

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.

Recommendation

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Receives and notes the report contained in Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 22 August 2024.
 2. Notes that this report will progress Quarterly, with the next update to be provided in November 2024.
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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>2023-2028 Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan</p> <p>Strategic Plan Alignment – Cultural Value</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>City of Adelaide Strategies</p>	<p>Achieving world heritage listing for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout aligns with the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024-2028, and the Heritage Strategy 2021 - 2036 and Action Plan.</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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history that aligns with colonial settlement • Greater levels of protection for the Adelaide Park Lands.
<p>Design</p>	<p>The World Heritage Listing supports the principles of Good Design, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context - Good design is contextual because it responds to the surrounding environment and contributes to the existing quality and future character of a place. • Value —Good design adds value by creating desirable places that promote community and local investment and enhance social and cultural value. <p>The National Heritage Management Plan (NHMP) for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout includes a policy of pursuing World Heritage Listing for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout as a place of outstanding universal value.</p>
<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>Capital Infrastructure Projects</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>

Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	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).

Discussion

Current Status

1. There have been no material updates on this work since the July 2024 report.
2. On 12 March 2024 Council decided to review partnership arrangements for the World Heritage Bid and Tentative List submission ([Link 1](#)).
 - 2.1. Administration is continuing to enact the Council's decision of 12 March 2024 regarding partnership arrangements for the World Heritage Bid.
3. 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 align with a February 2026 timeframe.

Related Activity

4. Undertaking the formal assessment will be subject to future budget considerations and is currently unfunded.

Next Steps

5. The next update is proposed to be presented to Kadaltilla at its meeting on 28 November 2024.
6. Progress to finalising a World Heritage Tentative List submission will continue through the 2024/25 financial year.
7. Undertaking the formal assessment will be subject to future budget considerations and is currently unfunded.

Data and Supporting Information

[Link 1 – Council Agenda, Recommendations of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee – 5 March 2024, Tuesday, 12 March 2024](#)

Attachments

Nil

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