

Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

Draft Kadaltilla Business Plan and Budget 2026/2027

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Board Meeting

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Public

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the draft 2026/27 Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Business Plan and Budget, prior to its consideration by the Council.

The Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) is established by the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA) ([Link 1](#)) as a subsidiary of the City of Adelaide. The City of Adelaide allocates an annual budget to support the administration of Kadaltilla.

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and the Kadaltilla Charter ([Link 2](#)), Kadaltilla is required to prepare, in consultation with Council, and adopt an Annual Business Plan and Budget consistent with its Charter.

Recommendation

THAT THE KADALTILLA / ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND COUNCIL:

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Endorses the draft 2026/27 Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Business Plan and Budget, as contained in **Attachment A** to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the Board meeting of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 26 February 2026, to be provided to Council to inform Council's draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget process.
 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to make minor, typographical or editorial amendments to the draft 2026/27 Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Business Plan and Budget, as contained in **Attachment A** to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the Board meeting of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 26 February 2026, for the purposes of finalising the document for public consultation.
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Implications

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036	Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy - Towards 2036 The Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) budget is aligned with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036. It supports the Board's operations, primarily focused on developing its strategic plan, but does not allocate funding for direct project implementation.
2023-2028 Strategic Plan	Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Expert Advice The draft 2026/27 Kadaltilla Annual Business Plan and Budget supports the delivery of the administrative elements of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028.
City of Adelaide Strategies	The City of Adelaide's Strategic Plan 2024-2028 includes the following key action under the Our Environment pillar: <i>'Continue the support for the Kadaltilla/ Adelaide Park Lands Authority Subsidiary and the delivery of the Kadaltilla Charter and Business Plans'</i> .
Policy	Kadaltilla's Charter (Link 2) (clauses 6.5 and 6.6) outline the requirements for the Annual Business Plan and Budget. The Authority must draft a Business Plan aligned with its Strategy, review it annually, and secure Council approval before adoption or changes. The Plan must set performance targets, measures, and resources. A proposed budget, consistent with the Business Plan, must be submitted by June each year for Council approval.
Consultation	Kadaltilla's draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026/27 (Attachment A) will be incorporated into the City of Adelaide's draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026/27 and be subject to consultation as part of the City of Adelaide's consultation process.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Pursuant to the <i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i> and the Kadaltilla Charter (Link 2), Kadaltilla is required to prepare, in consultation with Council, and adopt an Annual Business Plan and Budget consistent with its Charter.
Design	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	To secure funding to support Kadaltilla's operations and delivery of its strategic plan.
City of Adelaide Budget Allocation	The draft 2026/27 budget of \$358,705 reflects a slight increase from the current financial year allocation of \$322,609, primarily due to the biennial Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize sponsorship falling in 2026/27.
Capital Infrastructure Projects	Not as a result of this report
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	Not as a result of this report

Discussion

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Background

2. The Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) is established by the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA) ([Link 1](#)) as a subsidiary of the City of Adelaide.
3. A subsidiary of the Council must prepare an Annual Business Plan and Budget pursuant to Section 8 and Section 9 of Schedule 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).
4. The key legislative requirements are that the:
 - 4.1. Annual Business Plan and Budget must be consistent with Kadaltilla's Charter ([Link 2](#)), refer to clauses 6.5 and 6.6.
 - 4.2. Annual Business Plan and Budget must be reviewed annually.
 - 4.3. Kadaltilla consults with Council prior to adopting its Annual Business Plan and Budget.
 - 4.4. Budget must deal with each principal activity on a separate basis.
 - 4.5. Budget must be consistent with the City of Adelaide's strategic management plans.
 - 4.6. Annual Business Plan and Budget must set out or include performance targets, performance measures and a statement of financial and other resources and internal processes to achieve the subsidiary's performance targets.

