

Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

Update on Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present information to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) and seek input from the Board on design and planning principles to guide the development of the draft Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan (Attachment A).

The City of Adelaide is developing the Master Plan with the support of Oxigen Landscape Architects (Oxigen) with subconsultants Yellaka - Karl Telfer providing Kaurna cultural inputs and Wallbridge Gilbert Aztec (WGA) providing strategic transport planning inputs. The consultant team has prepared workshop content for discussion with the Board.

Recommendation

THAT KADALTILLA / ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES COUNCIL:

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Notes the presentation on the draft Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan contained in **Attachment A** to Item 7.2 of the Agenda for the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 28 March 2024.
2. Authorises Administration to formalise advice from Kadaltilla on the development of design and planning principles for the Wauwi / Light Square Master Plan and circulate to Members for finalisation out of session.

Implications

<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 The development of Master Plans for the Squares is a Big Move – Places and Spaces in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025.</p>
<p>2023-2028 Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Management and Protection Treat the Park Lands holistically with an adaptive future focused approach</p>
<p>Policy</p>	<p>The development of Master Plans for the Squares is a Big Move – Places and Spaces in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Targeted stakeholder and community consultation is occurring in two phases as part of the development of the Master Plan. The first phase of consultation has commenced and informed the workshop content for consideration by the Board.</p>
<p>Resource</p>	<p>The Master Plan will provide recommendations to guide future public realm investment according to community and Council priorities.</p>
<p>Risk / Legal / Legislative</p>	<p>Consideration for current electrical infrastructure upgrades, existing artwork and the ongoing programming of community events within the Square has influenced the program and development of design and planning principles.</p>
<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>The draft Master Plan will provide a vision and framework to enhance Light Square and guide future investment. The draft Master Plan is seeking to address a broad range of matters from Kaurna culture, history, art, culture, greening, events and activation.</p>
<p>City of Adelaide Budget Allocation</p>	<p>The 2023/24 annual business plan and budget includes an allocation of \$75,000 for development of the draft Master Plan and \$15,000 to enable topographic survey works. Electrical infrastructure works are being delivered in 2023/24 via a \$400,000 capital budget allocation.</p>
<p>Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset</p>	<p>The Master Plan outlook is for 5-10 years.</p>
<p>Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)</p>	<p>Depending on finalisation of the Master Plan, costings for implementation of the Master Plan and ongoing maintenance costings will be prepared.</p>
<p>Other Funding Sources</p>	<p>External funding sources may be pursued for implementation of the Master Plan. This may include from National and State Government, Capital City Committee, Planning and Development Fund and/or any future Adelaide Park Lands investment funds explored through the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036.</p>



Discussion

Background

1. The purpose of this report is to present information to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) and seek input from the Board on design and planning principles to guide the development of the draft Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan.
2. The City of Adelaide is developing the Master Plan with the support of Oxigen Landscape Architects with subconsultants Yellaka - Karl Telfer, Kaurna cultural inputs, and WGA, Strategic Transport Planning.
3. Targeted stakeholder and community consultation is occurring in two phases as part of the development of the draft Master Plan.
4. Phase 1 consultation involves listening and exploring issues and opportunities for Light Square. Phase 2 engagement will provide review and feedback on the draft Master Plan. A register of stakeholders is provided ([Link 1](#)).
5. The first phase of consultation has informed the workshop content for consideration by the Board. A summary of consultation activities to date includes:
 - 5.1. The City of Adelaide has undertaken a series of on-site workshops to meet with residents and key stakeholders in the Light Square and north-west precinct of the city.
 - 5.2. A combined Reconciliation Committee and KYAC Walk on Country was held on 22 March 2024.
 - 5.3. A workshop with adjacent residents was held to complement Neighbour Day activities in Light Square on 26 March 2024.
6. Initial feedback has identified consistent themes for improvements to be considered during the development of the Master Plan, as follows:
 - 6.1. Theme 1 – Access, Connectivity and Edge Treatments
 - 6.1.1. Providing clear, safe and inclusive access to internal and external destinations will ensure the Square connects users in a legible way. Edge treatments will respond to adjacent land uses and provide purpose to the public realm.
 - 6.2. Theme 2 – Open Space/s Hierarchy and Pedestrian Scale
 - 6.2.1. Providing an open space hierarchy recognises the existing daily use of the Square and improves capacity for community events. A pedestrian scale recognises the need to plan for people and reduce the physical and visual dominance of vehicle movements.
 - 6.3. Theme 3 – Vitality, Life and Climate
 - 6.3.1. Designing for life within the Square recognises the important role of green open space within the urban environment and considers climate resilience through access to water, areas of respite and space for social interaction.
 - 6.4. Theme 4 – Community, Culture and History
 - 6.4.1. The Square has a multi-layered history enriched through a legacy of community events and activities that form its identity. Recognising and celebrating Colonel Light and exploring and sharing a Kaurna voice will provide a new contemporary storytelling of place.
 - 6.5. Theme 5 – Events, Art, Play, Programming and Participation
 - 6.5.1. Light Square provides an opportunity to explore and draw out site context through the relationship and embedment within the creative quarter of the city. Provision for future events and activities drawing residents and visitors to the Square encourages participation and ownership of the open space.

Next Steps

7. Administration will capture feedback from Kadaltilla Board Members on design and planning principles to guide the development of the draft Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan during the workshop. This feedback will be circulated to Board Members out of session for finalisation.
 8. The draft Master Plan is targeting completion in 2023/24 and is scheduled to be presented to Kadaltilla by May 2024 for advice on undertaking Phase 2 consultation.
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Data and Supporting Information

Link 1 – [Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan - Stakeholder Register](#)

Attachments

Attachment A – Presentation on draft Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan