



# Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

July to September 2025/2026

## Quarter 1 Report

**Kadaltilla**<sup>®</sup>  
Adelaide Park Lands Authority

# Kaurna Acknowledgement

The Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) tampendi, ngadlu Kaurna yertangga banbabanbalyarnendi (inbarendi). Kaurna meyunna yaitya mattanya Womma Tarndanyako. Parnako yaitya, parnuko tappa purruna, parnuko yerta ngadlu tampendi. Yellaka Kaurna meyunna itto yaitya, tappa purruna, yerta kuma burro martendi, burro warriappendi, burro tangka martulyaiendi. Kumarta yaitya miyurna iyangka yalaka ngadlu tampinhi.

Kadaltilla acknowledges the traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today. And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations

Kadaltilla is a traditional Kaurna word meaning Green place/Green lands/Parklands.

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### Executive Summary

Kadaltilla is responsible for preparing and maintaining the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) in accordance with the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA). The Authority must undertake a comprehensive review of the APLMS at least once in every 5 years. A review was commenced in 2022 and was approved by the Minister for Planning in June 2025.

This report details activity for the period 1 July 2025 and 30 September 2025 aligned with the achievement of the Kadaltilla Business Plan & Budget 2025/2026 and the functions of Kadaltilla.

Between 1 July 2025 and 30 September 2025, Kadaltilla:

- Completed the 5-year review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 which was laid before both Houses of Parliament on 21 August 2025
- Approved the data, time and location for, and held the 2025 Kadaltilla Annual Community Forum on 14 September 2025 at Super Cycle Sunday in Light Square/Wauwi, and a pop-up Community Forum on 18 September at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens
- Convened a Kadaltilla Board meeting at a State Government location (Adelaide Botanic Gardens) on 18 September 2025
- Undertook a site tour of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens with the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia
- Finalised Kadaltilla's Annual Report 2024/2025, including a review against the Kadaltilla Strategic Plan 2023-2028
- Finalised Kadaltilla's Social Media Strategy and launched an Instagram account
- Implemented Kadaltilla's endorsed Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025/2026
- Received a presentation from the City of Adelaide on the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025* (SA)
- Received a workshop from the City of Adelaide on the Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy
- Received a presentation from the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia on the Adelaide Botanic Gardens masterplan
- Received a presentation from the Chief Executive Officer of Volleyball SA and endorsed continued support for a proposed Beach Volleyball Facility in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27)
- Received a workshop from the City of Adelaide on the 2025 Biodiversity Survey results

- Received an update from the City of Adelaide on the implementation of the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan priority projects
- Noted progress by the City of Adelaide towards the draft Tentative List Submission for the World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes
- Noted a report from the City of Adelaide regarding the introduction of the *Biodiversity Act 2025* (SA) and requested a State Government briefing
- Discussed the confidential results of Park Lands Commercial Expressions of Interest for Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)

# Business Plan & Budget 2025/2026

## Key Actions July to September 2025

### Cultural Value

Promote the cultural values of the Park Lands including Kaurna culture, heritage, and wellbeing

Performance	Achievements and Measures
1.1 Seek Kaurna cultural authority in everything we do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kaurna cultural considerations were integrated into all relevant reports, with cultural authority highlighted where appropriate—for example, noting the engagement with First Nations people under the principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent in the Tentative List submission for the World Heritage bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes</li><li>• ‘Storytime Sunday’ was promoted on Kadaltilla’s social media to share the history and significance of Kaurna naming in the Adelaide Park Lands</li></ul>
1.3 Advocate for the featuring of the Adelaide Park Lands in relevant promotional campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kadaltilla featured the Adelaide Park Lands in paid social media promotional campaigns</li></ul>
1.4 Champion the development of World Heritage listing nomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Received regular reports from the City of Adelaide on the World Heritage Tentative listing submission progress</li></ul>



## Environmental Performance

Maintain and improve climate resilience and the landscape values of the Park Lands

Performance	Achievements and Measures
2.1 Define, protect, and enhance landscape values and design qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscape values and design qualities were reviewed in the Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy workshop, Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan Implementation Projects report, and the Beach Volleyball Facility – Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27) report</li> </ul>
2.2 Promote ecologically sustainable initiatives and monitor tree canopy cover, biodiversity, and environmental sustainability and design quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toured the Adelaide Botanic Gardens</li> <li>Discussed the introduction of the <i>Biodiversity Act 2025</i> (SA) and requested a State Government briefing on the implications for the Adelaide Park Lands</li> <li>Promoted the City of Adelaide's 2025 Biodiversity Survey results on social media</li> </ul>
2.4 Develop a better understanding of environmental values and trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received a workshop from the City of Adelaide on the results of the 2025 biodiversity monitoring, evaluation and reporting program (2025 Biodiversity Survey), which focused on aquatic fauna found along Karrawirra Pari / River Torrens</li> </ul>
2.5 Increase the accessibility of evidence-based information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalised a Social Media Strategy to ensure a structured, goal-oriented approach to online engagement to keep the community well-informed</li> <li>Launched a Kadaltilla Instagram page on 19 September 2025</li> </ul>

## Management and Protection

Treat the Park Lands holistically with an adaptive future focused approach

Performance	Achievements and Measures
3.1 Monitor delivery of priority projects in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 was laid before both Houses of Parliament on 21 August 2025</li></ul>
3.3 Review State Government Management Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Received a presentation from the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia on the Adelaide Botanic Gardens masterplan on 18 September 2025</li></ul>
3.4 Advocate for progression of State Heritage Listing by the State Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Undertaking made on 18 September 2025 to proactively engage with the new Minister for Climate, Environment and Water of South Australia, Hon Lucy Hood MP, in relation to the Tentative List Submission for World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes</li></ul>
3.5 Assess the landscape value of the Adelaide Park Lands including economic, environmental and cultural significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ensured Board Members were well informed through regular site tours, including the Adelaide Botanic Gardens tour</li></ul>

## Expert Advice

Function as the peak advisory body for policy, development, heritage, and management of the Park Lands based on sound data and evidence

Performance	Achievements and Measures
4.1 Provide advice on plans, projects, and policies for the Adelaide Park Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advice of Kadaltilla was endorsed and adopted by Council as relevant</li></ul>
4.2 Engage with City of Adelaide and State Government including input into State Government initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Received presentations from the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia and from the City of Adelaide on the <i>North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025</i> (SA)</li></ul>
4.3 Review leasing and licensing and event management policies together with other relevant Park Lands use policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshopped the City of Adelaide's Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy</li><li>• Discussed the confidential results of Park Lands Commercial Expressions of Interest for Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)</li></ul>
4.4 Strengthen Kadaltilla's engagement with City of Adelaide, State Government, and adjoining Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The City of Adelaide, State Government, and adjoining Councils actively engaged with Kadaltilla</li></ul>
4.5 Increase the profile of the Kadaltilla Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalised Kadaltilla's Social Media Strategy and launched an Instagram account</li></ul>



## Governance

The City of Adelaide governance support enables Kadaltilla to meet legislative requirements and obligations arising from its Charter

Performance	Achievements and Measures
5.1 Maximise utilisation of skills, knowledge and enthusiasm of Kadaltilla through effective meetings that foster dialogue and the development of shared thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal and informal opportunities were provided to share advice and expertise on the Adelaide Park Lands, including through meetings, workshops, and the Kadaltilla portal</li> </ul>
5.2 Develop a high level of knowledge and understanding of the Park Lands amongst Members through regular site visits and briefings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In September 2025, Kadaltilla undertook a guided site tour of Adelaide Botanic Gardens with the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia</li> </ul>
5.3 Seek early input into issues relating to the Park Lands to ensure Kadaltilla advice is timely and relevant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kadaltilla provided advice on plans, projects and policies for the Adelaide Park Lands</li> <li>13 items were reviewed by Kadaltilla between July-September 2025, including two external presentations</li> </ul>
5.4 Monitor developments subsequent to Kadaltilla advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice of Kadaltilla was endorsed and adopted by Council</li> </ul>
5.5 Advocate for the value of Kadaltilla as a proactive, accountable, independent, skills-based Board that advises on Park Lands management and protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice provided to Council and the State Government on strategic matters relating to the Adelaide Park Lands</li> </ul>
5.6 General purpose accounts are operational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General purpose accounts are maintained by the City of Adelaide Administration and Kadaltilla makes appropriate use of available finances provided by Council</li> </ul>
5.7 Annual Business Plan and Budget is in place for Kadaltilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Annual Business Plan and Budget was prepared in accordance with legislative and Charter requirements, and is in place for Kadaltilla</li> </ul>
5.8 Kadaltilla makes appropriate use of available finances provided by Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly finance reports were presented to Council</li> <li>Kadaltilla financial management is in accordance with legislative and Charter requirements</li> </ul>
5.9 The Adelaide Park Fund is operational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Adelaide Park Lands Fund is operational and monies are received and expended according to the provisions of Kadaltilla's Charter</li> </ul>

