

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 the progress of the Joint World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes.

Recommendation

That the 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 22 February 2024.
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Implications

<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 Outcome - The Park Lands are valued as a National Heritage site worthy of World Heritage Listing. Action 1 - Secure a commitment to pursue World Heritage listing. Action 2 - Develop the case for World Heritage listing.</p>
<p>Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority / 2023-2028 Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Cultural Value Objective 1.4 Champion the development of World Heritage listing nomination Initiative 1.4 Regularly review World Heritage listing submission progress Measure of Success 1.4 State Government support for World Heritage listing submission by 2026</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. A budget proposal for \$160,000 has been prepared for consideration through the City of Adelaide’s annual business plan and budget process for 2024/25 subject to Council prioritisation.</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. The Inter-Agency Oversight Committee was due to meet on 15 November 2023, however, the meeting did not proceed due to the lack of availability of the State Government representative and Chief Executives of the bid partners.
2. In response, on 4 December 2023, the Chief Executive Officer wrote to Members of the Inter-Agency Oversight Committee seeking to confirm their ongoing commitment to the joint World Heritage bid and new governance arrangements. No responses had been received at the time of agenda publication.
3. To progress the project, Administration has initiated a request for funding through the City of Adelaide's 2024/25 annual business plan and budget process to engage World Heritage expert consultants to assist in preparing the tentative list submission and engagement with First Nations groups. The budget process is subject to prioritisation by Council.
4. A funding application was submitted in January 2024 with the support of Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) through round 1 of the Commonwealth Government First Nations Heritage Grants program. If successful, the grant will assist with First Nations research and identify Kurna Heritage Values of the Adelaide Park Lands in a formal way that can be incorporated into the existing National Heritage listing and World Heritage bid.
5. The Project Management Group (PMG) met on 4 December 2023 and developed a schedule of PMG meetings in 2024 with the first meeting held on 12 February 2024.

Planned Activity

6. Administration will further request that Members of the Oversight Committee confirm their commitment to the joint World Heritage bid and new governance arrangements in February 2024.
7. The Inter-Agency Oversight Committee planned for 14 February 2024 has been postponed pending responses from other bid partners.
8. The Project Management Group will continue to meet in the interim.
9. The City of Adelaide has confirmed its commitment to the bid through its Strategic Plan 2024-2028 which states:
 - 9.1. Achieve world heritage listing of our Park Lands, and protect their national heritage listing status and pursue State Heritage listing to strengthen protections.
10. Pending responses from bid partners, a report will be presented to the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee to update Council on the bid's status.

Data and Supporting Information

Nil

Attachments

Nil