

# Park Lands and Open Space

**Role of this Service:**  
Owner and custodian

Encourages healthy lifestyles and experiences, through the provision, maintenance, protection and enhancement of our unique Park Lands, open spaces and community infrastructure.

## Park Lands and Open Space | Community Expectations

### Service Feedback Summary

This section outlines what we know about the Park Lands and Open Space service from our communities. What we know is a combination of satisfaction with the service and what people would like the service to do.

In the table below:

- Resident key points were established via analysis of written feedback within the 2021 Resident Survey.
- City user feedback was obtained via the 2021 City User Profile Survey.
- Business key points stem from the service-related feedback obtained via the 2021 Business Insights Survey.

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Protect and preserve the Park Lands by increasing native vegetation and limit development to lit path and cycle ways.		
Residents	City Users	Businesses
Protect and preserve Light pathways More path and cycle ways Increase native vegetation	Light pathways Continue greening	No comment

### More on what we heard from our residents

Residents are extremely passionate about protecting the Park Lands and believe any developments should only preserve and improve. There is a genuine concern that the Park Lands are threatened by developments that will commercialise the environment. They love the beauty and function of the Park Lands but feel that more native vegetation needs to be planted to continue improving habitats for wildlife. They also would like more cycleways and pathways, particularly in the Western Parklands. Attitudes towards sports and the presence of sporting clubs is divided, with the main concern being the development of club rooms and buildings. Also, there is an overwhelming desire for more lighting at night-time to improve safety.

### Other feedback about this service

- Council's performance in environmental sustainability received an average rating of 6/10
- 69% of residents agree that Council is taking effective steps to protect the natural environment
- Residents want to be "greener" at home
- Rebates for sustainable technologies and actions was the most desired form of assistance to make a business more sustainable, followed by facilitation of procurement such as bulk buy or purchasing groups for renewable energy
- 67% of respondents to the 2021 Business Plan and Budget consultation who rated how well this service meets their expectations said it meets or exceeds their expectations
- 65% of residents who rated their expectation of this service said it meets or exceeds their expectations

*Data: Resident Survey, 2019; Resident Survey 2020; Business Survey, 2020; Business Plan and Budget consultation, 2021; Resident Survey 2021*

### **2020 – 2024 Strategic Plan Key Actions that this service primarily delivers:**

- 1.01 Leverage the Adelaide Park Lands to promote health, wellbeing and lifestyle experiences
- 1.10 Support delivery of welcoming civic infrastructure / third spaces to foster community connections through the adoption of universal and sustainable design principles
- 3.01 Support, promote and share Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and pay homage to the Kaurna people as traditional owners
- 3.02 Pursue world and State heritage listing for the Adelaide Park Lands and city layout
- 3.03 Encourage smart, creative, adaptive reuse of heritage assets, including through incentives and promotion
- 3.06 Develop asset management plans to provide for future generations
- 3.07 Deliver diverse parks and playspaces
- 4.03 Educate and support our community to zerowaste, water sensitive, energy efficient and adaptive to climate change
- 4.05 Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands and connect our community to nature
- 4.06 Implement the Carbon Neutral Strategy for the city and achieve carbon neutral certification for our operations
- 4.08 Protect and conserve the heritage listed Adelaide Park Lands

### **2020 – 2024 Strategic Plan Key Actions that this service supports:**

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- 1.06 Support volunteerism to build community capacity and connectedness
- 2.08 Facilitate creative uses of the public realm and ventures in underutilised city buildings
- 3.05 Upgrade major recreational facilities
- 4.01 Increase street tree canopies and green infrastructure in city hot spots and public spaces

### **Other Strategies and Plans, as adopted by Council, relevant to this Service:**

- [Active City Strategy 2013 - 2023](#)
- [Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015 - 2025](#)
- [Asset Management Plans](#)
- [Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan 2021 – 2026](#)
- [Community Land Management Plans](#)
- [Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2019 – 2022](#)
- [Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018 – 2023](#)
- [Safer City Action Plan 2019 - 2023](#)
- [Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\) 2021 – 2024](#)
- [Water Sensitive City Action Plan 2021 - 2025](#)

### **Service opportunities**

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- Develop a car parking policy for the Park Lands to manage expectations.
- Obtain better data on park lands use and what is valued by community through the development of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy.

### **Priorities for next 4 years**

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- Progress a World Heritage bid for the Park Lands
- Develop a new Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy and commence delivering on its goals
- Review Community Land Management Plans to support the unique values, use and management of each park.
- Asset Renewal Plans
- Enhance and protect Biodiversity through management and monitoring and connecting community to the environment.

