

Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Establishment of Committees

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the current governance framework for Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) as well as opportunities to investigate and introduce advisory committees to Kadaltilla on key issues impacting the Adelaide Park Lands as requested by the Presiding Member at Kadaltilla's 24 June 2026 meeting.

The Presiding Member has requested the Administration prepare a report on the establishment of committees to Kadaltilla to address particular opportunities and for this report to be brought back to the Board next month;

- *Population growth impacts on the Adelaide Park Lands, to include Inner Rim and Councils – on the basis of the growth of the City of Adelaide and its neighbouring Councils*
- *Adelaide Park Lands Fund and APLMS Strategy investment Committee*
- *Return Areas Committee – to look at areas that could be returned to Adelaide Park Lands*
- *Membership and meeting frequency.*

Investigations into future opportunities would be undertaken to ensure that Kadaltilla is positioned to achieve the principles of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA) (APL Act) ([Link 1](#)) and deliver on the Kadaltilla Charter ([Link 2](#)), to be the principal advisory body to the City of Adelaide and the State Government on management, protection and promotion of the Adelaide Park Lands.

These investigations align with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 (APLMS) ([Link 3](#)) and the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP) ([Link 4](#)), which both recommend exploring new approaches to funding or governance for the Adelaide Park Lands.

Recommendation

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Notes the content of this report and alignment between the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 and the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan.
2. Approves progression of the establishment of advisory committees to Kadaltilla, relating to;
 - 2.1 Population growth impacts on the Adelaide Park Lands, to include Inner Rim and Councils – on the basis of the growth of the City of Adelaide and its neighbouring Councils.
 - 2.2 Adelaide Park Lands Fund and Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Investment Committee.
 - 2.3 Return Areas Committee – to look at areas that could be returned to Adelaide Park Lands.
3. Authorises the Presiding Member of Kadaltilla to write to the Minister for Planning outlining Kadaltilla's current priorities and intention to establish advisory committees to Kadaltilla to advise on matters relating to:

- 3.1. Population growth impacts on the Adelaide Park Lands, to include Inner Rim and Councils – on the basis of the growth of the City of Adelaide and its neighbouring Councils.
 - 3.2. Adelaide Park Lands Fund and Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Investment Committee.
 - 3.3. Return Areas Committee – to look at areas that could be returned to Adelaide Park Lands.
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Implications

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036	Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy - Towards 2036 The <i>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036</i> (APLMS) identifies an opportunity for the City of Adelaide and the State Government to investigate future funding opportunities, the need for the Adelaide Park Lands to respond to increased residential development in adjoining local government areas, investigating return areas to Park Lands purposes and implementing the investment framework. It reaffirms that Kadaltilla is the principal advisory body to the City of Adelaide and the State Government on the protection, management, enhancement and promotion of the Adelaide Park Lands. The APLMS sets a long-term vision to protect and enhance the National Heritage-listed Adelaide Park Lands.
2023-2028 Strategic Plan	Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Expert Advice Function as the peak advisory body for policy, development, heritage, and management of the Park Lands based on sound data and evidence
City of Adelaide Strategies	The City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024–2028 identifies the Adelaide Park Lands as one of the city's most important environmental, recreational and cultural assets. The <i>City Plan – Adelaide 2036</i> (City Plan) outlines that the Adelaide Park Lands are fundamental to accommodating city growth while maintaining Adelaide's liveability, heritage and environmental quality. The City Plan seeks to ensure that as Adelaide grows towards a population of 50,000 residents, the Adelaide Park Lands continue to function as the city's defining green belt and principal open space network. The City of Adelaide's Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 identifies the Adelaide Park Lands as a critical asset for building climate resilience, enhancing biodiversity and supporting sustainable urban cooling.
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Governance of Kadaltilla will involve engagement with the State Government, the City of Adelaide, councils adjoining the Adelaide Park Lands, and Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC).
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> (SA) is the primary legislation governing the Adelaide Park Lands. It establishes the legislative framework for their protection, management and enhancement, and sets out the governance structure, functions and responsibilities of Kadaltilla. The introduction of legislation that takes precedence over the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> (SA) is considered a present and potential future risk if governance reform is not considered.
Design	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Opportunities for Kadaltilla to progress discussions relating to future governance and funding arrangements for the Adelaide Park Lands with the City of Adelaide, adjoining councils and the State Government. Advisory committees present an opportunity to receive advice Adelaide Park Lands use and demand due to adjoining residential developments and opportunities to return areas of the Adelaide Park Lands to Park Land Purposes.
City of Adelaide Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report

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

Purpose

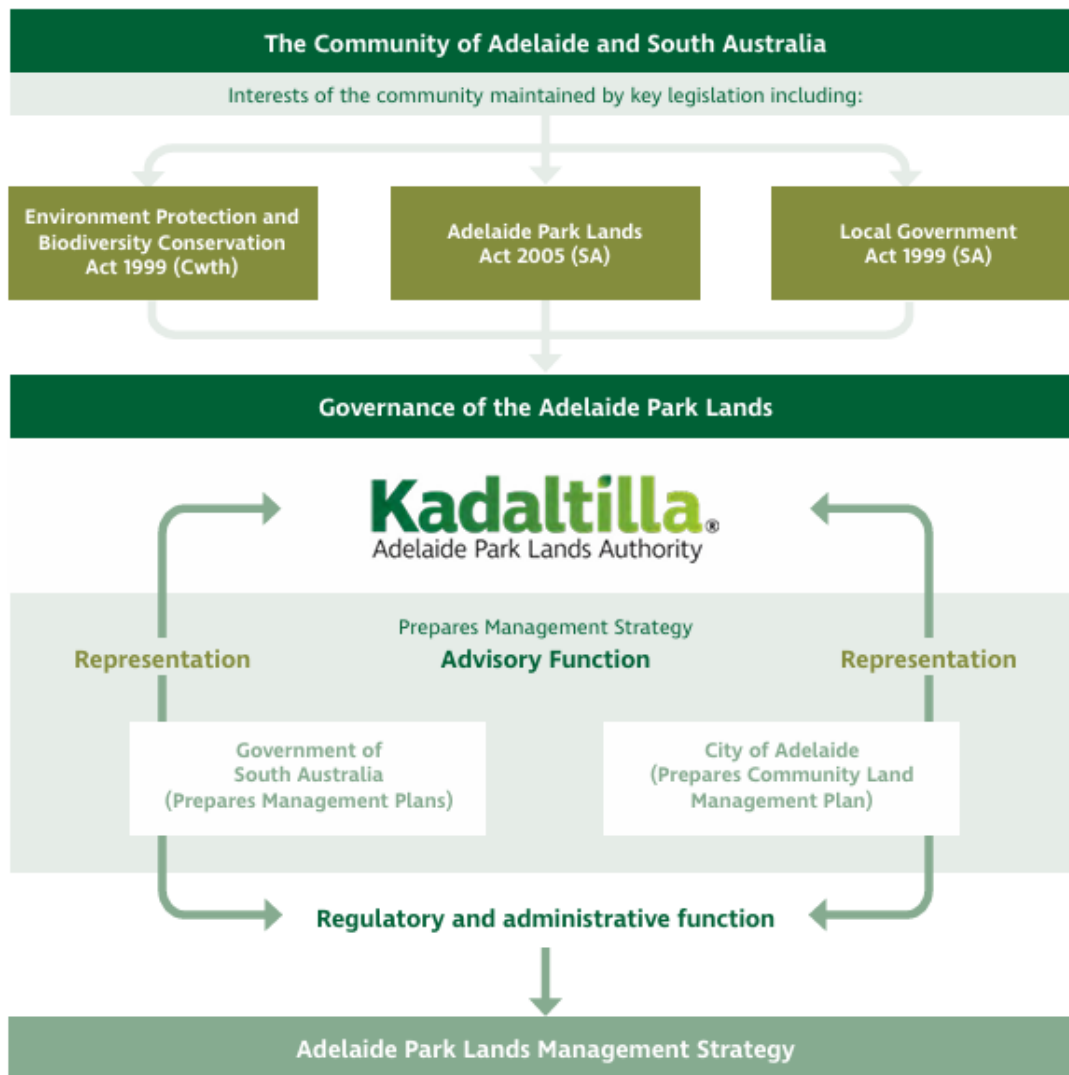
1. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the current governance framework for Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) as well as opportunities to investigate and introduce advisory committees to Kadaltilla on key issues impacting the Adelaide Park Lands as requested by the Presiding Member at Kadaltilla's 24 June 2026 meeting.

