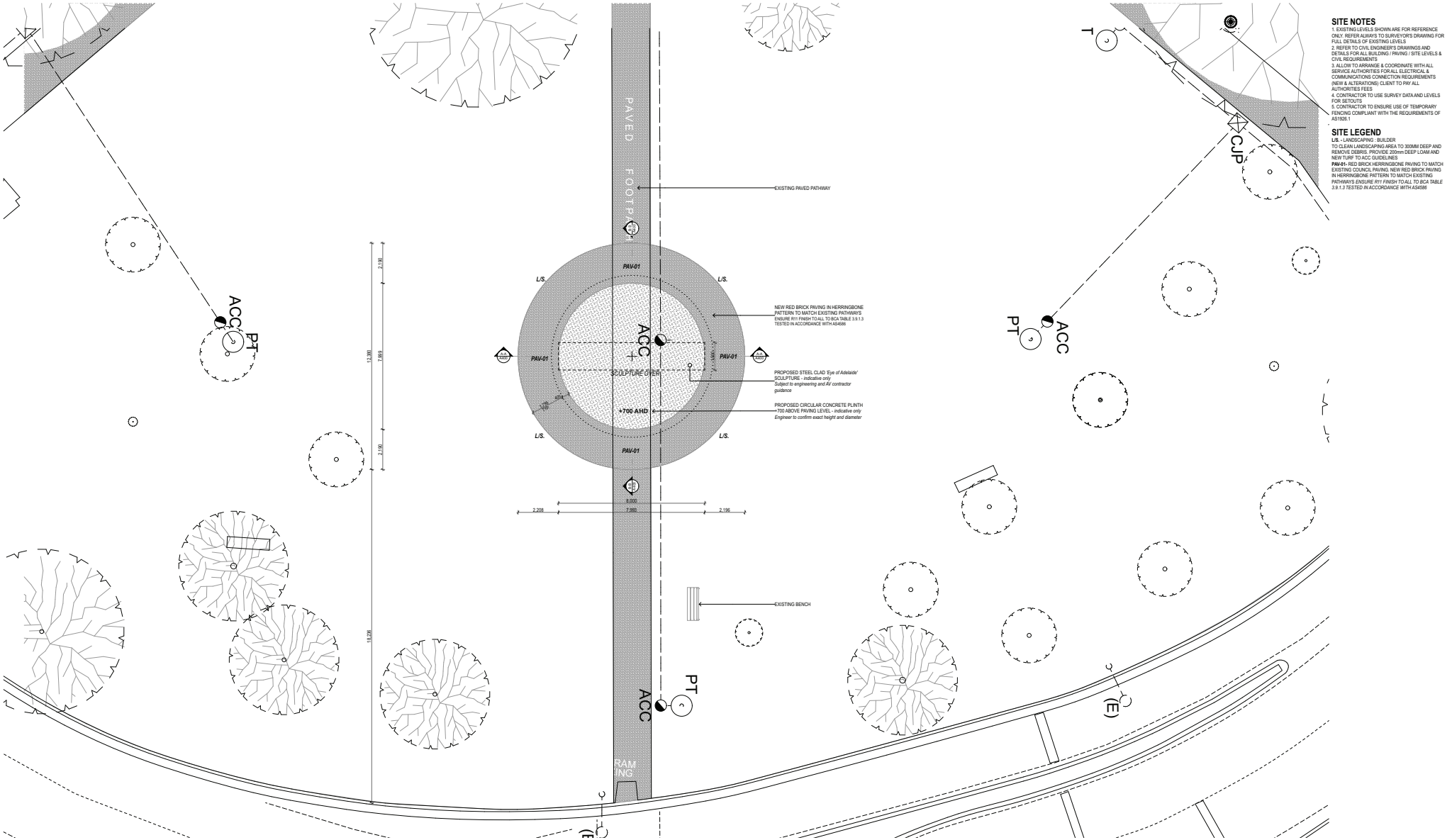
5. CONTRACTOR TO SURVEY FOR SUBSURFACE SERVICES, NOT LIMITED TO: SEWER, ELECTRICAL, GAS PIPEWORK, NBN SHALL BE INCLUDED.

6. MAKE GOOD READY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DRAWINGS.

7. CONTRACTOR IS DESIGNATED TO MAKE REMOVALS, DISPOSITION OF MATERIALS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR. VERIFY WITH ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL, THE DISPOSITION AND REMOVAL OF ANY COMPONENTS OF SALVAGEABLE VALUE.

SITE PLAN

ART WORK + IMMEDIATE LANDSCAPE



SITE NOTES

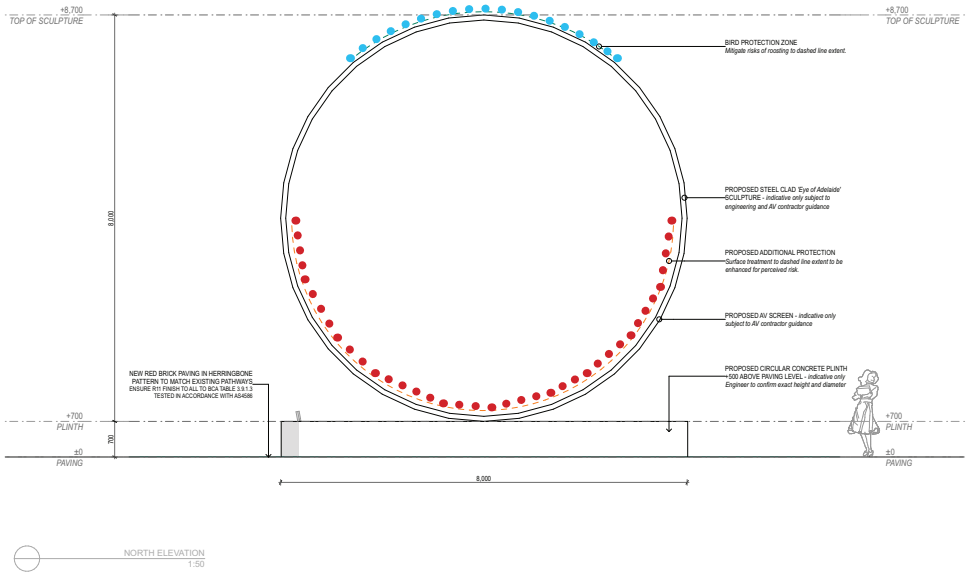
1. EXISTING LEVELS SHOWN ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY. REFER ALWAYS TO SURVEYOR'S DRAWING FOR FULL DETAILS OF EXISTING LEVELS
2. REFER TO CIVIL ENGINEER'S DRAWINGS AND DETAILS FOR ALL BUILDING / PAVING / SITE LEVELS & CIVIL REQUIREMENTS
3. ALLOW TO ARRANGE & COORDINATE WITH ALL SERVICE AUTHORITIES FOR ALL ELECTRICAL & COMMUNICATIONS CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS (NEW & ALTERATIONS) CLIENT TO PAY ALL AUTHORITIES FEES
4. CONTRACTOR TO USE SURVEY DATA AND LEVELS FOR SETOUTS
5. CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE USE OF TEMPORARY FENCING COMPLIANT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF AS1926.1

SITE LEGEND

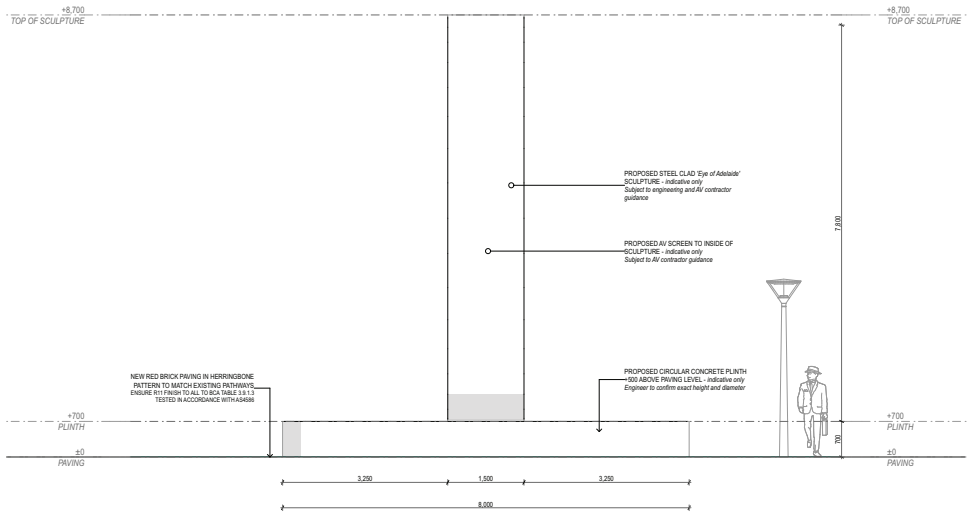
L/S. - LANDSCAPING - BUILDER TO CLEAN LANDSCAPING AREA TO 300MM DEEP AND REMOVE DEBRIS. PROVIDE 200mm DEEP LOAM AND NEW TURF TO ACC GUIDELINES

PAV-01- RED BRICK HERRINGBONE PAVING TO MATCH EXISTING COUNCIL PAVING. NEW RED BRICK PAVING IN HERRINGBONE PATTERN TO MATCH EXISTING PATHWAYS *ENSURE R11 FINISH TO ALL TO BCA TABLE 3.9.1.3 TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS4586*

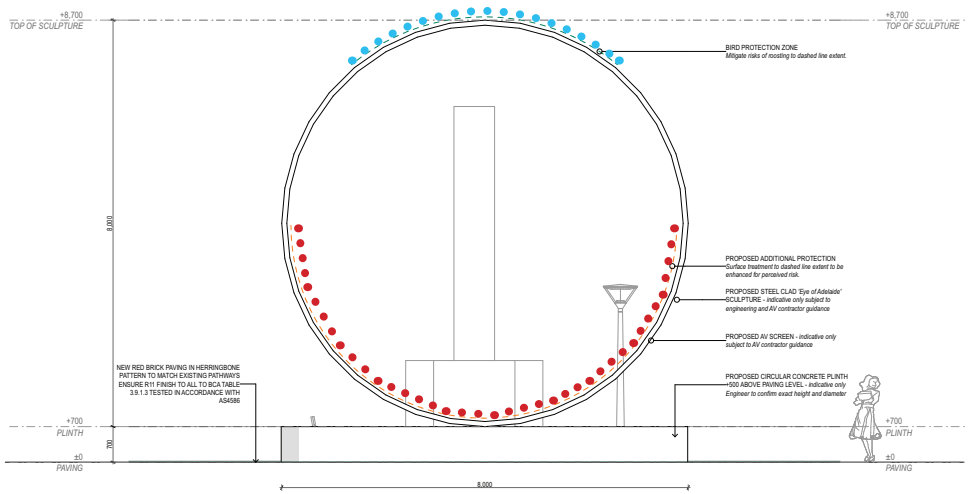
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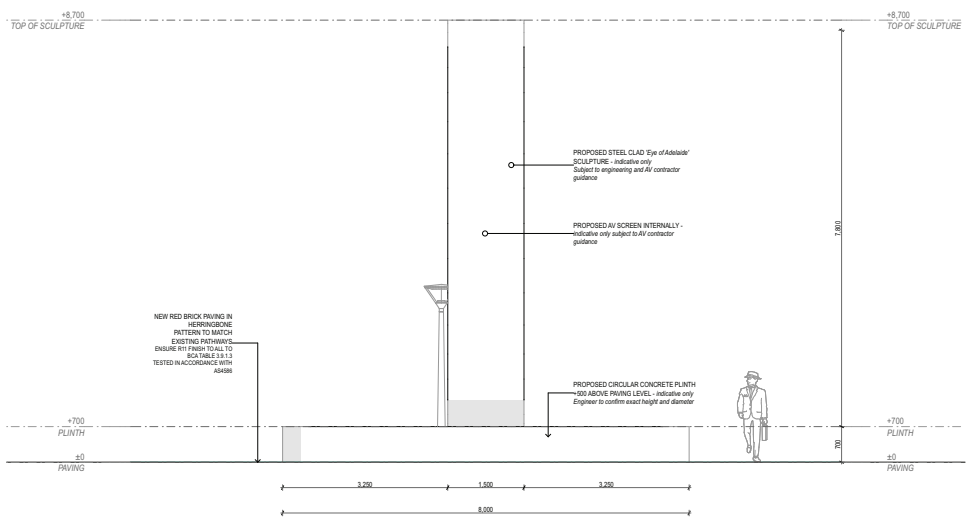
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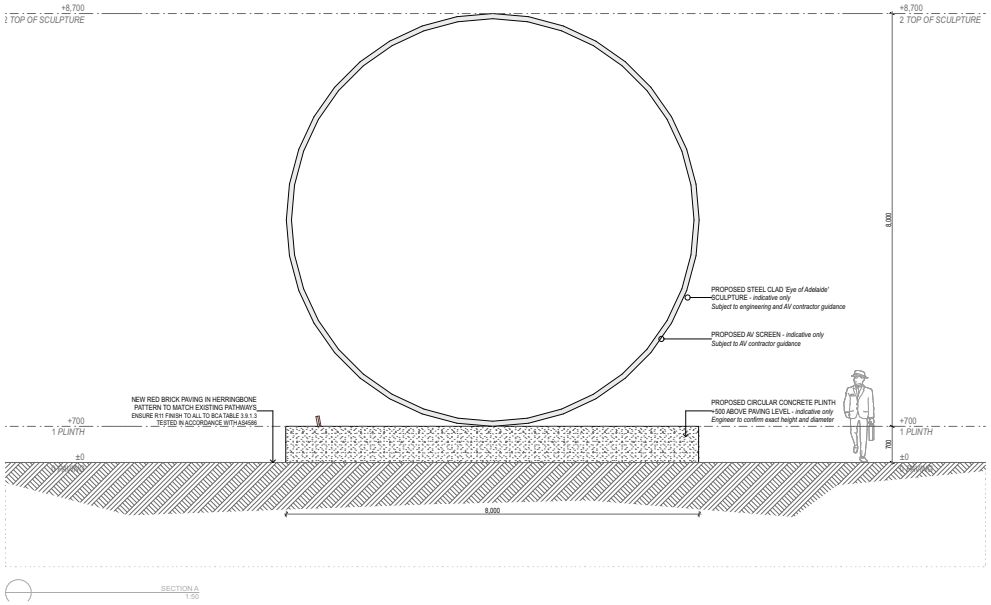


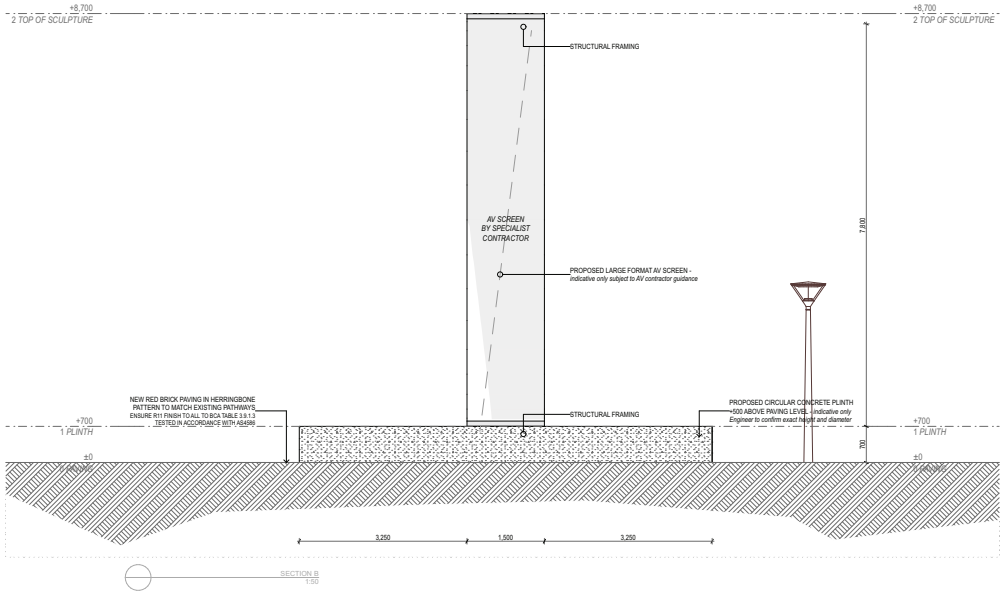
SOUTH ELEVATION
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WEST ELEVATION
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SECTIONS
NOT TO SCALE





RISK ASSESSMENT
CONSIDERATIONS + CONSTRAINTS

In assessing risk, the design team will engage with expert consultants, including international engineering firm Arup, and with the City of Adelaide to mitigate risks associated with perceived, possible public interaction with the proposed art work. Public interaction that the design team will address in design development will include sitting, standing, walking, running, skateboarding, e-scooters, bicycles, and objects thrown at surface, at a minimum.

The following outlines the approach to specific considerations in more detail:

General maintenance
The project team will design first and foremost with durability in mind considering the location of the art work and surrounding site conditions.

Materials will be selected that are fit for purpose, have low maintenance requirements, and resistance to tampering and vandalism/graffiti.

The City of Adelaide have informed the design team that art works over 3.5m high require specialised elevated access for routine maintenance. As such, an allowance is to be made for a clear trafficable area around the art work for use by specialised vehicles. The team is to be advised by the City of Adelaide on specific vehicle requirements in regards to weight and height that will inform clearances and site/paving compaction.

Ouchhh's detailing of the digital screen element will inform the City of Adelaide's maintenance schedules with prospective annual ongoing costs and refurbishment, including condition assessment timings.

The City of Adelaide's internal project team will provide advice relative to general cleaning of the art work structure, plinth, and immediate landscape. The design team will offer advice regarding the technology, hardware and software upkeep, based on specialist consultant feedback and the artist's software requirements.

Site services
— Pathway lightpoles line the path currently identified for the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork location and two current lightpoles will require removal and relocation pending the approval of the final position of the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork.

Existing vegetation
— Current vegetation across the site consists of established trees along dedicated pathway axis and around the Wauwi/Light Square boundary with estimated 6m to 15m canopy heights.

— Eucalyptus saplings line the path currently identified for the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork location and four of the saplings will require relocation or subtitution, pending the approval of the final position of the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork and on advice of the City of Adelaide team.

— As well as subsituting the trees directly affected by the installation of the artwork, additional plantings are proposed for strategic locations around the square, as outlined on the Location Plan within this document.

Vehicle safety and light levels
— The design team will be mindful of Roadside Guidelines and Lighting Standards relevant to adjacent site traffic and light level analysis. Consultation with specialist consultants and/or a traffic engineer will be undertaken to ascertain appropriate lux levels.

Public events
— The project team will consider maintenance and event vehicle access as well as loading/unloading points when locating the art work. Advice from the City of Adelaide in terms of type of vehicles that will require site access as well as location of event infrastructure will be crucial in determining the exact location of the art work.

— General public safety in regards to public events and the proximity to the Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork will be interrogated to inform best practice decisions and detailing for the final design.

Safety in Design
— Public safety will be a key consideration during the development of the project parameters and passive surveillance requirements for public safety, to meet the Adelaide Park Land's guidelines. The design team's approach to passive surveillance will be to provide good visual connection from the art work to the street and to not create any enclosed or hard to see pockets of space within the overall art work form.

— Lighting is a key feature of the art work itself and the integration of existing pathway lighting will be undertaken in coordination with the City of Adelaide as well as specialist consultants to achieve a result that enhances the experiential nature of the art work as well as public safety.

— Climbability will be addressed by exploring the most suitable connection between the art work and the natural ground. The project team will take an approach of deterrence and detail the art work structure to be durable and fit for this specific public location.

— Design to building and public open space standards that will offer Council the level of comfort required for managing risk associated with the art work and possible damage.

— Work with civil, structural, and services engineers to determine best practice building systems and material selections that reflect the public Park Lands environment and considerations in regards to events and nightlife.

RISK ASSESSMENT
CONSIDERATIONS + CONSTRAINTS - CONTINUED

General selections
The inclusion of a traffic-able component of the design will be investigated to mitigate public possible interaction. The early options for traffic-able surfaces that will be investigated are:

1. Structural glass floor and the rationalisations associated with a permanent protective layer.

2. Sacrificial clear skin applied to surface of digital screen component that, once scratched or damaged, can be replaced immediately or during City of Adelaide's scheduled maintenance.

3. Landscaped design to deter human interaction/movement via rock or stone edging to plinth surrounds.

4. All or some of the above combined.

— The design team has concluded early on that a traffic-able design solution is preferable and will investigate and develop that approach as a starting point.

— Arup engineers have flagged that traffic-able glass as a protective surface to the digital screen will be more costly and possibly outside of the current budget, however, this option will nonetheless be investigated and tested in early cost estimates, as a preference.

— The design team has discussed the possible option of a 'sacrificial layer' applied to the digital screen surface that would require replacing once considerable damage has taken place that affects the quality and legibility of the digital art work component.

Detailing
— The design will aim to mitigate the ingress dust between skin and LED by sealing the connection point between the digital screen component and the external cladding element.

— Cladding and edge detail options will be explored to resolve mitigation for the deterrence of bird roosting, pigeon/duck seating.

— The plinth between the natural ground and the art work will be designed for deterrence and will act as a cautionary device to mitigate public interaction with the art work at the ground plane/landscape level.

— The detailed design will consider and manage maintenance of permeable ground. For instance, the design team is considering the introduction of a continuous rock/stone edging to the red brick paving abutting the plinth to help with both the amount of permeable ground and detterance.

Structure and cladding
— It is envisaged that the art work will be design in component segments that will be sized to relate to transport, fabrication, and structural efficiencies.

— All structural steel members are to be hot-dip galvanised to provide robust and lasting anti-corrosive qualities and will be considerate of transport and locally available galvanising bath sizes.

— Panel cladding will be detailed to cover and completely enclose/seal the structural system. The selected cladding will be of a quality that perform at top order in a public setting and requires minimal maintenance.

— Appropriately fire-rated cladding materials will be selected.

— The digital screen component of the art work, and all other required mechanical services will be IP65 rated.

— Appropriately fire-rated digital screen technology will be selected.

Initial engineering and site investigations
— The City of Adelaide have supplied an initial Dial-before-you-dig assessment which has been used to determine the proposed location for the art work. Upon progressing the Concept Design, the design team will obtain a non-invasive geotechnical investigation to determine below-ground site conditions to mitigate risk associated with stability of the soil and site contamination.

— Arup to conduct preliminary wind analysis to determine base member sizing.

— Skein to coordinate a geotechnical investigation on site informed by Arup's geotechnical briefing document.

Completion and compliance
— The City of Adelaide are aware that they are taking ownership of an art work that can potentially be damaged by public nuisance and the design team has had early discussions with the City of Adelaide project team to determine insurable risks which will inform design detailing and material selections moving forward.

— The City of Adelaide has stipulated the requirement for a 12 month Defects Liability Period clause in the construction contract.

— All engaged contractors will be licensed and insured and all materials used will be compliant with the City of Adelaide handover requirements and defects liability period.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
RELEVANT STANDARDS + GUIDELINES

The Ouchhh Public Artwork will adhere to the following standards, National Codes guidelines, and action plans.

Australian Standards - *to reference at a minimum*

— AS 1428.1-2009 Design for access and mobility-General requirements for access - New building work

— AS/NZS 1428.4.1-2009 Design for access and mobility - Means to assist the orientation of people with vision impairment - Tactile ground surface indicators

— AS 1562.1-2018 Design and installation of metal roof and wall cladding , Part 1- Metal

— AS 2312.1-2014 Guide to the protection of structural steel against atmospheric corrosion by the use of protective coatings - Paint coatings

— AS 2904-1995 Damp-proof courses and flashings

— AS 3600-2018 Concrete structures

— AS 4100-1998 Steel structures

— AS 4120-1994 Code of tendering

— AS 4122-2010 General Conditions of Contract for Consultants

— AS 4654.1-2012 Waterproofing membranes for external above-ground use - Materials

— AS 4654.2-2012 Waterproofing membranes for external above-ground use - Design and installation

— AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites

— AS/NZS 1170.0-2002 Structural design actions - General principles

National Construction Code

NCC - Building Code of Australia, Volume One.

— Class 10 building classification. To be confirmed by Certifier.

NCC - Building Code of Australia, Volume One.

Community Lands Management Plan - General Provisions

Temporary works and compounds

Under section 202 of the LG Act, temporary works and compounds on the Park Lands are permitted only where the use is for the purpose of constructing, improving or maintaining infrastructure on the Park Lands. These must:

— adhere to the requirements of City of Adelaide lease and permit conditions.

— be limited to the duration of the project.

— be restricted to one hectare or less to minimise public exclusion.

— provide safe and convenient alternatives to any disrupted public movement patterns.

— minimise impacts from any use or associated use and rehabilitate the site as required.

— not impact on trees and particularly biodiversity areas.

— restrict vehicle access and parking to those necessary to support construction works.

— receive planning consent if necessary.

— be for the purposes of CoA or State or Federal Government instrumentalities or those acting on their behalf.

Public Art and Memorials

Provide opportunities for the development of permanent and temporary public artworks and memorials across the Park Lands, including art trails and interactive installations, as unique attractions that encourage exploration and creative engagement.

Public Art Action Plan

The three-year Public Art Action Plan celebrates Adelaide's status as a leading global Creative City. The Plan builds on Adelaide's rich collection of sculptures, installation and commemorative monuments, celebrates the public art traditions and living culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognises the artistic traditions from around the globe. The Plan is ambitious to enrich both our community and influence creative expressions to enable bold, future-focused and ambitious public art.

The goals for the Public Art Action Plan are:

— Adelaide is a must visit destination, renowned for its playful, thought provoking, unexpected and world-class art experiences

— Adelaide's public art celebrates its rich and vibrant Aboriginal and culturally diverse identities

— Adelaide is a world leading city of art that tells the story of the past and connects the future, reflecting the growth and evolution of the city

— Adelaide builds capacity, works corroboratively, forms partnerships and advocates for art that invigorates the built environment and urban landscape.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
RELEVANT STANDARDS + GUIDELINES - CONTINUED

The Illuminate Adelaide Ouchhh public artwork addresses and responds to the following criteria of the CLMP:

Community Lands Management Plan - Chapter 17
Wauwi/Light Square
Management directions:

1.3.1 Enable appropriate activities and events in the square.

1.3.2 Support activities that contribute to high quality spaces ranging from major events to quiet refuges.

1.3.3 Support use of the Square for informal recreation and events.

1.3.4 Conserve, enhance, and interpret the identified Cultural Heritage Landscape and its contributory features.

1.3.5 Retain and strengthen distinctive mature tree species.

1.3.6 Retain and strengthen the heritage significance of the Colonel William Light Grave and Monument.

1.3.7 Ensure lighting, furniture, paving, and planting maintain the formal urban garden character of the Square.

1.3.8 Enhance the Square through creative design and distinctive features that broaden its appeal and use.

1.3.9 Retain existing spatial layout and pathway alignments, which are part of the cultural heritage value of the Square but seek to redesign the layout of the Square to incorporate the four corners into the green space.

1.3.10 Ensure planting in the Square is highly designed and structured responding to the urbanised nature of the Square's location.

1.3.11 Maintain the Square to a high level of design and maintenance to recognise it's importance to the urban life of Adelaide.

1.3.12 Support opportunities to improve the connection of the Square with the Park Lands.

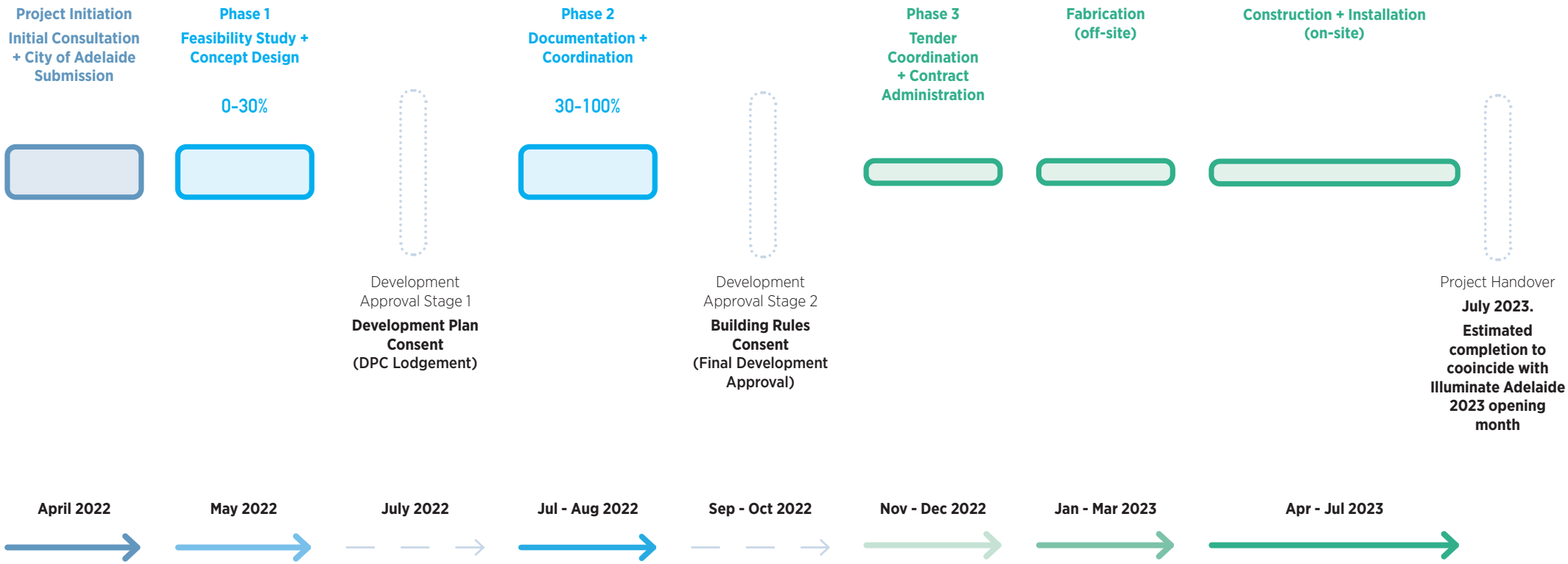
1.3.13 Maintain and enhance the views and vistas to the skyline and the Adelaide Hills through carefully planned tree planting and spatial arrangements to reinforce the structured urban garden character of the Square.

1.3.14 Minimise parking around the Square.

1.3.15 Seek opportunities to reduce bitumen in and around the Square and integrate possible services or transport systems into the environment.

PROJECT TIMELINE

BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT PHASES




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Adelaide 500, 2022 Declarations Consultation

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

Strategic Alignment - Dynamic City Culture

Public

Approving Officer:
Ilia Houridis - Director City Shaping

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This year sees the return of the Adelaide 500 to the city. Pursuant to powers provided under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984, Section 2(1),* the Minister for Tourism may declare a specified Declared Area and Declared Period for the purposes of carrying out the Adelaide 500 event. They may also specify a prescribed works period, during which time the South Australian Motorsport Board (SAMB) may have access to the land within the Declared Area for the purpose of carrying out works for the event.

Before the Minister for Tourism can declare the area, the period and the prescribed works period, they must first consult with the City of Adelaide and Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority (APLA). This report details the proposed dates and areas for the purpose of consultation and the operational requirements that we will work with the SAMB to deliver during the Declared Period.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council:

1. Notes the Declaration of the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the Adelaide 500 2022 event under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984, Section 2(1)*. The Adelaide 500 2022 Declaration Consultation relates to the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period only.
2. Notes the Chief Executive Officer will write to the SA Motor Sport Board in response to the consultation by 20 July 2022 on the key issues detailed in this report with regard to the Declared Area and impacts to Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) and the extended timeframes and impacts that relate to the Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Dynamic City Culture The City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan supports expanding Adelaide's global reputation as a 'magnet city' through world class events, festivals and activation (Strategy 3.11).
Policy	The Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) recognises the Adelaide 500 event and the powers provided to SAMB under the *South Australian Motor Sports Act, 1984.* It also recognises the restrictions on public use and movement imposed by this Act and associated event.
Consultation	There is a legislative obligation for the Minister for Tourism, through the SAMB to consult with Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority and Council regarding the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the Adelaide 500 event.
Resource	This activity will be facilitated within existing resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Pursuant to powers provided under the *South Australian Motor Sports Act, 1984, Section 2(1),* the Minister for Tourism may declare a Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the Adelaide 500 event each year.
Opportunities	We will continue to identify opportunities to enable greater public access to the Park Lands. We will also work with the SAMB to identify opportunities for greening (short term and long term) within the Declared Area for the benefit of the event, spectators and general park visitors.
21/22 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The Declarations referred to in this report are in reference to the Adelaide 500 2022 event only, with the end of the Declared Period proposed to be 12 February 2023.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The Adelaide 500 event is staged by the South Australian Motorsport Board (SAMB) each year pursuant to powers provided under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984*. Detailed in Section 2(1) of the Act, the Minister for Tourism may declare:

    1.1. A specified area (consisting of public road or Park Land or both) in Adelaide, to be a declared area under the Act for the purposes of the event; and

    1.2. A specified period (not exceeding five days) to be a declared period under this Act for the purposes of the event; and

    1.3. A specified period or periods (prescribed works period) under the Act during which the SAMB may have access to land within a declared area for the purposes of carrying out works in the manner contemplated by Section 22 (1a) (and different periods may be specified in respect of different categories of work).

2. On behalf of the Minister responsible for the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984*, the Chief Executive, SA Motor Sport, Department of the Premier and Cabinet wrote to the Lord Mayor on 3 June 2022. The letter (Link 1 view here) outlines the Declarations for the Adelaide 500 2022 event and was addressed to the Lord Mayor in her capacity as Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide and as the Presiding Member of Kadaltilla.

3. The proposed declared area (Link 2 view here) includes Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16), King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15), Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) and public roads including Wakefield Road, East Terrace, Bartels Road, Hutt Street, Nil Street, Flinders Street, Dequetteville Terrace and Fullarton Road.

4. The declared period covers the event days as well as the day immediately prior to the event. The dates for the 2022 Adelaide 500 event are 1-4 December 2022, therefore the proposed Declared Period is 30 November - 4 December 2022.

5. The Prescribed Works Period is proposed to commence on 1 August 2022 and conclude on 12 February 2023. This is an addition of 54 days compared to the 2020 event, noting that there was no event in 2021. This period is proposed to allow for:

    5.1. Additional civil works to the Park Lands and roads, required to stage the 2022 event.

    5.2. Disruptions caused by possible inclement weather.

    5.3. A two-week site closure over the Christmas and New Year public holiday period.

6. Feedback is only being sought on the declared area, prescribed works period and declared period.

7. The deadline for feedback to the consultation on the proposed declarations is 20 July 2022.

South Australian Motorsport Board

8. Following the appointment of the current State Government, a decision was made to reform the South Australian Motorsport Board (SAMB) to oversee the management of the Adelaide 500 event. Previously the South Australian Tourism Commission ran the Adelaide 500 event.

Declared Area

9. The Declared Area is shown in (Link 2 view here).

10. The Declared Area for the 2022 Adelaide 500 event, as provided by the SAMB, has changed from the 2020 event. These changes are:

    10.1. Fence line along Dequetteville Terrace relocated to the Southwestern side of the footpath to allow public pedestrian access (formerly stakeholder access only).

    10.2. Realignment of the Eastern boundary through the new wetlands area to follow the new park configuration, excluding the extended butterfly habitat zone and any wetland area.

    10.3. Exclusion of the Victoria Park Social Club and gardens from the Declared Area.

    10.4. Realignment of event boundary in Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) to take in more of the Park Lands and taking the Rose Garden Path back into the event area but excluding the Kiosk and Lake areas.

    10.5. Reduction to the length of road closure along Nil Street.

11. The size and scale of the Declared Area is required to enable the safe and successful delivery of the Adelaide 500 event.

12. Public access to the Declared Area, in particular the main pathways, will be provided for as long as possible during the prescribed works period, with restrictions to specific areas being managed in a staged approach.

13. This staged approach enables the parks to remain open and accessible by the public for a majority of the Prescribed Works Period.

Prescribed Works Period

14. The Prescribed Works Period is proposed to commence on 1 August 2022 and conclude on 12 February 2023. This is an addition of 54 days compared to the 2020 event. This is proposed to allow for:

    14.1. Additional civil works to the Park Lands and roads, required to stage the 2022 event.

    14.2. Disruptions caused by possible inclement weather.

    14.3. A two-week site closure over the Christmas and New Year public holiday period.

15. The Prescribed Works Period allows for additional time as outlined above, however Adelaide 500 have traditionally vacated the Park before the end of the Period. In 2019 and 2020, the last section of Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) was re-opened to the public two weeks early.

16. SAMB have advised that this increase in the works period is a one-off for this year only and the period should reduce back to something similar to that seen in 2020 for the 2023 event.

Change to Event Timing

17. While the previous February timing of the Adelaide 500 event coincided with the Adelaide Fringe and Festival period, the revised time coincides with the Christmas period and has the potential to impact on pre-Christmas trade in general and events such as Black Friday. Black Friday (to be held on 25 November 2022) coincides with the start of the Adelaide 500 road closures on the same day.

Requested Works in the Park Lands

18. Pit Paddock Rehabilitation and extension of the hard surface (Link 3 view here):

    18.1. The SAMB has stated that since the inaugural Adelaide Grand Prix in 1985, the Pit Paddock has deteriorated beyond its design life, and has become unsafe. Beyond servicing the ADL500, the rehabilitation potentially provides an opportunity to:

        18.1.1. Retain and attract other key events.

        18.1.2. Incorporate low level plantings and soft surfaces to upgrade the current condition of the area.

19. Cycle/Pedestrian Path Upgrades (Link 4 view here):

    19.1. The SAMB has stated that throughout Park 15 and 16 there are a combination of paved asphalt and rubble pathways.

    19.2. That these paths generate a lot of dust throughout the construction/dismantle phases, requiring considerable maintenance and application of dust suppressant.

    19.3. That the paths turn to mud in heavy rains.

    19.4. That the current paths provide a poor alternative for cyclists when the two East/West pathways are closed.

    19.5. The SAMB has stated that upgrading the pathways will facilitate a less disruptive build/dismantle, event operations and provide a legacy asset for Victoria Park.

20. Track Resurfacing (Link 4 view here):

    20.1. Prior to the 2020 Adelaide 500 event, Federation Internationale de L'Automobile (FIA) identified several locations of track surface requiring upgrade. Due to the cancellation of the 2021 event, these works were not undertaken. Noting both road reserves and footpaths are currently suitable for both vehicular and pedestrian use and maintained at our asset level, which is not consistent with the FIA standards that are a higher level.

    20.2. Since the last event in 2020, the integrity of the circuit has further declined, and works are required to enable the Adelaide 500 in December. The track resurfacing and kerbing project is required to ensure a track licence is obtained from the governing motorsport body, the FIA.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

21. A MoU between The City of Adelaide (CoA) and the SAMB has been in place since November 2013. This sets out the Principles and Shared Objectives between the CoA and the Motorsport Board.

22. The CoA and the SAMB, worked together since 2012 to develop a set of operational attachments to assist in the delivery of the MoU's primary principles and shared objectives. These attachments were signed by both the CoA and the SAMSB on 10 July 2014.

23. With the reformation of the SAMB the MOU is currently under review by Administration and any changes or updates will be negotiated with the new SAMB.

Criterium Track and Cycling Events

24. The criterium track is a purpose built offroad cycling facility and the only one of its kind servicing metropolitan Adelaide. Criterium racing is traditionally held in the summer months, on weeknights, taking advantage of daylight savings.

25. SafeWork SA undertook a review of site safety as part of the 2011 event and as result of that review, worksites within the Declared Area are now fenced during intensive activity to ensure public safety and compliance with Work Heath Safety requirements.

26. In 2012 a new section of Criterium Track was completed which again enabled cycling events to occur during the majority of the Adelaide 500 Prescribed Works Period.

27. The SAMB agrees to accommodate Criterium Track race bookings three and a half weeks prior to the event and four weeks following the event.

28. This event will have a significant impact on the ability of cycling organisations to hold a criterium season with over eight weeks (including the actual event) not being available ie two of the three months of summer.

29. The SAMB will continue to provide timely advice to administration and the cycling associations as to the periods when cycling can be programmed on the Criterium Track during the Prescribed Works Period.

Impact on other Park Lands Users

30. This event has impacts on other Park Land users during the Prescribed Works Period, including:

    30.1. Community use of the skate park and 3 on 3 basketball courts in Park 15.

    30.2. Community use of the Glover East Playspace.

    30.3. Use of the three playing fields in Park 15 used for school and community sport, including post-event impacts due to playing surface remediation required.

    30.4. Impacts on existing and proposed lessees of the Velo Precinct (Victoria Park Heritage Grandstand), Victoria Park Social Club and Rymill Park Kiosk.

    30.5. Community use of the disc golf facility in Park 15.

    30.6. Significant number of casual users who exercise in Victoria Park every day.

Path Access Restrictions

31. In previous years the SAMB have continued to work on making improvements to pedestrian and cyclist access in the Declared Area during the Prescribed Works Period. The staged build methodology that was implemented in 2014 has also assisted in keeping pedestrian and cyclist access open for longer periods, with the erection of fencing, and particularly the closing of sections, left as late as possible to maintain public access to the Park Lands.

32. The two east-west shared-use footpaths through Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) between Fullarton Road and Halifax Street will remain open for as long as possible during the Prescribed Works Period. To facilitate the safe and timely delivery of the Adelaide 500, there will be a requirement to periodically close one of the E/W bike paths. This will allow the direct and regulated movement of construction vehicles, occupation of the southernmost path for the construction of the hairpin grandstand and provide safe passage for the commuting public. There will come a point in time that both paths will need to be closed to finalise the delivery of the infrastructure required to deliver the event. The post event closures are a result of competing objectives with the requirement to focus on infrastructure on roads prior to moving back into the park to remove infrastructure from the circuit and hair pin grandstand. Upon re-opening the bike paths after 7 days post-event, access for the travelling public will be available on the Southern E/W pathway. At least one track will be open at all times, except for a period starting seven days before the Declared Period days and finishing seven days after the declared period, as well as for short periods during high-risk construction works undertaken adjacent to the track

33. The SAMB develop an event signage plan that informs users of the Park Lands of access changes, path closure times and dates as well as alternative access routes

Remediation

34. Assessment and remediation (at the cost of the SAMB) of the area impacted by the Adelaide 500 event occurs in a staged approach as infrastructure is removed.

Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority

35. Kadaltilla was to meet on 23 June 2022 to consider the declarations as part of the consultation however this meeting was adjourned. The Kadaltilla meeting will now be held on 30 June 2022. Advice from this meeting will be circulated to Members prior to 5 July 2022.

Master Plan for Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)

36. A master plan for the park is currently being developed in response to Kadaltilla's advice to develop a landscape concept plan.

37. One of the key considerations is exploring opportunities for short term and long-term greening in the northern section of the park, which falls within the Declared Area. This would help with addressing the lack of trees and shade in the park to provide a hospitable and attractively landscaped environment for a future, hotter climate.

38. Advice regarding temporary and permanent opportunities for greening and shading can assist with discussions with the SAMB for the Adelaide 500 in 2022 and future years, to provide a more attractive and cooler environment for the event, spectators and general park visitors, during and out of the event and Declared Works Period.

Other Events

39. Medium/Major events that are currently proposed within the declared works period and area include:

    39.1. 2022 National Cross-Country Championships (Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)

    39.2. A major event proposed for King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15) & Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)

    39.3. Shannon's Adelaide Rally (Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)

    39.4. MRASA Toy Run (Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)

40. There are also a number of small events, such as weddings, cycling and running events booked within this area during the proposed times.

41. A list of these events has been supplied to the SAMB and discussions are ongoing between the SAMB, Council and the event customers, as many of these events will be possible without any disruption during the Prescribed Works Period.

Next Steps:

42. In response to the consultation the CEO will write to SAMB to address the new requested works in the Park Lands to address the advice from Council and Kadaltilla.

43. The communication will also address the following concerns:

    43.1. Extension of hard stand in the Pit Paddock area

    43.2. Works associated with pedestrian pathways

    43.3. Increase in the Prescribed Works Period

    43.4. Increase in road closure timings

44. Discussions will continue with SAMB in relation to the future planting and greening opportunities for Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - Letter from Chief Executive, SA Motor Sport, Department of the Premier and Cabinet to the Lord Mayor

Link 2 - Map of the Proposed Declared Area

Link 3 - Map of the Pit Paddock resurfacing in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)
Link 4 - Map of the Cycle/Pedestrian Path Upgrades and road resurfacing

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Climate Action Plan Engagement and Progress

Strategic Alignment - Environmental Leadership

Public

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

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Approving Officer:
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Adelaide is committed to leading by example in addressing climate change and decoupling economic growth from carbon emissions. A report on progress against the *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025* (the Strategy) is provided, for noting. All measures of success for items under Council's direct control have now been achieved, including certified carbon neutrality for Council operations. Further action is needed to incrementally reduce Council operational emissions and drive down community emissions.

Extensive engagement with community, stakeholders and staff was undertaken between February and April 2022 to inform new actions under the remaining time frame of the Strategy, informed by modelling of future emissions trajectories for Adelaide. The engagement feedback and emerging themes were presented and discussed in a workshop of The Committee on 19 April 2022. This report provides the outcomes of the engagement process.

An Action Plan is being drafted drawing on the feedback received and will be submitted for consideration at the August Council meeting. The Action Plan will complement the draft Climate Policy to be considered at the August Council meeting as committed through a CEO Undertaking in relation to the policy framework on 10 May 2022. A revised target setting process is proposed in the next action period to acknowledge the global ambition for net zero emissions before mid-century.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Notes the progress report on the *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025* as included in Attachment A to Item # listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2022.
2. Notes the Climate Action Engagement Summary Report provided in Attachment B to Item # listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2022.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Environmental Leadership One of the world's first carbon neutral cities by 2025, where sustainability is core. A transition to low carbon and circular economies. 4.3 Educate and support our community to zero waste, water sensitive, energy efficient and adaptive to climate change. 4.4 Support our community to transition to a low carbon economy through education, incentives and appropriate infrastructure.
Policy	Council's strategic intent on climate action is set by the Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015 – 2025.
Consultation	Extensive engagement has been completed to inform a new Climate Action Plan and is summarised in **Attachment B**.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	The opportunities presented by climate action include global positioning for the city, investment attraction, and resource efficiency through adoption of clean technology. There can also be local liveability benefits including reduced particulate pollution from the shift to electric vehicles.
21/22 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Allocation is provided within the 2022/2023 budget through the Climate Change Action Initiative Fund.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The engagement will inform a new Climate Action Plan for CoA for 2022 – 2025.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The City of Adelaide (CoA) is committed to leading by example in addressing climate change and decoupling economic growth from carbon emissions as set by the *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015 – 2025.* This is being achieved by the following:

    1.1. All measures of success for items under Council's direct control in the *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015 – 2025* have now been achieved, including certified carbon neutrality for Council operations. Further action is needed to incrementally reduce Council operational emissions and drive down community emissions.

    1.2. A progress report on achievements under the *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015- 2025* is provided as **Attachment A**.

    1.3. The measurement and reporting of carbon emissions from Council operations has been undertaken to the rigour required by the Australian Government Climate Active program and made accessible publicly via the CoA website (Link 1 - See more).

    1.4. The measurement and reporting of carbon emissions for the whole community has been improved and made accessible publicly via the CoA website (Link 2 - See more).

2. The benefits of action to reduce emissions locally are well established, reducing cost of living pressures for residents, operational cost savings for many businesses, fostering entrepreneurship for a low-carbon economy, and investment attraction for future-facing business.

3. The urgency for climate action is unequivocal. The recently released Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report demonstrates that climate change is a grave and mounting threat to our wellbeing and a healthy planet and actions today will shape how people adapt and nature responds to increasing climate risks.

Stakeholder Engagement

4. Extensive community and stakeholder engagement was undertaken between February and April 2022 to inform development of a new Climate Action Plan to continue implementation of the Carbon Neutral Strategy. The engagement report is provided in **Attachment B**.

5. A summary of the engagement feedback and emerging themes was presented and discussed at a workshop of The Committee on 19 April 2022.

6. The community and stakeholder engagement consisted of:

    6.1. An online Yoursay page that attracted 182 contributors

    6.2. 11 community stakeholder and Council committee workshops with 101 participants

    6.3. An online survey with 44 responses

    6.4. 7 staff workshops with 120 participants.

7. The themes emerging from the engagement were:

    7.1. Moving towards an all-electric City of Adelaide

    7.2. Resource efficiency opportunities

    7.3. Supporting community-led action

    7.4. Supporting collaborative action by business

    7.5. Mobility and transport around the City of Adelaide

    7.6. Greening and reducing the heat island effect.

8. Council Member feedback was received on 19 April 2022 for incorporation into a new Climate Action Plan including:

    8.1. Consideration of going 'beyond carbon neutral' toward zero carbon for operational emissions.

    8.2. Consideration of major emissions sources from transport, energy and waste.

    8.3. Addressing embodied carbon through trials of low carbon materials, and higher building standards.

8.4. Consideration of a range of incentives for electric vehicles, including potential for positive discrimination for EVs in parking and other forms.

8.5. Consideration of a range of issues related to access and mobility, including public transport, bikeways, walkability, e-scooters.

8.6. Support for a group purchase or contract for renewable energy for business (e.g. Power purchase agreement).

8.7. Investigation into potential future carbon offset options and pathways.

8.8. Actions to support electrification and higher building standards for environmental performance and thermal comfort including through advocacy on changes to the Building Code and Planning and Design Code.

8.9. Continued pursuit of low emissions choices in CoA operation including fleet renewals.

8.10. Documenting how actions will be measured for their impact.

9. At the Council meeting on 10 May 2022 an undertaking was made that a draft Climate Policy be brought to Council for adoption at the August 2022 meeting.

10. A draft Climate Action Plan 2022 – 2025 is being prepared based on our knowledge, current program of work, the current position of Council and informed by the engagement feedback and building on the status of implementation of the Carbon Neutral Strategy to date. To allow consideration of the Climate Policy prior to the draft Action Plan both items will be presented at the August Council meeting.

Modelling and Future Targets

11. The city-wide target of carbon neutrality for 2025 has been an important aspiration that spans a diverse range of actions and connects activity across Council.

12. Achievement to date is 21% reduction in community emissions between 2007 and 2021 according to the accounting under the *Global Protocol for Community Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories.* This has occurred concurrently to increases in population and Gross Regional Product, representing a 'decoupling' of carbon emissions from economic growth, a goal of cities worldwide.

13. The main emissions reductions are being driven by increasing renewable electricity in the grid. There are future opportunities in electrification of buildings and transport.

14. The science of climate change has advanced in the intervening years, and the need to make rapid, sustained cuts to carbon emissions world-wide has become more urgent.

15. The Paris Agreement calls for action that limits global warming to well below 2 degrees, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels. Typically, this requires a halving of direct emissions by 2030 and a pathway to zero by mid-century, however the percentages vary depending on local context.

16. Modelling was commissioned by expert consultants Point Advisory to determine possible trajectories for the city community to 2030 and 2050, to inform continued climate action.

17. Modelling indicates that a "business as usual" trajectory, assuming all the current state, local and national strategies and polices are fully implemented, would see the city community achieve a 41% reduction in emissions by 2025 compared to 2007 levels.

18. A new Action Plan for 2022-2025 will contribute to emissions abatement over and above "business as usual", with consideration of Council's level of influence, however it will not result in a net zero emissions profile over the three years to 2025. Refer to **Attachment A** for additional details.

19. A proposed action for inclusion in the draft Action Plan is to progress alignment of our city-wide ambition with science-based targets as part of future strategy development process, commencing in 2023-24. This process determines direct emissions reductions required by organisations, cities or nations, to meet the Paris Agreement.

20. The recommended focus for 2022-2025 is to continue working on areas of influence on direct emissions, and where Council can accelerate the trend towards zero in line with the current strategy and Council national and international commitments (Link 3 view here).

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – City of Adelaide operational carbon emissions
Link 2 – City of Adelaide community carbon emissions
Link 3 – City of Adelaide national and international climate commitments

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Progress Report on the *Carbon Neutral Adelaide Strategy 2015-2025*

Attachment B – Climate Action Engagement Summary Report June 2022

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CARBON NEUTRAL STRATEGY 2015-2025 PROGRESS UPDATE

June 2022

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1. OVERVIEW

1.1 Adelaide in a Global Context

The City of Adelaide (CoA) is committed to leading by example in addressing climate change. In 2015, the CoA together with State Government were showcased on the world stage for their joint decarbonisation agenda at landmark international climate negotiations in Paris. South Australia was the first Australian state to legislate greenhouse gas reduction targets and has led the nation in transformation of its electricity grid to wind and solar generation.

The carbon neutral aspiration sought take up of a once-in-a-generation opportunity to capitalise on the massive global changes to energy systems and position the city as a centre for innovation and early adoptor of clean technologies.

The city can be proud of progress along a decarbonisation pathway, with a 21% decrease in community emissions from 2007 to 2020 and 52% reduction in CoA operational emissions from 2019 to 2021. These achievements place the City of Adelaide amongst leading capital cities nationally and worldwide. Highlights of focussed attention to decarbonisation include the collaboration between different levels of government, the progressive Sustainability Incentives Scheme, and the public and private commitment towards a shared agenda.

Since 2015, the global focus on greenhouse emissions has strengthened, with both technology and zero carbon approaches moving out of unique, early adopter markets and into widespread, mainstream and disruptive trends. Significant local milestones have included the new State Government's Climate Change Action Plan released in 2020 with targets for 2030 and 2050; the State reaching over 60% renewable electricity supply relative to our demand; and the rapid increase in electric vehicle models available in Australia. In the corporate sphere, prominent global and local companies like Microsoft, Netflix, Telstra, Coles and Woolworths have their own pledges towards net zero emissions.

The scientific consensus on climate change impacts has grown stronger, with the sixth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released in late 2021. The Paris Agreement calls for action that limits global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels. Achieving this temperature goal requires a pathway to zero by mid-century, and a halving of emissions by 2030.

This report speaks to the progress of implementation in year seven of a ten-year strategy, acknowledging the completion of the joint CoA and State Government *Carbon Neutral Adelaide Action Plan 2016-2021* and development of a new Action Plan is underway for 2022-2025. CoA remains committed to climate change, and our leadership requires continued bold action, for a 'steepening' of the community carbon emissions curve towards zero.

1.2 Strategic Context

The CoA Strategic Plan 2020-2024 states the overarching ambition to be *"One of the world's first carbon neutral cities by 2025, where sustainability is core*". Action Item 4.6 in the Strategic Plan specifies the CoA will "Implement the Carbon Neutral Strategy for the city and achieve carbon neutral certification for our operations".

The *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025* has three outcomes focussing on CoA community carbon emissions, the Council's own carbon emissions, and the leadership role CoA plays as a

capital city Council. Each of these outcomes has programs of work designed to meet the targets, priorities, and measures of success outlined in the Strategy.

Figures 1 and 2 illustrates the strategic context of the Carbon Neutral Strategy and related programs of work.

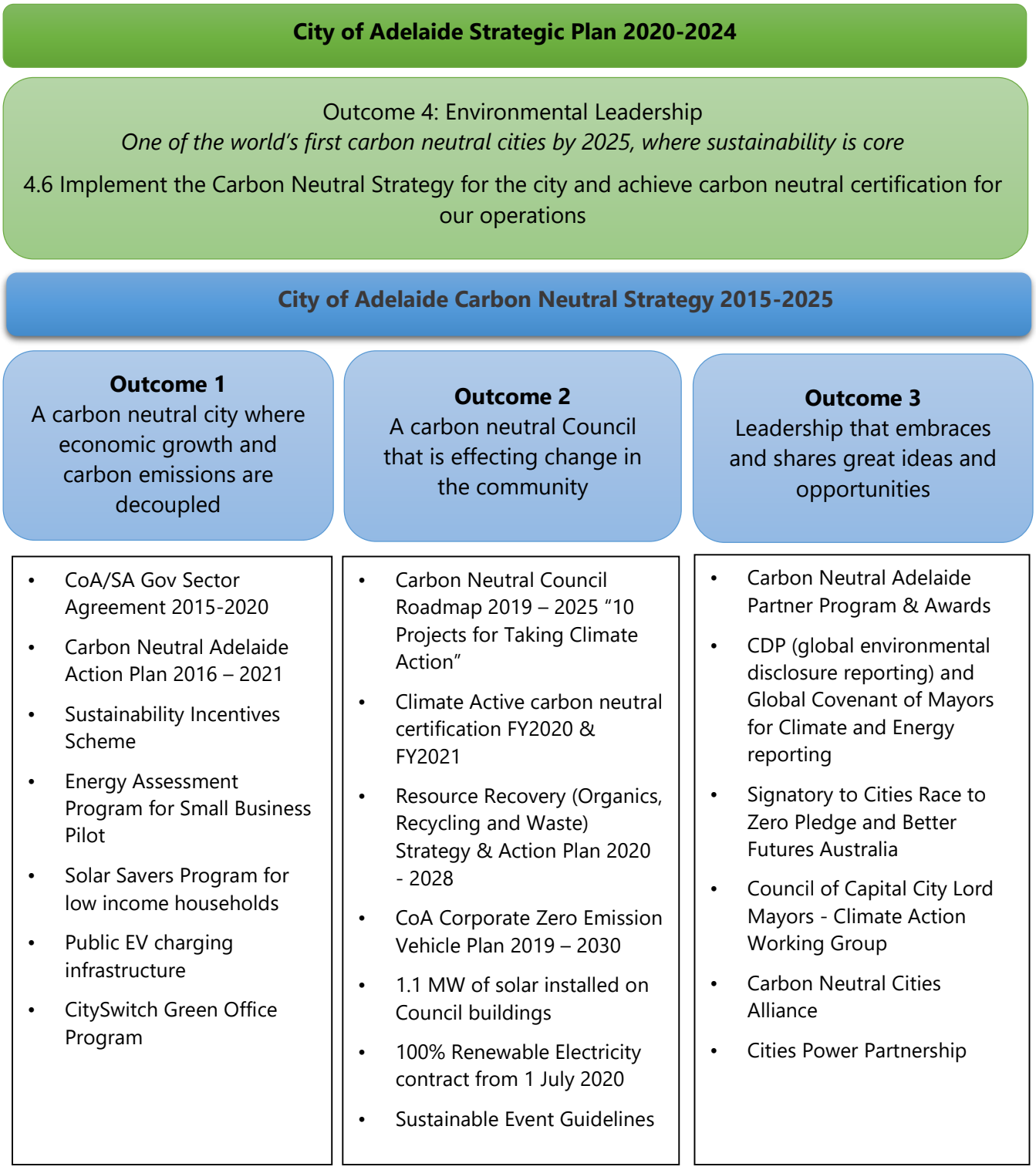


Figure 1: Strategic context of the City of Adelaide's climate mitigation plans and initiatives



Figure 2: City of Adelaide's climate risk mitigation and adaptation plans and initiatives

2. STATUS UPDATE

2.1 Outcome 1: A carbon neutral city where economic growth and carbon emissions are decoupled.

Description

Outcome 1 of the Carbon Neutral Strategy relates to the carbon emissions of the entire CoA community, including its residents, businesses, workers, and visitors. The Outcome seeks to reduce emissions while supporting economic growth and the development of low carbon industry and lifestyles.

City-wide emissions have been decreasing, while the city's gross regional product and residential population has been growing (refer to Figure 3).

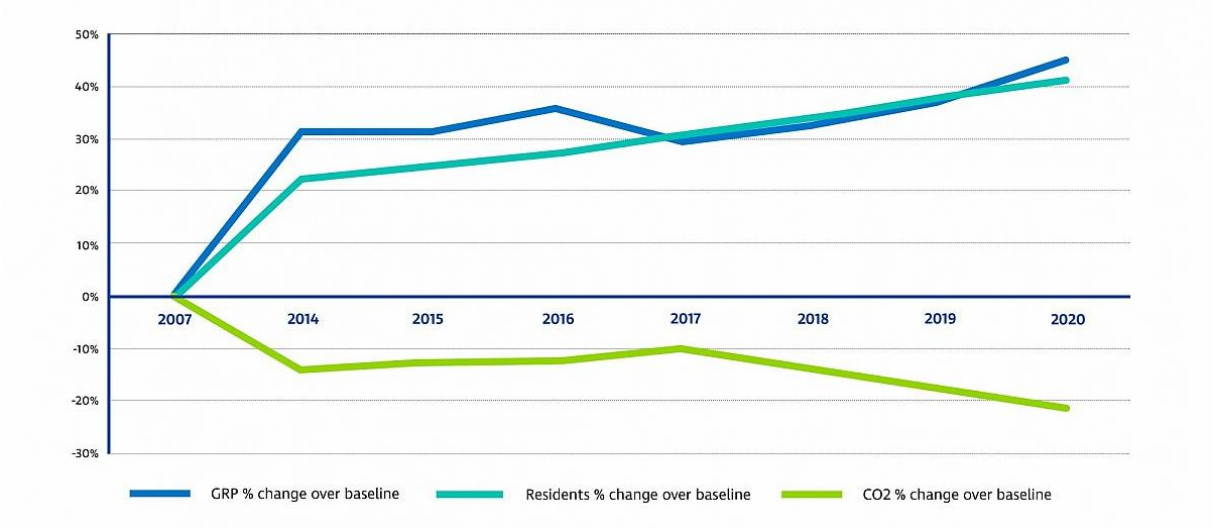


Figure 3: Community emissions compared to city growth indicators

Outcome 1 Progress against Targets

Community emissions declined by 21% between FY2007 and FY2020.

Progress against the community emissions related targets are provided below.

In 2021, CoA undertook a detailed analysis of the community's emissions and trajectories to both 2030 and 2050. The study modelled several pathways to achieve zero emissions by 2050. It suggested that under "business as usual" activities (ie all current state, local and commonwealth policies in place), the CoA community could achieve a 41% reduction in emissions by 2025 compared to 2007 levels.

Although this is a world-leading result, the model showed that 'business as usual" will not deliver carbon neutrality by 2025. The study did, however, identify pathways for CoA to capitalise on our strong start and continue our leadership in taking climate action.

A detailed analysis of the community's emissions and trajectories to 2030 and 2050 is provided in Appendix A.

Target	2022 Status
The City of Adelaide [community] has zero net carbon emissions by 2025	In FY2020 community emissions were 986,160 tCO_2e, compared to FY2016 community emissions of 1,100,431 tCO_2e and FY2007 of 1,252,913 tCO_2e.
The City of Adelaide [community] has reduced its carbon emissions by 35% from FY2007-FY2020	Community emissions reduced by 21% between FY2007-FY2020.

Achieved Progress made

Outcome 1 Progress against Measures of Success

The Carbon Neutral Strategy *2015-2025* includes measures of success and the current status is listed below for Outcome 1.

Measures	2022 Status
The City of Adelaide [community] is accredited carbon neutral by 2025 or earlier	No accredited scheme currently exists to provide authentic carbon neutral certification for community-wide emissions. The emissions analysis model shows that "business as usual" will not deliver carbon neutrality in 2025. To achieve carbon neutrality by 2025 substantial investment in carbon credits, to 'offset' the remaining community's emissions would be needed (estimated to be approximately 733,000 tCO_2e by 2025).
A Carbon Neutral Adelaide framework is established by 2016	The Sector Agreement pursuant to the Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007 was in place from November 2015 to November 2020.
A Carbon Neutral Adelaide action plan with costed pathways to achieving carbon neutrality and targets is completed by 2016	The Carbon Neutral Adelaide Action Plan 2016-2021 included 104 actions, shared jointly between CoA and the State Government. A final report has been prepared in collaboration with the State Government and will be jointly released.
The City of Adelaide's community greenhouse gas inventory is completed in accordance with international protocols	The CoA community greenhouse gas inventory is prepared in accordance with the Global Protocol for Community Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventories every two years.

Indicators are developed to measure the city's transition to a low carbon economy		The community inventory measures this transition. The indicator of community greenhouse gas emissions is included in the CoA Strategic Plan 2020-2024 against Outcome 4 "Environmental Leadership".
Green coverage in existing built-up areas is increased by 100,000 square metres by 2020		Progress has been made on increasing green coverage in built-up areas since 2015 with over 1,450 trees planted in built up areas of the city by mid-2021 and a focus on greening in hotspots in the west of the city. The baseline of 1,241,777 square metres of green coverage in built up areas of the city was set in 2015 with an increase of 26,666 square metres reported by September 2018. Updated data on green coverage is not available. In 2017, Council set a target to increase canopy cover in the CBD and North Adelaide to 25% and 40% respectively by 2040 (based on 2017 levels of 14.3% and 28.2%).

Achieved Progress made

Other Key Achievements against Council Priorities in the Strategy

1. **Partner with the Government of South Australia to pursue the shared aspiration for Adelaide to be the world's first carbon neutral city, through a Carbon Neutral Adelaide Framework and Sector Agreement.**
   - In 2015, the CoA and the State Government launched the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative, announcing a shared ambition to be the world's first carbon neutral city.
2. **Develop jointly with the Government of South Australia and the community a Carbon Neutral Adelaide Action Plan that identifies priorities and costed pathways to achieving carbon neutrality.**
   - The final status report of the Carbon Neutral Adelaide Action Plan 2016 – 2021 indicates that 82 actions had been delivered or are now incorporated to standard practice, 16 actions had been superseded by other initiatives that will achieve similar outcomes, and only 6 actions will not be delivered as they are no longer considered feasible or are not progressing due to changes in State Government priorities.
3. **Build broad community commitment to achieving carbon neutrality.**
   - An overarching brand was created to provide a united focus for action, in parallel with the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative. An email subscriber list and monthly email news has been maintained throughout the period.
   - Community education was provided using the "Living Smart" framework. Multiple practical sessions across sustainable living topics have been offered to the community between 2017 and 2020.
   - Carbon neutral messaging has been featured across a range of channels including social media, business forums and community events.

4. **Facilitate a substantial increase in the uptake of renewable energy and energy storage.**
    - The Sustainability Incentives Scheme has been an outstanding success, leveraging $1.4 million of rebates to support homes and businesses adopt sustainable technologies including roof-top solar panels, energy storage systems, LED lighting retrofits, energy monitoring and electric vehicle chargers (plus more). More than 670 projects have been deployed with a total value of $11.5 million resulting in abatement of over 4,000 tonnes of carbon.
    - 130 solar photovoltaic (PV) systems were installed on Housing Trust properties in the Adelaide CBD by the State Government and 40 solar PV systems were installed on low income and rental properties via the City of Adelaide's Solar Savers scheme.
5. **Pursue decarbonisation of the transport system.**
    - A public network of 40 fast chargers for electric vehicles was installed in the city. The amount of electricity delivered to vehicles via public charging stations has approximately doubled each year from FY2019 to FY2021.
    - Twelve electric vehicle charging stations were installed at private dwellings or businesses with support through Sustainability Incentives Scheme rebates.
    - The North-South Bikeway on Frome Street was opened between Carrington Street and Rundle Street in August 2018.
6. **Increase city greening through street trees, gardens, plantings, green walls and green or cool roofs.**
    - CoA was the first SA Council to adopt a corporate Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan to reduce our corporate risks that are a result of climate change. The Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan has 95 actions for implementation over 5 years covering corporate responsibilities for facilities and their services, rundle mall business continuity, infrastructure longevity, green spaces, staff workforce safety, events, building development and homelessness support.
    - The Water Sensitive City Action Plan was endorsed in 2021, with a key priority being Water for Greening, recognising the vital role fit-for-purpose water resources has in supporting urban greening in a drier climate.

2.2 Outcome 2: A carbon neutral Council that is effecting change in the community.

Description

Outcome 2 focuses on CoA's operational emissions to ensure Council's contribution to climate change is minimised, while also leading by example to the community. By pursing certification through the national carbon neutral certification scheme, Climate Active, CoA has joined a group of influential organisations who are taking responsibility for their carbon footprint.

Outcome 2 Progress Against Targets

The carbon emissions footprint for the CoA operations is approximately 1/100th of the CoA community's emissions. Progress against the CoA operations emissions related targets are provided below.

Target	2022 Status
Adelaide City Council has zero net carbon emissions from its operations by 2020.	The CoA was certified carbon neutral in FY2020 and FY2021 and continues to undertake a corporate emissions inventory for CoA operation related activities.

Achieved Progress made

Outcome 2 Progress against Measures of Success

The *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025* includes measures of success and the current status is listed below for Outcome 2.

Measure	2022 Status
Council has zero net carbon emissions by 2020, accredited by the National Carbon Offset Standard	Achieved 2020 target, via certification with Commonwealth Climate Active program (formerly National Carbon Offset Standard) for FY2020 and again for FY2021.
A Carbon Neutral Council action plan with costed pathways to achieving carbon neutrality and targets is completed by 2016	Achieved in 2018. The Carbon Neutral Roadmap and Implementation Plan was accompanied by a comprehensive communications effort that highlighted the cross-Council efforts. In FY2020 corporate operational emissions were 11,765 tCO_2e, compared to FY 2020 total of 24,610 tCO_2-e and FY2019 of 27,675 tCO_2-e. In FY2021, a 52% reduction in direct carbon emission was achieved by purchasing renewable electricity.
The Adelaide City Council's annual corporate greenhouse gas inventory is completed in accordance with relevant protocols	The corporate carbon inventory has been audited by Climate Active to qualify for certification.
Council's carbon neutral programs and actions are endorsed by our community and peers	This measure is evidenced through recognition such as the Cities Power Partnership Community Engagement Achievement Award in 2021.

Achieved Progress made

Other Key Achievements against Council Priorities in the Strategy

1. **Prepare and implement a Carbon Neutral Council action plan to achieve carbon neutrality by 2020**

    - The main program of work to achieve carbon neutrality is the Carbon Neutral Council Roadmap 2019-2025, which focuses on 10 key projects to reduce emissions. Project areas include:

        1. Utility management
        2. Improving buildings
        3. LED streetlights
        4. Sustainable procurement
        5. Sustainable events
        6. Waste and recycling at work
        7. Solar power on buildings
        8. 100% renewable electricity
        9. Zero emission transport
        10. Carbon neutral certification

    - One of the most significant activities for reducing the CoA operational carbon footprint was the transition to a 100% renewable electricity contract from 1 July 2020, ensuring that most of the Council's electricity use in FY2021 did not generate any carbon emissions. The 9.5 year electricity contract includes sourcing of renewable electricity from solar farms in Streaky Bay and Coonalpyn, contributing jobs for the South Australian economy. City of Adelaide was the first Council in South Australia to sign a renewable electricity power purchase agreement, and this single action effectively halved the Council's corporate operational emissions.
    - Alongside these progressive emission reductions, the CoA has also continually improved the tracking of its carbon emissions through a greenhouse gas inventory. From FY2020 the Council's emissions have been certified carbon neutral through Climate Active, which includes purchasing certified carbon emissions reduction units to account for the remaining emissions.
    - There is now a total of 50 low emissions vehicles in the fleet, including 10 new fully electric plug-in Hyundai Ioniq passenger cars, making up 26% of the Council fleet.

2. **Reduce emissions associated with resource use and maximise recycling.**

    - The new CoA internal resource recovery system was implemented at all sites in January and February 2022, providing 8streams of resource recovery, including container recycling, green organics, 10-cent deposits, landfill, paper and cardboard, e-waste and batteries.

2.3 Outcome 3: Leadership that embraces and shares great ideas and opportunities.

Description

Outcome 3 builds on CoA's leadership by establishing partnerships and supporting business and the community to play their part to reduce emissions through low carbon innovation and collaboration.

Outcome 3 Progress against Targets

Progress against the leadership and partnership targets are provided below.

Target	2022 Status
Establishment of a Carbon Neutral Adelaide partnership framework by 2016	Achieved in 2017. The Carbon Neutral Adelaide Partners Program now includes more than 200 organisations, actively pursuing low carbon solutions.
One million square metres of city floor space is committed to the Carbon Neutral Adelaide partnership framework by 2020	Unmeasured. This measure is no longer relevant because the partnership is not focused on monitoring emissions relative to floorspace.

Achieved Progress made

Outcome 3 Progress against Measures of Success

The *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025* includes measures of success and the current status is listed below for Outcome 3.

Measure	2022 Status
Adelaide is a local, national and global leader in taking climate change action and capitalising on the economic opportunities of a low carbon economy.	Demonstrated by: • reporting to CDP Cities (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project) since 2015 and consistent world leading scoring of A or A- • participation in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, ICLEI and the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance demonstrating world leading initiatives and progress • commitment to the Australian Cities Power Partnership, United Nations Race to Zero and Better Futures Australia declaration • showcase of low carbon innovation and technologies through the Carbon Neutral Adelaide Awards held 2017, 2019 and 2021 • support for community and business actions and emerging technologies through the Sustainability Incentive Scheme.
Adelaide is a showcase city for world leading practices, technologies and services that grow the green economy and reduce carbon emissions.	
Our partners' carbon emissions reduction programs and actions are endorsed by our community and their peers.	
Council publicly discloses through the Carbon Disclosure Project greenhouse gas inventories for its operations and for the city community. Compliance with the Compact of Mayors is maintained (now the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy)	

Achieved Progress made

Other Key Achievements against Council Priorities in the Strategy

1. **Create and foster opportunities for partnership and business to grow and prosper from the low carbon economy.**

- Built low carbon economy knowledge and networks across businesses through the Carbon Neutral Adelaide Partners leadership group.

2. **Create a supportive environment for early adoption of great ideas and technologies.**

- Showcased low carbon sector leadership through the Carbon Neutral Adelaide Awards in 2017, 2019, and 2021.
- Membership of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors, with climate action being one of six priorities.

3. **Facilitate knowledge sharing and network development to enhance community awareness and adoption of opportunities and outcomes.**

- Provided upskilling for community members and businesses, through a series of forums on leading edge topics and approaches including low carbon business, shared solar, carbon markets and energy efficiency in business.
- Identified climate risk and mitigation measures through a series of workshops with Council staff.
- Piloted cool road products and shared results through professional networks and media, and CoA infrastructure team will be using a modified version of the best performing product,
- A cool roof trials to demonstrate the effects of coating choices in reducing surface temperatures is underway for two buildings in Park 22.