Performance	Achievements and Measures
5.10 Kadaltilla's Annual Report is prepared detailing achievement of the aims and objectives of the APLMS, Strategic Plan, and Business Plan and Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Annual Report for 2024/2025 was approved by Kadaltilla on 28 August 2025 in accordance with legislative and Charter requirements</li> </ul>
5.11 Kadaltilla is insured according to the requirements of the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kadaltilla maintains insurance coverage in line with the requirements of the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme</li> </ul>

## Upcoming Quarter 2 2025/26

Coming up from 1 October to 30 December 2025 are:

- Briefing from the Department for Environment and Water on the *Biodiversity Act 2025* (SA)
- Finalisation of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Investment and Partnering document
- Appointment of five Council Kadaltilla Board Members for a term of three years
- Delivery of a budget workshop with Kadaltilla Board Members

# Budget Position

## July to September 2025

Year-to-date expenditure for the 2025/2026 financial year is \$17,000 under budget, primarily due to lower materials, contracts, and other expenses. All other expenditure areas are broadly consistent with planned allocations and financial targets.

\$'000s	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	2025/26 Q1 Budget	2025/26 Revised Budget
Grants, Donations, Sponsorships	0	0	0	0	-323
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-323</b>
Employee Costs	36	41	6	41	180
Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	7	19	12	19	143
Sponsorships, Contributions and Donations	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>323</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>

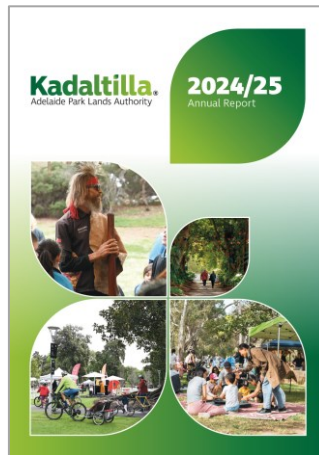
For 2025/2026, Kadaltilla's budget of \$322,609 is allocated as follows:

- Sitting Fees and Salary of \$254,554
- Brand and Marketing of \$26,317
- Insurance, Audit and Legal of \$22,168
- Sponsorships of \$0
- Operations (e.g. meetings, community forum) of \$14,420
- External Advice of \$5,150

# Key Highlights from Quarter 1



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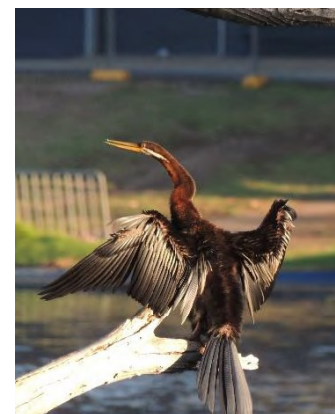
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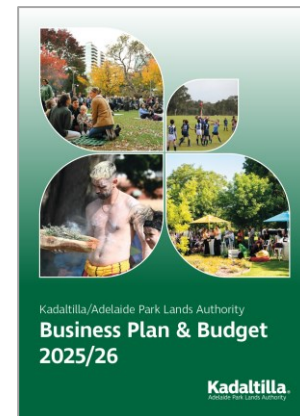




Received a presentation from the City of Adelaide on the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025 (SA)*

Version: 26.6.2025 – Act uncommenced	
South Australia	
<b>Biodiversity Act 2025</b>	
An Act to provide for the conservation, restoration and enhancement of biodiversity in the State for the benefit of current and future generations, to make related amendments to various Acts, to repeal the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1997</i> and for other purposes.	
<b>Contents</b>	
<b>Part 1 – Preliminary</b>	
1	Short title
2	Commencement
3	Interpretation
4	Interaction with other Acts
5	Act to have effect
6	Operation of Act
<b>Part 2 – Objects, principles and general duty etc</b>	
7	Objects
8	Principles
9	Acting consistently with State Biodiversity Plan
10	Aboriginal knowledge
11	General duty
<b>Part 3 – Administration</b>	
<b>Division 1 – General</b>	
12	Delegation by Minister
13	Minister not to administer Act
<b>Division 2 – Statutory bodies</b>	
<b>Subdivision 1 – Biodiversity Council</b>	
14	Establishment of Biodiversity Council
15	Composition of Council
16	Functions of Council
<b>Subdivision 2 – Clearance Assessment Committee</b>	
17	Establishment of Clearance Assessment Committee
18	Composition of C.A.C. etc
19	Functions of C.A.C.
<b>Subdivision 3 – Aboriginal Biodiversity Committee</b>	
20	Establishment of Aboriginal Biodiversity Committee
Published under the Legislation Revision and Publication Act 2002	

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Implementation of Kadaltilla's endorsed Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025/2026



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