

Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

April 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 following Council's decision at its meeting on 12 March 2024 to write to the Deputy Premier, Susan Close MP, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water seeking State Government support for alternative partnership approaches.

Recommendation

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Receives and notes the report contained in Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 18 April 2024.
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Implications

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| <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>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>The 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. The 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. At its meeting on 12 March 2024, Council endorsed the recommendation of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee that Council:
 - 1.1. *Notes the continued efforts of City of Adelaide to seek World Heritage status for the Adelaide Park Lands and its Rural Settlement Landscapes in partnership with the Mount Lofty World Heritage Consortium.*
 - 1.2. *Endorses Option B – City of Adelaide and State Government Partnership, as presented in Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 5 March 2024.*
 - 1.3. *Authorises the Lord Mayor to write to Deputy Premier, Susan Close MP, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water seeking State Government support for alternative partnership approaches.*
 - 1.4. *Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to write to the Mount Lofty World Heritage Consortium advising bid partners of Council's decision, pending advice from the State Government.*
2. A letter has been sent to Deputy Premier, Susan Close MP, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water seeking State Government seeking support for the alternative partnership approach. A response had not been received at the time of writing this report.
3. The Project Management Group members met on 4 April 2024 to discuss this outcome and opportunities for bid partners to continue involvement in a stakeholder capacity, should the Deputy Premier, Susan Close MP, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water endorse the alternative partnership approach.

Planned Activity

4. Noting the importance of State Government support for the tentative listing and previous support for the formation of the consortium, the decision for the Council to undertake the Tentative Submission without the Mount Lofty Consortium will require support from the State Government.
5. In this circumstance, the City of Adelaide will be responsible for funding the Tentative Submission and obtaining Free, Prior and Informed Consent from First Nations owners of the land.
6. 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. At the time of writing this report, the grant application's outcome was unknown.

Data and Supporting Information

Nil

Attachments

Nil