4. **Provide financial and non-financial incentives for excellence and celebrate all areas of community leadership.**

- Won the Cities Power Partnership Community Engagement Achievement Award 2021 for the Sustainability Incentives Scheme, which provided over $1.4 million in support for sustainable technologies in the last five years.
- Signed the Cities Race to Zero Pledge and Better Futures Australia declaration prior to COP26 in 2021.

5. **Identify and promote new business and investment opportunities arising from the city advancing its carbon neutral reputation.**

- Communications and engagement have highlighted trends in business for sustainable buildings, electric vehicles, energy efficiency and circular economy through events, articles and awards.

3. NEXT STEPS

The proposed steps to continue Adelaide's leading role in a low carbon future are:

1. Confirming actions and projects for 2022 – 2025 that continue to accelerate carbon emissions reduction in the community.
2. Reviewing and proposing new carbon targets that align with the scienced-based 'fair share' targets required to avoid catastrophic climate change.
3. Developing a new climate action strategy beyond 2025 that sets the agenda for emissions reductions in line with global targets for 2030.
4. Implementing supporting strategies and action plans including the Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan

APPENDIX A: EMISSION REDUCTION ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Overview

The CoA engaged Point Advisory in 2021 to undertake extensive emissions analysis, including four trajectories to 2030 and 2050, and identify key opportunities to make a step change beyond 'carbon neutral' and strive for a science-based target, towards zero emissions.

Table 1 compares the different trajectories developed in the emissions analysis, against a FY2016 baseline, for ambition towards a true 'zero'. Meeting the Paris Agreement on climate change requires a pathway to zero by mid-century, and a halving by 2030.

Emissions reduction trajectories on FY2016 baseline	2025	2030	2050	Zero emissions by 2050	In line with Paris Agreement?
"Business as usual" (all current government programs)	-33%	-44%	-68%	No (requires offsets)	No
Accelerated abatement opportunities identified in analysis (see below)	-39%	-56%	-85%	No (requires offsets)	No
Science based "fair share" target	-31%	-48%	-100%	Achieved	Yes

Table 1: Emissions reduction trajectories compared

What are science-based targets?

Science-based targets provide a clearly defined pathway to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, helping prevent the worst impacts of climate change and future-proof business growth.

Targets are considered 'science-based' if they are in line with what the latest climate science deems necessary to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement – limiting global warming to well-below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C.

Other Australian jurisdictions

In the last five years:

- Australia has committed to net zero target for 2050.
- South Australia has committed to a 50% reduction by 2030 and net zero by 2050 on a 2015 baseline.
- City of Sydney has a plan to reach 70% reduction in emissions by end June 2025, from 2006 baseline and net zero by 2035.
- City of Melbourne has a climate strategy to reach 29% reduction by 2030 compared to 2015 baseline and net zero by 2050.

Emissions Profile

The community emissions in the City of Adelaide primarily come from:

- stationary energy: building electricity and natural gas;
- transport: private, public and commercial;
- refrigerants: commercial and domestic air-conditioning and refrigerators; and
- waste disposal: municipal, commercial, and wastewater

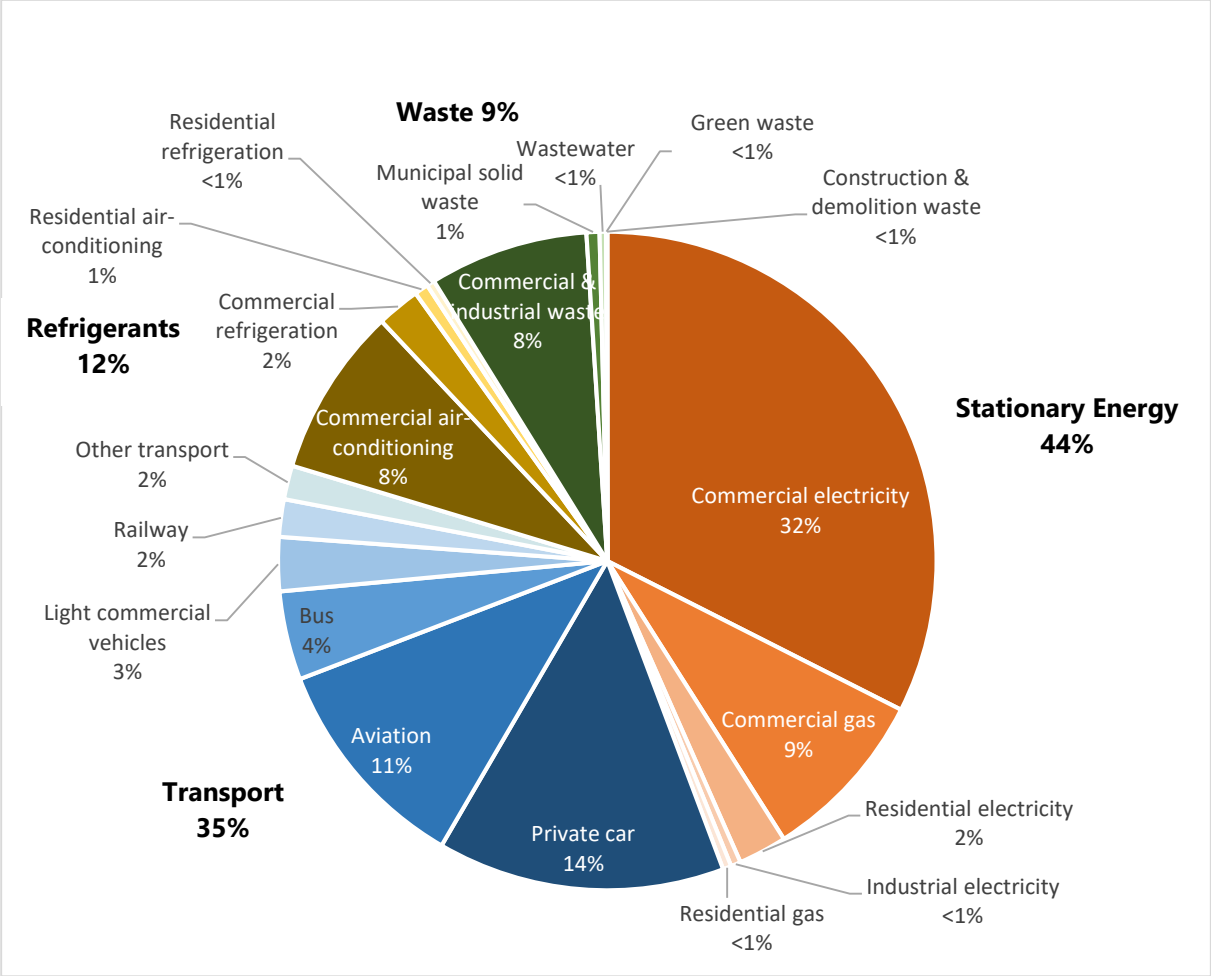


Figure 4: Emissions profile of the City of Adelaide Community, FY2020

Baseline

An emissions baseline is the year selected to measure reduction targets against. The Carbon Neutral Adelaide Strategy used a FY2007 baseline. This modelling uses a FY2016 baseline, and the percentages are expressed relative to that year.

Possible Future Trajectories for Adelaide

To support the target of achieving net zero carbon emissions for our community in our *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025*, Point Advisory modelled two emissions trajectories.

Trajectories are a way that modellers can investigate several possible futures. They assist in selecting actions based on the impact they could potentially have, in this case, for the future emissions of the city.

Figure 6 below shows two trajectories for emissions over the key period needed to tackle climate change, globally.

- **"External drivers" (light blue line).** This includes population and business growth, decarbonisation of the electricity grid, and technological improvements. It represents the trajectory for Adelaide that is essentially "do nothing".
- "**Total Business as Usual (BAU)" (dotted black line).** This includes external drivers plus existing government policies, programs and targets, including the State Government Climate Action Plan 2021-2025.

The coloured segments represent the anticipated changes in the electricity and transport systems. Key points are:

- The red segment (electricity) shows the emissions from the electricity grid reducing further to 2030, and close to net zero by 2050.
- The dark blue segment (on-road private transport) reflects electric vehicle fleet increasing to 75% by 2050, significantly reducing emissions from private transport.
- Other external drivers include increasing gas connections and increases to the number of PV systems on rooftops.

Figure 7 below presents two additional trajectories:

- **"Accelerated Abatement Opportunities" (dark green line)** – this line represents an emissions trajectory if significant projects, as identified in an opportunity analysis by Point Advisory in 2021 are implemented. This pathway would result in nearly 160,000 tonnes of emissions **remaining by 2050,** that would require new technological solutions, or offsetting, to achieve net-zero emissions.
- **"Science based target" (red dotted line)** – this line represents the pathway required to meet a true 'zero emissions' city by 2050.

For the purpose of modelling, a total of 17 opportunities were included in the **Accelerated Abatement Opportunities trajectory** (represented by the green line in Figure 7) based on their carbon abatement potential, technical feasibility and the potential role of the CoA either as a provider, regulator, or advocate. Of the 17 modelled opportunities, CoA would have direct control over some, for example creating cycleway infrastructure, but limited or no control over others, for example train electrification.

From the list of 17 opportunities, five key opportunities were used as prompts in climate action planning engagement with staff, community and stakeholders between February and April 2022, due to their strategic alignment, cost implications and carbon abatement potential. The five key opportunities highlighted during engagement were:

- Electrify existing and new buildings
- Accelerate the uptake of electric vehicles
- Renewables group-buy for business
- Increased uptake of active transport
- Shared solar for multi-tenanted buildings.

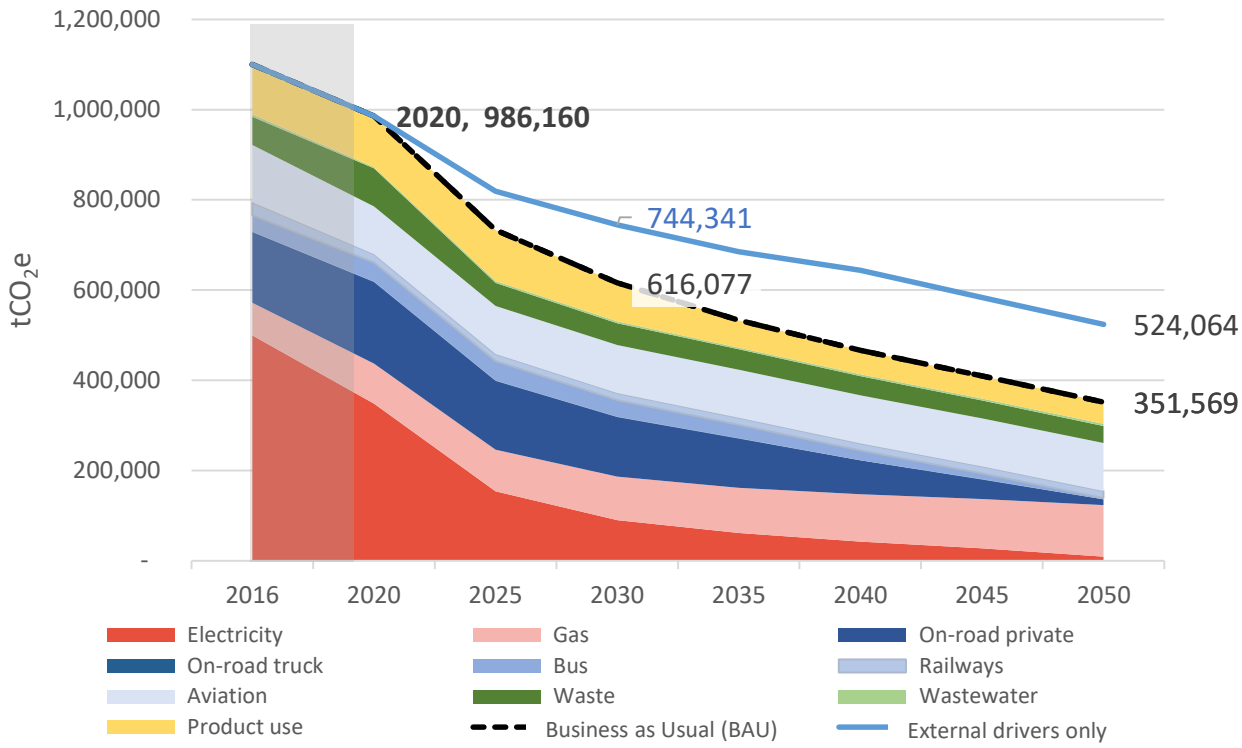


Figure 6: Business-as-usual community emissions trajectories to 2050, from Point Advisory Research

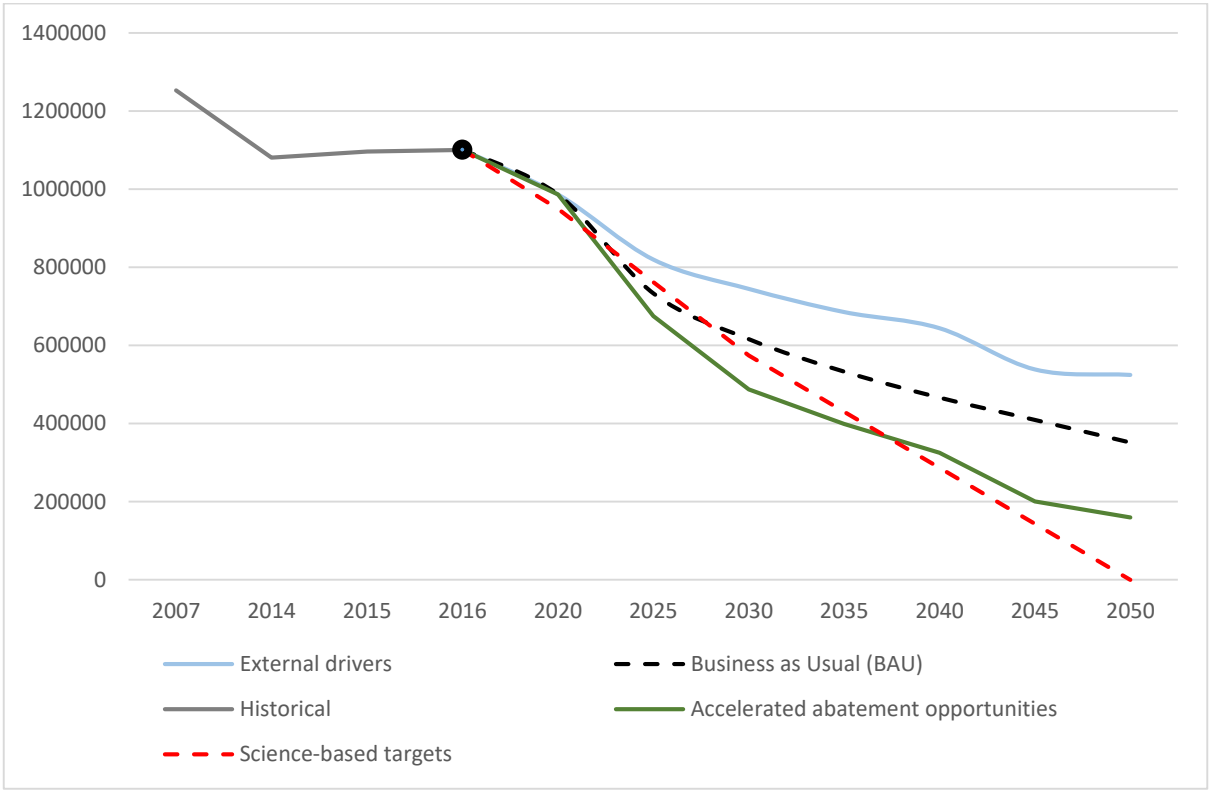


Figure 7: Enhanced emission reductions trajectories to 2050

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1. Introduction and purpose of the engagement

The City of Adelaide is currently in the process of developing its 2022-2025 Climate Action Plan. This plan aims to harness the community's momentum and build on what has already been achieved by the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative to further reduce Council and community emissions.

In 2021 the City of Adelaide engaged Point Advisory to undertake a technical analysis to model community emissions reduction pathways and identify community emissions reduction opportunities.

The City of Adelaide has worked collaboratively with URPS to deliver an engagement process to gather input to the new Climate Action Plan and to test support for the opportunities identified by Point Advisory. This engagement has been with key stakeholders and the broader community as well as internally with different teams within Council.

This report summarises the process undertaken and feedback gathered via a range of engagement activities undertaken from February to April 2022 in relation to climate action, and more specifically emissions reduction (refer Figure 1 for summary of engagement process and key themes).

This report focuses on the outcomes of engagement with community stakeholders and Council committees. Reporting on the outcomes of staff engagement is provided in Appendix B and Appendix C.

1.1 Engagement activities

The following engagement activities were undertaken:

1.1.1 Community and Council committee engagement

Facilitated by URPS, workshops were held with community stakeholders representing the following sectors/interests:

- Business
- Property
- Transport and active travel
- Youth.

Linking with external opportunities, members of the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team attended an Adelaide Sustainable Business Network event. In February 2022 a roundtable session with arts organisations was attended by the Lord Mayor, and included discussions about the arts can contribute to climate action.

A workshop was also held with Elected Members, Carbon Neutral Adelaide partners, Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel and the Reconciliation Committee.

Online, a dedicated YourSay page provided information about the climate action planning process and encouraged input from the community on an ideas board. Community members could post comments and 'like' ideas posted on the ideas board.

Part way through the engagement process an online survey was undertaken to test and gather feedback on emerging and selected opportunities identified through staff and community engagement.

The focus of the engagement was on holding deep and detailed discussions with targeted stakeholders while also providing opportunity for those w o are interested to provide input.

Across the community and Council committee engagement the following participation occurred:

Engagement activity	Participation
Community YourSay page	272 visitors 182 individuals contributed 101 ideas generated 1,534 likes 44 comments
Online community survey	44 responses
Community workshops/forums	11 workshops/forums held with 101 participants

Summaries of all community and Council committee workshops are provided in Appendix A.

1.1.2 Staff engagement

Seven workshops were held with council staff. A staff YourSay page was also hosted. A summary of staff engagement is provided in Appendix B.

1.2 Feedback themes

Feedback from engagement activities described above has been categorised into themes relating to the types of opportunities identified. This report has been arranged by the following themes:

- Moving towards an all-electric and resource efficient city
- Mobility and transport around the city
- Engaging with the community and business
- Greening the city and reducing the heat island effect
- Emission offsets.

1.3 Role of the City of Adelaide

The opportunities identified through the engagement have been evaluated based on Council's primary role in delivery, consistent with the roles identified by Point Advisory in the *Emissions reduction analysis report*[1]:

Role	Description
Provider	Council delivers the services
Funder	Council funds other organisations to deliver services
Regulator	Council regulates some activities through legislation
Partner	Council forms partnerships and strategic alliances with other parties in the interests of the community.
Facilitator	Council facilitates others to be involved in activities by bringing groups and interested parties together
Advocate	Council promotes the interests of the community to other decision makers and influencers

An infographic summarising the engagement undertaken and key themes is provided on the following page.

[1] Point Advisory 2021, *Carbon Neutral Adelaide Emissions reduction analysis*, prepared for City of Adelaide, 9 August 2021

2022 Climate Action Engagement

11 community workshops with **101** participants

7 staff workshops with **89** participants

44 **responses** to the community survey

182 community contributions to the **Your Say Adelaide** discussion board → **101** ideas, **1,534** likes

173 opportunities for action were identified including...

15 for **electrification** of Council buildings and infrastructure

14 for supporting and engaging **businesses**

13 for encouraging **active transport**

3 for **electrifying** the Council fleet

16 for supporting community uptake of **EV's**

6 for improving use of **public transport**

13 for **greening** of Council spaces

15 for community **education and awareness raising**

7 for **offsetting emissions**

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2. Community and Council committee feedback overview

The following section provides a summary of the key emission reduction opportunities for the City of Adelaide commonly identified through engagement with community stakeholders and Council committees. Each theme is described in more detail in the following sections.

2.1 Moving towards an all-electric and resource efficient city

Stationary energy (electricity and gas used in commercial, residential and manufacturing settings) accounted for 44% of the City of Adelaide's community greenhouse gas emissions in 2019/2020. Waste accounted for a further 9% of emissions. Community stakeholders and Council committees commonly identified a shift away from gas and non-renewable electricity towards electricity generated from renewable sources, particularly solar, as a key way to reduce emissions. Reducing waste to landfill and improving the energy efficiency of buildings and infrastructure through use of sustainable design were other commonly identified opportunities for becoming a resource efficient city.

2.2 Mobility and transport around the city

Transport accounted for 35% of the City of Adelaide's community greenhouse gas emissions in 2019/2020. This means improving the way council and the community travels around the city will be important to reducing emissions. Community stakeholders and Council committees commonly identified opportunities including increasing uptake of electric vehicles, encouraging use of public and active transport, reducing use of private vehicles and adjusting car parking supply to meet changing demands as ways to reduce transport related emissions.

2.3 Engaging with business and the community

It is recognised that engaging with businesses and community, including residents, workers and visitors, is central to achieving emission reduction targets. Community stakeholders and Council committees shared their views on the best ways to undertake this engagement, including awareness raising and education, support for community groups, and support for businesses through partnerships, funding and governance.

2.4 Greening the city and reducing the heat island effect

Urban heat islands occur when cities replace natural land cover with buildings, pavement, and other surfaces that absorb and retain heat. Greening the city and reducing the heat island effect has an indirect reduction in emissions by lowering city temperatures and associated electricity usage for cooling. Community stakeholders commonly identified opportunities including greening city spaces, streets and parklands and replacing dark, artificial surfaces with light, reflective surfaces or green infrastructure as ways to reduce emissions associated with the urban heat island effect.

2.5 Emission offsets

The use of carbon offsets helps the City of Adelaide to bring their carbon footprint down to zero as they work to eliminate their remaining emissions. Carbon offsets are generated through projects that reduce, remove or capture emissions such as reforestation and carbon capture and storage. Community stakeholders suggested that using local offsets and supporting businesses to buy or group-buy offsets of their own are key opportunities in this space.

3. Moving towards an all-electric and resource efficient city

Electrification and resource efficiency was one of the key themes for action raised in engagement with community stakeholders.

The following section describes opportunities identified by community stakeholders to reduce emissions associated with Council (corporate) and community energy and resource use.

At the community workshops, a number of new and ongoing actions undertaken by stakeholders were shared including:

- The Central Markets is reducing energy use and purchasing 100% renewable electricity. Traders have taken advantage of schemes to replace lighting with LEDs and improve energy consumption. In the next few years they plan to run a fit out program which will encourage traders to put in new, more efficient cool rooms and other improvements.
- House of Health in the Central Market have been plastic free for more than 10 years, ensure their deliveries are carbon neutral, and run their entire operation nearly carbon neutral.
- Human.Kind yoga has a 30kW solar system on the roof of its studio. All tenants in the building are on the same energy meter with sub meters, and they have an agreement with other tenants to share excess solar with other offices. They use LED lighting, have quality insulation and minimise upstream suppliers to reduce their carbon emissions.
- Duxton Pubs is setting a baseline for their food waste and carbon emissions and looking at ways to reduce both.
- The University of Adelaide has a campus sustainability plan and has invested in low carbon technology, renewables and engagement.
- Uniting Communities have also set a net zero target for 2035 and are continually advocating and presenting to others to encourage them to make similar net zero commitments. They are working to make U City a carbon neutral building and are already using shared solar.
- Terry White Chemist on Melbourne Street is a leader in recycling pharmaceutical blister packets from community members.
- New developments in the city are already on the path for full electrification such as 88 O'Connell and Market Arcade.
- Northern Edge Studio is focused on renewing, recycling and reusing buildings to reduce building demolition
- Tandem Energy is providing more mobile and stationary renewable energy storage capacity.
- Dsquared are carbon neutral certified and use 100% renewable suppliers.
- Packwise packaging work with businesses to transition them to 100% compostable packaging.
- Enpro Envirotech are providing several low carbon solutions including Rapid Thermophilic food composting to divert food waste from landfill, thermoreflective coating to reduce energy bills by 20-40%, and centralised waste to bioenergy systems

- Orbitel help to transition companies away from servers to cloud solutions for computer systems and phone systems to reduce energy use, transport for meetings, hardware requirements and paper use

3.1 Opportunities for action – electrification of Council operations and resource efficiency

Community stakeholders identified numerous opportunities to reduce Council's operational emissions through electrification and resource use efficiency described in Table 1. Where these were also identified during staff discussions, this is also noted.

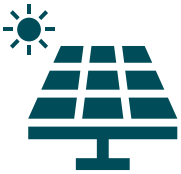
Table 1 Opportunities to reduce council emissions through electrification and resource efficiency

Opportunity	Identified by
Policy, planning and design	
Consider whole of life embodied carbon assessments as well as whole of life costs in council projects and procurement	ASBN, staff
Council buildings and infrastructure	
Electrifying council's buildings that still use gas, for example the Aquatic Centre, Market Square and ensure all new builds are fully electric and climate smart with higher thermal performance than construction code minimums	Community, staff
Progress the proposal to change the 30% of the City of Adelaide's public lighting owned by SA Power Networks to LED	Community, staff
Energy generation and storage	
Improve the renewable energy storage capacity of council buildings through installation of batteries and stationary and mobile storage	CNA partners
Waste	
Improve waste services through the city and parklands, including green waste and recycling collection	Community, staff

3.2 Opportunities for action – community electrification and resource efficiency

During the community workshops and through the online community engagement, a range of opportunities for actions to reduce community emissions through electrification and resource use efficiency were identified. These ideas have been collated and summarised in Table 2. The potential role of Council in each opportunity is also identified. Where these were also identified during staff discussions, this is also noted.

The ideas from the online discussion board are included in Table 2, with a summary of the support for these ideas and comments described below.



6 ideas and comments about electrification and replacing gas with solar were posted to the online discussion board.

These ideas received 59 likes



3 ideas and comments about waste management were posted to the online discussion board.

These ideas received 28 likes

Table 2 Opportunities to reduce community emissions through electrification and resource efficiency

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Potential role of Council
Energy efficiency		
Retrofit buildings to increase energy efficiency and provide rebates or grants for retrofit projects	Property stakeholders, ASBN, CNA partners, community	Funder, facilitator, advocate
Reduce energy consumption of new buildings through smart design, smart systems and technologies with high efficiency and productivity, renewable energy procurement and alternative, recyclable materials	Property stakeholders, ASBN, CNA partners	Regulator, advocate, facilitator
Continue to support businesses undertake upgrades to improve energy efficiency through BUF (also relevant for renewable generation and waste management) and improve BUF with additional incentives and simplified administration	Property stakeholders	Partner
Providing a finance mechanism such as BUF or CORENA to help community groups to afford the up-front costs of sustainable design (also relevant for generation)	Property stakeholders, staff	Partner
Help strata communities and disabled renters access the Sustainability Incentives Scheme (SIS)	Access and Inclusion Panel, staff	Facilitator, funder
Renewable energy generation and storage		
Facilitate shared purchase agreements for renewable electricity	Property stakeholders, business, Elected Members	Facilitator
Generate renewable energy during the day and export to the market at night, using solar, batteries or electric vehicles to store the energy and manage high energy loads	Property stakeholders, CNA partners	Funder, facilitator, advocate
Increase use of community solar, solar gardens, etc.	Community	Facilitator, funder
Support shared solar for apartments and office buildings	Property stakeholders, staff	Funder, facilitator
Connecting businesses to the retail energy productivity scheme (REPS) and other renewable energy programs, grants and advisory services	Business stakeholders	Facilitator
Provide information for business, organisations and households to understand available programs and support in relation to renewable energy options and support programs	Business stakeholders, ASBN, community	Provider
Partner with Business SA to run a “net zero emissions” business program in the city	Property stakeholders	Partner
Ensure grid stabilisation	Property stakeholders	Advocate

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Potential role of Council
Buildings and infrastructure		
Advocate for reducing strata fees where sustainable design reduces ongoing costs	Property stakeholders	Advocate
Advocate for Planning and Design Code amendments to support low carbon buildings and urban design	ASBN, staff	Advocate
Electrify everything to phase out gas, and do not include gas in new developments	Property stakeholders, ASBN, CNA partners, Elected Members, community	Advocate, regulator
Improve the ability of young renters to make green choices	Youth forum	Advocate
Promote the use of locally sourced materials	ASBN, staff	Advocate, facilitator
Waste		
Improve separation of organic waste to reduce waste to landfill	Business stakeholders, young people, community	Provider
Support waste separation in apartment buildings	Business stakeholders	Facilitator, advocate
Provide recycling facilities for particular waste streams such as blister packs and soft plastics, by partnering with private companies such as TerraCycle or RedCycle or promoting bins systems such as BinShift	Business stakeholders, community	Provider, partner
Facilitate collection of waste from multiple businesses to create economies of scale (eg food waste from adjacent hospitality venues)	Business stakeholders, young people	Facilitator
Promote compostable packaging	Business stakeholders	Advocate

3.3 Barriers to action

During the community workshops, participants were asked to identify barriers to progressing the opportunities identified in relation to electrification and resource use efficiency. These barriers are summarised below.

- Finance is a major barrier, and environmentally sustainable design is often the first feature to get cut. The pressures on the building industry have raised the costs of building, further disincentivising clubs to spend more upfront for sustainability upgrades despite long term savings.
- People are still buying the cheapest option rather than the most sustainable one.
- Planning and Design Code low carbon policies are not mandated or well-regarded by developers.
- Consumers who do want to purchase sustainable products need to look carefully at product credentials to ensure they are not just green washed.
- Young people have little decision-making power - many young people are renting or still living at home and do not have complete control over their lifestyle choices. Examples included rentals including bills in rent prices which disincentives minimising electricity, gas and water use, renters not having the ability to install solar panels or choose renewable power

3.4 Knowledge gaps

No knowledge gaps relating to electric and resource efficient cities were raised by community stakeholders.

3.5 Climate action survey responses

Through the online survey, respondents were asked about some of the opportunities for action raised through the earlier stages of engagement (refer Table 2).

Apartment building residents were asked if they had solar panels on their building. 3 out of 12 apartments residents reported solar on their building, but none indicated this was a shared solar system. Apartment residents were asked about their likelihood to investigate share solar through their strata committee. The responses are shown in Figure 1.

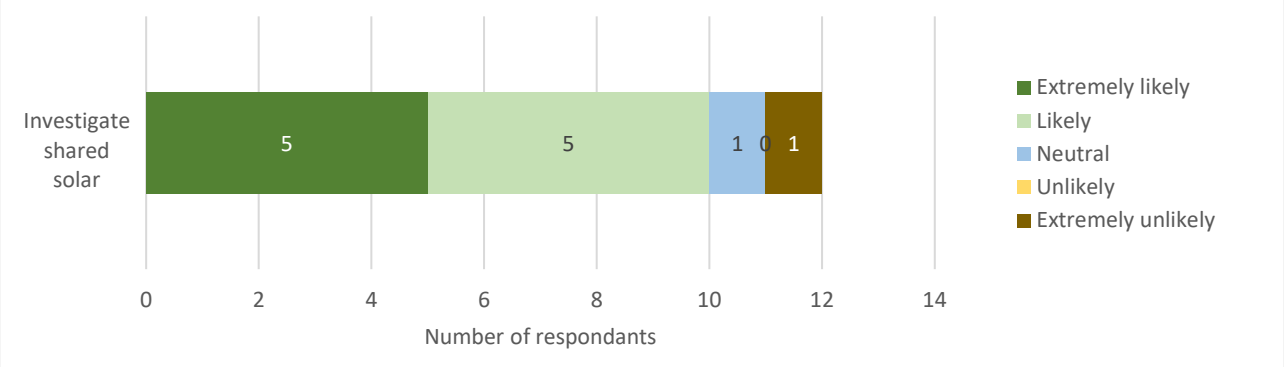


Figure 1 Likelihood of apartment residents investigating shared solar

Apartment residents were also asked what might make their strata committee more likely to investigate or install shared solar. 7 comments were received relating to:

- Better information and understanding of costs and benefits, and
- Availability of subsidies.

Business owners were asked about their likelihood to investigate or undertake a number of actions relating to electrification and resource efficiency. The responses are shown in Figure 2.

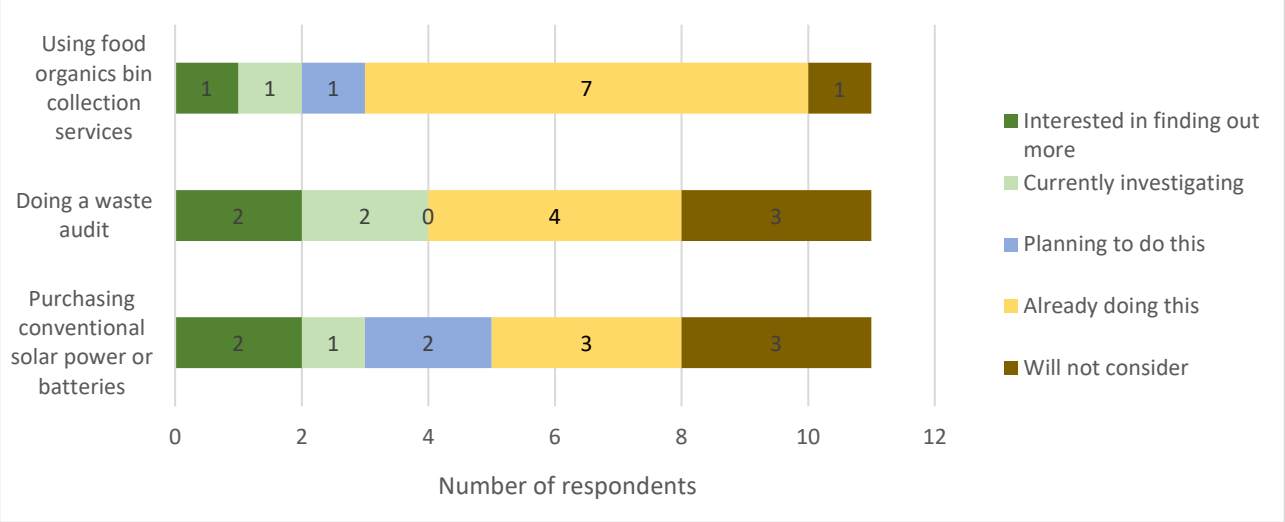


Figure 2 Likelihood of business owners to investigate implement action

Businesses were also asked about their likelihood to investigate a renewable group buy agreement. Two out of 11 respondents indicated they were likely or very likely and four were unlikely or very unlikely.

14 survey respondents that worked in or owned a multi-tenanted commercial building were asked about their likelihood to investigate shared solar through their building management or owner. The results are shown in Figure 3.

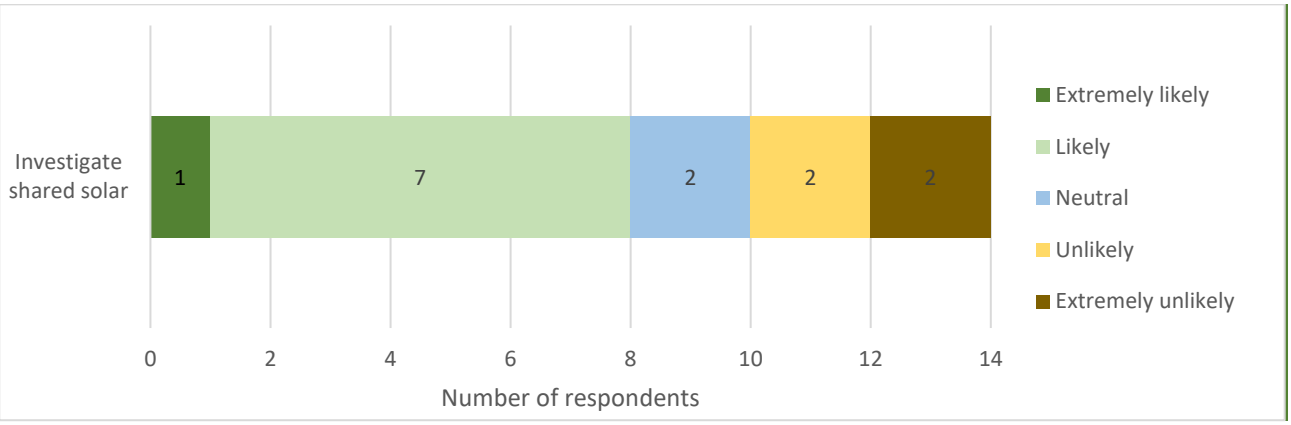


Figure 3 Likelihood of investigating shared solar

Ideas to make building managers/owners more likely to investigate or install shared solar included:

- Providing greater incentives, eg rates cuts, tax incentives, subsidies
- Information on costs and benefits
- More pressure from building tenants.

4. Mobility and transport around the city

Mobility and transport was one of the key themes for action raised in engagement with community stakeholders.

The following section describes opportunities identified through the community engagement to reduce emissions associated with Council (corporate) and community transport and mobility.

At the community workshops, a number of new and ongoing actions undertaken by stakeholders were shared including:

- RAA to roll out South Australia's first State-wide electric vehicle charging network, including 10 additional chargers in the city
- Provision of eco-friendly bike and rickshaw tours by Eco-caddy that provide alternatives to car use to travel around the city
- Competitive offers for EV charging at U-Park
- Interest in bringing Formula E to Adelaide with an associated festival of e-motion to promote Adelaide as a city of clean energy
- SA Water EV policy being implemented.

