

# Nomination of Council Appointed Member to Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise of the request from the Board of the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (KYAC) to amend the representatives to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla).

At its meeting on 25 November 2025, the Council considered a confidential report and approved the appointment (contingent upon consultation with the Minister for Planning) of nominees to Kadaltilla for the period commencing 1 January 2026 and expiring 31 December 2028.

Two of the appointments, Frances (Mitzi) Nam as Member and Dennis Rigney as Deputy Member, represent the knowledge, skills and experience in indigenous culture or reconciliation per the membership requirements (skills base) of Kadaltilla set out in the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA). Both the Member and Deputy Member represent KYAC per Council's practice to nominate representatives from the recognised native title owners of Kurna Yerta.

The report on 25 November 2025 foreshadowed an update to Kadaltilla's membership may be required in early 2026 following the annual elections of the KYAC Board.

At its meeting in January 2026, KYAC resolved to nominate the newly appointed KYAC Chair, Tim Agius, as Member of Kadaltilla and the newly appointed KYAC Member, Allan Sumner as Deputy Member of Kadaltilla for Tim Agius.

In making external Council appointments to Kadaltilla, the Council and the Minister for Planning (Minister) must, in consultation with each other, endeavour to achieve a membership with a range of knowledge, skills and experience as defined in the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA) (the Act), including indigenous culture or reconciliation.

In accordance with section 6(2) of the Act, appointments are made by notice in the South Australian Government Gazette.

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## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the following amendment to the Kurna representative roles (contingent upon consultation with the Minister for Planning) on the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Board for the period commencing 11 February 2026 and expiring 31 December 2028:
    - 1.1. Tim Agius as a Member of the Kadaltilla Board (replacing Frances (Mitzi) Nam, former Chair KYAC).
    - 1.2. Allan Sumner as a Deputy Member for Tim Agius (replacing Dennis Rigney, former Deputy Chair KYAC).
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## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<b>Strategic Alignment – Our Environment</b> Appointment of members to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) supports the key action “Continue the support for the Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority Subsidiary and the delivery of the Kadaltilla Charter and Business Plans.”
Policy	Consistent with the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> (SA) and Kadaltilla Charter.
Consultation	The Minister for Planning and the City of Adelaide must consult with each other in making appointments to Kadaltilla to achieve a range of knowledge, skills and experience across the following areas set out in section 6(3) of the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> (SA), including indigenous culture or reconciliation.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The proposals are consistent with the provisions of the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> (SA) and Kadaltilla Charter.
Opportunities	Appointments will provide for the continued activity of Kadaltilla with an appropriate membership and skill set to provide valuable advice to the City of Adelaide and State Government on matters pertaining to the Adelaide Park Lands.
25/26 Budget Allocation	Board Member remuneration is funded through the existing operating budget for Kadaltilla.
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Consistent with the Kadaltilla Charter, the appointments can be for a maximum period of three years (until 31 December 2028).
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

# DISCUSSION

## Purpose

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## Kadaltilla Legislative Framework and Purpose

2. The Adelaide Park Lands Authority is established under section 5(2) of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA) (the Act) ([Link 1](#)) as a subsidiary of the City of Adelaide to provide strategic advice to both Council and the State Government on the management of the Adelaide Park Lands.
3. As per its Charter, the Adelaide Park Lands Authority is known as the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla).
4. The role, functions and powers of Kadaltilla are set out in the Act and the Kadaltilla Charter (the Charter) ([Link 2](#)).

