

Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

November Update on the World Heritage Listing for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes

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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

The Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Receives and notes the report contained within Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla held on 28 November 2024.
 2. Notes that this report will progress Quarterly, with the next update to be provided in March 2025 due to the Board not meeting in December and January.
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Implications

<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 Outcome - The Adelaide 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>Achieving world heritage listing for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout aligns with the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024-2028, Kadaltilla Strategic Plan 2023-2028, the Heritage Strategy 2021-2036 and the Adelaide Park Lands National Heritage Management Plan.</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 for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout.
<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 to progress 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>
<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>

Other Funding Sources	<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> <p>There is no external funding source currently committed or allocated to the project. Funding opportunities will be identified in the process and sought from partners.</p>
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Discussion

Current Status

1. 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.
2. This includes a thorough investigation of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) and its application in the World Heritage Bid.
 - 2.1. The Australian Heritage Council and the Commonwealth Government require the World Heritage Bid to gain consent from First Nations groups through the FPIC process before they will consider submitting a nomination to UNESCO.
 - 2.2. FPIC requires Early Engagement, Equal Consideration and Participation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as traditional land custodians.
 - 2.3. A short explanation of the FPIC process is provided in [Link 1](#).
3. The City of Adelaide has commenced positive discussions with Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) on the World Heritage Bid.
 - 3.1. This includes a workshop held on 4 October 2024 with KYAC Directors, Duncan Marshall AM and the Administration, to provide information about the World Heritage Listing process and advice to KYAC on their rights under Free, Prior, and Informed Consent principles.
 - 3.2. At the 4 October 2024 workshop, the City of Adelaide received confirmation that KYAC will be the primary endorsing body for the FPIC process for the World Heritage Tentative Submission and determined that there is in-principle support for its further development and engagement with other Aboriginal cultural authorities.
4. GIS Mapping of potential World Heritage Attributes is in progress, with a dedicated resource allocated to the project in October and November 2024 for this purpose.

Related Activity

5. The Administrations of the City of Adelaide and the City of Onkaparinga met to discuss the World Heritage Bid and partnership in response to the City of Onkaparinga's ongoing support for the Bid and interest in providing executive-level oversight of the process.
6. For the purposes of submitting the Tentative Submission, the City of Adelaide and the McLaren Vale Character Preservation District will be identified as an initial indicative boundary for the bid.
7. Any submission made to the State Government is expected to be on behalf of the City of Adelaide, the City of Onkaparinga, and the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation.

Next Steps

8. The next steps to be undertaken for the World Heritage Bid are:
 - 8.1. Finalisation of the World Heritage Tentative List submission will continue through the 2024/25 financial year.
 - 8.2. Following the confirmation of its new Board, KYAC will be consulted further to obtain their support and consent for lodging the Tentative Submission with the State Government.
 - 8.3. Confirm the nature of partnering arrangements with the City of Onkaparinga with the goal of receiving their support for the Tentative Submission document.
 - 8.4. Undertaking the formal assessment will be subject to future budget considerations and is currently unfunded.

Data and Supporting Information

Link 1 – ([Explanation of Free, Prior and Informed Consent](#))

Attachments

Nil

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