4.1 Opportunities for action – Council transport and mobility

Community stakeholders identified one opportunity to reduce Council's operational emissions associated with transport and mobility (refer Table 3).

Table 3 Opportunities to reduce emissions associated with council transport and mobility

Opportunity	Identified by
Set a target for electrification of the Council fleet	Young people, staff
Investigate the potential for council to enter into a group renewable energy supply agreement with other councils or the LGA, to help council and other local government partners secure renewable electricity for a lower cost	Elected Members
Encouraging a variety of technologies that can deliver electricity or other forms of energy to support an all-electric city transition	Elected Members

4.2 Opportunities for action – community transport and mobility

During the community workshops and through the online community engagement, a range of opportunities for actions to reduce community emissions associated with transport and mobility were identified. These ideas have been collated and summarised in Table 4. The potential role of Council in each opportunity was also identified (refer section 1.3). Where these were also identified during staff discussions, this is also noted.

The ideas from the online discussion board are included in Table 4, with a summary of the support for these ideas and comments described below.

 16 ideas and comments about improving cycling infrastructure were posted to the online discussion board These ideas received 461 likes	 10 ideas and comments about public transport were posted to the online discussion board These ideas received 149 likes
 4 ideas and comments about electric vehicles were posted to the online discussion board These ideas received 43 likes	 8 ideas and comments about reducing cars in the city were posted to the online discussion board These ideas received 140 likes

Table 4 Opportunities to reduce emissions associated with Council transport and mobility

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Electric vehicles		
Providing more EV charging services across the City, at UParks and including bi-directional chargers, fast charge stations and charging for scooters and bikes	Transport stakeholders, community, staff	Provider, partner, funder
Providing free charging at city festivals, events and at the Central Markets	Transport stakeholders	Provider
Trial vehicle to grid chargers	Community	Partner
Roll out the state-wide electric vehicle charging station network (RAA)	CNA partners	Advocate
Engage with the Department of Treasury and Finance to encourage them to reduce or abolish stamp duty for electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles	Elected Members	Advocate
Working with partners to increase coverage of on-street and off-street (on private land) charging	Transport stakeholders, community, staff	Partner, facilitator
Investigate low emission zones where high emission vehicles are restricted	Community, staff	Provider
Reduce speed limits to combat electric vehicle safety concerns	Access and inclusion panel	Regulator
Provide rebates for e-bike purchases by residents	Transport stakeholders	Funder
Electrify other forms of transport (buses, trams, rail)	Transport stakeholders, community	Advocate
Car parking		
Transition Uparks to service electric vehicles, including implementing demand management measures for both permanent and casual parkers	Transport stakeholders, staff	Provider
Ensure provision of EV charging spaces does not occur at expense of disabled parking spaces	Access and inclusion panel	Provider
Repurpose carparks into other uses, eg apartments	Transport stakeholders	Partner, facilitator
Introduce a car parking levy as carparking is currently the “largest untaxed resource in the city”	Transport stakeholders	Regulator
Provide park and ride on city fringe to encourage active or public transport for last leg	Community	Advocate
Encouraging car sharing programs	Transport stakeholders, staff	Facilitator

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Review on street parking time restrictions to avoid perverse outcomes (eg Requirement for CoA residents with parking permits to move cars, which encourages short car commutes)	Transport stakeholders	Provider
Prioritise on-street parks for loading zones, taxi/ride share zones and electric vehicle charging	Transport stakeholders	Provider
Provide incentives for electric vehicles to come into the city and park at zero or reduced fees or in dedicated parking zones	Elected Members, planning staff	Provider, partner
Review carpark demand and supply considering scenarios to increase alternate options, meeting peak demand and impact of EVs on demand, current demand for charging parks and energy demand, future impact of alternative transport	Elected Members, transport staff, planning staff	Provider
Public transport		
Advocating for more sustainable public transport, including increasing use of 'on demand' public transport, reducing off peak public transport, and transitioning to smaller, quieter, electric buses	Community, staff, Elected Members	Advocate
Provide free public transport	Community	Funder, advocate
Provide bike racks on City Connector buses	Community	Partner
Active transport		
Changing street layouts to prioritise active/public transport, trial temporary parklets and bike lanes, reallocate space for active travel, provide more dedicated bike lanes convert on street parking for bike/e-bike/scooter lanes and footpaths reduce car lanes turn laneways into car-free malls review outdoor dining on narrow footpaths	Transport stakeholders, young people, community, staff	Provider, regulator
Increase cycle paths that link across the city and to the suburbs, including completing the east-west cycleway and creating more north-south and east-west cycleways	Business stakeholders, young people, community	Provider, partner
Improve lighting for bike lanes	Young people	Provider
Provide more safe bike racks	Young people, community	Provider

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Create a green, hospitable and shady environment with stop lights that are shaded, shaded bus stops	Transport stakeholders, young people	Provider
Reducing private vehicle use		
Introduce a car-free day	Community	Partner
Promote short-term car hire and ride sharing	Community, staff	Facilitator
Introduce sustainable transport policy that encourages idea development, leads to business outcomes, and creates a suitable environment for others to invest, trial and test.	Transport stakeholders	Provider
Using community feedback regarding transport as a priority, as they are the actual daily users of our transport systems	Elected Members	Provider
Education and awareness raising		
Support bike festivals, popups and other events to promote cycling.	Transport stakeholders	Partner
Educate electric vehicle drivers to be more aware of the issues faced by people with disabilities, including signage in carparks and information printed on the back of parking tickets	Access and inclusion panel	Provider, partner

4.3 Barriers to action

During the community workshops, participants raised the following barriers to progressing the mobility and transport opportunities:

- Restricted supply of electric vehicles which limits uptake and results in a lack of second-hand vehicles
- Regulatory frameworks and laws in relation to private personal mobility devices such as e-scooters

4.4 Knowledge gaps

While Census data provides four-yearly insights on travel modes to work, community stakeholders identified an opportunity for more fine-grained understanding of behaviours and trends.

4.5 Climate action survey responses

Through the online survey, respondents were asked about some of the opportunities for action raised through the earlier stages of engagement (refer Table 4). Questions about transport related to both businesses and households.

Business owners were asked about the likelihood of purchasing electric vehicles for their fleet or providing incentives or facilities for staff and clients to use active transport in the next 1-5 years. Survey responses are shown in Figure 4.

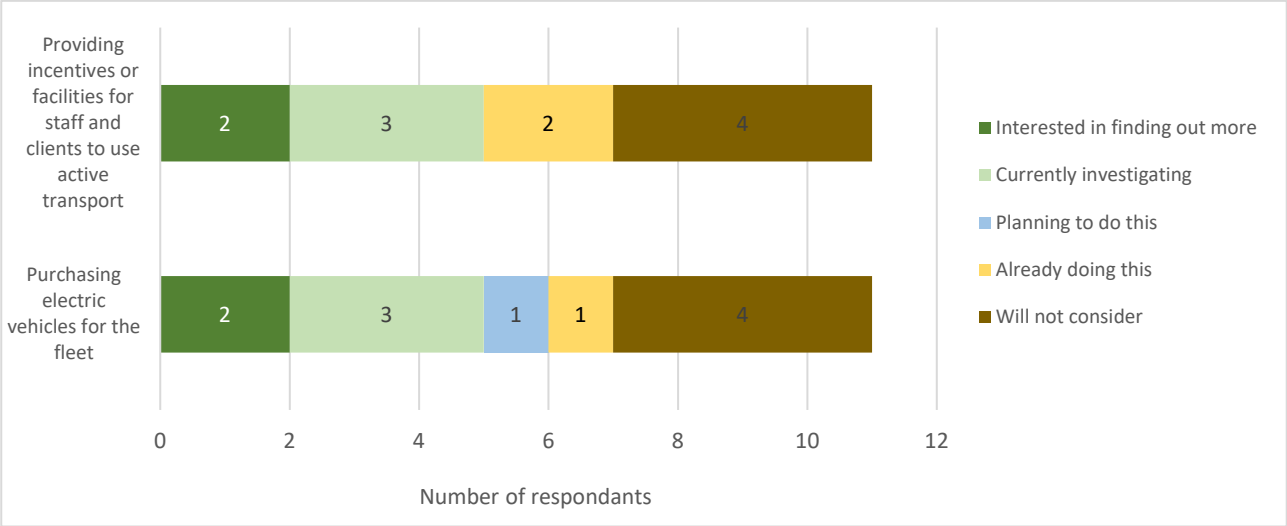


Figure 4 Likelihood of business owners' electric fleet vehicle purchase

Other opportunities being considered or undertaken by business owners to reduce transport emissions include:

- Investigate the removal of R134A [refrigerant] from imported motor vehicles
- Running vehicles on solar compressed air

- Reducing travel requirements by promoting online meetings.

Respondents were asked about the likelihood of purchasing an electric car (for personal use) or an electric bicycle in the next 1-5 years. Survey responses are shown in Figure 5.

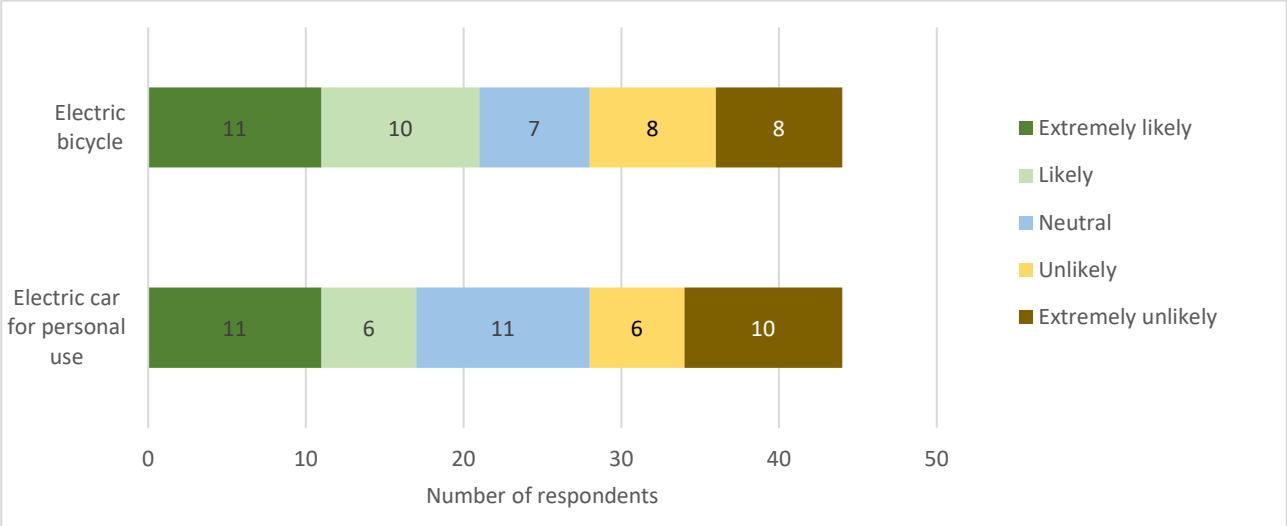


Figure 5 Likelihood of electric car or bicycle purchase

Respondents were also asked how likely they or their business would be to use a shared electric vehicle service. Nearly 50% of respondents indicated they were likely or extremely likely to use such a service (refer Figure 6).

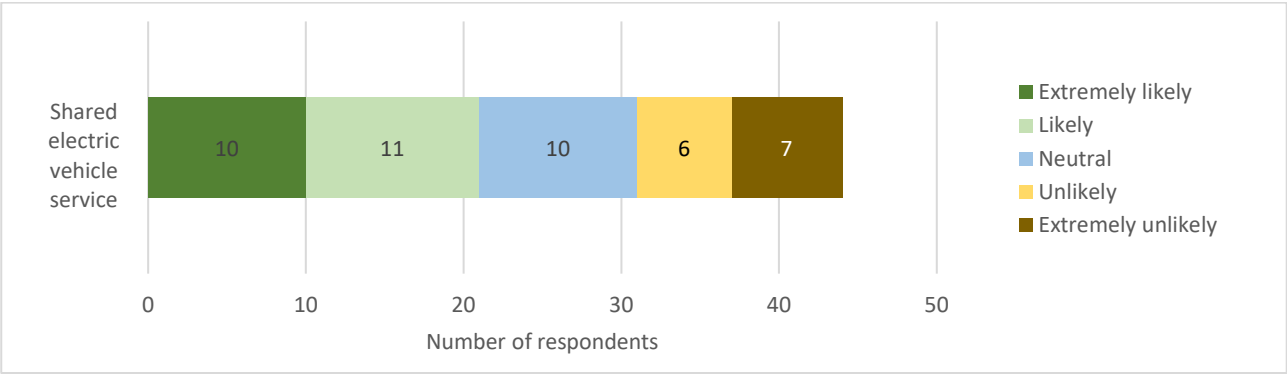


Figure 6 Likelihood of shared electric vehicle service use

One survey respondent identified an additional transport opportunity (not previously identified) regarding removing refrigerants from city resident's cars. Other feedback received through the survey relating to transport and mobility reiterated many of the opportunities previously identified by the engagement including:

- Progress and promote bike ways and better public transport
- Provide free and efficient public transport
- Install more EV charging stations including for e-bikes and e-scooters
- Penalise vehicles that are not charging in EV charger parking spaces
- Lack of EV charging in apartment buildings
- Penalise or ban use of internal combustion engines in the city
- Increase shade on bike routes.

5. Engaging with business and the community

Engaging with business and the community was one of the key themes for action raised in engagement with community stakeholders. This theme is about providing support and engagement that aims to raise awareness, knowledge and skills that enable the community to take action that leads to emissions reduction.

The City of Adelaide's community is defined for this report as including the people who live, work and visit the city and the businesses that operate there.

At the community workshops, a number of new and ongoing actions undertaken by stakeholders were shared including:

- St Mary's college is engaging with students about climate change and emission reductions
- The Central Markets are working to bring customers on the climate action journey through Sustainable September to raise awareness on making simple lifestyle changes to reduce their emissions
- Human.Kind use stories and learnings to educate the people who come to the studio
- Business SA are running a pilot course for businesses to get to net zero
- Stone and Chalk are investigating how to support start-ups to do small carbon assessments and become carbon neutral.

5.1 Opportunities for support and engagement

Community stakeholders identified a number of opportunities to support emissions reduction with the City of Adelaide's residents, businesses and visitors, described in Table 5. Where these were also identified during staff discussions, this is also noted.

Table 5 Opportunities to support resident, business and visitor emission reduction

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Awareness raising and education		
Share information with the community about lifestyle changes they can make to reduce their emissions	Young people, Reconciliation Committee, culture and environment stakeholders	Provider, facilitator, advocate
Share podcasts, news, audiobooks, books and videos with the community to help them educate themselves about what actions can be taken to combat climate change	Young people	Facilitator
Establish a Council climate action social media page	Young people	Provider
Send climate change information to schools	Young people	Provider, facilitator
Provide easily accessible information to help businesses to know where to start and what to do to reduce their emissions	Property stakeholders, CNA partners	Provider, facilitator
Promote climate initiatives in local sectors with other businesses to facilitate learning from past successes	Community, staff	Provider
Promote SIS and other emission reduction opportunities to landlords and property owners	Community	Provider
Host workshops and events at libraries and community centres, including targeted sessions as part of the migrant induction process	Community, staff	Provider, partner
Collaborate with university climate change clubs to run workshops or other events for students	Young people	Partner
Work towards making youth feel more empowered about their own choices	Elected Members	Advocate
Use arts as a medium and network to communicate about environmental sustainability	Culture and environment stakeholders	Facilitator
Prioritise slow, deeper engagement, grassroots progress and approaching each other with patience and the room to explore concepts, complexities, and contradictions without judgement	Culture and environment stakeholders	Provider, partner
Incorporate First Nations principles into emission reduction strategies	Culture and environment stakeholders	Provider, partner
Supporting community groups		
Host a regular council youth climate action forum and set up a Youth Advisory Committee	Young people	Provider

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Share opportunities to get involved in groups such as Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC), the SA Student Representative Council (SRC) and youth forums, particular through social media	Young people	Facilitator, advocate
Share opportunities to attend conventions, school strikes and other events that amplify citizen voices	Young people	Advocate
Supporting and collaborating with business		
Work together with businesses on events such as those held at the Central Markets to raise mass awareness and help people get on the climate action journey.	Business stakeholders,	Partner
Collaborate on projects with other groups such as the Climate Action Sustainability Taskforce, Committee for Adelaide, other councils etc.	CNA partners	Partner
Using the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative as an opportunity for partnership with businesses, a promotion opportunity and a selling point against other cities	CNA partners, staff	Advocate, facilitate
Investigate opportunities to link Carbon Neutral Adelaide Program to the federal government Climate Active program which involves a carbon neutrality certification scheme to further incentivise involvement	Property stakeholders	Partner
Host a focus group for partners that have committed to net zero or carbon neutrality that is more project based rather than broad ambitions	CNA partners	Facilitator
Increase the availability of grants for businesses in Council buildings such as the Central Markets	Business stakeholders	Provider
Reform the grant-funding process to be more cost effective for independent self-producing artist	Culture and environment stakeholders	Provider
Provide grants, incentives and other funding support to businesses looking to reduce their emissions	Business stakeholders	Provider
Provide governance and political direction so that businesses can work together to align with what is happening locally	Property stakeholders	Provider
Support businesses to adopt sustainable procurement practises	Property stakeholders	Facilitator
Encourage major consumers and corporates to also take action	Elected Members, culture and environment stakeholders	Advocate

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Embed event licenses/direction with considerations from First Nations First perspective and considerations for the climate crisis.	Culture and environment stakeholders	Facilitator
Create a central online portal for businesses to share their sustainability action plans	Culture and environment stakeholders	Facilitator

5.2 Barriers to action

During the community workshops, participants were asked to identify barriers to progressing the engagement opportunities identified. Barriers to community action are summarised below:

- Uncertainty around future technology and price changes, incentives and terms of lease prevents strong climate action
- Money and commitments are not being mobilised at higher levels of government and in big organisations
- Climate denial can lead to climate despair and this needs to be avoided
- Many Australians feel that climate change is not an issue for the present, that it is not their responsibility, or that it is an issue too big and overwhelming to take action on
- People tend to focus on short term benefits and struggle to think in the context of longer timeframes

5.3 Climate action survey responses

Through the survey, respondents were asked about some of the opportunities for action raised through the earlier stages of engagement.

A number of opportunities for Council to support community-led climate action were identified through the earlier stages of engagement and survey respondents were asked which they thought would be most effective (multiple responses possible).

Developing a directory of organisations or people who could help was the most commonly selected response with 31 of 44 respondents (70%) (see Figure 7).

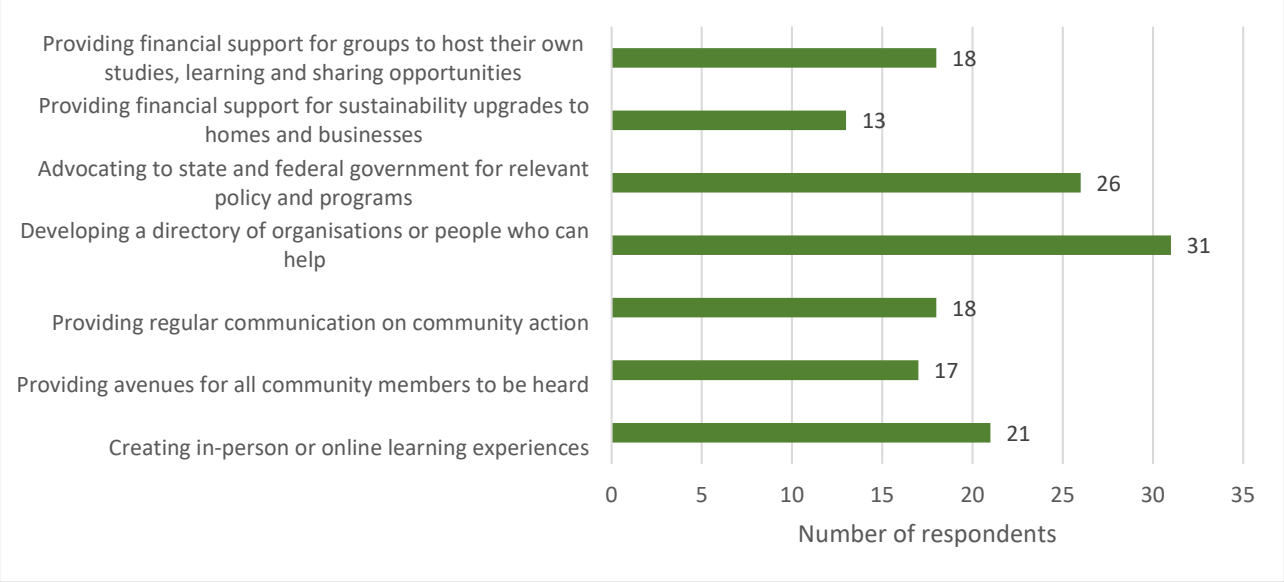


Figure 7 Support for council action to support community action

6. Greening the city and reducing the heat island effect

Greening the city and reducing the heat island effect was one of the key themes for action raised in engagement with community stakeholders.

The following section describes opportunities identified through the engagement to reduce emissions associated with Council (corporate) and community greening.

The Reconciliation Committee notes that healing country would help heal the climate, and greening could be considered one way to heal country.

6.1 Opportunities for action – Council greening and cooling

Community stakeholders identified a number of opportunities for greening and cooling by

Council. **Table 6 Opportunities for Council greening and cooling to reduce emissions**

Opportunity	Identified by
Reducing bitumen areas and converting underutilised roads and car parks into green space	Community
Using high emissivity roof paint	Community
Preserving existing parklands and regenerating and revegetating where possible	Community, CNA partners
Increasing green infrastructure	Property stakeholders
Increasing tree canopy and planting cover, including on streets and council verges	CNA partners, community
Incorporating biodiversity sensitive and water sensitive urban design principles at every opportunity	Community
Providing a commitment from Council Elected Members to tangible action on ecosystem health	Young people
Advocating to State Government to increase protection of trees, especially significant trees, from development	Community

6.2 Opportunities for action – community (private) greening

A range of opportunities for actions for greening and cooling were identified by the community. These ideas are summarised in Table 7. The potential role of Council in each opportunity is identified.

The ideas from the online discussion board are included in Table 7 with a summary of the support for these ideas and comments described below.

Table 7 Opportunities to reduce emissions associated with community (private) greening

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Subsidising white paint	Community	Funder
Supporting landlords to install green walls/roof gardens	Community	Funder
Making the process to apply for a street tree to be planted in a residential verge easier	Community	Provider

6.3 Barriers to action and knowledge gaps

No barriers or knowledge gaps were identified for greening and cooling.

6.4 Climate action survey responses

No questions in the survey related specifically to greening the city.

Survey respondents identified the following opportunities for greening and cooling action:

- Changing tree laws to stop indiscriminate removal of trees, especially old growth trees, to increase tree canopy in the city and to protect parklands instead of favouring development
- Provide more shade through tree cover on bike routes and in streets.

7. Emission offsets

Offsetting residual emissions to reach net zero was a key theme raised in engagement with community stakeholders.

The (avoidance of) acquisition of overseas offsets was raised during a number of community discussions.

At the community workshops, some ongoing actions by stakeholders were identified including:

- SA Water maintains biodiverse sequestration projects to generate Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) to offset its emissions.
- WOMAD has done carbon offset planting in Kangaroo Island.

7.1 Opportunities for action

Community stakeholders identified three opportunities associated with council offsets described in Table 8. Where these were also identified during staff discussions, this is also noted.

Table 8 Opportunities for council offsets

Opportunity	Identified by
Supporting carbon offset projects	CNA partners, staff, Reconciliation Committee
Investigating generation of our own local carbon credits	Business stakeholders, property stakeholders, community, Elected Members
Investigating the potential for blue carbon	Reconciliation Committee

Three opportunities were also identified relating to community offsets, described in Table 9.

Table 9 Opportunities for community offsets

Opportunity	Identified by	Role of Council
Businesses buying collective carbon offsets and sharing bulk-buy opportunities.	Business stakeholders, property stakeholders, CNA partners, staff	Facilitator
Establishing or facilitating a local carbon offset scheme	Business stakeholders	Provider, facilitator, partner
Businesses could pay Council to offset their carbon emissions and the Council could use this money to fund greening projects	Business stakeholders	Partner

Appendix A – Community and Council committee workshop summaries

Climate Action Planning Engagement

Business Workshop
Thursday 10 March 2022

Attendees:

- Duxton Capital Australia
- North Adelaide Precinct Association
- Grote Business Precinct
- Central Market Authority
- Manager energy services, Department for Mining and Energy
- HumanKind Yoga
- Green Industries SA

Venue: Zoom

Summary of discussion

Where should action now be focused in relation to the business sector?

Waste was identified as a big opportunity for the business sector. In particular, improving separation of organic waste, reducing emissions from waste and waste collection, collecting waste with other businesses to create economies of scale, and moving towards compostable packaging with associated education programs were highlighted.

Renewable energy was identified as another focus area for businesses. Connecting businesses to the retail energy productivity scheme (REPS) and other programs, grants and advisory services was seen as a significant opportunity. Establishing shared purchase agreements for renewable electricity to increase affordability and visibility for businesses was also raised.

Participants identified that there is interest in the business sector to buy collective, local carbon offsets and share bulk-buy opportunities. It was shared that several northern councils are looking into carbon farming and blue carbon opportunities.

Reducing scope 3 emissions in the business sector was also identified as a focus for action.

What climate action is already being undertaken that others could leverage or learn from in relation to the business sector?

- Duxton Capital Australia is currently undertaking a net zero pathway project with GISA to understand their emissions profile. They have also looked into their vineyards where stationary energy is highest, and are doing a commercial feasibility assessment into using food waste for chicken and piggery feed. They are happy to share their results with other hospitality businesses.
- The Grote Business Precinct Association have Conservation SA and the Joinery as members and a subcommittee focused on eco-projects.
- In 2019, the Central Markets installed a bio-separator for organic waste, paper waste and other waste. As a result, their waste separation is very good, achieving >97% waste diversion. The Central Markets send their food waste to charities and have a Plastic Free Champions program which has reduced trader's use of plastic, helped along by recent changes to waste legislation.
- The Central Markets are also reducing their energy use. Its electricity is provided through the City of Adelaide contract making it 100% renewable. Traders have taken advantage of schemes to replace lighting with LEDs and improve energy consumption. In the next few years they plan to run a fit out program which will encourage traders to put in new, more efficient cool rooms and other improvements.
- EV chargers have been installed in the Central Market Upark.
- The Central Markets are also working to bring customers on the climate action journey through Sustainable September to raise awareness on making simple switches to their lifestyles.
- House of Health, located in the Central Market, are leaders in the sustainability space. They sell food in bulk, have been plastic free for more than 10 years, encourage customers to bring their own containers, use compostable bags, ensure their deliveries are carbon neutral, and run their entire operation nearly carbon neutral which provides a great example to other traders.
- St Mary's college is doing good work on engaging with students about climate change and emissions reduction.

- Human.Kind yoga has a 30kW solar system on the roof of its studio. All tenants in the building are on the same energy meter with sub meters, and they have an agreement with other tenants to share excess solar with other offices. They use LED lighting, have quality insulation and minimise upstream suppliers to reduce their carbon emissions.
- Human.Kind yoga separate its waste, throwing out approximately one shopping bag of waste per week and are moving towards compostable packaging.
- Human.Kind use stories and learnings to educate the people who come to the studio.
- A developer in North Adelaide and the CBD, is trying out new technologies in hotels to reduce electricity usage, primarily through quality insulation. (https://www.carbonneutraladelaide.com.au/news/when-is-a-hotel-like-an-esky)
- The Majestic Hotel built on the old Channel 9 site on Tynte Street is designed to minimise the need for cooling and has cut power bills by half as well as being greener.
- The owner of the Terry White Chemists on Melbourne Street is a leader in recycling pharmaceutical blister packets from community members. (https://citymag.indaily.com.au/happening/meet-north-adelaides-most-stubborn-super-recycler/)
- GISA is undertaking numerous projects with the City of Adelaide and other city businesses including matching up businesses with consulting firms to identify opportunities for improvement, waste projects, emissions projects, individual business grants or precinct/cluster grants.
- Cross-government action is happening – a government greenhouse accounting method is being developed, government agencies can obtain funding for energy efficiency and upgrades for government buildings, retail energy productivity scheme (REPS) provides incentives for South Australian households and businesses to save energy through lighting, batteries and other productivity measures. ESCOSA are the administrators of REPS and are trying to improve the amount of information on what can be done via REPS. https://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/industry/reps/overview
- Some organisations are working to bring Formula E to Adelaide with an associated festival of e-motion to promote Adelaide as a city of clean energy.

What are the opportunities to work together?

Participants identified the following opportunities to work together:

- Collecting waste with other businesses to create economies of scale
- Sharing excess solar to other nearby buildings

- Establishing shared renewable energy purchase agreements
- Achieving reductions in scope 3 emissions by looking up and down supply chains to determine where businesses can tap into other change.

How can Council support others to drive action in relation to the business sector?

Participants identified many ways in which Council can support action in the business sector.

Funding

Participants identified that there is “no shortage of ideas, but there is just not enough funding” calling on Council to provide grants and other funding support.

Increasing the availability of grants for businesses in Council buildings such as the Central Markets was also identified as an important action.

Waste

Participants identified numerous ways in which Council can support improvements in business waste reduction.

Participants suggested Council providing co-funding for TerraCycle Zero Waste Boxes, a popular recycling business that partners with individual collectors to recycle hard to recycle items like blister packs. It can be expensive for businesses to participate in TerraCycle, and businesses would appreciate support from Council to facilitate recycling schemes for particularly hard to recycle items which would otherwise go to landfill.

RedCycle is another program similar to TerraCycle. Participants suggested Council could provide RedCycle locations throughout CBD as alternatives to supermarket RedCycle collection points which do not accept soft plastics and other recyclables from traders and businesses.

Participants identified that recycling can be difficult for apartment residents due to strata issues. Blocks of 50-75 apartments can be too small for larger recycling bins but too large for individual bins. Supporting better waste separation in apartment buildings was considered a “quick win” for Council.

Participants shared that many restaurants and pubs find it difficult to find providers to take their food waste. They suggested that Council could provide a facilitation role to link hospitality venues to food waste providers.

Duxton Capital Australia asked for support from Council for phase 1 of their waste project.

Transport

Council could also support green transport. Participants highlighted a need for more active transport infrastructure including secure, convenient bike parking and paths that link across the city and to the suburbs. Participants would like infrastructure to encourage choice, promote safety and provide connections across Adelaide. They would like consistent commitment from Council to deliver this.

Energy

Participants suggested Council could help business owners navigate what support is available for renewable energy. Businesses would like more clarity about what different energy advisory programs provide. They also expressed interest in shared purchase agreements or a whole of City of Adelaide tender for renewable energy to increase accessibility and affordability for businesses.

Events

Participants identified opportunities for Council to work together with businesses on events such as those held at the Central Markets. These events could provide an easy platform to raise mass awareness and help people get on the climate action journey.

Carbon offsetting

Participants expressed interest in Council developing a local carbon offset scheme such as a local Emissions Reduction Fund. Small businesses collectively have lots of rooftop and other space for plantings and other carbon sequestration opportunities, and participants would like to see these spaces utilised and incentivised for green space. Participants also suggested that businesses could pay Council to offset their carbon emissions and the Council could use this money to fund greening projects. Council could partner with other Councils in regional areas to establish this program.

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Transport Workshop
7 March 2022

Attendees:

- Six Cats
- Transport Australia Society
- EcoCaddy
- RAA
- Flexicar
- JET Charge
- Department of Energy and Mining
- Walking SA
- Bike Adelaide
- Bike Adelaide community group
- JET Charge
- City of Adelaide
- URPS

Venue: Zoom

Summary of discussion

Where should action now be focused in relation to the transport sector?

Participants emphasised that the future of sustainable transport relies on having the "right mode of transport in the right place". Discussion centred around carparking, slow/slowing traffic, electric vehicles, reducing car ownership, and active transport.

Car parking

Participants identified that Adelaide has a current over-supply of carparking. The transition of these assets was discussed at length, including options such as repurposing on street parking for bike/e-bike/scooter lanes and footpaths, and transitioning multi-level car parking stations into electric vehicle friendly car parks, or repurposing them into apartments or other uses.

Slow traffic

The “slow” traffic model was supported by multiple participants, with desire expressed for a city that promotes a slower pace and greener environment which would be safer and better for commerce, health and the environment. Other ideas raised to promote a “slow” city included transitioning lanes from car traffic to cycling and pedestrian traffic, reducing vehicle speed limits, and giving pedestrians the priority at traffic lights.

Electric vehicles

Electric vehicles (EVs) were identified as the “vehicles of the future”. It was shared that e-bikes and e-based vehicles are the biggest growing transport sector. However, participants identified that the main challenge to increasing EV uptake will be the availability of EVs following rapidly increasing demand and supply chain disruptions following COVID-19. Addressing charging issues, such as for those without off-street parking, was also identified. Electrifying other forms of transport was also supported.

Participants emphasised that South Australia is a leader in electricity generation and has the opportunity to capitalise on this to promote an electric vehicle “revolution”.

Reducing car ownership

Making car ownership “more of a choice” was another topic of discussion. Participants raised short-term car hire and ride sharing as key opportunities to achieve this. One participant stated that “shared mobility is the future”. Increasing active transport and other micro-mobility options including e-bikes, scooters and gophers were other suggestions for replacing cars.

Active reavel

Participants emphasised that Adelaide is well suited to supporting active travel due to its flat topography. Promoting more active travel will involve implementing improved cycling infrastructure, increasing safety, and considering cross-city and suburb connections. Participants identified the benefits of increasing bike transport as reduced traffic congestion, increased public space and amenity benefits, increased equality and accessibility and reduced emissions.

Overall, participants emphasised that “carbon neutrality is the most important thing” and that we need “sustainable mobility for all”. They highlighted that this will be increasingly important as the introduction of global carbon taxes sees a move in

overseas markets away from carbon intensive products, reducing our ability to export goods.

What climate action is already being undertaken that others could leverage or learn from in relation to the transport sector?

Participants identified the following examples of leading climate action in the transport sector:

- Eco-caddy provides eco-friendly bike and rickshaw tours around Adelaide that provide alternatives to car use to travel around the city
- New York is currently trialling a transition toward more cycling through use of cycle corridors with businesses located along the route
- Denmark is currently re-purposing car parks into housing
- Transport Australia has released a discussion paper on the safety advantages of slow traffic
- RAA has won the state government grant to roll out South Australia's first electric vehicle charging network
- Industry including Amazon, Uber, UPS and Australia Post is leading innovation in transport
- All east coast cities undertook cycle 'pop-ups' post COVID
- There are already 10,000 cycle movements in and out of the City per day
- U-Park create competitive offers for EV charging
- City of Playford has retrofitted car parks to enable the transition to residential uses.

What are the opportunities to work together?

As the centre of Adelaide, connectivity of bike routes from the City of Adelaide into the suburbs was considered important. Participants suggested the City of Adelaide could work together with other metropolitan councils to progress a cycling transition program across Adelaide that promotes a connected bike network.

How can Council support others to drive action in relation to the transport sector?

Participants emphasised that the next 15-30 years, the timeframe of the City Plan, is a critical time for emissions reduction and as such, a rapid transition to low carbon

transport is required. Participants suggested Council could drive action in the transport sector in the following ways:

Electric Vehicles

Participants suggested Council promote EV uptake through incentives, education, transitioning the Council fleet towards mass model EVs and sharing trusted sources of information about availability and charging requirements of EVs.

Providing additional EV charging stations was highlighted as one of the most important actions Council can take to support uptake of electric vehicles. Participants also suggested providing free charging at City festivals, events and at the Central Markets. Charging facilities for electric bikes and use of electric buses was also identified as important.

Car parking

Participants considered that the City of Adelaide has the political influence to drive the diversion away from car parks. Participants suggested that Council could address the oversupply of carparks in the city by switching Council owned car parks to residential and other land uses and on street car parks to cycling lanes, or introducing a car parking levy as carparking is currently the “largest untaxed resource in the city”.

One participant identified the perverse outcome for residents in North Adelaide who have to move their car every 48 hours if parked in a permit zone on the street, causing unnecessary traffic. Similarly, workers continuously move their cars throughout the day due to time restrictions and suggested Council change these rules to “encourage people not to drive” and instead to “just park and leave”.

Prioritising on street parks for loading zones, taxi/ride share zones and electric vehicle charging was considered important by participants.

Cycling

Participants identified “political leadership and investment” as critical to promoting cycling. They noted that strong political will was necessary to “change the way cities have been built for hundreds of years” to “reallocate space for cycling”. While historically the City of Adelaide Elected Members have been “quite hostile to cycling”, participants believe that cycling is key to a carbon neutral future.

Participants also recommended Council introduce policy around sustainable transport that “encourages idea development, leads to business outcomes, and creates a suitable environment for others to invest, trial and test”. They recommended that bike festivals, popups and other events could be run or supported by Council to promote cycling. They also raised that creating a “green”, “hospitable” and “shady” environment with stop lights that are shaded and prioritise pedestrian and cycling movements could be implemented by Council. Rebates for e-bike purchases by residents was another idea raised.

