

# 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 Tentative List submission for the World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes.

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## 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 25 July 2024.
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## Implications

<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p>	<p><a href="#">Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</a></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>2023-2028 Strategic Plan</p>	<p><a href="#">Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan</a></p> <p><b>Strategic Plan Alignment – Cultural Value</b></p> <p>Objective 1.4 Champion the development of World Heritage listing nomination</p> <p>Initiative 1.4 Regularly review World Heritage listing submission progress</p> <p>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"> <li>• Improved understanding and recognition of the significance of Adelaide and its rural settlement landscapes</li> <li>• Global profile and cultural tourism business and international investment attraction</li> <li>• Creating a shared narrative about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history that aligns with colonial settlement</li> <li>• Greater levels of protection for the Adelaide Park Lands.</li> </ul>
<p>City of Adelaide Budget Allocation</p>	<p>The 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget did not allocate funding towards progressing the World Heritage Bid. Project management of the bid is being managed within existing resources.</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 Mount Lofty Consortium (the Consortium) has noted that there is approximately \$60,000 remaining in a fund set up by the Consortium to contribute towards the ongoing development of the World Heritage bid. Until there is clarity in the World Heritage Governance arrangements, this funding is being retained by the Consortium (Adelaide Hills Council).</p>

## Discussion

### Current Status

1. On 12 March 2024 Council decided to review partnership arrangements for the World Heritage Bid and Tentative List submission ([Link 1](#)).
2. The City of Adelaide is continuing to liaise with World Heritage expert Duncan Marshall AM to discuss the next steps required to progress a World Heritage Tentative List submission to meet a February 2026 timeframe.
3. In response to the matter of a Preliminary Assessment as raised by Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority at the June 2024 meeting, the City of Adelaide understands:
  - 3.1. The Preliminary Assessment acts as a gateway and further assurance for a bid before significant investment is made in developing the full bid documentation.
  - 3.2. While UNSECO has not mandated the Preliminary Assessment until 2028, the Federal Government is already requiring the Preliminary Assessment for Australian bids.
  - 3.3. The Preliminary Assessment is undertaken once a Tentative List submission has been accepted. It is an opportunity for enhanced dialogue with the World Heritage advisory bodies on the feasibility of a World Heritage Bid.
4. Based on the two-step assurance process, there is some de-risking of the Tentative List submission, as additional detail can be developed through the Preliminary Assessment.

### Related Activity

5. In direct response to the Kadaltilla Strategic Plan 2023-2028, the City of Adelaide has engaged consultants to undertake a literature review on the cultural, social, environmental and economic values of the Adelaide Park Lands.
  - 5.1. The literature review will inform the development of a methodology to assess the economic contribution of the Adelaide Park Lands.
  - 5.2. Undertaking the formal assessment will be subject to future budget considerations and is currently unfunded.

### Next Steps

6. The next update is proposed to be presented to Kadaltilla at its meeting on 24 October 2024. This will allow Administration to progress the items listed at paragraph 2 and 5.1.
7. Administration is continuing to enact Council decision of 12 March 2024 in relation to partnership arrangements for the World Heritage Bid ([Link 1](#)).

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## Data and Supporting Information

[Link 1 – Agenda, City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, Tuesday, 5 March 2024](#)

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## Attachments

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