## Park Lands and Open Space | Business Activities

### Business Activities for 2021 - 2025

Activities for this Service centres on:

- Biodiversity protection, enhancement and management
- Community education programs and events
- Periodic review of Community Land Management Plans (CLMPs)
- Review of Adelaide Park Lands Management Plan
- Water quality and use
- Park Lands promotion, cleansing, maintenance, management and signage
- Species audits, tree planting and maintenance

### Proposed Business Activities

Deliverable	Program	Team	Function	Source / Driver	21 - 22	22 - 23	23 - 24	24 - 25
Rymill Lake Sustainable Water Benefits Study	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Lakes and Waterways	Water Sensitive City Action Plan 2021-2025	✓			
Water Quality Monitoring Program	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Lakes and Waterways	Legislative	✓	✓	✓	✓
Park Furniture Maintenance and Cleansing Program	City Operations	Waste, Cleansing and Trades	Park Land and Open Space Furniture and Fittings	Asset Management Plans / Legislated SP 4.05 / Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018-2023	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biodiversity policy, management and monitoring	Park Lands Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands and Open Space Management	SP 3.07 / Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan 2021-2026 4.6	✓	✓	✓	✓
Complete Park Lands Tree and other species audit	Operations	Park Lands and Infrastructure Maintenance	Park Lands and Open Space Management			✓		
Deliver a multi-year rolling infrastructure capital works renewal program and city projects	Operations	Infrastructure Delivery	Park Lands and Open Space Management	SP 1.10 / Asset Management Plans	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deliver effective governance of capital investment and life cycle management of infrastructure assets	Infrastructure	Infrastructure Planning	Park Lands and Open Space Management	SP 1.10 / Asset Management Plans	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Deliverable	Program	Team	Function	Source / Driver	21 - 22	22 - 23	23 - 24	24 - 25
Deliver effective whole of life planning and management of community infrastructure assets	Infrastructure	Infrastructure Planning	Park Lands and Open Space Management	SP 1.10 / Asset Management Plans	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deliver technical engineering, design, architecture, landscape architecture, surveying, traffic management and development engineering services.	Infrastructure	Technical Services	Park Lands and Open Space Management	SP 1.10	✓	✓	✓	✓
Review and improve species list for climate change resilience	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands and Open Space Management	Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan 2021-2026 4.1		✓	✓	✓
Review Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan	Infrastructure	Infrastructure Planning	Park Lands and Open Space Management	SP 3.06 / Legislative	✓	✓		
Support Park Lands biodiversity volunteers	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands and Open Space Management	SP 4.05 / Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018-2023	✓	✓	✓	✓
Public Convenience Maintenance and Cleansing Program	City Operations	Waste, Cleansing and Trades	Park Lands and Open Space Public Conveniences	Asset Management Plans / Legislated	✓	✓	✓	✓
Installation and maintenance of lighting in the Park Lands	City Operations	Waste, Cleansing and Trades	Park Lands and Open Space Public Lighting	Asset Management Plans / Legislated	✓	✓	✓	✓
Installation and maintenance of roads and paths within the Park Lands	City Operations	Waste, Cleansing and Trades	Park Lands and Open Space Roads and Footpaths	Asset Management Plans / Legislated	✓	✓	✓	✓
Park Lands interpretive and wayfinding signage	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands and Open Space Signage and Line Marking	Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stormwater management	City Operations	Waste, Cleansing and Trades	Park Lands and Open Space Stormwater	Asset Management Plans / Legislated	✓	✓	✓	✓
Arboriculture Management and Maintenance Program	City Operations	Park Lands and Infrastructure Maintenance	Park Lands and Open Space Tree Management	Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 / Asset Management Plans	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biodiversity Maintenance Program	City Operations	Park Lands and Infrastructure Maintenance	Park Lands and Open Space Tree Management	SP4.05 / Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018-2023	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Deliverable	Program	Team	Function	Source / Driver	21 - 22	22 - 23	23 - 24	24 - 25
Horticultural Management and Maintenance Program	City Operations	Park Lands and Infrastructure Maintenance	Park Lands and Open Space Tree Management	SP 3.07 / Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2018-2025 / Asset Management Plans	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strengthen collaborative approach to identify tree planting locations to benefit CoA outdoor events	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands and Open Space Tree Management	Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan 2021-2026 6.4		✓	✓	✓
Assist the Adelaide Park Lands Authority with review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands Planning	SP 1.01 SP 3.02 SP 3.07 / Legislative / Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025	✓	✓		
Develop a Torrens River and Lake Environs Management Plan	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands Planning	Water Sensitive City Action Plan 2021-2025 / Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018-2023 / Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025			✓	✓
Kaurna bio-cultural burn program and projects in Key Biodiversity Areas	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands Planning	SP 4.06 SP 3.01 / Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018-2023 / Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2024	✓	✓	✓	✓
Park Lands promotion, communication and engagement	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands Planning	SP 3.07 / Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025	✓	✓	✓	✓
Provision of advice to Adelaide Park Lands Authority (APLA) and coordination of APLA business in collaboration with Governance	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands Planning	Legislative	✓	✓	✓	✓
Review, consult and update Community Land Management Plans (Parks)	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands Planning	SP 3.06 / Legislative	✓	✓		
Review, consult and update Community Land Management Plans (Squares & Formal Parks)	Park Lands, Policy and Sustainability	Park Lands and Sustainability	Park Lands Planning	Legislative			✓	