Climate Action Planning Engagement

Youth Forum
Monday 28 March 2022

Attendees:

- Adelaide School Strike 4 Climate group
- CH4 Global
- St Aloysuis
- First year university student
- First year university student (nursing)
- Third year university student (accounting)
- Graduate Consultant at URPS

Venue: Stone and Chalk

Summary of discussion

Where should action now be focused in the city from a youth perspective?

Workshop participants suggested that increasing use of active and public transport should be a focus area for climate action. They suggested that reducing the cost of public transport and providing better cycling infrastructure would encourage more young people to use green and active transport options.

Social justice issues including food security and women's rights were highlighted as directly related to climate change, and participants suggested that the links between the two should be further emphasised.

Wind power, waste and improving the ability of young renters to make green choices were also raised as important areas for action.

Youth participants emphasised that we need to “implement the solutions we already have” and “act now for future generations”

What role can young people play to progress action?

Workshop participants highlighted that many young people are renting or still living at home and do not have complete control over their lifestyle choices. Examples included rentals including bills in rent prices which disincentives minimising electricity, gas and water use, renters not having the ability to install solar panels or choose renewable power, and parents driving their children around in cars.

They also explained that they currently have little decision making power. Without the financial resources or the authority to initiate the change themselves, they often rely on school or community groups to get involved in climate change. However, young people shared that they often do not feel valued or heard at these forums.

Participants also highlighted the many ways young people can play an important part in climate action. They explained that young people tend to be very passionate about climate change and “want to contribute”.

Having connected groups of like-minded young people that collaborate and share each other’s successes was identified as a key factor to get young people involved in climate action. Being involved in groups such as Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC), the SA Student Representative Council (SRC) and youth forums was identified as one way to do this.

Being involved in activism and advocacy was identified as another way for young people to get involved. Participants identified that young people can use the “power in their voice as a young person” to advocate to government for better funding and decision making around climate change. Getting involved in activism in different ways including school strikes for climate was also suggested.

Educating yourself and others through podcasts, news, audiobooks, books and videos was identified as a key way for young people to understand what actions can be taken to combat climate change.

Using public and active transport and encouraging other family members to do the same was identified as another way for young people to take action.

What support do young people need to take action on climate change and how can Council provide this support?

All participants agreed there is a need for a space where young people can come together and talk about climate action on a regular basis. They explained that climate change is a topic that rarely comes up in conversation amongst friends and family, but that greater education of young people is critical to give them the tools to take action

and have hope for the future. They also explained that many young people want to get involved in climate action but “do not know how”.

Workshop participants suggested that Council could play a key role to bridge this education and connection gap between young people and climate action. Hosting a regular youth climate action forum, setting up a Youth Advisory Committee, establishing a Council climate action social media page, sending information to schools, and sharing other opportunities for young people such as school strikes or AYCC events were raised as ways Council could do this. Participants noted that promotion of climate action groups, events and information would reach young people best on social media such as Instagram.

If Council were to host a youth climate action forum or Youth Advisory Committee, this could provide an avenue for the ideas of young people to be shared with the wider community. It could also help young people to influence decision makers, as participants emphasised that young people need to be part of the decision making process around climate action.

Participants highlighted that this support would be particularly important for school students who currently have limited ability to take action on climate change or influence decision making. Collaboration with university climate change clubs to run workshops or other events was another idea to reach a wide audience of young people.

What should Council be doing to support climate action more generally?

Workshop participants raised active transport infrastructure and waste as other areas where Council can drive climate action.

Providing dedicated bike lanes, improved lighting, more safe bike racks and shade trees shade along bike lanes, and working with neighbouring Councils to provide connected cycling routes, were identified as ways Council can increase the number of people cycling. It was noted that applying a carbon price to this infrastructure would make it cost effective.

Waste was another area of conversation, with participants raising concerns about the limited recycling services provided to commercial businesses, especially considering the proportion of emissions they take up in the City of Adelaide. Participants suggested that Council could offer improved waste services to businesses, especially for small business. They also suggested advocating to the State Government to change waste legislation, for example to facilitate fortnightly red bin collection.

Climate Action Planning Engagement – ASBN Workshop

6 April 2022

Attendees:

- SA Government
- Troppo Architects
- Harvery Norman
- Tafe student
- Adelaide University student
- Fielders
- Sarah (Construction)
- SA Government
- Bluescope steel
- Suntrix
- The Partnership
- Northern Edge Studio
- Mott Macdonald
- Uniting Communities
- Tafe student
- Hosking Wilis
- Mott Macdonald
- JPE Studios
- Onkaparinga

Venue:

Online

Objectives and format of the engagement

The City of Adelaide is currently in the process of developing its 2022-2025 Climate Action Plan. Council hopes to use this plan to harness the community's momentum and build on what has already been achieved by the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative to further reduce council and community emissions.

The City of Adelaide Low Carbon & Circular Economy team has been working with engagement specialists URPS to deliver an engagement process to gather input to the new Climate Action Plan. This engagement has been with external stakeholders and broader community as well as internally with different teams from within Council.

The Low Carbon & Circular Economy team has led the delivery of a series of external workshops to gather feedback on which actions should be prioritised in the Climate Action Plan. A SustainabiTEA session was held with the Adelaide Sustainable Building Network (ASBN) to discuss the City of Adelaide's emission reduction actions. The information gathered at this session is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

What are the opportunities for emission reductions within the built environment?

Participants at the SustainabiTEA session identified the following opportunities for emission reductions within the built environment:

- Electrifying everything within the built environment is essential, from very large developments down to residential developments
- Focusing on embodied and whole of life emissions
- Reducing consumption through smart design, smart systems, renewable energy procurement and alternative, recyclable materials
- Including an environmentally sustainable design (ESD) consultant from the beginning of projects and making this part of the "business as usual" process
- Addressing upgrade needs of existing properties as well as new builds, as 80% of Adelaide property is over 20 years old

How can council support emission reductions within the built environment?

Participants suggested that council could support emission reductions within the built environment in the following ways:

- Educating businesses, occupants, clients and governments around materials and carbon neutrality options
- Continuing to connect others to share knowledge and skills
- Working with other councils and international bodies to advocate for reducing embodied carbon
- Using Council's carbon neutral plan as a measure for new council projects to improve design, development, tender and construction processes and to lead by example
- Encouraging carbon neutrality in private development, including through advocacy for improvements to planning policy
- Focusing more on reducing consumption rather than offsetting to aim for net zero
- Bringing back Park(ing) Day
- Including ESD in tenders and specifications

What are the barriers to these actions?

Participants identified the following barriers to reducing emissions in the built sector:

- People are still buying the cheapest option rather than the most sustainable one
- Consumers who do want to purchase sustainable products need to look carefully at product credentials to ensure they are not just green washed
- The upfront costs of reusable, recycled, sustainable materials remain a barrier
- Certification schemes do not help to identify sustainable products
- The development approval process presents a myriad of barriers

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Carbon Neutral Adelaide Partners Workshop

17 March 2022

Attendees:

- Northern Edge Studio
- Tandem Energy
- Enpro Envirotech
- dSquared Consulting
- Orbitel
- Stone and Chalk
- EfficientSee
- Packwise
- Hames Sharley
- Uniting Communities
- Conservation SA

Venue:

Online

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The Low Carbon & Circular Economy team has led the delivery of a series of external workshops to gather feedback on which actions should be prioritised in the Climate Action Plan. At the workshop with the Carbon Neutral Adelaide (CNA) partners, a discussion was held regarding the actions CNA partners are already taking to reduce emissions, further opportunities to reduce business and community emissions, and the actions council can take to reduce emissions.

Summary of discussion

What climate actions are already being undertaken by CNA partners that others could leverage or learn from?

CAN partners are currently progressing the following climate actions:

- Stone and Chalk are investigating how to support start-ups to do small carbon assessments and become carbon neutral
- Uniting Communities have also set a net zero target for 2035 and are continually advocating and presenting to others to encourage them to make similar net zero commitments. They are working to make U City a carbon neutral building and are already using shared solar
- Northern Edge Studio is focused on renewing, recycling and reusing buildings to reduce building demolition
- Tandem Energy is providing more mobile and stationary renewable energy storage capacity to ensure renewable energy generated during peak times is not wasted
- Dsquared are caron neutral certified and use 100% renewable suppliers
- Packwise packaging work with businesses to transition them to 100% compostable packaging
- EfficientSee are working towards hydrogen options
- Enpro Envirotech are providing several low carbon solutions including Rapid Thermophlic food composting to divert food waste from landfill, Thermoreflective coating to reduce energy bills by 20-40%, and centralised waste to bioenergy systems
- Orbitel help to transition companies away from servers to cloud solutions for computer systems and phone systems to reduce energy use, transport for meetings, hardware requirements and paper use

What other opportunities are there to reduce business and community emissions?

CNA partners identified further opportunities for reducing business and community emissions including the following:

- Several CNA partners identified electrifying transport as a priority, including the roll out of the state-wide electric vehicle charging station network
- Investigating the future potential of hydrogen for the transport sector
- Prioritising electrification and use of renewable energy, and moving away from gas especially for heat pumps
- Using systems and technologies with lower energy intensity, higher efficiency, and better overall productivity
- Reducing emissions associated with the built sector, including regenerative design, electrification of new and refurbished buildings and reduction of embodied carbon
- Learning from nature
- Increasing tree canopy cover

How can Council best act to reduce emissions?

CNA partners suggested that Council could best reduce emissions through the following actions:

- Playing a leadership role as a hub a of public transport and the destination of so many visitors
- Setting clear concise emission reduction goals
- Hosting a focus group for partners that have committed to net zero or carbon neutrality that is more project based rather than broad ambitions, and is not too structured and time intensive for partners
- Collaborating on projects with other groups such as the Climate Action Sustainability Taskforce, Committee for Adelaide, other councils etc.

- Supporting local regeneration, revegetation and carbon offset projects
- Aiming towards net-zero without the need for overseas offsets
- Providing easy to access information to help businesses and individuals to know where to start and what to do to reduce their emissions
- Improving the renewable energy storage capacity of the city through installation of batteries and stationary and mobile storage in addition to coordinating some of the higher energy loads within the city

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Culture and Environment Roundtable

15 February 2022

Attendees:

- Festivals Adelaide
- Festival City Adelaide
- Larsen Keys
- Adelaide Festival
- Lord Mayor of Adelaide

Venue:

Online

Summary of discussion

- Embed event licenses/direction with considerations from First Nations First perspective and considerations for the climate crisis.
- Shift from adaptation and mitigation to regeneration — in language, policy, and measurement. Embed regeneration in KPIs, strategies, deliverables, and evaluation. Centre First Nations people in leadership roles and decision-making.
- Use the medium of the arts to communicate with those for whom environmental sustainability is not front of mind, and utilise our peer networks to source good practice and connection, support.
- Complexities of solutions - prioritising slow, deeper engagement, grassroots progress and approaching each other with patience and the room to explore concepts, complexities, and contradictions without judgement.
- Beyond 'greening' the system as it is. Can the arts helping to lead the 'social transformation' promised in the Paris Agreement?
- People want to know what they can do right now, and what services / tools are available to assist.
- Harness the collective power for arts organisations by sharing what we're doing (information, resources or even staff), getting others on board and maximising bargaining power and economies of scale.
- Create a central online portal to share our sustainability action plans. In our work to be more First Nations and community-led, take on some of the emotional labour of the groups and leaders we all call on again and again by: collaborating, checking in and broadening our networks to distribute the load. On an individual level, commit to reusable, compostable or 10c recyclable materials at our events.
- Establish a shared climate action resource toolkit embedded across all the online spaces where artists gather already - showcasing all the work being done to give people tangible options to act now.
- Reform the grant-funding process to be more cost effective for independent self-producing artist - how can we subsidise the fees or commit to uncompromised full funding of productions rather than making artists work with 25% budgets.

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Reconciliation Committee meeting

4 May 2022

Key points for Action Plan:

- Important to ensure collaborative work that links across greater Adelaide to the city.
- Communication and education for First Nations People and younger people is key.
- Opportunity to consider role of Blue Carbon in offsets
- Climate Action is everyone's responsibility not only Council or a specific group/individual

Other comments:

- Adelaide as a National Park City – what is the relationship with other LGAs – need them to have the same thinking
- How is Adelaide going to line up with the rest of Adelaide outside of the city?
- Heal Country recommendations – giving Aboriginal people permission of consent and discussion – reality is the action empowerment needs to be with Aboriginal people and needs to align with other Councils – related to carbon abatement, carbon offsets, blue carbon
- Federal government funding for blue carbon – we need to look at it here
- Federal government water allocation – SA Water – water relations and water allocation plan – environmental flows – Aboriginal empowerment
- All good work Adelaide city is going to do needs to flow on to the other Councils and fit within State and Federal plans
- Share feedback to local Aboriginal community and younger people
- Need to get the private sector and community involved
- Need to educate people about fundamental things like reducing waste in bins
- It is everybody's responsibility to stop climate change
- Revegetation – replant natural plants that use to grow
- Water flow not spoken about much – water table affects all the plantings here – potential implications of water table dropping e.g. trees dying?
- Are there any records about original waterholes/springs around the CBD? – where they were, where they are running to/if they are still running – can we store water underground in city to use when water table drops

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Elected Member Workshop

19 April 2022

Attendees:

- Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor
- Cr Keiran Snape
- Cr Phillip Martin
- Cr Alexander Hyde
- Cr Franz Knoll
- Cr Arman Abrahimzadeh (Chair)

Venue:

City of Adelaide

Objectives and format of the engagement

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The information gathered at the workshop with Elected Members is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

What are the opportunities to reduce corporate emissions and what is council's role in actioning these opportunities?

Elected Members discussed the following opportunities for reducing the City of Adelaide's corporate emissions:

- Going beyond carbon neutral to get to carbon zero without the need to rely on offsets
- Better articulating goals around embodied carbon

- Pulling the leavers that council can influence to create a bias within our system for electric vehicles, such as providing incentives for electric vehicles to come into the city and park at zero or reduced fees
- Continuing to use emissions modelling to validate the impact of our actions, and doing more detailed modelling of the carbon abatement results of particular programs
- Supporting group buying of renewable energy, including investigating the potential for council to do a group buy with other councils or the LGA
- Investigating generation of our own carbon credits

What are the opportunities to reduce community emissions?

Elected Members identified many opportunities to reduce community emissions in the City of Adelaide. Transport was a key topic of discussion with the following opportunities identified:

- Reducing reliance on private combustion vehicles as a focus area for future emission reduction
- Investigating exactly how big the oversupply of carparking is, and considering how this will be addressed with a focus on increasing alternative transport options
- Balancing the need to provide peak parking supply with the benefits of encouraging electric vehicles and other forms of transport
- Using community feedback regarding transport as a priority, as they are the actual daily users of our transport systems
- Advocating for improved public transport as a low hanging fruit that answers a number of other land use problems
- Acknowledging that the number of cars is not reducing due to uptake of electric cars, and considering the impact this will have on carparking demand
- Using electric vehicles in the council fleet to create a second hand market of electric vehicles
- Engaging with the Department of Treasury and Finance to encourage them to reduce or abolish stamp duty for electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles

Other opportunities for community emission reduction identified by Elected Members included:

- Encouraging major consumers and corporates to also take action, for example Sky City who are working with the Convention Centre on carbon neutral, zero waste and zero emission targets, and WOMAD who has done carbon offset planting in Kangaroo Island
- Working towards making youth feel more empowered about their own choices
- Focusing on the practical solutions that we can have an influence on to change what people do
- Encouraging a variety of technologies that can deliver electricity or other forms of energy to support an all-electric city transition

What are the barriers and knowledge gaps?

Elected Members recognised that there are a range of barriers for reducing corporate and community emissions including:

- The Planning and Design Code remains a barrier to low carbon design. How can we work through CAP or SCAP to influence the Planning and Design Code policies that we have direct control over to incentivise higher rated buildings?
- Prohibitive regulatory framework and laws still exist around private personal mobility devices such as e-scooters

- There is a lack of a second hand market of electric vehicles which is slowing uptake

They also identified several knowledge gaps:

- It is important to better understand how and why people travel into the city and what they need to better support low carbon travel, and use this information to address changing transport needs
- Elected Members are interested to have more information about the uptake of the Energy Assessment Program and whether it was worthwhile

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Access and Inclusion Assessment Panel Workshop

3 March 2022

Attendees:

- 11 panel members
- 4 staff

Venue:

City of Adelaide

Objectives and format of the engagement

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The City of Adelaide Low Carbon & Circular Economy team has been working with engagement specialists URPS to deliver an engagement process to gather input to the new Climate Action Plan. This engagement has been with external stakeholders and broader community as well as internally with different teams from within Council.

The Low Carbon & Circular Economy team has led the delivery of a series of external workshops to gather feedback on which actions should be prioritised in the Climate Action Plan. At the workshop with the Access and Inclusion Assessment Panel, the context for the project was provided including a summary of climate change trends, the City of Adelaide's climate ambition, and the status of internal and external engagement. A discussion followed regarding the impacts of emission reduction actions on marginalised groups and how the involvement of these groups in emission reduction actions can be improved.

The information gathered through the discussion with the Access and Inclusion Assessment Panel is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

What are the impacts of previous actions to reduce emissions?

The Access and Inclusion Assessment Panel identified several impacts of previous actions taken by the City of Adelaide to reduce emissions including:

- Many of the very limited disabled parking spots in City of Adelaide have been replaced by EV charging spots, for example 70 disabled parks have recently been replaced in Light Square
- Banning of single use plastics has increased the difficulty in cleaning up after guide dogs
- Meetings hosted in inaccessible venues results in the silencing of voices

- Disabled people often have trouble providing feedback to proposals and policies around sustainability and climate change

What are the potential impacts of future emission reduction actions?

The Access and Inclusion Assessment Panel identified some of the potential impacts of future actions taken by the City of Adelaide to reduce emissions including:

- Electric vehicles can be dangerous because they are silent
- Electric vehicles are not always accessible for disabled users
- Disabled people are typically under employed, often rent in apartment buildings and cannot contribute to the set up costs of solar panels or other improvements
- Alternative transport options including electric vehicles, bikes, scooters and skateboards can result in major pedestrian safety major issues for those who are blind, vision impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, autistic, or neurodivergent (requiring sunglasses and noise cancelling headphones)

How can the City of Adelaide support more involvement in climate action?

The Access and Inclusion Assessment Panel suggested that the City of Adelaide could support more diverse involvement in emissions reduction through the following:

- Improving accessibility of schemes like SIS
- Improving accessibility of venues when hosting meetings
- Having an AUSLAN interpreter for meetings and videos related to climate change to increase accessibility for deaf people who do not have English as a first language and cannot understand captions
- Consulting with people with disabilities when developing new policies and strategies as they can provide innovative solutions
- Educating electric vehicle drivers to be more aware of the issues faced by people with disabilities, including signage in carparks and information printed on the back of parking tickets
- Considering reducing speed limits to combat electric vehicle safety concerns

Appendix B – Staff engagement

The following sections identify the opportunities, barriers and knowledge gaps identified through staff engagement only. Opportunities, barriers and knowledge gaps identified by both staff and external stakeholders have been included in the main body of the report above.

Staff engagement

Led by the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team, workshops were held internally with the following sections/teams within Council:

- City Culture
- Community Leasing
- Infrastructure
- Park Lands and Sustainability
- Low Carbon and Circular Economy
- Planning
- Property
- Transport

To further support this face to face engagement, staff could contribute online to the staff ideas board on the staff YourSay webpage for the project. To encourage participation in the engagement process, numerous Next Edition articles were posted, including an online quiz with prizes offered to three participants.

Staff participation

The focus of the engagement was on holding deep and detailed discussions with targeted stakeholders while also providing opportunity for those how are interested to provide input.

Across the staff engagement the following participation occurred:

Engagement activity	Participation
Staff YourSay page	21 visitors 11 individual contributors 9 ideas 10 likes 7 comments
Staff workshops	7 workshops held

Further testing/validating of engagement findings

Following on from the preparation of this summary engagement report and as the new Climate Action Plan is prepared the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team will undertake further engagement internally with Elected Members, Executive Leadership Team and targeted staff.

B1. Moving towards an all-electric and resource efficient city

Electrification and resource efficiency was one of the key themes for action raised in engagement with staff.

The following section describes opportunities identified through the staff engagement to reduce emissions associated with Council (corporate) and community energy and resource use.

Opportunities for action – electrification of Council operations and resource efficiency

Council staff identified numerous opportunities to reduce Council's operational emissions through electrification and resource use efficiency described in Table 10.

Table 10 Opportunities to reduce council emissions through electrification and resource efficiency (identified by staff only)

Opportunity	Identified by
Policy, planning and design	
Integrating energy efficiency into leasing policy, for example implementing an incentivised fee structure for signing up to renewable energy or setting emissions benchmarks for tenants	Community leasing, Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff
Create a checklist that is easy to use to assess the sustainability of developments	Planning staff, property staff
Replacing the singular technical standard for Council buildings with multiple technical standards that consider carbon emissions and are applicable to diverse building types as the best way to reduce corporate emissions.	Property staff, infrastructure staff
Use tools such as the Green Star system to set standards for council buildings and infrastructure	Community leasing staff
Review the Parklands Building Guidelines and Parklands Lease and Licence Policy	Community leasing staff
Assisting with linking data into strategic plan objectives to help the Infrastructure team to implement long-term, permanent, low carbon infrastructure rather than temporary, maintenance-intensive, short-term infrastructure	Infrastructure staff
Provide a library of resources for council staff that is easy to understand, can be used to review technical standards, and will support a transition towards making low carbon infrastructure business-as-usual	Community leasing staff
Council buildings and infrastructure	
Upgrade existing council buildings to increase energy efficiency – assets that are used by the community such as libraries and community centres	Community leasing staff
Audit the energy use of tenants in Council buildings to help them to increase their energy efficiency	Community leasing staff
Use "green" concrete instead of common concrete	Infrastructure staff
Working with manufacturers who are reducing the carbon content of their products to keep government contracts	Infrastructure staff

Progress the proposal to change the 30% of the City of Adelaide's public lighting owned by SA Power Networks to LED	Infrastructure staff, community
Investigate opportunities to reduce whole of life costs, for example using concrete footpaths that have less maintenance requirements	Infrastructure staff
Reduce mains water use by incorporating stormwater reuse and retention in building development and plumbing larger rainwater tanks plumbed into building, to avoid the need to upgrade stormwater infrastructure to cope with increased storm intensity in the future	Infrastructure staff
Partner with industry, suppliers and peak bodies to pilot/demonstrate projects and drive improvement	Infrastructure staff
Energy generation and storage	
Encourage parklands lessees/groups to use renewable energy through a range of opportunities including coming on to the City of Adelaide's renewable energy contract, supporting shared renewable energy arrangements, implementing incentives for lessees who use renewable energy contracts, collaborating on an electricity contact with ACSARA, and partnering with CORENA to provide interest free loans for solar installation	Community leasing staff
Use the influence the City of Adelaide has over the Ergo apartment complex as the owner of 20 of the 70 apartments to assist the strata community with the process of shared solar investment	Property staff
Waste	
Increase diversion of council waste to recycling and organic compost to reduce reliance on landfill	Transport staff
Implement the Resource Recovery (Recycling, Organics, Waste) Strategy and Plan	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff
Audit waste emissions to better understand emissions sources (eg volume of waste, transport of waste)	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff

Opportunities for action – community electrification and resource efficiency

During the staff workshops, a range of opportunities for actions to reduce community emissions through electrification and resource use efficiency were identified. These ideas have been collated and summarised in Table 11.

Table 11 Opportunities to reduce community emissions through electrification and resource efficiency (identified by staff only)

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Energy efficiency		
Encourage sustainable development by supplementing mandatory policy with additional recommendations for new builds and building upgrades and review sustainability requirements are met or exceeded	Community leasing staff	Advocate
Help strata communities and disabled renters access the Sustainability Incentives Scheme (SIS)	Property staff	Facilitator, funder
Share case studies of development that exceeds minimum quality standards without extra costs (for example glazing, shading, insulation and solar)	Community leasing staff	Provider
Renewable energy generation and storage		
Explore opportunities to test and trial shared battery hubs between neighbours, in a similar fashion to the community battery in Yackandandah, eg at Christie Walk	City culture staff	Funder, facilitator, advocate
Investigating using a percentage of rates to incentivise businesses to buy green power	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff	Provider
Buildings and infrastructure		
Encourage a culture change of companies seeking the branding benefits of green credentials, for example the 6 green star Women's and Children's Hospital	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff	Advocate, facilitator
Use the control council has to ensure the redevelopment of the bus station site between Grote and Franklin Street, which will likely be residential, considers climate resilience, is energy efficient, and is as sustainable as possible	Property staff	Regulator, advocate
Ensure that development applications are assessed with sustainability outcomes in mind, and checking developer's detailed designs throughout the process to ensure promises are carried through.	Property staff	Provider
Consider how to influence developers' care about building longevity and occupant experience and less about short term profit	Planning staff	Advocate, facilitator
Respond to the shift to working from home by repurposing existing city buildings, encouraging multiple companies to share one office space, and investigating other impacts of less city office use	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff	Facilitator, advocate

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Build in criteria or give a beneficial weighting to climate smart residential development opportunities in the city, such as applying discretionary rate rebates to low carbon buildings	AEDA	Regulator, facilitator
Upgrade infrastructure in Rundle Mall to be more climate smart, including increasing shading, bench spaces and water sources and changing the paving to a lighter colour	AEDA	Provider
Advocate for an Environmental Standards Levy to replace the Open Space Levy for the CBD	AEDA	Advocate
Encourage sustainable student accommodation, such as the recently built Global Student Accommodation (GSA) building	AEDA	Advocate, regulator

Barriers to action

During the staff workshops, participants were asked to identify barriers to progressing the opportunities identified in relation to electrification and resource use efficiency. These barriers are summarised below.

Financial barriers:

- Perceptions that environmentally sensitive projects and low carbon infrastructure has additional upfront cost or maintenance and upkeep requirements, despite case studies showing that the investment in efficiency features frequently 'pay themselves back' through operational costs.
- Business tenants are often very small businesses who do not have the capital for solar and tend to not plan for the long term
- Rentals that include bills in rent prices disincentives minimising electricity, gas and water use, renters not having the ability to install solar panels or choose renewable power,
- The upfront costs of reusable, recycled, sustainable materials remain a barrier
- Disabled people are typically under employed, often rent in apartment buildings and cannot contribute to the set up costs of solar panels or other improvements.
- Upgrades for business tenants are negotiated and do not come under the expense lines or leasing
- Community clubs have a perception that sustainability aspirations such as solar panels, rainwater tanks, glazing, insultation etc. mean higher costs, and often expect council to fund these installations.

Planning and development barriers:

- Sustainability standards for developers are voluntary rather than mandatory, resulting in many trade-offs in negotiations.
- Heritage, tree canopy and roof structure issues can hinder development approval for solar panels.

Other barriers:

- Expert advice is required to make environmentally sustainable design decisions in building upgrades – clubs, especially small clubs, do not have this knowledge.
- Potential lack of demonstrated suitability of sustainable products in relation to their reliability, construction methodology and cost effectiveness.
- The speed of technology advancements results in significant uncertainty for the future and flexibility of planning and designs becomes increasingly important
- Good intentions for new builds do not always translate into adequate outcomes. For example, proposed parklands developments concept designs can be made under time pressures for funding and the environmental ratings are in competition with other priorities.

Knowledge gaps

A number of knowledge gaps were identified by Council staff in relation to the opportunities to reduce emissions associated with electrification and resource use efficiency including:

- Post-COVID behaviour changes in relation to household energy use and longer term impacts
- A lack of demonstrated suitability of sustainable products and a lack of easy methodology to undertake whole-of-life embodied carbon assessments.

B2. Mobility and transport around the city

Opportunities for action – Council transport and mobility

Staff identified a number of opportunities to reduce Council's operational emissions associated with transport and mobility (refer Table 12).

Table 12 Opportunities to reduce emissions associated with council transport and mobility (identified by staff only)

Opportunity	Identified by
Reducing council's transport emissions by electrifying the Council fleet	Transport staff
Planning for the infrastructure required to support an electric vehicle fleet	Transport staff
Obtaining a Carbon Neutral certification for UParks	Transport staff
Implementing car share permits through Flexicar (RAA)	Transport staff
Supporting a mode shift for staff travel to work, for example public transport discounts, bike incentives etc.	Transport staff, Infrastructure staff, Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff

Opportunities for action – community transport and mobility

During the staff workshops, a range of opportunities for actions to reduce community emissions associated with transport and mobility were identified. These ideas have been collated and summarised in Table 13. The potential role of Council in each opportunity was also identified (refer section 1.4).

Table 13 Opportunities to reduce emissions associated with Council transport and mobility (identified by staff only)

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Electric vehicles		
Providing land to others to install changing infrastructure	Transport staff	Provider
Investigate the Jolt model where chargers are installed for free with access to advertising	Transport staff	Provider
Hold "drive-an-EV" events to demystify EVs and encourage people to invest	Staff	Facilitator
Produce more renewable energy to support widespread electric vehicle use	Transport staff	Partner
Continue the Neuron & Beam e-scooter trial	Transport staff	Facilitator
Investigate the use of e-cargo bikes as a last mile option for the city	Transport staff	Funder
Car parking		
Investigating wayfinding infrastructure for Uparks to help customers identify where parks are available	Transport staff	Provider
Consider the implications of autonomous vehicles uptake in the coming decades on the transport system	Transport staff	Provider
Exploring opportunities for a carbon offsetting scheme for Upark customers in the 22/23 budget	Transport staff	Provider
Public transport		
Advocating for other businesses to offer public transport incentives to staff	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff	Advocate
Reducing private vehicle use		
Implementing a behaviour change program similar to the State Government's Travel Smart campaign to encourage individual climate action	Planning staff	Partner
Support people to make changes such as moving into the city to reduce travel distance and time	Planning staff	Partner
Promote active transport into the city for events	City culture	Provider

Barriers to action

During the staff workshops, participants were asked to identify barriers to progressing the opportunities identified. Many barriers related to electric vehicles:

- The cost of electric vehicles is prohibitive for many
- Market availability of electric vehicles especially for trucks and Utes remains a constraint for transitioning the internal fleet
- Making e-vehicles low emissions requires charging with renewable electricity
- Electric vehicles do not solve congestion issues
- For apartment dwellers, installing their own electric vehicle charging infrastructure is a complex process, requiring strata approval
- Electric vehicles are not always accessible for people with disabilities.

Other barriers raised at the workshops are summarised below:

- Requirement for strong political support and leadership for an active and low emissions transport transition
- Translating pilot projects into projects that deliver outcomes at scale
- Concern from local businesses when loading zones or parking is replaced with bike lanes
- Installing wider footpaths and bike lanes reduces on-street parking capacity and results in a loss of parking revenue (which accounts for more than 25% of overall council revenue)

Knowledge gaps

Several knowledge gaps were identified by Council staff in relation to the opportunities to reduce emissions associated with transport and mobility. These are summarised below:

- Economic and transport models have been based on significant car travel through the city and do not consider the impacts of future changes to transport systems (eg autonomous vehicles)
- Post-COVID behaviour changes in relation to public transport and longer term impacts.

B3. Engaging with business and the community

Engaging with business and the community was one of the key themes for action raised in engagement with staff. This theme is about providing support and engagement that aims to raise awareness, knowledge and skills that enable the community to take action that leads to emissions reduction.

The City of Adelaide's community is defined for this report as including the people who live, work and visit the city and the businesses that operate there.

Opportunities for support and engagement

Council staff identified a number of opportunities to support emissions reduction with the City of Adelaide's residents, businesses and visitors. These ideas have been collated and summarised in Table 14.

Table 14 Opportunities to support resident, business and visitor emission reduction (identified by staff only)

Opportunity	Identified or support by	Role of Council
Awareness raising and education		
Run welcome days in response to community needs, such as Welcoming Cities events in partnership with Welcoming Australia	City Culture staff	Provider
Share good news stories and local climate initiatives with the community	AEDA, city culture	Provider
Promote the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative at events such as WOMAD	AEDA	Provider
Supporting community groups		
Support strong, active residents' groups such as the South West, South East and Christies Walk Residents Groups	City Culture staff	Funder, facilitator
Supporting and collaborating with businesses		
Promote the Adelaide CBD as a location for testing climate innovations to commercialise ideas across South Australia and the world	AEDA	Advocate
Leverage the innovation potential of Lot 14	AEDA	Advocate
Monitoring change		
Using the Next Wellbeing Dashboard to capture how people's contribution to the community and community climate action affects wellbeing	City Culture staff	Provider

Barriers to action

During the staff workshops, participants were asked to identify barriers to progressing the engagement opportunities identified. Barriers to community action are summarised below:

- Culture change takes time, and there will always be those who resist change
- Diplomacy and advocacy have been tried and tested for over 30 years now and it is still not working; what big steps need to be made to make change happen?
- Sometimes there is lack of inertia because of the difficulty of processes and the length of steps involved to take action which relegates it the “too hard” basket
- There is often a lack of capacity to take action on climate change because other stresses and pressures of life (e.g. COVID, bushfires, flooding) take precedence. How do we reduce this stress and make it easier for people to consider climate change?
- It is important to ensure that everyone is held to the same standard and everyone takes action to ensure equity and fairness.

B4. Greening the city and reducing the heat island effect

Greening the city and reducing the heat island effect was one of the key themes for action raised in engagement with staff.

The following section describes opportunities identified through the staff engagement to reduce emissions associated with Council (corporate) and community greening.

Opportunities for action – Council greening and cooling

Council staff identified a number of opportunities for greening and cooling by Council.

Table 15 Opportunities for Council greening and cooling to reduce emissions (identified by staff only)

Opportunity	Identified by
Cooling commonly used spaces such as city streets	City culture staff
Finding a balance between the cooling effects of irrigated green space and remnant vegetation in the parklands	City culture staff
Doubling the capacity of the recycled water supply (GAP) to enable more irrigated areas and increase tree canopy in the parklands to cool the city	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff
Implementing the Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan, including use of climate resilient plantings	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff

Opportunity	Identified by
Setting greening targets	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff
Implementing the Parklands Management Strategy	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff

Opportunities for action – community (private) greening

No opportunities for actions for community greening and cooling were identified through staff engagement.

Barriers to action and knowledge gaps

No barriers or knowledge gaps were identified for greening and cooling.

B5. Emissions offsets

Offsetting residual emissions to reach net zero was another theme raised in engagement with staff.

Elected Members identified a desire for the city to move toward net-zero without a need for offset and the (avoidance of) acquisition of overseas offsets was raised during a number of staff discussions.

Opportunities for action

Council staff identified one opportunity associated with council offsets described in Table 16.

Table 16 Opportunities for council offsets (identified by staff only)

Opportunity	Identified by
Investigating group buying of offsets with other councils	Park Lands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy staff

No opportunities were identified by Council staff relating to community offsets.

Appendix C – Staff workshop summaries

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Adelaide Economic Development Agency Workshop

15 March 2022

Attendees

- Graphic Designer AEDA
- Activations Assistant
- Manager Rundle Mall Program
- Executive Support Coordinator AEDA
- Visitor Services Coordinator
- Executive Manager Visitor Economy
- Sponsorship and Partnership Advisor
- Tourism Partnership Advisor
- Principal Economy Advisor
- Executive Assistant AEDA
- Business & Industry Engagement Advisor
- Executive Manager Business and Investment
- Property Investment Advisor
- Senior Sustainability Advisor
- Senior Policy Planner
- Business Investment Advisor
- Executive Advisor AEDA
- Manager Low Carbon and Circular Economy

Venue

City of Adelaide

Objectives and format of the engagement

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The Low Carbon & Circular Economy team has led the delivery of a series of internal workshops to gather feedback on which actions should be prioritised in the Climate Action Plan. At these internal workshops, the context for the project was provided including a summary of climate change trends, the City of Adelaide's climate ambition, and the status of internal and external engagement. A discussion followed regarding the ways the team's work could be changed or utilised to cut carbon emissions. A mind mapping exercise was used to delve deeper into one or two items of interest

from the previous activity and brainstorm the kinds of actions the team could take, the barriers and knowledge gaps for these actions, and ways the Low Carbon team could support these actions.

The information gathered at the workshop with the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

In which areas of your work can we progress our ambition to cut carbon emissions?

The Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) explained that emission reductions could be achieved through reducing residential growth emissions and increasing visitation into the city through promotion of its sustainable initiatives.

Which two of these areas have the most potential to cut emissions?

The AEDA identified promoting Adelaide as a low carbon destination as a key opportunity. They considered the following actions:

- Using the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative as an opportunity for partnership with businesses, a promotion opportunity and a selling point against other cities
- Promoting the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative at events such as WOMAD
- Promoting the Adelaide CBD as a location for testing climate innovations to commercialise ideas across South Australia and the world
- Promoting the electrification of public transport in Adelaide and the way this improves the everyday commuter experience
- Continuing to ensure the day to day city experience matches Adelaide's low carbon reputation
- Attracting the right kind of investment into the city, for example leveraging the innovation potential of Lot 14
- Improving the ability of commuters to use electric vehicles, rideshare, and other low carbon transport options or offset their transport emissions. This could involve better leveraging U-Parks for electric vehicle parking and charging.