## Kadaltilla Membership Amendment

5. Following each annual election of the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (KYAC) Board, KYAC reviews its representation on Kadaltilla. It is now an established practice that the City of Adelaide write to KYAC after their annual election to seek confirmation or amendment of its nominated Member and Deputy Member.
6. This process reflects previous requests from KYAC Boards and ensures continued compliance with section 6(3)(f) of the Act and section 4.2.1 of the Kadaltilla Charter, which require the appointment of a person with knowledge, skills and experience in Indigenous culture or reconciliation.
7. On 14 January 2026, the Chief Executive Officer wrote to SA Native Title Services (SANTS) seeking confirmation or amendment of KYAC's nominated Member and Deputy Member to Kadaltilla.
8. On 30 January 2026, the Administration received correspondence from SANTS, on behalf of the KYAC Board, regarding amendments to its nominated representatives to Kadaltilla.
9. At its meeting in January 2026, the KYAC Board resolved to nominate:
  - 9.1. Tim Agius as Member of the Kadaltilla Board (replacing Frances (Mitzi) Nam).
  - 9.2. Allan Sumner as Deputy Member of the Kadaltilla Board for Tim Agius (replacing Dennis Rigney).
10. It is recommended that the appointment period be from 11 February 2026 to 31 December 2028, consistent with the other Council and State Government-appointed Kadaltilla Board Members, and the maximum term permitted in the Act and Charter.

## Membership Requirements (Skills Based) as per Legislation / Charter

11. Kadaltilla is required to have a Board of Management and, all meetings/decisions of Kadaltilla are deemed meetings/decisions of the Kadaltilla Board.
12. Under the provisions of the Act, the Kadaltilla Board of Management is constituted by:
  - 12.1. The Lord Mayor or, if the Lord Mayor chooses not to be a Member of the Authority, a person appointed by the Council
  - 12.2. Four other persons appointed by the Council
  - 12.3. Five persons appointed by the Minister.
13. Both Council and the Minister:
  - 13.1. Must appoint at least one man and one woman to the Board of Management
  - 13.2. May appoint Deputy Members.
14. In line with section 6(6) of the Act, the Council and the Minister may appoint a suitable deputy for each of their respective appointed Board Members.
  - 14.1. Deputies receive meeting documents and materials relating to the Board when they have been requested to attend a Kadaltilla Board meeting during a period of absence of a Member.
15. In making appointments, Council must, in consultation with the Minister, endeavour to achieve membership with a range of knowledge, skills, and experience as set out in section 6(3) of the Act:

- a) biodiversity or environmental planning or management
- b) recreation or open space planning or management
- c) cultural heritage conservation or management
- d) landscape design or park management
- e) tourism or event management
- f) indigenous culture or reconciliation
- g) financial management
- h) local government.

16. Board Members may have skills in multiple categories but are appointed to the Board under relevant section(s) of the Act. The current City of Adelaide and Ministerial appointments represent the following skills matrix for the Kadaltilla Board:

Position	Member	Appointed By	Skills Category
Presiding Member	Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	Council	<b>h</b>
Board Member	Councillor Keiran Snape	Council	<b>h</b>
Board Member	Sally Underdown	Council	<b>b</b>
Board Member	Daniel Bennett	Council	<b>b</b>
Board Member	Vacant	Council	<b>f</b>
Deputy Board Member	Vacant	Council	<b>f</b>
Deputy Board Member	Councillor Eleanor Freeman	Council	<b>h</b>
Deputy Presiding Member	Elinor Walker	Minister	<b>a, g</b>
Board Member	Ashley Halliday	Minister	<b>b, c</b>
Board Member	Stephanie Johnston	Minister	<b>c</b>
Board Member	Warwick Keates	Minister	<b>d, b</b>
Board Member	Kirsty Bevan	Minister	<b>a</b>
Deputy Board Member	Sarah Russo	Minister	<b>c</b>

17. In accordance with the request by KYAC, it is recommended that Mr Tim Agius, KYAC Chair, is appointed as a Member of the Kadaltilla Board and Allan Sumner, KYAC Member, as a Deputy Member of the Kadaltilla Board for Tim Agius under section 6(3)(f) of the Act for knowledge, skills and experience in indigenous culture or reconciliation until 31 December 2025 in line with the other City of Adelaide appointments.

#### Next Steps

- 18. Pending Council's decision about the nominations, consultation will be undertaken with the Minister for Planning.
- 19. A notice in the South Australian Government Gazette will finalise the appointment.

## DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Link 1** - [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 \(SA\)](#)

**Link 2** - [Kadaltilla Charter](#)

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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