

Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

Update on the World Heritage Listing for the Adelaide Park Lands and Rural Settlement Landscapes

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Board Meeting**

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress of the Joint World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes.

Recommendation

That Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Receives the report contained in Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 26 October 2023.

Implications

<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p> <p>Outcome - The Park Lands are valued as a National Heritage site worthy of World Heritage Listing.</p> <p>Action 1 - Secure a commitment to pursue World Heritage listing.</p> <p>Action 2 - Develop the case for World Heritage listing.</p>
<p>2020-2025 Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2020-2025 Strategic Plan</p> <p>Strategic Plan Alignment – Environment</p> <p>2.1 - Design, protect and enhance landscape values and design qualities.</p>
<p>Policy</p>	<p>The World Heritage listing of Adelaide and its rural settlement landscapes seeks to landmark the site and protect the area for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Resource</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Risk / Legal / Legislative</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>Opportunities created through World Heritage listing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding and recognition of the significance of Adelaide and its rural settlement landscapes • Global profile and cultural tourism business and international investment attraction • Creating a shared narrative about First Nations culture and history that aligns with colonial settlement • Greater levels of protection.
<p>City of Adelaide Budget Allocation</p>	<p>City of Adelaide has dedicated an existing FTE to project manage the bid which is equivalent to \$74,000 of operating costs in 2023/24. City of Adelaide is also resourcing the administrative costs of the bid across the partnership and is seeking to progress a funding approach with the State Government. There is currently no operating budget allocated within the City of Adelaide 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget.</p>
<p>Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Other Funding Sources</p>	<p>The bid partners have noted that there is approximately \$60,000 remaining to contribute towards the ongoing development of the World Heritage bid.</p>

Discussion

Current Status

1. City of Adelaide's website has been updated to include information on the World Heritage Bid and this information has been provided to partners of the bid for their use as appropriate (Link 1 [UNESCO World Heritage listing bid](#)).
2. The World Heritage bid was presented at the 21st triennial General Assembly (GA2023) and International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) 2023 Scientific Symposium hosted by Australia ICOMOS in Sydney from 31 August to 09 September 2023.
 - 2.1. World Heritage Expert, Duncan Marshall AM and Uncle Jeffrey Newchurch presented the World Heritage bid to the international heritage community through their plenary presentation entitled 'Evolving perceptions of settlement landscapes as Shared or Exclusive Realms'.
 - 2.2. This presentation gave the bid exposure to the international audience of heritage professionals and organisations responsible for World Heritage inscriptions.
 - 2.3. Councils Senior Heritage Advisor represented the City of Adelaide's and attended workshops on preparing World Heritage nominations and is in dialogue with other States working on World Heritage bids.
3. World Heritage Expert, Duncan Marshall has provided a fee proposal for the required work to lodge a submission for Australia's World Heritage Tentative List.
 - 3.1. The fee proposal is for \$160,000 which comprises:
 - 3.1.1. \$100,000 Tentative Listing including First Nations engagement
 - 3.1.2. \$60,000 associated with the Nomination Dossier (post Tentative Listing).
 - 3.2. The fee proposal includes costs for consultants to facilitate First Nations engagement and participation and work associated with the Nomination Dossier that would be better started concurrently with the Tentative Bid to expedite the process.
 - 3.3. The fee proposal has been provided to the Inter-agency Project Management Group members for future discussion of joint funding options within their Council's.
 - 3.4. The Adelaide Hills Council have noted that they have approximately \$60,000 remaining to contribute towards the ongoing development of the World Heritage bid. City of Adelaide is seeking for these funds to be allocated to the First Nations engagement. This leaves a shortfall in funding of \$100,000 which will be subject to budget proposals in 2024/25.
4. The first Oversight Committee meeting for the project was held with partners from Councils and Government to discuss the opportunities and challenges of World Heritage listing.
5. Administration of several Council bid-partners are preparing reports (the first since local government elections) to their respective Council elected bodies for early November 2023, to provide a status update and gauge commitment to the World Heritage bid and partnership.

Planned Activity

6. The next meeting of the Oversight Committee is proposed for mid-November 2023 following consideration of the World Heritage bid partnership by several Council elected bodies. The focus of the meeting is proposed to be resourcing, funding and strategic goals for the World Heritage bid.
7. The Project Management Group is preparing strategic documents for consideration by the Oversight Committee in November 2023.
8. We are also progressing assessment of the economic contribution of the Adelaide Park Lands including their environmental, social and cultural values.
9. A further update will be presented to Kadaltilla at the first Board meeting of the 2024 calendar year.

Data and Supporting Information

Link 1 [UNESCO World Heritage listing bid](#).

Attachments

Nil

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