The AEDA identified integrating sustainability into city buildings and infrastructure as another key opportunity for emission reductions in the City of Adelaide. They discussed the following:

- Building in criteria or giving a weighting to climate smart residential growth opportunities in the city such as applying discretionary rate rebates to low carbon buildings
- Advocating for code amendments to support low carbon buildings and urban design
- Encouraging sustainable student accommodation, such as the recently build Global Student Accommodation (GSA) building
- Promoting the use of locally purchased materials
- Upgrading infrastructure in Rundle Mall to be more climate smart, including increasing shading, bench spaces and water sources and changing the paving to a lighter colour
- Advocating for an Environmental Standards Levy to replace the Open Space Levy for the CBD

What is council's role in supporting these actions?

The AEDA expressed that council's role is to support other organisations such as Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs), and to advocate for electrification of public transport.

What are the barriers and knowledge gaps?

The AEDA identified several barriers to effective emission reduction in the city.

- The City of Adelaide facilitates many pilot projects such as the Cool Roads project. However, these rarely get through to the procurement policy stage. How can these pilots be translated into more meaningful and ongoing outcomes for the city?
- Global supply of electric vehicles is hindering uptake
- The cost of electric vehicles and other sustainability initiatives makes climate action a social equity issue. The benefits of low carbon initiatives need to be shared with everyone.
- Active change needs to be balanced with messaging and storytelling
- The Planning and Design Code low carbon policies are not mandated or well-regarded by developers. These could be better implemented to better enable a low carbon future
- Action and a sense of urgency is currently lacking
- Promotion of climate initiatives in the local community and local sectors needs to be improved

How can the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team assist?

The AEDA explained that the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team can best assist in reducing emissions by converting pilot projects into ongoing change, and continuing the educational component of the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative.

Climate Action Planning Engagement – City Culture Internal Workshop

Tuesday 8 March 2022

Attendees:

- AD City Culture
- Manager City Experience
- Manager City Lifestyle
- Team Leader Place & Event Experience
- Team Leader City Events
- Team Leader Community Lifestyle
- Centre Manager Aquatics Centre
- Team Leader Libraries
- Project Lead Creative City
- Program Admin Assistant City Culture
- Senior Policy Planner
- Senior Sustainability Advisor

Venue: City of Adelaide

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The information gathered at the workshop with the City Culture team is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

In which areas of your work can we progress our ambition to cut carbon emissions?

The City Culture team explained that emission reductions could be achieved in the following areas of their work:

- Wellbeing dashboard
- Welcoming Cities program
- Aquatic Centre
- Libraries programs
- Community Centres

Which two of these areas have the most potential to cut emissions?

The City Culture team identified "Championing Climate Action" as a key way they could contribute to the City of Adelaide's emissions reduction goals. Their discussion centred around sharing community actions, engaging new migrants and using existing platforms and groups to progress emission reduction goals. They identified the following methods of action:

- Supporting strong, active residents' groups such as the South West, South East and Christies Walk Residents Groups
- Hosting workshops at libraries and community centres, including targeted sessions as part of the migrant induction process
- Running welcome days in response to community needs, such as Welcoming Cities events in partnership with Welcoming Australia
- Sharing good news stories related to climate action with the community
- Using the Next Wellbeing Dashboard to capture how people's contribution to the community and community climate action affects wellbeing

The team also identified opportunities to collaborate with and magnify community climate action including:

- Exploring opportunities to test and trial shared battery hubs between neighbours, in a similar fashion to the community battery in Yackandandah. Christie Walk was identified as an appropriate location for the battery
- Supporting shared solar for apartments, for example in Hurtle Square
- Exploring opportunities to promote green transport into the city for events, including cooling options
- Running educational programs for migrants, who often do not know a lot about climate and sustainability and would appreciate the opportunity to learn more
- Improving waste services through the parklands, including green waste and recycling collection

What is council's role in supporting these actions?

The City Culture team explained that leading emission reductions for council assets that are used by the community such as libraries and community centres should be a central role of council. They also identified that council could advocate for changes in community behaviour.

What are the barriers and knowledge gaps?

The City Culture team questioned whether the electricity paid for council's leased buildings such as the City Library is considered part of the City of Adelaide carbon footprint.

How can the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team assist?

The City Culture team explained that the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team could assist the City Culture team through collaborating on educational programs and sharing good news stories and climate information for the City Culture team to share with the wider community.

Other comments

The City Culture team also discussed the impact of warming temperatures and changing weather patterns on people's behaviours in the city and the way they use council services. They identified the importance of cooling commonly used spaces such as city streets and providing a balance between the cooling effects of irrigated green space and remnant vegetation in the parklands.

They also provided positive feedback on the internal bin roll-out.

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Community Leasing Workshop

8 March 2022

Attendees:

- Team Leader Community Lifestyle
- Community Leasing Coordinator
- Community Leasing Coordinator
- Centre Manager Aquatic Centre
- BUF Central Facilitator
- Senior Sustainability Advisor
- Senior Policy Planner

Venue:

City of Adelaide

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The information gathered at the workshop with the Community Leasing team is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

In which areas of your work can we progress our ambition to cut carbon emissions?

The Community Leasing team explained that emission reductions could be achieved in the following areas of their work:

- Reviewing the Parklands Building Guidelines

- Reviewing the Parklands Lease and Licence Policy
- Upgrading existing buildings to reduce emissions
- Ensuring new builds reduce emissions (e.g. Adelaide Community Sports and Recreation Association (ACSARA))

What are the opportunities to reduce corporate emissions?

The Community Leasing team identified the following opportunities to reduce the City of Adelaide's corporate emissions:

- Using tools such as the Green Star system to set standards for buildings and infrastructure
- Integrating energy efficiency into policy, for example implementing an incentivised fee structure for signing up to renewable energy
- Approximately 50 parkland facilities are currently not fit-for-purpose; sustainability needs to be a core objective when these buildings are upgraded or replaced

What are the opportunities to reduce community emissions?

The Community Leasing team identified the following opportunities to reduce community emissions in the City of Adelaide:

- Informing groups on public land about the environmental, social and economic benefits of using renewable energy
- Encouraging parklands groups to use renewable energy through a range of opportunities including coming on to the City of Adelaide's renewable energy contract, supporting shared renewable energy arrangements, implementing incentives for lessees who use renewable energy contracts, collaborating on an electricity contact with ACSARA, and partnering with CORENA to provide interest free loans for solar installation
- Providing support to ensure new buildings are climate smart and reduce emissions, for example reviewing plans for new building layouts
- Implementing a Green Star standard for buildings
- Auditing the energy use of tenants to help them to increase their energy efficiency (note the pavilion has recently done energy audit)

What is council's role in actioning these opportunities?

The Community Leasing team explained that transitioning climate considerations from voluntary guidelines into mandatory policy would be one of the most effective actions Council could take to action these opportunities.

They also identified several other ways for council to action these opportunities:

- Supplementing mandatory policy with additional recommendations for new builds and building upgrades to encourage them to be as sustainable as possible
- Improving the sustainability of the buildings Council owns, including upgrades such as solar and rainwater tanks

What are the barriers and knowledge gaps?

The Community Leasing team recognised that there are a range of barriers and knowledge gaps for reducing corporate and community emissions including:

- Heritage, tree canopy and roof structure issues can hinder development approval for solar panels
- Good intentions for new builds do not always translate into adequate outcomes. For example, while the new ACSARA facilities and Comets in Park 24 intended to be highly sustainable, State Government grant funding deadlines resulted in the rushing of designs and the loss of the proposed star rating
- Expert advice is required to make environmentally sustainable design decisions in building upgrades – clubs, especially small clubs, do not have this knowledge
- Finance is a major barrier, and environmentally sustainable design is often the first feature to get cut. The pressures on the building industry have raised the costs of building, further disincentivising clubs to spend more upfront for sustainability upgrades despite long term savings
- Community clubs have a perception that sustainability aspirations such as solar panels, rainwater tanks, glazing, insultation etc. mean higher costs, and often expect council to fund these installations

How can the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team assist?

The Community Leasing team believe that finance is currently the biggest barrier for making buildings sustainable. Therefore, they suggested that the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team can best help reduce community leasing emissions by partnering with the Community Leasing team to take the following actions to address this barrier:

- Assisting with incorporating sustainability/low carbon requirements into policies to make them compulsory. This will ensure sustainable designs will not get cut due to high costs.
- Providing a finance mechanism such as BUF or CORENA to help community groups to afford the up-front costs of sustainable designs
- Share case studies of development that exceeds minimum quality standards without extra costs (for example glazing, shading, insulation and solar) with community groups

The Community Leasing team also suggested that the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team could help by reviewing building design plans to check sustainability requirements have been met and to suggest improvements.

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Infrastructure Workshop

9 March 2022

Attendees:

- Project Coordinator
- Project Manager
- Project Manager
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- Project Manager
- Project Coordinator
- Team Leader Infrastructure Assets
- Asset Manager Stormwater
- Asset Manager Urban Elements & Parklands
- Lead Asset Manager Buildings
- Assets & Business Systems Analyst
- Assets & Business Systems Analyst
- Asset Intelligence Coordinator
- Senior Transport Planner
- Asset Planner Stormwater & Footpaths
- Utilities Operations Analyst
- Asset Manager footpaths
- Asset Planner Roads & Bridges
- Senior Transport Planner
- Team Leader, Strategic Asset Management
- Principal Civil Engineer
- Team Leader Engineering
- Civil Engineer
- Transport Engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Senior Stormwater Engineer
- Manager Technical Services
- Design Drafter
- Landscape Architect
- Landscape Architect
- Design Drafter
- Program Administration Assistant Infrastructure
- Asset Planner Lighting, Electrical, CCTV & Traffic Signals
- Urban Designer
- Team Leader Technical Design
- Project Manager
- Development Engineer
- Asset Planner Lighting, Electrical, CCTV & Traffic Signals
- Civil Drafter
- Senior Technical Designer
- Senior Sustainability Officer
- Senior Policy Planner

Venue:

City of Adelaide

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The information gathered at the workshop with the Infrastructure team is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

In which areas of your work can we progress our ambition to cut carbon emissions?

The Infrastructure team explained that emission reductions could be achieved in the following areas of their work:

- Footpath review
- Forwards works plan
- Technical standards and operational issues review
- Strategic property review, including for short and long term assets, opportunities to divest/upgrade/develop properties, and opportunities for UParks

What are the opportunities to reduce corporate emissions?

The Infrastructure team identified the following opportunities to reduce the City of Adelaide's corporate emissions:

- Including carbon in Council's technical standards
- Considering whole of life embodied carbon assessments as well as whole of life costs
- Reducing whole of life costs, for example using more concrete footpaths which have less ongoing maintenance requirements and expenses
- Changing behaviours for staff commuting, including consideration of incentives for low carbon transport options

- Using green concrete instead of common concrete, a key low emissions technology identified in the Australian Government's Technology Investment Roadmap for achieving Australia's international climate commitments
- Working with manufacturers who are reducing the carbon content of their products to keep government contracts
- Progressing the proposal to change the 30% of the City of Adelaide's public lighting owned by SA Power Networks to LED
- Continuing the ongoing LED street lighting renewal project aligned with the City Deal over the next 5 years
- Exploring opportunities for carbon farming

What are the opportunities to reduce community emissions?

The Infrastructure team identified the following opportunities to reduce community emissions in the City of Adelaide:

- Facilitating a transition towards electric vehicles, public and active transport
- Advocating for more sustainable public transport, including increasing use of 'on demand' public transport, reducing off peak public transport, and transitioning to smaller, quieter, electric buses
- Reviewing whether a 100 year timeframe is still suitable for city assets, or if a 30 year timeframe would be more appropriate
- Challenging the prevailing single-use perspective of infrastructure; for example, curbs can function for more than simply vehicle control, they can also be used for other purposes such as stormwater management
- Incorporating stormwater reuse and retention in building development, such as larger rainwater tanks plumbed into building, to avoid the need to upgrade stormwater infrastructure to cope with increased storm intensity in the future
- Partnering with industry and suppliers early in pilot/demonstration projects
- Partnering with IPWEA to drive improvements across the infrastructure industry
- Overcoming the perception that environmentally sensitive projects cost more to maintain

What is council's role in actioning these opportunities?

The Infrastructure team identified four roles for council to action these opportunities:

- Advocating to State Government for better, more sustainable public transport
- Clearly documenting goals for pilot projects to ensure strong recommendations can be made from the project outcomes
- Considering intensity of future storms for stormwater management to future proof stormwater infrastructure, to avoid the need to regularly replace infrastructure
- Funding improved stormwater management and data capture to ensure council has better documentation of their current stormwater management infrastructure and increases the capacity of stormwater infrastructure to cope with 1 in 100 year events

What are the barriers and knowledge gaps?

The Infrastructure team identified the following barriers to reducing corporate and community emissions:

- There is a perception that low carbon infrastructure has additional maintenance and upkeep requirements and expenses
- There is a lack of demonstrated suitability of sustainable products in relation to their reliability, construction methodology and cost effectiveness
- There is a lack of understanding and data of post-COVID behaviours, for example relating to transport and energy use
- Existing economic models are based on significant car travel through the city and does not consider the impacts of future changes to transport systems
- Stormwater management needs to consider alternate mechanisms to adapt to increasing intensity of storms
- The speed of technology advancements results in significant uncertainty for the future and flexibility of planning and designs becomes increasingly important

They also identified several knowledge gaps including a lack of demonstrated suitability of sustainable products and a lack of easy methodology to undertake whole-of-life embodied carbon assessments.

How can the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team assist?

The Infrastructure team suggested several ways the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team could assist them to reduce emissions:

- Providing a library of resources that is easy to understand, can be used to review technical standards, and will support a transition towards making low carbon infrastructure business-as-usual
- Assisting with linking data into strategic plan objectives to help the Infrastructure team to implement long-term, permanent, low carbon infrastructure rather than temporary, maintenance-intensive, short-term infrastructure
- Assisting with pilot projects for low carbon opportunities, including accurately and methodically documenting goals, ensuring follow ups occur, and identifying lessons learnt to implement in future projects
- Reviewing the Forwards Works Plan
- Working together with the Infrastructure team on embodied energy aspects regarding procurement.

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Parklands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy Workshop

2 March 2022

Attendees:

- Manager Low Carbon and Circular Economy
- Principal Economy Advisor
- BUF Central Facilitator
- Resource Recovery Advisor
- Resource Recovery Advisor
- Resource Recovery Advisor
- Senior Sustainability Advisor
- Senior Sustainability Advisor (Biodiversity)
- Parklands Planner
- Parklands and Sustainability Coordinator
- Team Leader Parklands and Planning
- Senior Parklands Planner
- Senior Sustainability Advisor
- Senior Sustainability Advisor
- Manager Parklands and Sustainability
- Director City Shaping

Venue:

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The information gathered at the workshop with the Parklands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy teams is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

In which areas of your work can we progress our ambition to cut carbon emissions?

The Parklands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy teams explained that emission reductions could be achieved in the following areas of their work:

- Carbon Neutral Strategy
- Resource Recovery (Recycling, Organics, Waste) Strategy and Plan
- Climate Change Risk Assessment Report
- Climate Change Risk Adaptation Plan
- Water Sensitive Cities Plan (adaptation and recycled water)
- Carbon Neutral Roadmap
- Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan (climate resilient plantings)
- Resilient East Adaptation Plan
- Greening targets
- Parklands Management Strategy (active transport and greening)
- Building Upgrade Finance
- Sustainability Incentives Scheme
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Electric vehicles for the corporate fleet
- Electric vehicles support for the community

What are the opportunities to reduce corporate emissions?

The Parklands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy teams identified the following opportunities to reduce the City of Adelaide's corporate emissions:

- Transitioning council's building stock to low carbon uses, for example repurposing UParks
- Electrifying council's buildings, for example the aquatic centre
- Reducing council's transport emissions by electrifying the council fleet and reinstating public transport discounts for staff
- Doubling the capacity of the recycled water supply (GAP) to enable more irrigated areas and increase tree canopy in the parklands to cool the city
- Auditing council emissions more comprehensively to determine where the greatest emission abatement potential lies, for example breaking waste emissions down into volume of waste, transport of waste etc.

What are the opportunities to reduce community emissions?

The Parklands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy teams identified the following opportunities to reduce community emissions in the City of Adelaide:

- Ensuring a consistent, holistic and long term approach is taken to sustainability for building developments

- Responding to the shift to working from home by repurposing existing city buildings, encouraging multiple companies to share one office space, reducing emissions in the home, and investigating other impacts of less city office use
- Investigating using a percentage of rates to incentivise businesses to buy green power
- Investigating solar power sharing and group offsetting opportunities
- Using Carbon Neutral Adelaide partners' momentum to drive community action
- Encouraging the culture change of companies seeking the branding benefits of green credentials, for example the 6 green star Women's and Children's Hospital
- Creating policies that set emissions benchmarks for tenants
- Supporting electric vehicle uptake, including investigating low emission zones where high emission vehicles are restricted, providing more EV charging services including bi-directional chargers, and holding "drive-an-EV" events rather than "touch-a-truck" events to demystify EVs and encourage people to invest
- Changing street layouts to prioritise active/public transport
- Advocating for other businesses to offer public transport to staff

What is council's role in actioning these opportunities?

The Parklands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy teams explained that policy, advocacy, partnerships and innovation could be council's key roles in actioning these opportunities:

- Improving policy to create mandatory ESD guidelines and minimum standards for buildings
- Leading by example through effective and consistent emission reductions, with strong, authentic marketing of achievements to others
- Driving a culture change around emissions
- Partnering with other councils and businesses to 'scale up' actions
- Leading innovation

What are the barriers and knowledge gaps?

The Parklands and Sustainability and Low Carbon and Circular Economy teams identified a range of barriers to these actions including:

- Culture change takes time, and there will always be those who resist change
- It is difficult to drive consistent action until council comes to a stated position on a topic
- Conflict exists between different drivers of different parts of council
- Timeframes are longer than we are currently considering

They also identified a lack of understanding on the opportunities and barriers regarding council's role in electric vehicle charging services as a knowledge gap.

How can the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team assist?

The group explained that the most important actions the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team can take include:

- Driving strong action on the changes that make the biggest differences and are a 'must', and focusing less on the small, less effectives changes at this point

- Being clear on messaging and education of council and ratepayers about the benefits of emission reductions and the importance of reducing embodied carbon
- Sharing examples of actions by other councils with City of Adelaide staff and leaders

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Planning Workshop

15 March 2022

Attendees

- Senior Policy Planner
- Senior Policy Planner
- Senior Social Planner (A&I)
- Team Leader Social Planning & Reconciliation
- Team Leader City Policy
- AD Parklands Policy & Sustainability
- Senior Policy Planner (A&I)
- Manager Low Carbon and Circular Economy
- Senior Sustainability Advisor

Venue

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The information gathered at the workshop with the Planning team is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

In which areas of your work can we progress our ambition to cut carbon emissions?

The Planning team identified the 15-30 year City Plan as the central way in which planning staff can progress emission reductions. They also suggested investigating the future transport decisions of employees to identify how City of Adelaide staff could be encouraged to use lower carbon transport options.

What are the opportunities to reduce community emissions?

The Planning team's discussion centred around opportunities to support community emissions reductions, including:

- Considering how to ensure developers care more about the longevity of the building and occupant experience and less about short term profit
- Considering alternative ways of producing revenue from carparks
- Implementing temporary trials such as parklets and the bike lanes used in Melbourne
- Creating electric vehicle only parking zones
- Promoting the tangible benefits of travelling less, and supporting people to make changes such as moving into the city to reduce travel distance and time
- Implementing a behaviour change program similar to the State Government's Travel Smart campaign to encourage individual climate action
- Considering the ongoing impact of COVID on public transport use

What is council's role in actioning these opportunities?

The Planning team considered Council's role to include using hard levers to drive climate action. They explained that this could include setting a goal to make the city car free or electric vehicle only by 2030. The team acknowledged that meeting this goal would involve consideration of equity for those who do need cars, consideration of how to make this change politically appealing, and use of interim measures such as zones where car drivers have to pay to enter the city such as the model used in London.

Promoting the co-benefits of climate action through case studies that demonstrate both short-term and long-term co-benefits was another role the Planning team suggested council could take. The Planning team also identified advocacy to the State Government for changes to the Planning & Design Code and to implement better green transport links into the city as a role for council to play.

What are the barriers and knowledge gaps?

The Planning team explained that the Planning & Design Code is the biggest barrier to emission reductions from a planning perspective. They explained that the Code is currently inadequate in this regard and that buy in from all Local Governments to advocate for changes to the Code would make it much easier for the Planning team to enforce climate smart design.

The Planning team also identified several other barriers for effective emission reduction including:

- Diplomacy and advocacy have been tried and tested for over 30 years now and it is still not working; what big steps need to be made to make change happen?

- Sometimes there is lack of inertia because of the difficulty of processes and the length of steps involved to take action which relegates it the “too hard” basket
- There is often a lack of capacity to take action on climate change because other stresses and pressures of life (e.g. COVID, bushfires, flooding) take precedence. How do we reduce this stress and make it easier for people to consider climate change?
- People tend to focus on short term benefits and struggle to think in the context of longer timeframes
- It is important to ensure that everyone is held to the same standard and everyone takes action to ensure equity and fairness

They also explained that understanding true barriers to emission reductions beyond cost is a critical knowledge gap to fill in order to facilitate strong climate action.

How can the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team assist?

The Planning team identified that the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team could best support them through provision of better data to demonstrate changes in emission profiles.

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Property Workshop

8 April 2022

Attendees

- Senior Advisor, Corporate & Commercial Property
- Project Manager, Property Strategy
- Manager, Property Development
- Lead Asset Manager Buildings

Venue

City of Adelaide

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Summary of discussion

In which areas of your work can we progress our ambition to cut carbon emissions?

The Property team explained that emission reductions could be achieved in the following areas of their work:

- Property management: corporate, commercial and residential
- Commercial property: development, strategy, and projects including the Central Market Arcade redevelopment and strategic property review
- Asset manager: across their diverse asset portfolio including the Town Hall, Market Arcade and pumping stations

What are the opportunities to reduce corporate emissions?

The Property team identified replacing the singular technical standard for Council buildings with multiple technical standards that are applicable to diverse building types as the best way to reduce corporate emissions.

What are the opportunities to reduce community emissions?

The Property team identified a range of opportunities to reduce community emissions in the City of Adelaide:

- Using the influence the City of Adelaide has over the Ergo apartment complex as the owner of 20 of the 70 apartments to assist the strata community with the process of shared solar investment
- Using the control council has to ensure the redevelopment of the bus station site between Grote and Franklin Street, which will likely be residential, will consider climate and be as sustainable as possible
- Helping strata communities access the SIS
- Ensuring the proposed Aquatic Centre does not use gas and builds on the learnings and mistakes of the old Aquatic Centre
- Communicating better internally about what climate actions council is taking now and into the future
- Undertaking a strategic property review process
- Working with the markets, which are already helping push sustainability outcomes
- Ensuring good design decisions for property are made early in the process to reduce long term carbon emissions
- Creating a checklist that is easy to use to assess the sustainability of developments

They believed shared solar for the Ergo Apartments, the redevelopment of the bus station, and involvement of the sustainability team in property are the top priority actions.

What is council's role in actioning these opportunities?

The Property team explained that Council needs to work with developers to progress the City of Adelaide's carbon neutral status. This will involve ensuring that development applications are assessed with sustainability outcomes in mind, and checking developer's detailed designs throughout the process to ensure promises are carried through.

What are the barriers and knowledge gaps?

The Property team identified the following barriers and knowledge gaps for these actions:

- The remaining use of gas in council buildings including the Aquatic Centre, Market square and other buildings with gas boilers remains a barrier to reducing emissions
- Sustainability standards for developers are voluntary rather than set in council requirements, resulting in many trade-offs in negotiations
- Upgrades for business tenants are negotiated and do not come under the expense lines or leasing
- Business tenants such as UPark tenants are very small businesses who do not have the capital for solar and tend to not plan for the long term

- Carrying though intentions from concept to design to development is a key challenge

How can the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team assist?

The Property team explained that the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team can best assist by getting involved in property projects early to ensure climate considerations are embedded from the initial design phase. Properties including the bus station redevelopment, Arcade developments and other retail properties were listed as particular areas where the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team can get involved.

Using checklists and sharing interstate best practise were other ways the Property team believe the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team could help them to reduce emissions associated with properties in the City of Adelaide.

Climate Action Planning Engagement – Transport Workshop

1 March 2022

Attendees:

- Senior Sustainability Advisor
- Senior Transport Planner
- Team Leader Off Street Parking Services
- Manager Infrastructure Planning
- Senior Transport Planner
- Manager Waste Cleansing and Trades

Venue:

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The information gathered at the workshop with Council's transport staff is summarised below.

Summary of discussion

In which areas of your work can we progress our ambition to cut carbon emissions?

Transport staff explained that emission reductions could be achieved in the following plans, strategies and other areas of their work:

- Zero Emission Vehicle Plan
- Resource Recovery (Organics, Recycling, Waste) Strategy & Action Plan
- Cycling Infrastructure Strategic Action Plan

- Walking Strategy
- City Access Plan
- Citywide assessment of EV charging needs and support

What are the opportunities to reduce corporate emissions?

Transport staff identified the following opportunities to reduce the City of Adelaide's corporate emissions:

- Planning for the infrastructure required to support electric vehicle fleets
- Obtaining a Carbon Neutral certification for UParks
- Implementing car share permits through Flexicar (RAA)
- Supporting a mode shift for staff travel to work, for example public transport discounts, bike incentives etc.
- Increasing diversion of waste to recycling and organic compost to reduce reliance on landfill

What are the opportunities to reduce community emissions?

Transport staff identified the following opportunities to reduce community emissions in the City of Adelaide:

- Encouraging uptake of electric vehicles through:
    - Working with partners to increase coverage of on-street and off-street charging
    - Providing land to others to install changing infrastructure
    - Investigating the benefits of the Jolt model where chargers are installed for free with access to advertising
    - Producing renewable energy to support widespread electric vehicle use
    - Continuing the Neuron & Beam e-scooter trial
    - Investigating use of e-cargo bikes as a last mile option for the city
- Transitioning UParks to support electric vehicles including:
    - Transitioning UParks to service electric vehicles, including implementing demand management measures for both permanent and casual parkers
    - Using the data available from UPark Plus to better understand electric carpark use
    - Exploring opportunities for an offsetting scheme for UPark customers in the 22/23 budget
    - Investigating wayfinding infrastructure for UParks to help customers identify where parks are available
- Encouraging car sharing programs
- Considering the implications of autonomous vehicles uptake in the coming decades on the transport system

What is council's role in actioning these opportunities?

Transport staff identified four focus areas for council to support uptake of electric vehicles:

- Managing the infrastructure requirements of an electric fleet
- Servicing the community with public infrastructure for electric vehicles, including on and off-street parking
- Encouraging the installation of electric vehicle chargers on private property

- Investigating revenue potential for electric vehicle charging

They also suggested council could lower speed limits in the city to 30km/h to encourage active travel, which they believe would not have a major impact on overall travel times for cars.

What are the barriers and knowledge gaps?

Transport staff identified the following barriers to action to encouraging uptake of electric vehicles:

- Electric vehicles are not always environmentally beneficial from an overarching sustainability point of view
- Electric vehicles do not solve congestion issues
- The market availability of electric vehicles especially for trucks and Utes remains a constraint for transitioning the internal fleet
- Apartment dwellers are unable to install their own electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Low carbon travel plans and strategies are announced but not always achieved or implemented

They identified several barriers to supporting active transport:

- Installing wider footpaths and bike lanes reduces on-street parking capacity and results in a loss of parking revenue which accounts for more than 25% of overall council revenue
- Cycling lanes disrupt loading zones for businesses
- Elected Member and Executive support is needed for an active transport transition, and the City Access plan draft is currently not well supported

Transport staff also identified limited data on ride sharing and how people currently travel to the city as a knowledge gap.

How can the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team assist?

Transport staff explained that the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team could assist in reducing transportation emissions by partnering with the Transport team, the State Government and Optus on data capture. They would also like the Low Carbon & Circular Economy team to facilitate internal and external engagement around low carbon transport options and modes such as car sharing.

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Sustainability Incentive Scheme Review

Strategic Alignment - Environmental Leadership

Public

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sustainability Incentive Scheme (SIS) has been operating since 2008/2009 and is funded annually from the Climate Change Action Initiative Fund (CCAIF). The SIS offers financial rebates to the City of Adelaide (CoA) community for the installation of sustainable technologies and initiatives that contribute to the city becoming one of the world's first carbon neutral cities.

A previous review of the SIS was completed in 2019 with the changes from that review implemented from 1 July 2019. The current review is informed by a technical review completed by Tandem Energy during April and May 2022, considering emerging technologies, market trends and regulatory opportunities and an internal review of the administrative processes and customer experience.

Based on the findings of the review, this report recommends changes to the SIS program. The proposed amendments relate to rebates, objectives and eligibility of the program to ensure the CoA continues to provide relevant incentives to encourage our community to transition to a climate ready, low carbon economy.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council:

1. Approves the changes to the Sustainability Incentives Scheme (SIS) as outlined in the Report and Attachment A to Item # on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2022, to be effective from 1 January 2023.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Environmental Leadership *"Support our community to transition to a low carbon economy through education, incentives and appropriate infrastructure"* *"Support all CBD businesses to be green accredited"*
Policy	**Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025** Outcome 3, Priority 4: *"Provide financial and non-financial incentives for excellence and celebrate all areas of community leadership"* **Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan 2021-2026** Adaptation Action 7.8: *"Investigate options for an incentives scheme that encourages developers to incorporate additional green elements than what is required as standard practice (eg green walls/roofs)."* **Resource Recovery (Organics, Recycling and Waste) Action Plan 2020-2028** Action 4.1.2: *"Establish incentives programs, or financial models to encourage reduction of waste generation. For example, financial incentives, alternative collection service frequencies, bin sizes, service cost models and other behaviour-change tactics that encourage waste reduction and source separation."* **Water Sensitive City Action Plan 2021-2025** Action 1.1 "*Develop an incentives program to assist residents, businesses and community clubs to trial innovative greening ideas using alternative water within the City."*
Consultation	A comprehensive technology review, including targeted stakeholder engagement, has been undertaken to identify emerging technologies and market/industry trends.
Resource	The Sustainability Incentives Scheme (SIS) has been operating since 2008/2009 and is funded annually through the Climate Change Action Initiative Fund.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Updates will maintain the SIS as a nationally leading community sustainability initiative.
21/22 Budget Allocation	To date $163,000 has been allocated in the current financial year for SIS rebates through the Climate Change Action Initiative Fund.
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Funding allocation of up to $200,000 through the Climate Change Action Initiative Fund. The Climate Change Action Initiative Fund is determined as a proportion of rates and therefore is not proposed to increase in 2022/2023.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Ongoing program subject to funding from the Climate Change Action Initiatives Fund.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The Sustainability Incentive Scheme (SIS) has been operating since 2008/2009 and is funded annually from the Climate Change Action Initiative Fund (CCAIF).

2. The SIS offers financial rebates to the CoA community for the installation of sustainable technologies and implementation of initiatives that contribute to the city becoming one of the world's first carbon neutral cities.

3. In November 2021, the SIS won the Community Engagement Achievement category in the national Cities Power Partnership Climate Awards reinforces the success of the program.

4. A previous review of the SIS was completed in 2019 with the changes from that review endorsed by Council on 25 June 2019 and implemented from 1 July 2019 (as detailed in Agenda Item 4.2 of The Committee Agenda 18 June 2019 here) [Link 1 view here – 2019 SIS Review Agenda Paper].

5. The following outcomes have been achieved by the SIS between 1 July 2019 and 31 May 2022:

    5.1. 123 rebates totalling $305,520 have catalysed over $1.9 million of community investment (details of the types of rebates are provided at Link 2 view here).

    5.2. The scheme leveraged $9.36 for every $1 spent

    5.3. 81% of rebates were for the installation of solar systems accounting for 79% of funding and an abatement of 1,377 tonnes of CO_2 equivalent per year

    5.4. 51% of rebates were provided to businesses accounting for 65% of funding

    5.5. 46% of rebates were provided to residents accounting for 30% of funding.

Review of SIS

6. A technical review of the SIS was completed by Tandem Energy to assess emerging technologies, market trends and regulatory opportunities to accelerate carbon reduction technologies in the areas of stationary energy, waste, and transport for commercial and residential properties.

7. Key findings from the 2022 technical review are summarised below:

    7.1. Solar PV and energy storage have accounted for a significant portion of funding to-date.

    7.2. Market maturation has introduced new emissions-reducing, energy-efficient or active transport technologies for consumers.

    7.3. The SIS should prioritise funding towards opportunities that have a high emission potential as represented by dollar per kg of CO_2 equivalent per year over the project's lifespan.

    7.4. SIS rebate offerings can be used to supplement State or Federal government opportunities such as the Retailer Energy Productivity Scheme (REPS) and the South Australian Government's incentives for electric vehicles, to drive greater uptake through greater awareness.

    7.5. Current SIS objectives focus primarily on energy and transport, and there is opportunity to include waste which is the fourth largest community greenhouse emissions source.

8. The proposed broadened SIS objectives follow:

    8.1. Carbon emissions reduction – support an overall reduction of carbon emissions.

    8.2. Growing renewables – increase smart utilisation and storage of renewable electricity during peak supply periods.

    8.3. Zero emissions transport - accelerate transport decarbonisation to capture economic opportunities.

    8.4. Driving Circular Economy – eliminate food waste and increase resource recovery.

    8.5. Climate Readiness – support increased resilience within the city through increasing water efficiency, improving greenery, and reducing tree canopy loss.

    8.6. Equity, access, and affordability – accelerate uptake of sustainable technologies, practices, and initiatives in an equitable and financially responsive way.

    8.7. Innovation, environmental leadership and emerging technologies – catalyse early adoption, benchmark certification and enhance consumer choice.

    8.8. Minimal administrative effort – ensuring incentives are relatively simple to assess and provide a transparent application process.

9. Council approval is sought for the amended SIS rebates as outlined in **Attachment A**, to be effective from 1 January 2023.

10. In summary, it is proposed to discontinue three of the rebates for:

    10.1. Smart electricity management/controlled load;

    10.2. Solar hot water; and

    10.3. Electric vehicle charging stations (>50kW).

11. Six new rebates are proposed for:

    11.1. Energy monitoring;

    11.2. Retailer Energy Productivity Scheme (REPS) top up;

    11.3. Appliance electrification;

    11.4. Commercial green waste diversion;

    11.5. Business sustainability training support; and

    11.6. Home energy / sustainability assessment.

12. The description and/or value of a further eight rebates is proposed to be amended. Details of the changes can be found in Link 3 view here.

Next Steps

13. If the amended SIS program is approved all documentation will be reviewed and updated (including the website, Terms and Conditions documents, application forms etc.), operating guidelines developed, and processes transitioned to an online system for launch from 1 January 2023.