2026/27 draft Annual Business Plan and Budget

5. The draft 2026/27 Kadaltilla Annual Business Plan and Budget contained in **Attachment A** addresses:
 - 5.1. Kadaltilla's core responsibility of providing advice to the City of Adelaide and the State Government on key matters relating to the Adelaide Park Lands, including the development and implementation of policies, management plans and projects.
 - 5.2. Alignment with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy and Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Strategic Plan 2023-28.
 - 5.3. Responsibilities such as maintaining a meeting schedule, preparing an Annual Business Plan and Budget and Annual Report, and conducting an annual community forum.
6. The draft 2026/27 Kadaltilla Annual Budget request from Council is \$358,705, as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Summary of 2026/27 draft Budget

INCOME SUMMARY	2026/27 Draft Budget	2025/26 Draft Budget
City of Adelaide Contribution	\$358,705	\$322,609
Total Income	\$358,705	\$322,609
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	2026/27 Draft Budget	2025/26 Draft Budget
Salary & Oncosts	\$188,595	\$180,350
Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority (sitting fees)	\$84,220	\$74,204
Brand and Marketing	\$26,974	\$26,317
Insurance, Audit and Legal	\$23,856	\$22,168
External Advice	\$5,279	\$5,150
Sponsorships (e.g. Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize)	\$15,000	\$0
Kadaltilla Operations	\$14,781	\$14,420
Total Expenditure	\$358,705	\$322,609

7. In 2025/26, Kadaltilla advanced its Strategic Plan objectives (objectives 2.5 and 4.5) by increasing the Kadaltilla social media profile through the addition of a third platform to showcase its activities and keep stakeholders informed with regular Adelaide Park Lands updates.
8. The draft 2026/27 Kadaltilla Annual Business Plan and Budget seeks to strengthen brand identity and recognition through targeted marketing initiatives and the biennial Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize sponsorship. Potential opportunities include paid social media campaigns, sponsorship or hosting of Adelaide Park Lands-related community events, advertising initiatives, and improving online visibility.
9. To clearly identify the operating costs for Kadaltilla and to ensure appropriate monitoring and management of expenditure, transactions relating to the operations of Kadaltilla are recorded and accounted for separately within the City of Adelaide's budget.
10. Budget statements reflecting this separate funding arrangement are included in Kadaltilla's draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget (**Attachment A**).

City of Adelaide Budget Proposals for the Adelaide Park Lands

11. Administration has submitted multiple budget proposals for Adelaide Park Lands funding in 2026/27 for Council consideration.
 - 11.1. Budget proposals will be presented to the City of Adelaide's City Finance and Governance Committee in February 2026
 - 11.2. An E-News detailing the City of Adelaide's total Adelaide Park Lands funding for 2026/27 will be provided to Kadaltilla Board Members in mid-2026.
12. The City of Adelaide 2026/27 budget proposals that directly align with the performance targets and measures in Kadaltilla's Strategic Plan 2023-2028 include:
 - 12.1. Climate impact assessment for the Adelaide Park Lands
 - 12.2. Biodiversity promotion via interactive, interpretative signs in the Adelaide Park Lands
 - 12.3. Submission of the World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes.
13. The City of Adelaide's 2026/27 budget proposals directly aligned with the *Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036*, include:
 - 13.1. Adelaide Park Lands Trail - Accessibility Improvements
 - 13.2. Delivery of the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan Implementation - Wakefield Road Pathway (Stage 1)
 - 13.3. Delivery of the Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27) Master Plan.

Next Steps

14. Per its Charter, Kadaltilla is required to consult with and receive the approval of the Council prior to adopting its Annual Business Plan and Budget.
15. The draft 2026/76 Kadaltilla Annual Business Plan and Budget (**Attachment A**) will be reviewed prior to community consultation for consistency with the format of draft Budgets of other City of Adelaide subsidiaries.

Data and Supporting Information

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

Link 2 – [Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Charter](#)

Attachments

Attachment A – Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026/27

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