14. A communications campaign will be developed to promote SIS and the website will be updated to include information and case studies highlighting the reasons why each rebate exists and what to consider when making procurement decisions.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – 2019 SIS Review Agenda Paper

Link 2 – Summary of the rebate types provided between 1 July 2019 and 31 May 2022

Link 3 – Summary of reasoning for proposed changes to the Sustainability Incentive Scheme rebates

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – SIS Review Proposed Amendments 2022

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Attachment A – Updated Sustainability Incentives Scheme 2022

Rebates to be implemented from 1 January 2023

Rebate Type	Description	Status
Residential Solar PV	20% up to $1,000 – Solar PV system (1.5 kW to <10 kW) 20% up to $2,500 – Solar PV system (10 kW to <20 kW) 20% up to $5,000 – Solar PV system (>20 kW)	NO CHANGE
Business Solar PV	20% up to $1,250 – Solar PV system (10 kW to <20 kW) 20% up to $2,500 – Solar PV system (>20 kW)	AMENDED
Shared Solar	20% up to $20,000 per site (with a maximum of $500 per premise) – sharing of solar electricity between tenants in multi-storey premises (>20 kW). Minimum 25% shared to individual tenants, not common areas.	AMENDED
Energy Storage	50% up to $2,000 – Battery energy storage	AMENDED
Energy Monitoring	50% up to $100 – stand-alone energy monitoring display where no solar PV or battery system is installed	NEW
Energy Smart Buildings	20% up to $25,000 for innovative, whole-building approaches that make a measurable impact to energy efficiency and electrification of the building. Business case and pre-approval required.	AMENDED
Retailer Energy Productivity Scheme (REPS) top up	25% up to $500 for out-of-pocket expenses on any appliance purchase or upgrade which receives a REPS rebate (lighting excluded)	NEW
Appliance Electrification	50% up to $1,000 – Residential replacement of gas appliance with electric or solar powered (e.g. hot water) 50% up to $5,000 – Commercial replacement of gas appliance with electric or solar powered (e.g. hot water)	NEW
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	50% up to $250 – Electric bicycle charging station 50% up to $1,000 – Electric vehicle one way charging station (7 kW to <50 kW) 25% up to $2,000 – Electric vehicle 'smart'* charging station (7 kW to < 50 kW) * Smart stations include those with demand management capabilities or two-way charging capabilities	AMENDED
Electric Vehicle Charging Station Demand Management	25% up to $1,000 – stand-alone system 50% up to $10,000 – network-integrated system	NO CHANGE
Climate Active Certification	25% up to $2,500 – Greenhouse gas inventory independent audit 50% up to $4,000 – Greenhouse gas emissions inventory and emissions reduction strategy preparation	AMENDED
Performance Ratings	50% up to $5,000 –Building environmental ratings (e.g. Green Star, EarthCheck, Living Building)* * NABERS not funded	AMENDED
Water Saving Devices	50% up to $500 – Rainwater tank > 2,000 L plumbed into a single premise 50% up to $5,000 – Rainwater tank plumbed into common areas 50% up to $1,000 – installation of digital water meter with display to enable real-time water use data	AMENDED
Commercial green waste diversion	50% up to $5,000 – commercial rapid composter, dehydrator or similar system to divert green waste from landfill. Pre-approval required including statement affirming landfill avoidance strategy.	NEW
Business Sustainability Training Support	50% up to $200 – Multi-session training courses designed to build small to medium business capacity to improve sustainability and/or reduce emissions. Pre-approval required. Limit of two rebates per business per year.	NEW
Home Energy / Sustainability Assessments	50% up to $200 – Residential Efficiency Scorecard (RES) or similar. If not RES, pre-approval required.	NEW
Smart Electricity Management / Controlled Load	**No historic uptake – over 7 years**	CEASED
Solar Hot Water	**Incorporated into Appliance Electrification**	CEASED

Rebate Eligibility

Rebate Type	Houses owner occupied	Houses tenanted	Houses concession card holders	Residential strata/ community/ body corporation buildings	Small Medium Enterprises	Multistorey commercial	Non-profit community and sporting	Precinct	Building	Organisation	Event
Residential Solar PV	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Business Solar PV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shared Solar	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Energy Storage Systems	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Energy Monitoring	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Energy Smart Buildings	✗	✗	✗	✓ *multi-storey only	✗	✓ *Strata only	✗	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retailer Energy Productivity Scheme (REPS) top up	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Appliance Electrification	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Rebate Type	Houses owner occupied	Houses tenanted	Houses concession card holders	Residential strata/ community/ body corporation buildings	Small Medium Enterprises	Multistorey commercial	Non-profit community and sporting	Precinct	Building	Organisation	Event
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Electric Vehicle Charging Station Demand Management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Climate Active Certification	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Performance Ratings	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water Saving Devices	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commercial green waste diversion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Business Sustainability Training Support	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✗	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Home Energy / Sustainability Assessments	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Lease

Strategic Alignment - Environmental Leadership

Public

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At a Special Council Meeting on 15 August 2017, Council approved a lease to the State Government to facilitate the establishment of super-fast electric vehicle charging stations on the former bus station land at 85-107 Franklin Street, Adelaide.

The lease included an authorisation and permit pursuant to Sections 221 and 222 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* for a small portion of Bowen Street in the lease area. State Government licenced the area to Tesla Pty Ltd.

This report requests consideration from the Council to amend the arrangement to enter into a direct lease with Tesla Pty Ltd for their charging station under the same terms and conditions as the existing arrangement with State Government for a term of five years.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Approves leasing the portion of the electric vehicle charging station land on the former bus station at 85-107 Franklin Street, Adelaide currently leased to the Government of South Australia, to Tesla Pty Ltd or nominated entity.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise lease negotiations between the Corporation of City of Adelaide and Tesla Pty Ltd and execute a lease agreement and associated documentation.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix as necessary the Common Seal with the signature of the Lord Mayor to all legal documentation to give effect to the above-mentioned decisions.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Environmental Leadership 4.4 Support our community to transition to a low carbon economy through education, incentives and appropriate infrastructure 4.6 Implement the Carbon Neutral Strategy for the city and achieve carbon neutral certification for our operations The City of Adelaide has a strategic goal of becoming the most liveable city in the world and we have a shared ambition with the community to become a carbon neutral city. The accelerated uptake of electric vehicles, combined with increasing supply of renewable electricity, is an important component of the transition to a carbon neutral city. Providing the infrastructure to support electric vehicles provides mobility and options for visitors and residents.
Policy	The Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025 promotes the aspiration to be the world's first carbon neutral city. Council priorities include: 1. Create and foster opportunities for partnerships and businesses to grow and prosper from the low carbon economy. 2. Create a supportive environment for early adoption of great ideas and technologies. 3. Facilitate knowledge sharing and network development to enhance community awareness and adoption of opportunities and outcomes.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Risk will be managed as part of lease agreement.
Opportunities	Partnering with other organisations strategically place City of Adelaide at the hub of South Australia's electric vehicle charging network.
21/22 Budget Allocation	Rental income has been included in the 21/22 Budget and remains unchanged.
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Rental income has been included in the 22/23 Budget and remains unchanged.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Electric vehicle charging stations are expected to have an economic life of not less than ten (10) years.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Ongoing maintenance and operating cost for Tesla charging stations, such as electricity, network charges, maintenance and repairs will be the responsibility of Tesla.

Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. Council approved at its meeting of 15 August 2017 to grant a lease to the State Government to facilitate the establishment of an electric vehicle (EV) charging station on the former bus station land at 85-107 Franklin Street, Adelaide.
2. The electric vehicle charging station was constructed during August and September 2017 comprising four 125kW Tesla superchargers and three ≤50kW universal superchargers for the City of Adelaide.
3. The leased area included a small portion of Bowen Street for the accommodation of half a charging bay and access area. An authorisation and permit pursuant to Sections 221 and 222 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* over this portion of Bowen Street formed part of the lease arrangement.
4. We have entered into a lease with the State Government for a period of 5 years from August 2017, with one Right of renewal for another five-year period.
5. The lease made provision for a sublease arrangement enabling the State Government to licence the area to Tesla Pty Ltd (Tesla).
6. As the site is popular and well used Tesla is desirous to have another 5-year term. They have stated in their request: *'the Franklin Street Supercharger is the largest and most popular charging station in Adelaide – providing 100s of EV charging sessions each week. With recent fuel price increases and renewed passion from Australians for renewables, it has become an integral asset to South Australians looking to move away from fossil fuels*.'
7. Tesla has announced plans to open the Supercharger network to all EV makes and models, increasing the utility of the site and service provided. Rapid Charging stations (Supercharger) require a large financial investment and a significant time investment with electrical upgrades generally required.
8. If the lease to Tesla is not renewed there may be an undersupply of EV charging in Adelaide, hampering EV uptake and tourism with Tesla Superchargers connecting Adelaide through to Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane via an interstate network.
9. Currently, the City of Adelaide provides a charging network of 40 chargers, mostly 22kW in size, with two 50 kW 'super-fast' chargers at Franklin Street. These are intended as destination chargers, where the vehicle owner requires a few hours parking for a full battery, and will spend that time on work, shopping or entertainment.
10. The State of Electric Vehicles Report 2022 states that the national trend has seen a tripling of electric vehicle sales between 2020 and 2021, to well over 20,000. Since Teslas make up 60% of all sales, we expect the current Tesla chargers are supplying a significant portion of the electric vehicle owners in the local area.
11. The Tesla chargers are up to 120kW capacity, providing a 'rapid' charge, or a full battery in around 20 minutes for most makes and models. If these are made available to non-Tesla vehicles, it will help fill a market demand for the rapid charge option in the Adelaide CBD, which has already been raised by customers.
12. The State Government has requested Council's consideration to enter a direct leasing arrangement with Tesla as they see no further value in being a party to the lease arrangement.
13. The current lease agreement has a redevelopment clause that preserves the redevelopment potential of the former Adelaide Bus Station site.
14. Council approved at its meeting of 27 January 2022 the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the bus station site with the following outcome:
    14.1. The former Bus Station site will be released to the open market via an EOI process for sale and redevelopment in mid-2022 to enable a significant city shaping opportunity within the Market District.
15. The EOI will seek interest from strategic developers to unlock the site for a high-quality mixed-use development. It is anticipated that there will be long lead times ahead of any redevelopment of the former Bus Station site which includes the lease area for the electric vehicle charging stations. It is noted also that there may be the potential for interested parties to consider the retention of the charging station to support environmental sustainability.

16. Tesla is aware of the EOI and that the new lease will also contain a redevelopment clause as the continuation of the EV charging facility cannot be guaranteed.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Park Lands Foundation - update

Strategic Alignment - Environmental Leadership

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Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Adelaide has considered an opportunity to establish a philanthropic foundation which has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status under the *Income Tax Account Act 1997 (Cth)* to support certain activities in the Park Lands.

At its meeting held on 13 October 2020, Council resolved that Administration provide an options framework to establish a legally independent Adelaide Park Lands Foundation which would be a public fund and have DGR status. Council noted the stringent rules surrounding DGR status and requested that Administration investigate a governance model to meet Council's required objectives.

At its meeting held on 9 November 2021, Council received a report regarding the establishment of a philanthropic foundation with DGR status. It was advised that the only DGR category relevant for a philanthropic foundation of the nature envisaged by Council would be to establish a public fund that is on the Register of Environmental Organisations (REO Fund). As a result of that report, Council supported that additional work be undertaken to determine the best approach to establish an Adelaide Park Lands Foundation (the Foundation) with DGR status.

This report seeks the support from Council to establish a Park Lands Foundation that meets the requirements of a DGR.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Approves the establishment of a Park Lands Foundation, that meets the requirements of a Deductible Gift Recipient.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Environmental Leadership
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Establishment of a Park Lands Foundation, that meets the requirements of a Deductible Gift Recipient.
Opportunities	To increase opportunities to enhance and conserve the Adelaide Park Lands through philanthropic means.
21/22 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Budget allocation for the establishment of a Park Lands Foundation will be considered as part of the first quarter review of the 2022/2023 Budget.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Ongoing
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. The City of Adelaide is considering an opportunity to establish a philanthropic foundation which has DGR status under the *Income Tax Account Act 1997 (Cth)* to support certain activities in the Park Lands.

2. On 9 November 2021 Council endorsed the progression of work to establish a Park Lands Foundation. Such further investigations were to include the preparation of a detailed business case for establishing an independent Adelaide Park Lands Foundation, providing:

    2.1. Clear objectives and purpose (noting the parameters presented for Register of Environmental Organisations).

    2.2. Detailed costings for establishing the Foundation and ongoing operational costs.

    2.3. An appropriate governance and decision-making framework for developing projects for the purposes of the Foundation.

    2.4. The process for accessing donated funds for projects and their expenditure and acquittal.

3. This report primarily addresses the objectives and purpose of the Foundation which is to provide a vehicle to receive tax deductible donations, and the best option to establish the Foundation.

4. Providing a vehicle to receive tax deductible donations could provide a means to broaden 'ownership' of the Park Lands and encourage a wider range of people to take a more active interest in them.

5. Attaining and retaining DGR status requires that funds raised by the Foundation must be spent on projects which align to the requirements of the relevant category, in this instance the REO, and involves either:

    5.1. The protection and enhancement of the natural environment, or, of a significant aspect of the natural environment.

    5.2. The provision of information or education, or the carrying on of research, about the natural environment or a significant aspect of the natural environment.

6. Since the report to Council in November 2021, Administration has made further enquiries as to whether the Adelaide Park Lands Fund (APL Fund) is eligible to obtain DGR status as well as review recent legislative amendments relating to the DGR framework. As a result, the following options to establish a Foundation have been explored:

    Establishing a relationship with an existing charitable fund with DGR status

    6.1. It is understood that the desire of Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority (the Authority) and Council is that a bespoke Foundation be established for donors to financially contribute to the activities in the Park Lands. While there may be existing charitable foundations with which we could partner in the short term, on further investigation there are no obvious partners who are closely aligned with the purposes sought for the Park Lands.

    6.2. As a result of these investigations, this option is not recommended

    Utilising the existing APL Fund for the Foundation

    6.3. Upon examination it was determined that the APL Fund is not a desirable vehicle for the Foundation, and this option is not recommended.

    6.4. Whilst the APL Fund, as presently constituted, does not meet the requirements for DGR status, it might be possible to supplement the APL Fund arrangements and governance to meet REO Guideline requirements.

    6.5. However, the APL Fund has express intended purposes that should not be confused or diluted by proposals to endorse it as a REO Fund.

    6.6. The APL Fund continues to be available as a conduit for fundraising for expenditure consistent with the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* and the Fund Purposes, albeit it will not be able to provide tax deductibility in relation to any gifts, grants or donations from individuals.

    6.7. This may be important because the scope for expenditure by the APL Fund in accordance with the APL Fund purposes is broader than the purposes for which funding raised in a REO Fund can be used given the REO Fund's *natural environment* 'principal purpose' limitations.

Establishing a public fund as a REO Fund

6.8. It is recommended that the Authority and Council establish a foundation with DGR status; that is, a charitable trust with limited purposes and a public gift fund and register it with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

6.9. This would entail:

6.9.1. Drafting and settling a Trust Deed compliant with the REO Guidelines

6.9.2. Identifying one or more settlor(s) for the Trust

6.9.3. Selecting initial trustees for the Trust (individuals or a corporate trustee) and management committee for the public fund

6.9.4. Obtaining an ABN and registering the charity with the ACNC - current timeframes are approximately 6 months

6.9.5. Applying to the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (the Department) for endorsement of the Trust and public fund in accordance with the REO Guidelines - current timeframes are approximately 12 months.

6.10. There are mandatory inclusions specified in the REO Guidelines, including in relation to the entity and the public fund administered by the entity.

6.11. The Trust Deed would include:

6.11.1. the principal purpose requirements – this would be achieved by including the Statutory Purpose in relation to the Adelaide Park Lands in the objects of the trust contained in the Trust Deed

6.11.2. not-for-profit and winding up provisions

6.11.3. responsible person requirements in relation to the REO Fund's management committee

6.11.4. establishment and maintenance of a dedicated gift fund able to take money or property from the public with a separate bank account (discrete from the organisation's other funds) and management committee appointed by the organisation – this gift fund only holds moneys provided for the principal purpose and does not receive any other money or property

6.11.5. other prescribed provisions (eg requirement to provide statistical information to the Department, comply with conduit policies and agreement to abide by Ministerial Rules

6.12. The public fund to be endorsed as a REO Fund must have:

6.12.1. its own name (separate from the entity)

6.12.2. its own objects (in the context of the Register, the environmental purpose of the organisation)

6.12.3. its own management committee

6.12.4. its own bank account (separate to the environmental organisation)

6.12.5. its own rules (as specified in the Trust Deed).

6.13. The REO Fund must be an independent body in all things. In essence this means the City of Adelaide is not able to exert influence on how any of the funds donated to the REO Fund can be expended. This is a decision only for the Board of Trustees of the Foundation (and this Board must be approved by the Commonwealth Government).

6.14. While there are strict governance arrangements around the operations of a REO Fund, they do offer a breadth of use and Administration is confident that this approach is the most suitable option for the Foundation.

6.15. Administration has identified a foundation in New South Wales which operates in substantially the same way that it is recommended the Park Lands Foundation would run. The Centennial Parklands Foundation (CPF) is a charitable organisation established by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (the CPMP Trust) and has DGR status. The CPF is administered by the Western Sydney Parklands which conducts activities and projects with similar objectives to those undertaken by the Authority.

6.16. Following discussions with the Western Sydney Park Lands and other enquiries, Administration has identified the following in relation to the CPF:

6.16.1. It is an independent charitable organisation established to raise funds, generate awareness and engender community support to protect and enhance the green open spaces of Centennial Parklands.

6.16.2. The Centennial Parklands is self-funded for its day to day running costs and relies on the Centennial Parklands Foundation to seek donations, sponsorship and philanthropic contributions for projects that would otherwise not be possible.

6.16.3. It has a specific REO Fund which is listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations.

6.16.4. The New South Wales State Government gifts the time and costs, including on-costs of two public servants to the CPF.

6.16.5. It has a Board of Governors in place to oversee the strategic and investment decisions of the entity. On a day-to-day basis, the CPF is managed by the Greater Sydney Parklands.

6.16.6. It identifies ways to support the Park Lands which include making an annual donation, donating to a specific project, making a gift to support the daily running of the Park Lands, dedicating a bench within the Park Lands and leaving a gift in your Will.

6.16.7. It received $313,020 in donations in the year ended June 2019. In 2020 donations amounted to $192, 948, and in 2021 donations of $381,181 were received.

6.16.8. The CPF raises funds through campaigns, micro activities such as ‘on site tap and go stations’, board connections, relationships, and introductions. It spends money by contributing to major projects. They often partner with private companies, governments and other not for profits.

6.16.9. It’s total revenue by fund was $585,500, $383,611 and $709,119 respectively in the years ending 2019, 2020 and 2021.

6.16.10. It’s Board of Governors are volunteers who are tasked with raising funds and building connections.

6.16.11. It has a contemporary approach to philanthropy which focusses on planned giving for tax deductable wealth transfer and target high net individuals for major seed funding.

6.17. The CPMP Trust was appointed by the New South Wales Government. Members of the CPMP Trust board of trustees also sit on the board of the Greater Sydney Parklands agency.

6.18. It has been established that the success of the CPF is largely attributed to the strong relationship between the members of the consolidated board for the Greater Sydney Parklands and the CPF Board of Governors.

6.19. It is recommended that the Authority and Council establish the Park Lands Foundation in substantially the same way that the CPF has been established.

7. Consultation on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022/23 was undertaken from 13 May to 6 June 2022. The consultation sought feedback from City of Adelaide ratepayers and residents, community and key stakeholders. A theme from the consultation was that the Park Lands are a key area of interest for the community, with respondents’ comments focusing on their protection, preservation and maintenance. Submissions received in response to the consultation requested that Council consider funding degraded areas of the Park Lands, sought improved biodiversity and Park Lands protection, and identified that sustainability is seen as very important. Feedback such as that received during the consultation process further supports the establishment of the Foundation.

8. If Council supports the recommendation to establish a Park Lands Foundation, an internal project team, led by the Park Lands, Policy & Sustainability Program, will be established to develop a comprehensive project plan for the establishment of the Foundation. That project plan will include and address detailed costings for establishing the Foundation and ongoing operational costs, an appropriate governance and decision-making framework for developing projects for the purposes of the Foundation, and the process for accessing donated funds for projects and their expenditure and acquittal.

9. Budget allocation for the establishment of the Foundation will be considered as part of the first quarter review of the 2022/23 Budget.

10. It is estimated that it will take approximately up to 12 months to set up the Foundation with operations commencing and scaling post establishment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Group Power Purchase Agreement for City-based Business

Strategic Alignment - Environmental Leadership

Public

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to a decision of Council on 14 June 2022 that the Administration provide advice to the July 2022 meeting of the Council about the potential for a group power purchasing arrangement (PPA) for renewable electricity by city-based businesses.

There is interest from business for a group PPA as demonstrated by feedback during recent climate action plan engagement. Facilitating a group PPA is a lengthy and complex process and would take approximately two years. This is consistent with the time taken to establish the same outcome for Council's own PPA.

It is suggested a group PPA could be progressed in two phases:

1. Approximately 9-12 months involving market research, project scoping, release of an expression of interest for business and stakeholder engagement.
2. Approximately 12-15 months involving development of a procurement plan, tender documents, negotiations and contracts with business participants, industry discussions, procurement, and contract award.

A decision would need to be made based on the outcomes of phase 1 on whether to progress to phase 2 of the process.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2021 for consideration

That Council

1. Notes the report.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Environmental Leadership Relevant Community Outcomes: One of the world's first carbon neutral cities by 2025, where sustainability is core. A transition to low carbon and circular economies. Relevant Key Actions: 4.4 Support our community to transition to a low carbon economy through education, incentives and appropriate infrastructure. 4.6 Implement the Carbon Neutral Strategy for the city and achieve carbon neutral certification for our operations.
Policy	*Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015 – 2025* Outcome 1 - A carbon neutral city where economic growth and carbon emissions are decoupled.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Legal advice will need to be sought to inform the process of scoping and seeking expressions of interest for organisations to participate in a group power purchase agreement for renewable electricity.
Opportunities	Facilitation of a group power purchase agreement will provide the opportunity to reduce carbon emissions due to city business electricity use and support business to achieve carbon emission and cost reduction objectives.
21/22 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	It is proposed that the scoping and expression of interest phase of the facilitation of a group power purchase agreement for renewable electricity would be completed within the 2022/23 Climate Change Action Initiative Fund budget using existing resources. A budget of $70,000 for 2022/23 is proposed to support legal and industry advisory support. If there is sufficient interest to proceed to a tender and negotiation phase additional budget for resources may be needed and will be sought within budget processes.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	It is expected that the process of facilitating establishment of a group power purchase agreement for renewable electricity for city-based business will be a 2 year project for Council.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) are a contract between an electricity buyer and an electricity generator. PPAs can take several forms, providing participating parties with certainty about price over a long period.

2. PPAs can incorporate the procurement of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates to meet an organisations corporate carbon emissions and energy cost reduction objectives.

3. Under certain models a PPA can support the development of new renewable generation that would not otherwise be constructed under existing market conditions.

4. PPA's can also support network and grid stability in South Australia. A battery can be included in a PPA to sure up 'baseload' power, increase local grid reliability and increase revenue from the renewable energy plant.

5. Corporate PPAs have grown in popularity considerably in recent years. The Business Renewables Centre of Australia (BRCA) has estimated that there have been at least 110 Corporate PPAs negotiated, contracting over 4 GW of renewable energy generation, between 2017 and 2021.

6. There was interest expressed by a number of businesses during recent climate action plan engagement that Council facilitate a mechanism for city businesses to collectively purchase renewable electricity (e.g. through a power purchase agreement or other platform) and hence an action is proposed to progress this work in the draft Climate Action Plan 2022-2025 (to be considered at the August Council meeting).

7. As an example, the City of Melbourne has facilitated two group PPAs:

    7.1. Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (MREP) One, was established in 2017 and involved 14 partners including multiple local governments and business. The contract resulted in establishment of a new 80 MW wind farm at Crowlands, near Ararat. MREP One members committed to purchase 88 GWh of electricity per year from the wind farm under a long-term power purchase agreement.

    7.2. MREP Two was completed in 2020 and includes seven large energy user partners who committed to purchase 110 GWh of renewable electricity over 10 years. The purchased wind power is produced primarily by the Yaloak South Wind Farm near Ballan, with the remaining energy coming from other wind farm projects in regional Victoria.

    7.3. Refer here for further information about MREP One and Two. [Link 1 - https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/business/sustainable-business/mrep/Pages/melbourne-renewable-energy-project.aspx]

8. The City of Adelaide's (CoA's) corporate PPA has been in effect since July 2020. It incorporates the purchase of 100% renewable electricity, including 25% supply from two South Australian solar farms commissioned directly as a result of the PPA agreement, with the remaining renewable electricity supply from Clements Gap wind farm, South Australia. The model incorporates a wholesale electricity supply component that operates in parallel to the renewable electricity supply. The renewable electricity generation was selected to align with the City of Adelaide's electricity demand profile and provides a fixed price hedge against future price rises.

9. Establishment of the PPA was a lengthy and complex process that involved a series of steps from initial analysis of the CoA's electricity demand profile and the market conditions and opportunities through to an expression of interest and tender process. The CoA engaged specialist legal and energy market advisory services that were critical to the process.

10. The CoA's PPA has demonstrated strong financial outcomes to date, with the past 12 months of the contract providing 100% renewable electricity at an estimated 37% below the annual energy cost of the previous contract, which did not incorporate renewable electricity.

11. Factors that influence the suitability of participating in a PPA and the model adopted, include:

    11.1. The size of the participants and electricity demand – for example, the MREP Renewable Energy Procurement Guide outlines that a minimum of approximately 25-50 GWh of annual consumption would be required to support an off-take agreement (agreement to purchase future supply), with a generator and attract sufficient market interest to ensure a competitive procurement process. The City of Adelaide's PPA was based on electricity consumption across all sites of approximately 20 GWh per annum. The City of Adelaide total commercial electricity use is 625 GW per annum.

    11.2. The electricity demand profile of participating organisations – PPAs are typically more suited to organisations with stable and consistent electricity demand profiles as opposed to variable and frequently changing electricity demand.

11.3. Organisational objectives and requirements:

11.3.1. Sustainability – a PPA can include a variety of approaches for incorporating renewable energy generation, such as direct offtake from a renewable energy generator or separate procurement of renewable energy certificates.

11.3.2. Economic and community development – there is potential to incorporate specific requirements for the development of new generation or incorporation of other value adds associated with local content requirements.

11.3.3. Financial – participating organisations will need to determine their financial objectives and how these relate to other considerations, such as risk and sustainability objectives.

11.3.4. Risk – the risk appetite will influence the model, and terms and conditions, of a PPA. For example, a PPA can incorporate direct ownership of renewable generation assets or off-take agreements from new or existing generators (directly or indirectly via a retailer). Additionally, counter party, partner and contract risks will be part of PPA considerations.

12. Understanding and balancing the requirements of participants in a group buy PPA is a complex and time-consuming process that requires strong governance arrangements and significant specialist input and advice, such as legal, risk, procurement, contract and energy advisory services.

13. Dependent on the level of interest, a group PPA could require participants beyond the City of Adelaide's boundaries to achieve the required minimum level of participation and electricity demand to make the PPA process viable.

14. The level of interest in participating in a PPA could reduce as the South Australian electricity grid approaches a 100% renewable supply. South Australia's aspiration is to reach net 100% renewable generation by 2030 but this is expected to occur earlier. Therefore, from a carbon emission saving perspective, this opportunity is most effective for implementation before 2025.

15. The business case and uptake will also be significantly driven by future National Electricity Market (NEM) electricity price forecasts, and the high market uncertainty in future wholesale and retail electricity prices is expected to remain for the next few years.

16. It is proposed the process for facilitating a group PPA would be progressed in two phases:

16.1. Phase 1 would involve market research, project scoping, release of an expression of interest for business and organisations to respond to and engagement with regulators and industry bodies. This process would take approximately 9-12 months and determine if there was sufficient interest to proceed with the next phase. A budget for legal and industry advisory support for this process from the 2022/23 Climate Change Action Initiative Fund is proposed. A decision would need to be made at the end of this phase by Council whether to proceed to the next phase.

16.2. Phase 2 would involve development of a procurement plan, tender documents, negotiations and contracts with business participants, industry discussions, release the tenders, tender information sessions, tender evaluation and award the contract. This process would take approximately 12-15 months and would require a full-time dedicated staff member to facilitate. A resourcing plan and budget for this phase would be developed during phase 1.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Melbourne Renewable Energy Project One and Two

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Proposed Adelaide Botanic High School Expansion

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Government, through the Department for Education, is seeking to partner with the City of Adelaide on a proposed expansion of the Adelaide Botanic High School.

The proposed mechanism is a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the parties that details the principles and intent of the parties to proceed to a legally binding agreement in relation to the transfer of a portion of Allotment 22 (1,800m^2) in Certificate of Title 5696/850 in Deposited Plan 51367, owned by the City of Adelaide, to the State Government. The site is commonly known as Nellie Raminyemmerin / Frome Park.

The mechanism is a starting point for negotiation between the parties and provides an opportunity for each party to present its preferred outcome and non-negotiable elements of an agreement. This report sets out background to the proposal and provides an overview and timeframes for the MoU along with the current draft MOU, noting the final MOU will be circulated with the report on 12 July 2022.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the final terms of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Education in relation to the transfer of a portion of Allotment 22 in Certificate of Title 5696/850 in Deposited Plan 51367, owned by the City of Adelaide, to the State Government.
2. Approves the following principles to be used by the City of Adelaide in the negotiation to finalise the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Education and to follow into formal negotiations:
    - 2.1. The proposal does not remove any land from designation as Adelaide Park Lands (no net loss of Park Lands).
    - 2.2. A process for transfer of land will ensure any returning land is of equal or greater area than the parcel of land to be transferred.
    - 2.3. Any returning land is to be of a commensurate financial value and/or additional State Government investment is made in the Adelaide Park Lands to compensate land value.
    - 2.4. A process for transfer of land will be fair and transparent and ensure that Council obtains not less than fair and agreed market value from the disposal, unless there are reasons for Council accepting a lesser value.
    - 2.5. The fair market value of the land is to be determined by an independent valuation obtained from a suitably qualified Certified Practicing Valuer based on the highest and best use of the site taking into consideration:
        - 2.5.1. The recent rezoning of the land and proposed use for multi-storey built-form development.
        - 2.5.2. The contamination status of the land is not a contributing factor to the fair market value and is excluded from the valuation process as it will be resolved through subsequent development.

2.6. Detail on the returning land and process such as:

2.6.1. The terms for the transaction required to transfer of land on the returning land is agreed.

2.6.2. The land parcels ‘short-listed’ by the State Government that are subject to negotiations.

2.6.3. Formalising a process in the circumstance that the Council and the State Government cannot reach agreement on the returning land.

2.6.4. Seeks to coincide land transfer of Allotment 22 and the returning land.

2.6.5. Negotiates remediation standard of any returning land and makes clear that remediation obligations rest with the State and not the Council (even in the circumstance Council is the identified owner).

2.7. The process will not comprise the application or otherwise, of any prudential requirements under Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, with specific reference to part 2(j) in relation to land valuation.

2.8. Any returning land provides for commensurate or enhanced social, environment and cultural value for the Adelaide Park Lands consistent with the statutory principles of the APL Act.

2.9. The Adelaide Botanic High School should also consider and prioritise spending in the precinct surrounding the expansion site to ensure its fit within the location.

2.10. The State Government assumes all responsibility for site contamination, including capping or remediation of adjoining land to remain within Allotment 22, and heritage protection associated with the site.

2.11. The State Government bears the costs for any dealings on the land.

2.12. An undertaking that the existing city-based public schools have reached capacity and that future school capacity will be achieved outside of the City of Adelaide or as a new school and location within the city.

2.13. Notes the requirement in the next stage for Term Sheets or equivalent for the sale contracts for both that portion of Allotment 22 and the returning land to enable a legally enforcement contract to be.

3. Approves the Chief Executive Officer to allocate resources to preliminary negotiations, investigation and analysis of the proposal(s), including legal opinion.

4. Authorises the Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal documentation to facilitate transfers and any other dealings associated with the transfer of land or assets that may be required, up to a nominated financial threshold.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Enabling Priorities The Strategic Plan states that: '*Council will continue to work innovatively and collaboratively with partners and the community*' to achieve '*Bold leadership and strategic partnerships to meet challenges and take up new opportunities*.' The proposal aligns with action item 5.3 *'Build on effective advocacy and partnerships locally, nationally and globally.'*
Policy	The Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Assets Policy (January 2022) has been reviewed in preparing this report.
Consultation	The Administration has been in contact with representatives of the Department for Education regarding the proposal. Negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the parties is not yet commenced. Representatives of the Department for Education presented to the meeting of the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) at its meeting on 28 April 2022 and to the strategic discussion forum of the Committee on 17 May 2022. Kadaltilla considered a report item on the matter in June.
Resource	Negotiation of the agreement will likely require legal drafting and opinion.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The City of Adelaide and State Government are obliged to act in accordance with the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)* (APL Act). The State Government has mechanisms to compulsorily acquire the land from the City of Adelaide. If the State Government acquired the land is would need to fulfill the requirements of Section 23 of the APL Act before proceeding with a change of land use. Future development of the site would then be a matter for the State Planning Commission as a development application to the State Commission Assessment Panel against the policy and provisions contained in the Planning and Design Code.
Opportunities	Negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Education provides the City of Adelaide with an opportunity to seek certain principles and outcomes be met as part of the land transfer and subsequent investment in the Park Lands and precinct.
21/22 Budget Allocation	Negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Education will incur legal costs in the order of $10,000 which can be accommodated within the existing enterprise budget allocation for legal advice.
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	There is no specific provision in the draft 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget associated with the proposed agreement and any subsequent land transfer. If additional budget allocation is deemed necessary, this will be put to the Council for decision as a first quarter 2022/2023 budget review.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	It is proposed that the Memorandum of Understanding is negotiated in the 2021/2022 financial year. Formal legal agreement and land transfer costs are yet to be determined.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The State Government, through the Department for Education, is seeking to partner with the City of Adelaide on a proposed expansion of the Adelaide Botanic High School. The Department for Education is seeking to deliver the project by 2024.

2. The proposed mechanism is a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the parties that details the principles and intent of the parties to proceed to a legally binding agreement in relation to the transfer of a portion of Allotment 22 in Certificate of Title 5696 Folio 850 in Deposited Plan 51367 (Allotment 22), owned by the City of Adelaide, to the State Government. The site is commonly known as Nellie Raminyemmerin / Frome Park.

Subject Site, Allotment 22

3. The site 1.818 hectares in size and is located on the eastern side of Frome Road, Adelaide. It is generally bound by the Botanic Gardens of South Australia (Botanic Gardens) to the north and east, the area generally known as Lot 14 to the south, and the University of Adelaide to the west of Frome Road, Adelaide.

4. The land is owned by the City of Adelaide in fee simple and is held in Trust for Park Land purposes. The site is designated as Adelaide Park Lands in accordance with Section 14 of the APL Act and the deposited Adelaide Park Lands Plan. The site is under the care and control of the City of Adelaide and is otherwise surrounded by land under the care and control of the State Government.

5. The site is subject to a Right of Way along its southern boundary associated with access to the area generally known as Lot 14. The Right of Way is unaffected by the proposed expansion of the Adelaide Botanic High School.

6. The site was reclaimed as public green space from an old car park in the late 1990s and is recognised under Section 193 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* as community land. It is used by Council as an event space, including for WOMADelaide. Allotment 22 contains a culturally significant site(s) however, it is understood the site(s) is outside of the proposed expansion area and that the Department for Education is engaging with Kaurna community.

Proposed Expansion of Adelaide Botanic High School

7. The site of the existing Adelaide Botanic High School is described as Allotment 1 in Crown Record 6245 Folio 913 in Deposited Plan 28393 (Allotment 1) which has frontage to Frome Road, Adelaide but is otherwise contained in Allotment 22.

8. The proposal is for the integrated extension of the existing Adelaide Botanic High School vertical building to the south of Allotment 1. The proposed building footprint expansion is approximately 1,800 square metres and requires a site area, portion of Allotment 22, of approximately 1,800 square metres.

9. The proposed building footprint expansion aligns with the southern building extent of the University of Adelaide Mawson Building and maintains the sight line from the University of Adelaide Barr Smith Library to the Botanic Gardens. The existing tree lined pedestrian pathway to and from the Botanic Gardens does not form part of the proposed land transfer and can be maintained.

10. The current Adelaide Botanic High School capacity is 1,250 secondary school students. The proposed expansion seeks to accommodate an additional 700 students. The proposed expansion will take the school capacity to 1,950 students (similar in capacity to the Glenunga High International High School, Glen Osmond and the Roma Mitchell Secondary College, Gepps Cross).

11. The capacity of the city's other public secondary school, Adelaide High School, is 1,800 secondary school students.

12. The Department for Education has advised that there are 1,000 additional students required in the CBD and Inner Northern [School] Zone of the education network and of those 1,000 students, 700 are needed at Adelaide Botanic High School. The Department forecast that approximately 123 students will be from the City of Adelaide local government area.

13. The Department for Education has verbally advised that should the Adelaide Botanic High School expansion be delivered, future capacity in the school zone will be found outside of the Adelaide Central Business District such that future school expansion is not required of either the Adelaide Botanic High School or the Adelaide High School. An undertaking to this effect could be sought via the MoU process.

Proposed MoU

14. The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (Link 1 view here) from the State Government seeks to achieve three outcomes:

    14.1. Transfer of a portion of Allotment 22, owned by the City of Adelaide, to the State Government.

    14.2. A mechanism for determining the 'fair market value' for the land to be transferred to the State Government.

    14.3. A mechanism for the State to transfer certain, undefined Park Lands, to the Council (referred to as the Returning Land) to compensate for the area of Park Lands to be removed from care and control of the Council.

15. Administration has progressed conversations with the Department for Education in line with direction from Council through feedback provided at the presentations made to Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority, to Council and through Strategic Committee. The Department for Education has committed to progressing these changes and returning a revised MOU for the meeting of Council on 12 July 2022.

Transfer of Land (Sale or Lease)

16. The State Government has an ability to acquire a portion of Allotment 22 under *the Land Acquisition Act 1969 (SA)*, for the purposes of expanding the existing Adelaide Botanic High School.

17. Rather than exercising its powers, the State Government, through the Department for Education, has indicated its intention to negotiate the purchase of a 1,800m^2 portion of Allotment 22 from the City of Adelaide.

18. The existing Botanic High School and Adelaide High School are in the Adelaide Park Lands Plan. Should Council agree to the sale of land, the land could remain as Adelaide Park Lands and be used for public purposes albeit not broad community access and use.

19. There is a mechanism within the APL Act that would afford the Minister for Planning an opportunity to seek to remove the land from the Adelaide Park Lands Plan, however this has not been raised through the process to date (and would require future consultation with the City of Adelaide and others).

20. Options that may be available to Council, other than sale of a 1,800m^2 portion of Allotment 22 to the State Government, may include:

    20.1. A lease or licence over the land. Section 21 of the APL Act sets the maximum term for which the Council may grant or renew a lease of licence over land in the Adelaide Park Lands is 42 years (taking into account any right of extension and despite the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999*). A lease or licence over land for 10 year or move must be submitted to the Presiding members of both Houses of Parliament. Given the integration and long-term use of the land by the State Government as a public high school, a lease or licence arrangement is considered less desirable than a land transfer.

    20.2. Transfer of a larger portion of Allotment 22 to the State Government. The Planning and Design Code seeks to safeguard the open space link and cultural values of the land (*Concept Plan 85 City Riverbank Innovation* of the Planning and Design Code). In this circumstance, the Council could seek to negotiate a larger land parcel in return for the transfer.

21. Any future allotment creation or grant to occupy Allotment 22 (by lease and/or license), arising from the proposal would need to follow the provisions set out in the APL Act.

Fair Market Value

22. The proposed MoU contemplates the fair market value of the land will be determined by the State Government.

23. Allotment 22 is in the Innovation Subzone of the City Riverbank Zone of the Planning and Design Code following the Riverbank Code Amendment which came into legal effect on 20 January 2022. The rezoning process has created price uplift in relation to the fair market value of the land.

24. Council should seek to ensure the scope of the valuation and the valuer ensures the highest and best use is assessed for the purposes of determining the fair market value, taking into consideration:

    24.1. The recent rezoning and proposed use for multi-storey built-form development.

    24.2. The contamination status of the land is not a contributing factor to the land fair market value and is excluded from the valuation process as it will be resolved through subsequent development.

25. The MoU presents an opportunity for a valuation assessment that is broader than may be achieved through a circumstance of compulsory acquisition of the land.

Returning Land

26. As a form of compensation for the land transfer, the State Government has indicated an intention to return an undefined portion(s) of land not less than 1,800m^2 within the Adelaide Park Lands Plan, under the control of the State Government, to the Council (at no purchase price to Council). The date for agreeing the returning land is 15 December 2022.

27. The State Government, through the MoU, is seeking a construction licence over Allotment 22 to commence 1 July 2022. This is to enable the expanded Adelaide Botanic High School to be operational in the 2024 calendar year. In effect, Council will have committed to enable the new school prior to any certainty around the returning land.

28. The MoU sets out a process for agreeing the returning land but does not deal with the situation that agreement cannot be reached.

29. There are numerous variables to be determined in relation to the returning land and legislative processes to be followed, and a likely outcome is that the returning land is not received for a period of years following the transfer of land from Council to the State Government.

30. To provide Council greater certainty about the returning land, it is in Council's interest to ensure that through the MoU and negotiation processes:

    30.1. The terms for the transaction required to transfer of land on the returning land is agreed.

    30.2. The land parcels 'short-listed' by the State Government that are subject to negotiations.

    30.3. Formalising a process in the circumstance that the Council and the State Government cannot reach agreement on the returning land.

    30.4. Seeks to coincide land transfer of Allotment 22 and the returning land.

    30.5. Negotiates remediation standard of any returning land and makes clear that remediation obligations rest with the State and not the Council (even in the circumstance Council is the identified owner).

31. The MoU presents an opportunity for returning land that may not be contemplated through a circumstance of compulsory acquisition of the land.

Summary

32. This report recommends the City of Adelaide enter negotiations with the State Government for a land transfer and sets out the proposed CoA terms for the MoU.

33. The following principles for negotiating a MoU are proposed:

    33.1. A process for transfer of land will be fair and transparent and ensure that Council obtains not less than fair market value from the disposal, unless there are reasons for Council accepting a lesser value.

    33.2. The fair market value of the land is to be determined by an independent valuation obtained from a suitably qualified Certified Practicing Valuer based on the highest and best use of the site taking into consideration:

        33.2.1. The recent rezoning and proposed use for multi-storey built-form development.

        33.2.2. The contamination status of the land is not a contributing factor to the fair market value and is excluded from the valuation process as it will be resolved through subsequent development.

    33.3. Detail on the returning land and process is included in the Memorandum of Understanding:

        33.3.1. The terms for the sale contract on the returning land is agreed.

        33.3.2. Land parcels (three titles or plans) that have been 'short-listed' by the State Government and are subject to negotiations.

        33.3.3. A 'circuit breaker' is provided for in the circumstance that the Council and the State Government cannot reach agreement on the returning land, such as a binding independent determination or nominated payment in lieu of the returning land.

        33.3.4. Term Sheets for the sale contracts for both that portion of Allotment 22 and the returning land are provided for to enable a legally enforcement contract to be drafted as a next stage.

        33.3.5. Assigns Council the responsibility for determining the remediation standard of any returning land and makes clear that remediation obligations rest with the State and not the Council (even in the circumstance Council is the identified owner).

33.4. The process will not comprise the application or otherwise, of any prudential requirements under Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, with specific reference to part 2(j) in relation to land valuation.

33.5. The proposal does not remove any land from designation as Adelaide Park Lands (no net loss of Park Lands).

33.6. Any returning land provides for commensurate or enhanced social, environment and cultural value for the Adelaide Park Lands consistent with the statutory principles of the APL Act.

33.7. The Adelaide Botanic High School should also consider and prioritise spending in the precinct surrounding the expansion site to ensure its fit within the location.

33.8. The State Government assumes all responsibility for site contamination, including capping or remediation of adjoining land to remain within Allotment 22, and heritage protection associated with the site.

33.9. The State Government bears the costs for any dealings on the land.

33.10. An undertaking that the existing city-based public schools have reached capacity and that future school capacity will be achieved outside of the City of Adelaide or as a new school and location within the city.

33.11. The State Government assumes all responsibility for site contamination, including capping or remediation of adjoining land to remain within Allotment 22, and heritage protection associated with the site.

33.12. The State Government bears the costs for any dealings on the land.

33.13. An undertaking that the existing city-based public schools have reached capacity and that future school capacity will be achieved outside of the City of Adelaide or as a new school and location within the city.

34. Should Council decide not to proceed with negotiations, the State Government has available to it other mechanisms to compulsorily acquire the land.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Replacement of Combustible Cladding

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

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Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is in response to the Council decision of 10 May 2022.

The City of Adelaide Building Fire Safety Committee (BFSC) have identified 127 buildings with material on their facades that appears to be Aluminium Composite Panels (ACP). Following the Building Cladding Audit in 2017, there were no buildings identified with an 'Extreme' risk rating, and all six buildings with a 'High' rating are now rated as either 'Moderate' or 'Low'.

As such, all buildings with ACP within City of Adelaide are currently rated as having either a 'Low' or 'Moderate' life safety risk, meaning they present a 'Minimal Safety Risk', or that the 'Fire Safety provisions are sufficient to allow safe exit from a building in a fire event'. There is no formal requirement for owners of buildings with 'Low' or 'Moderate' risk ratings to undertake action within a specific timeframe. It is however important for building owners to maintain their buildings' Essential Safety Provisions, which is a focus area for the BFSC.

Building owners can address fire safety relating to ACP in many ways, including but not limited to removal. The overall objective is not necessarily the removal of all ACP, but rather the achievement of a low level of risk as evidenced by a 'Low' South Australian Life Safety Analysis (SALSA) rating. A 'Low' rating indicates the building's fire safety and egress systems are of a standard that provides a high level of life safety for occupants of the building.

The BFSC continues to work with each building owner to reduce the life safety risk for each building. The requirement for confidentiality on the details of these properties remains in place.

Planning fees are dependent on the costs of the development. Each building and the levels of ACP differ, and each building owner may seek to undertake ACP rectification works in a different way. This makes it difficult to estimate the cost of works and therefore the cost of related planning fees. Examples of total development costs and the related planning fees for buildings which have rectified ACP in previous years are provided in the report for context.

Currently Council or State Government do not offer a loan or funding scheme to support replacement or rectification of cladding. Given the high cost of some of the works required, it is considered that should such a scheme be developed, the focus would be on buildings rated as 'High' or 'Extreme' risk, noting buildings in these categories within the City of Adelaide have all been addressed. Should Council wish to pursue such a scheme further, further engagement internally and with the State Government is possible.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council:

1. Notes the report.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Enabling Priorities
Policy	The function and role of the Building Fire Safety Committee is legislated, with the Committee's approach to managing issues and risks delivered in accordance with those powers and agreed risk assessment tools.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	The Building Fire Safety Committee is a resourced function within our existing operations
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The Building Fire Safety Committee manage the approach and response to issues in accordance with legislation, and using relevant risk assessment tools and methodologies
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
21/22 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Council's Building Fire Safety Committee is a legislated function that is ongoing.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. This report is in response to the Council decision of 10 May 2022:

   'That Council:

   Requests the Administration to provide a report to the June scheduled meeting of Council on the number of buildings within the Council's boundaries identified by the City of Adelaide and by the State Government as requiring the replacement of combustible cladding, together with the timetable for the replacement of such cladding and:

   1. An estimate of the cost of waiving all City Council planning fees to encourage replacement of combustible cladding and,

   2. The possibility of either Council or the State Government or both establishing a concessional loans scheme to help owner corporations to remove combustible cladding.'

2. South Australian Building Fire Safety Committees (BFSC) were established as a result of Coronial recommendations after seven people lost their lives in a fire in 1975.

3. The recommendations resulted in legislative change to provide for the establishment of an 'appropriate authority' (the Building Fire Safety Committee) in each council area.

4. The *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act) enacted in March 2021 requires Council establish a BFSC and appoint the required members. The City of Adelaide delegated the powers of establishment and the appointment of the members (under Section 157 of the Act) to the Chief Executive Officer.

5. The current City of Adelaide BFSC was established under section 157(17) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* on 9 Sept 2021

6. Following the Lacrosse building fire in Melbourne (2014) and the Grenfell Tower fire in London (2017), the State Government required councils across the State to undertake a Building Cladding Audit in response to concerns regarding the use of Aluminum Composite Panels (ACPs) on building facades. The BFSC has led City of Adelaide's response.

7. ACPs are frequently used as external cladding and signage on buildings, and can be produced in a range of finishes. They usually consist of two thin aluminium sheets bonded to a combustible or non-combustible core. The material is not unsafe or dangerous if it is non-combustible and installed in accordance with the National Construction Code (NCC).

8. The buildings that have ACP on their façade have valid Development Approvals, however the material used may have a combustible core that may compromise the fire safety adequacy of the building, which may pose an occupant life safety risk in the event of a fire.

9. The Building Cladding Audit (the Audit) has been actioned over three phases, with phases one and two being delivered in collaboration with the State Government and the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service.

10. Phase One – Identification:

    10.1. This required the BFSC to identify and report to the State any buildings that have or may have ACP present

    10.2. Priority buildings in Phase One included residential buildings over two storeys (including hotels, motels, apartments and aged care facilities), hospitals, schools and assembly buildings

    10.3. This part of the audit was completed in July 2017.

11. Phase Two – Investigation:

    11.1. This required an analysis of each building to identify the types of ACPs, the installation methods, the existing egress provisions, and the active fire protection installed such as sprinkler systems, hydrants, hose reels and occupant warning systems used, to determine the life safety risk to occupants in a façade fire event. This included a review of building plans and approvals, site visits or comprehensive inspections if required

    11.2. Work on this Phase commenced in late 2017.

12. Phase Three – Response:

    12.1. The current and ongoing Phase Three involves building owners being required to respond to Council, acknowledging the risk and the potential actions proportionate to the level of risk

    12.2. Life safety risk analysis results and recommendations have been distributed to building owners and the BFSC are now working with individual building owners to address matters as required.

13. The Audit used the evidence-based South Australian Life Safety Assessment (SALSA) tool, which assesses the life safety risk category.

14. The SALSA Risk Assessment Rating table (Link 1 view here) defines the risk categories from 'Extreme' to 'Low', and summarises the immediate and ongoing actions relevant to the risk rating.

City of Adelaide's BFSC Audit

15. City of Adelaide's BFSC identified 127 buildings with material on their facades that appears to be ACP. This number includes all buildings required in Phase One of the Audit (residential, schools, hospitals and assembly buildings) and the addition of commercial buildings which were not prioritised in Phase One of the Audit:

    15.1. 71 of these buildings have had life safety analyses completed and building owners have been advised of the risk rating:

        15.1.1. Of the 71 buildings assessed, there were initially no buildings with an 'Extreme' life safety risk rating, and six buildings with a 'High' rating.

        15.1.2. Since the 2017 audit, all buildings rated 'High' have had their rating reduced to either 'Moderate' or 'Low', after the provision of more relevant and up-to-date building information.

        15.1.3. As a result, there are now no buildings with a 'High' or 'Extreme' life safety risk rating within the City of Adelaide.

        15.1.4. 26 buildings have a 'Moderate' risk rating, and 45 buildings have a 'Low' risk rating.

        15.1.5. Link 1 (view here)**,** outlines the recommended actions associated with the SALSA risk ratings.

    15.2. 56 buildings remain under assessment and are due to be completed by the end of 2022:

        15.2.1. These include commercial properties not part of the initial Audit.

        15.2.2. Preliminary risk assessments undertaken by the BFSC indicate none of these properties will be in the 'High' or 'Extreme' risk categories.

16. It is important to note as per the Audit assessment tool, buildings with 'Low' or 'Moderate' risk ratings are defined as either having 'Minimal Safety Risk', or 'Fire Safety provisions are sufficient to allow safe exit from a building in a fire event'.

17. Owners of buildings with 'Low' or 'Moderate' risk ratings are required to ensure the maintenance of their buildings Essential Safety Provisions which is a focus area of the BFSC, however are not required to undertake specific removal or rectification works related to ACP within any certain timeframe.

Approach to addressing ACPs

18. There are many ways owner(s) can address the matter of ACP on a building.

19. Some buildings can retain the ACP if they ensure adequate fire safety measures are in place - removal is not necessarily required.

20. Rectification work may include:

    20.1. replacement of the ACPs as part of the general ongoing routine maintenance

    20.2. removal of part or all the ACPs

    20.3. additional alarms, escape points or sprinklers

    20.4. placement of barriers that prevent fire spread, should an ACP catch fire.

21. Even if a building has some ACP cladding on the façade, if the building's active fire safety system will ensure people can safely exit if a façade fire occurred, then the building may be classified as having a 'Low' or 'Moderate' SALSA rating.

22. An 'active fire safety system' includes fire warning or suppression equipment that triggers automatically in the event of a fire, such as:

    22.1. sprinklers

22.2. fire extinguishers

22.3. smoke alarms

22.4. automatic fire doors

22.5. fire control systems.

23. The BFSC are working with each individual building owner to reduce the life safety risk for each building.

24. There is a shared understanding around the importance of cladding rectification and the BFSC aims to achieve compliance through a collaborative approach. To date enforcement notices have not been required.

25. While ongoing maintenance of Essential Safety Provisions occurs in buildings rated 'Low' or 'Moderate', there is minimal risk.

26. Approximately 10 buildings have commenced replacement of cladding since work in this area began, however as mentioned above buildings with 'Low' and 'Moderate' risk ratings do not require immediate action or action within any specified period of time.

27. In March 2021 the State Government wrote to all building owners, including strata's, whose buildings have a risk rating of 'Moderate' or above.

28. A change to the *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Regulations 2010* occurred in June 2021 requiring these owners to disclose on a Form 1 Vendors Statement that the building façade contains ACP.

29. The State Government requirement to have full confidentiality on the details of these properties remains in place.

Development Approvals and Fees

30. The scale of works to remove or rectify ACP varies from building to building.

31. Minor alterations which reflect 'like for like' may not require a Planning Consent, however they generally require a Building Consent as the building material has varied.

32. Our experience shows commercial building owners often use the removal of ACPs as an opportunity to provide a fresh new look to buildings, therefore increasing the scope of work from ACP replacement to entire façade upgrades.

33. As Development Approval fees are based upon the costs of the works, and each building has different circumstances along with differing approaches from building owners, providing an accurate estimate of fees to remove ACPs is difficult.

34. Planning Consent fees for a Performance Assessed Development are set at a minimum of $255 and increase with the costs of the works. Building Consent fees are generally charged by a private building professional, and records of these transactions are not available.

35. To provide some context, Link 2 (view here) provides details of three previous applications for works associated with cladding replacement:

35.1. The cost breakdown varies significantly as the extent of the work is different for each site.

35.2. Noting a 'straightforward' cladding replacement could cost approximately $2million as shown in the example, if it were assumed that all 127 buildings required the same level of cladding replacement, and each works cost $2million to replace, the combined Planning Assessment fees for all buildings would be approximately $340,000.

35.3. It should be noted this example is for contextual purposes only and is very approximate. This does also not include Building Consent fees, which as mentioned in point 34 is usually undertaken by a private provider.

36. Due to the overall cost of development in comparison to the Council fees, while providing some benefit it is considered that the discounting of application fees would not provide a significant incentive to undertake replacement works.

37. It is also noted that as the buildings within City of Adelaide are rated as having a 'Low' or 'Moderate' life safety risk, there is no formal requirement for building owners to action things through replacement or major works.

Funding Options

38. Council do not currently offer a loan or incentive scheme related to ACPs.

39. Other schemes do exist in the form of the Heritage Incentive Scheme and various Grants programs, however as there is nothing related to ACPs, initiating this would require allocating funding and a specific program or work.

40. The State Government do not currently offer a funding or loan scheme, and to our understanding they are not actively considering one.

41. Should Council seek to do so, Administration can formally request that the State Government investigate this concept.

42. In regard to either Council or the State Government investing in such a scheme, due to the cost of works and the SALSA risk rating recommended actions, it is considered likely that funding for any such scheme would target buildings with 'High' or 'Extreme' risks ratings.

43. Building Upgrade Finance is a unique finance product established by legislation that is available in the City of Adelaide to fund environmental and heritage upgrades to existing non-residential buildings.

44. Building Upgrade Finance is provided by private sector finance providers and enabled by Council. It does not currently apply to the removal and replacement of ACP facades, however there may be an opportunity to advocate to the State Government to explicitly include ACP restoration as eligible works for Building Upgrade Finance.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - Replacement of Combustible Cladding Report to Council 12 July 2022 - SALSA Risk Assessment Rating Table

Link 2 - Replacement of Combustible Cladding Report to Council 12 July 2022 – Cost of Work Associated with Cladding Replacement – Example Case Studies

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Shopfront Improvement Grants

Strategic Alignment - Strong Economies

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Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has delivered a range of grant programs in recent years to support city traders and property owners, by incentivising the improvement of shopfronts and outdoor amenities. Around $2.67 million in grant funding has been made available with around 370 businesses receiving funding.

Council funded a Shopfront Improvement Grant Program as part of its additional investment in City recovery through the Reignite Adelaide 2.0 decision on 21 January 2022. The program proved to be extremely popular with the requests for support exceeding the funding available.

Subsequently Council expressed its intent to deliver a second round of Shopfront Improvement Grants for city businesses, the details of which are to be informed by a review to be presented to Council in July 2022.

Based on the demand for the recent Shopfront Improvement Grants, it would be reasonable to assume that further funding of this program would again be well subscribed.

To extend the reach of this valued grants program to assist as many businesses as possible, it is recommended that Council approve a further $300,000 to support a further round of Shopfront Improvement Grants to open in the week beginning 22 July 2022.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Approves an allocation of $300,000 for a further round of Shopfront Improvement Grants which will be funded from the 2022/2023 budget.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Strong Economies Activate main streets and develop unique precincts to support a diverse range of businesses and communities
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	$300,000 plus administrative resource to deliver program from call for applications through to acquittals
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
22/23 Budget Allocation	Funding for a further round of Shopfront Improvement Grants has not been included in the 2022/23 Business Plan and Budget
Proposed 23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
22/23 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. At its meeting on 14 June 2022, Council resolved:

   That Council:

   1. *Notes the enthusiastic uptake of the Shopfront Improvement Grants by city businesses and property owners.*
   2. *Reviews the success of the grant programme and presents a report to council by the end of July 2022.*
   3. *Expresses its intent to deliver a second round of Shopfront Improvement Grants for city businesses, the details of which are to be informed by the above review.*

2. Council has, over a number of years, provided a range of grants to support business owners to enhance the appearance of their shop fronts. The rationale for Council's investment in these programs has varied but has included:

   2.1. To improve the operation and functioning of a business.

   2.2. To enhance the activation of the area in which they are located.

   2.3. To enable greater use of the public realm to support the social distancing requirements of public health directions responding to Covid.

3. These programs have been delivered under various names including Citywide Shopfront Improvement Grants, Mainstreet and Laneway Activation Grants, Outdoor Activation Grants and Market to Riverbank Shopfront Improvement Grants.

Shopfront Improvement Grant (Reignite 2.0)

4. Council approved $700,000 for a Shopfront Improvement Grant program as part of Reignite Adelaide 2.0 decision on 21 January 2022. There being no specific criteria set for this grant program by Council, the Chief Executive Officer considered and subsequently approved a proposal to allocate $500,000 of this amount to fund improvements consistent with the previous Mainstreets and Laneways Revitalisation and Improvement Grants and $200,000 for a Vacant Tenancy Revitalisation program to attract prospective tenants and to bring vibrancy to our retail areas.

5. The process was competitive with 188 applications seeking approximately $1.6 million of Council funding received. Given the demand for funding, a further $100,000 was invested in the grant pool from undersubscribed Reignite Adelaide 2.0 initiatives. Following assessment:

   5.1. 57 projects were fully funded (i.e. the full amount requested by the applicant) with $414,772 allocated to these applicants.

   5.2. 35 projects were part funded with a total of $179,300 allocated to these applicants. These projects requested a total contribution from Council of $333,758. Applicants were asked during the application process whether they would be prepared to accept part funding.

   5.3. 96 projects did not receive any funding. These projects requested a total contribution from Council of $838,317. Of these projects the panel noted there would only be a small proportion that the panel may consider funding, estimated at 20% (either full fund or part), based on meeting the criteria and value for ratepayers' money.

6. Given this program is not yet completed (as it will only be completed when the funded projects have been completed and Council's contribution acquitted), a full review has not yet been undertaken, however a few observations on the program follow:

   6.1. The number and quality of applications and related engagement associated with this program make it one of the more popular assistance packages provided by Council. Many of the applicants were highly engaged with the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) and City of Adelaide staff. As a result, these prospective applicants had a good awareness of the opportunity being provided by Council, and the method by which funding applications could be submitted. Furthermore, many businesses sought to engage with neighbouring businesses, Mainstreet and/or precinct representatives to inform their applications.

   6.2. The program guidelines, eligibility criteria and assessment process proved to be robust enabling an informed and thorough assessment of all applications against the eligibility criteria. The SmartyGrants system used widely across Council was utilised for this program. Applications were individually and collectively assessed by a panel of three staff from across relevant Council areas including City Experience, Development Assessment and AEDA's Business Growth and Investment team.

6.3. Wherever possible, the panel sought to explore all avenues to assist including to provide part-funding to applicants who indicated they were amenable to receive less than the total funds requested.

6.4. Eligibility and assessment criteria could be refined to:

6.4.1. Make a clearer distinction between projects that are largely maintenance and repair, and those that would substantially enhance the presentation of a building in a manner that attracts visitors, makes a positive and creative contribution to the area and increases access and amenity.

6.4.2. Encourage projects which substantially improve the level of amenity particularly around the interface of elements within the public realm.

6.4.3. Place a low weighting for projects and related funding bids that represent the substantial construction or total refitting of floorspace which are part of a broader redevelopment of city arcades/centres or stand-alone properties that are vacant, de-fitted and for lease.

6.4.4. Reduce weighting for projects that wish to improve internal fittings and fixtures of a business which would not increase access or amenity for customers and/or users.

6.5. Better highlight the opportunity for applicants to upload renders or images of their proposed improvement project within the SmartyGrants portal.

6.6. Given the timing of providing Shopfront Improvement Grants with round 2 of Mainstreets and Laneways Revitalisation and Improvement Grants, there was some confusion among potential applicants regarding how the two programs differed and why they were named differently.

Other Grant Programs

7. In addition to the most recent round of Shopfront Improvement Grants, Council has funded other projects of a similar nature. These include the following:

7.1. A pilot **Shopfront Improvement Grant Program** was developed in 2016 as a small-scale program to unlock private investment in improvements to building frontages. More than 80 inquiries were received with eighteen businesses receiving funding. Funding was provided on a matched funding basis. A review undertaken of that program concluded:

7.1.1. The straightforward application process encouraged wide take-up of the program and promoted a wide level of interest in the grant program.

7.1.2. The program was well received by city businesses but was resource-heavy in terms of the administrative support and one to one support it required.

7.1.3. The pilot demonstrated the potential in focussing any future program in a particular direction, such as a particular street or type of shopfront improvement.

7.2. The **Market to Riverbank Shopfront Improvement Grants** program in 2018 provided up to $20k per business for businesses along Bank, Leigh, Bentham and Pitt Streets and Topham with an aim to fund long-term upgrades to shopfronts that would complement and enhance the public realm upgrade. Total funding available for the program was $200,000, jointly funded between Renewal SA and the City of Adelaide. Ten businesses and property owners applied and were successful with the value of their enhancements ranging between $1,700 and $63,000. $140,000 was allocated as part of this process with the remaining $60,000 held in reserve for stage 2 applicants from Bentham Street and Pitt Street.

7.3. The **Outdoor Activation Grant** was designed to assist small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Total funding of $1,150,000 was available (including a contribution of $300,000 from the Government of South Australia), with offers made to 172 businesses in the city and North Adelaide over two rounds in September and October 2020. To date, over $982,741 has been paid to businesses with a total work value of $1,1585,968.

7.3.1. Six businesses that had been allocated funding totalling $19,523 closed or advised they would not be proceeding with their proposals and therefore would not utilise the grant.

7.3.2. Whilst an intent of the grant was to promptly assist businesses to utilise adjacent outdoor spaces, a number of businesses experienced challenges in engaging tradespeople or purchasing outdoor furniture etc. As a result, only 133 businesses completed their works before 30 June 2021 and 15 businesses have submitted their requests for payment during the 2021-22 financial year. Three further businesses have been approved to complete their works totalling approximately $23,000 during 2022-23 and 15 businesses have been advised that their proposed projects must be completed by 31 July 2022 or the offer of grant funding will be withdrawn.

7.4. During 2021 and 2022 Council provided the **Mainstreets and Laneways Revitalisation and Improvement Grants** program.

7.4.1. A total of 172 applications were received for the two rounds that have been offered to date. Council initially allocated $400,000 for these two rounds, however on 12 April 2022 Council approved the re-allocation of $250,000 from the Reignite Adelaide 2.0 Streetside Activation Grant funding to the Mainstreet and Laneways program due to the oversubscribed funding round. This brought the total funding pool to $650,000 which was allocated across 78 projects, of which 61 received the full amount they requested and 17 receiving partial funding.

7.4.2. Another $200,000 funding round opened on 8 June 2022 and applications close 11 July 2022. This additional funding round is supported by the City of Adelaide and the Government of South Australia through the Capital City Committee development program. At the time of writing this report, the initial response by businesses is slower than in the first two rounds, with 10 lodged applications and 19 applications partially completed The grants program is being actively promoted.

8. Each of the above programs differed in scale, focus and funding arrangements – however the nature of improvements eligible for funding were quite similar. These are summarised in the following table.

Program	Funding pool	Applicants	Grants awarded	Maximum funding per grant	Applicant funding requirement	Assessment method	Geographic scope
Pilot Shopfront Improvement	$70,000	80+	18		Matching		City-wide
Market to Riverbank Shopfront Improvement Grants	$200,000	10	10	$20,000	Nil	Assessed against grant criteria	Market to Riverbank Laneways
Outdoor Activation Grants	$1,150,000	172	172	$10,000	At least 20% of total project cost	All eligible applications funded until funds exhausted	City-wide
Mainstreet and Laneways Activation (Rounds 1 & 2)	$650,000	172	78	$10,000	At least 20% of total project cost	Assessed against grant criteria and ranked against other applicants	Round 1 - designated main streets Round 2 - designated main streets and laneways
Shopfront Improvement Grants	$600,000	188	92	$10,000	At least 20% of total project cost	Assessed against grant criteria and ranked against other applicants	City-wide
Mainstreet and Laneways Activation (Round 3)	$200,000	Applications closed 4 July		$10,000	At least 20% of total project cost	Assessed against grant criteria and ranked against other applicants	Designated main streets and laneways

Timing of Delivery

9. The process of conducting a grant round of this nature will generally take around six to seven weeks from program release to offer being provided to successful applicants. Of this, four weeks is provided for businesses to prepare their applications including sourcing quotes for the proposed works, one to two weeks for assessment (both individual and collective assessment) and one week for internal approvals of panel recommendations and notification of outcomes being issued to successful and unsuccessful applicants.

10. Given caretaker provisions take effect from Tuesday 6 September 2022, if another round of Shopfront Improvement Grants is to be offered mid-year, the latest date that the program can be opened would be the week beginning 22 July 2022. Alternatively, a further funding round could be opened following the cessation of caretaker provisions later in the year.

Conclusion

11. Over the past few years Council has delivered a range of grant programs aiming to incentivise the improvement of shopfronts. To this date, around $2.67 million of grants have been made available with around 370 businesses receiving funding (noting a small number of businesses received funding in more than one program).

12. Based on the demand for the recent Shopfront Improvement Grants, it would be reasonable to assume that further funding of this program would again be highly subscribed. To extend the reach of the program to assist as many businesses as possible, it is considered that $300,000 of funding should be allocated for a second round, again offered to businesses from across the City of Adelaide, rather than for specific designated locations. The additional funding would need to be found within existing budgets as there is no budget allocation for a further round.

13. To better ensure the criteria meets the intention of the program, delivers value for money to Council and provides greater clarity to applicants, the guidelines will be amended to reflect the changes suggested in paragraph 6.4 of this report. In addition, the application process will highlight the opportunity for applicants

to upload renders or images of their proposed improvement project within the SmartyGrants portal. Given this would be a new funding round, the opportunity will be promoted broadly to the business community. Unsuccessful applicants for the recent Shopfront Improvement Grants and Mainstreets and Laneways Revitalisation and Improvement Grants would be eligible to re-apply.

14. Should Council at some stage resolve to offer further grant programs of this nature, it would be beneficial if there was standardised and clear naming to reduce confusion among potential applicants; consistent guidelines; and consistency in payment and acquittal processes. Should Council wish for any specific policy objectives or locations to be heightened in subsequent rounds, this could be reflected in the assessment criteria rather than the grant program name or design itself.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Reports in Confidence

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

Public

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

Program Contact:
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Approving Officer:
Amanda McIlroy - Chief Operating Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Adelaide Procurement Policy, adopted by Council at its meeting on 8 June 2021, includes that all contract award reports over $2m are to be approved by Council and are to be considered in confidence.

To increase transparency to Council and our community, many reports usually considered in confidence have recently been discussed in public. This transparency in reporting has included reports relating to the award of contracts.

The Procurement Policy and Guidelines state that *The CoA will provide open and fair access to its Procurement activities and maintain ethical treatment of participants through consistent processes*. While we adhere to this throughout all procurement processes, a report relating to awards of contract presented to Council at its meeting on 14 June 2022, resulted in a potential breach of confidentiality by one Councillor.

Due to this potential breach and the associated financial and reputational risks to Council, award of contract reports will now return to being considered in confidence.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Notes the report.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Enabling Priorities Open, transparent reporting underpins Council's ability to make clear, transparent decisions for the benefit of the community.
Policy	The Procurement Policy as approved by Council on 8 June 2021 includes the requirement for contract awards to be considered in confidence due to the commercial nature of the procurement process.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The release, accidental or intentional, of commercial information during a public contract award discussion can expose Council to legal risk of breach of confidentiality with participants in a procurement process. This could result in Council being sued for breach of tender terms as the minimum and depending on the detail of the breech tenderers could pursue further legal action. In additional, potential release of commercial information raises concerns regarding integrity of the procurement process and raises risks regarding code of conduct and maladministration.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
21/22 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. The current Procurement Policy (Link 1 view here) adopted by Council on 8 June 2021 includes that all contract award reports over $2m are to be approved by Council and considered in confidence.
2. The policy also outlines a process for ensuring ethical and fair treatment of all tenderers as it is critical that the interests of both Council and the participants of any procurement activity are protected during the process.
3. Thorough probity processes are followed throughout procurement to ensure that value for money is achieved and to protect the commercial interests of both the participants and of Council.
4. Since April 2022, as a part of the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) commitment to transparent reporting to Council and the community, contract award reports, previously considered in confidence, have been considered in public.
5. At the meeting of Council on 14 June 2022, deliberations were held relating to the contract award for Physical Security. During those deliberations there was concern there had been a potential breach of the Procurement Policy with regard to confidentiality and as a result the CEO withdrew consideration of the report in a public forum.
6. The implications of this are currently being assessed and a report will be brought back to Council regarding that award of that specific contract.
7. Breaches of confidentiality can have a significant, negative impact on the procurement process. Not only is there a serious risk of reputational damage to Council, impacting who is likely to seek to partner with us in future, but there can also be substantial financial impacts where a completed procurement process must be recommenced or where Council may be left in breach of contracts or agreements. This also results in considerable delays to the process which can have additional financial and reputational implications.
8. To minimise future risks of any breach of this nature, award of contract reports will now return to being considered in confidence.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Procurement Policy

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Exclusion of the Public

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

The Committee – Pre-Council Discussion Forum

Program Contact:
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Approving Officer:
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Public

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), states that a Council Committee may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if the Council Committee considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.

It is the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer that the public be excluded from this Committee meeting for the consideration of information and matters contained in the Agenda:

7.1 Rymill Park Kiosk – Enhancement and Lease Proposal [section 90(3) (b) & (d) of the Act]
7.2 Advertising Contract within City of Adelaide [section 90(3) (b) & (d) of the Act]

The Order to Exclude for Items 7.1 and 7.2

1. Identifies the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.
2. Identifies the basis – how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.
3. In addition, identifies for the following grounds – section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act - how information open to the public would be contrary to the public interest.

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 7.1

THAT THE COMMITTEE

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) & (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of The Committee dated 5 July 2022 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 7.1 [Rymill Park Kiosk – Enhancement and Lease Proposal] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

   Grounds and Basis

   This Item contains commercial information (not being a trade secret) of a confidential nature which the proponent has requested be considered in confidence on the grounds that the proposal details their intellectual property and the release of this information prematurely may be contrary to public interest. The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position and negotiations of The Committee and proponent with external parties.

   Public Interest

   The Committee is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information may result in release of information prior to the finalisation of 'commercial in confidence' negotiations between the proponent and their suppliers and may materially and adversely affect the financial viability of the proponent in relation to contract negotiations which on balance would be contrary to the public interest.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of The Committee dated 5 July 2022 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 7.1 [Rymill Park Kiosk – Enhancement and Lease Proposal] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (b) & (d) of the Act.

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 7.2

THAT THE COMMITTEE

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) & (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of The Committee dated 5 July 2022 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 7.2 [Advertising Contract within City of Adelaide] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

   Grounds and Basis

   The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably prejudice the commercial position and identity of the contractor who supplied 'commercial in confidence' material containing commercial pricing and methodology information. This report contains reference to 'commercial in confidence' tender response documentation, disclosure of which at this point in time may confer a commercial advantage on a third party, prejudice the ability for Council to undertake/participate in future discussion or negotiation and prejudice the Council's commercial position and opportunity to discuss or negotiate an option yet to be determined by the Council at this point in time.

   Public Interest

   The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information will result in release of contractor commercial pricing and methodology information, a competitor receiving the information to the detriment of the interested parties and the person who supplied the information at this point in time (and for approximately three years from the date of this report) and because the disclosure of Council's commercial position may severely prejudice Council's ability to discuss/participate or influence a proposal for the benefit of the Council and the community in this matter.

   The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information prior to the execution of any contract/s and any essential negotiation of the contract may have a detrimental impact on the outcome of these negotiations including potential abandonment of the tender process and/or potential diminished commercial outcomes.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of The Committee dated 5 July 2022 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 7.2 [Advertising Contract within City of Adelaide] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (b) & (d) of the Act.

DISCUSSION

1. Section 90(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), directs that a meeting of a Council Committee must be conducted in a place open to the public.

2. Section 90(2) of the Act, states that a Council Committee may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if the Council Committee considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.

3. Section 90(3) of the Act prescribes the information and matters that a Council may order that the public be excluded from.

4. Section 90(4) of the Act, advises that in considering whether an order should be made to exclude the public under section 90(2) of the Act, it is irrelevant that discussion of a matter in public may -

   '(a) cause embarrassment to the council or council committee concerned, or to members or employees of the council; or

   (b) cause a loss of confidence in the council or council committee; or

   (c) involve discussion of a matter that is controversial within the council area; or

   (d) make the council susceptible to adverse criticism.'

5. Section 90(7) of the Act requires that an order to exclude the public:

   5.1 Identify the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.

   5.2 Identify the basis – how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.

   5.3 In addition identify for the following grounds – section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act - how information open to the public would be contrary to the public interest.

6. Section 87(10) of the Act has been utilised to identify in the Agenda and on the Report for the meeting, that the following matters are submitted seeking consideration in confidence:

   6.1 Information contained in Item 7.1 – Rymill Park Kiosk – Enhancement and Lease Proposal:

      6.1.1 Is subject to an Existing Confidentiality Order 21/6/2022.

      6.1.2 The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is section 90(3) (b) & (d) of the Act

         (b) Information the disclosure of which –

            (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and

            (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

         (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which—

            (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and

            (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

   6.2. Information contained in Item 7.2 - Advertising Contract within City of Adelaide:

      6.2.1 Is not subject to an Existing Confidentiality Order.

      6.2.2 The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is section 90(3) (b) & (d) of the Act

         (b) Information the disclosure of which –

            (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and

            (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

         (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which—

            (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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