Background

2. At Kadaltilla's 24 June 2026 meeting the Presiding Member requested Administration prepare a report on the establishment of advisory committees that would provide advice to Kadaltilla on the following:
 - 2.1. Population growth impacts on the Adelaide Park Lands, to include Inner Rim and Councils – on the basis of the growth of the City of Adelaide and its neighbouring Councils
 - 2.2. Adelaide Park Lands Fund and Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Investment Committee
 - 2.3. Return Areas Committee – to look at areas that could be returned to Adelaide Park Lands
 - 2.4. Membership and meeting frequency.
3. The Adelaide Park Lands have been subject to formal strategic management since 1999, when the City of Adelaide commissioned the *Park Lands Management Strategy* (Hassell, 1999). That strategy provided a foundational planning framework for the Adelaide Park Lands, establishing directions for their use, management and protection at a time when growing development pressures demanded a more coordinated approach to the long-term stewardship of Colonel William Light's original 1837 design.
4. Since the development of the first Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) in 1999, the APLMS has been updated through three iterations in 2010, 2018 and 2025.
5. Recognition that strategic guidance alone was insufficient to protect the Adelaide Park Lands from encroachment and enhance its objectives, led to a sustained campaign for dedicated legislation.
6. The *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA) (APL Act) was enacted to establish a legislative framework that promotes the special status, attributes and character of the Adelaide Park Lands, and provides for their protection and management as a world-class asset to be preserved as an urban park for the benefit of present and future generations.
7. The APL Act established the Adelaide Park Lands Authority / Kadaltilla as an advisory body with joint oversight responsibilities shared between the City of Adelaide and the State Government.

Adelaide Park Lands Governance

8. A diagram from the APLMS summarising the governance structure for the Adelaide Park Lands is provided below.



9. The APL Act designates much of the Adelaide Park Lands (currently 70%) as community land under the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) (LG Act) ([Link 5](#)) and created Kadaltilla to provide advice, prepare the APLMS, and oversee strategic initiatives.
10. The APL Act ensures that land use, leases, and developments maintain the Adelaide Park Lands' social, economic, cultural, historical, environmental, and recreational values, and provides mechanisms for funding, accountability, and community consultation.
11. The APL Act establishes a clear governance framework for the management and protection of the Adelaide Park Lands. Key elements include:
- 11.1. Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla):
- 11.1.1. The Act creates Kadaltilla to advise the City of Adelaide and the Minister for Planning on strategic management, planning, and policy matters.
 - 11.1.2. Governance of the Adelaide Park Lands is shared between the State Government and the City of Adelaide.
 - 11.1.3. Kadaltilla includes representatives from the City of Adelaide, State Government, and other stakeholders, ensuring broad input and oversight.
 - 11.1.4. Kadaltilla is the principal advisory body to the State Government and the City of Adelaide on the Adelaide Park Lands and is responsible for preparing the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy.
- 11.2. The City of Adelaide (70% management of the Adelaide Park Lands) responsibilities include:
- 11.2.1. Day-to-day management and operational control of the Adelaide Park Lands in its care and control.

- 11.2.2. Preparation and implementation of Community Land Management Plans (CLMPs) for land under its care and control, aligning with the APLMS and the advice of Kadaltilla.
- 11.3. State Government (30% management of the Adelaide Park Lands) responsibilities include:
 - 11.3.1. Day-to-day management and operational control of the Adelaide Park Lands in its care and control.
 - 11.3.2. That each State Authority to which the APL Act applies must prepare and adopt a management plan for that part of the Adelaide Park Lands which it owns or occupies.
- 11.4. Ministerial Oversight:
 - 11.4.1. The Minister for Planning retains powers to approve plans, grant leases, or intervene in management where necessary.
 - 11.4.2. Provides State-level accountability to ensure the Adelaide Park Lands' values are protected.
- 11.5. Legislative Framework:
 - 11.5.1. The introduction of legislation by the State Government including the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984* (SA), *Major Events Act 2013* (SA), *New Women's and Children's Hospital Act 2022* (SA) and the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025* (SA) have reduced the relevance of the APL Act as these introduced pieces of legislation take precedent over the APL Act and diminish the role of Kadaltilla, the APLMS and the APL Act.
- 11.6. Strategic Planning and Reporting:
 - 11.6.1. Requires preparation of management strategies, master plans, and periodic reporting.
 - 11.6.2. Ensures integration of social, economic, environmental, cultural, recreational, and heritage considerations in decision-making.

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 (APLMS)

- 12. The APLMS ([Link 3](#)) was laid before both Houses of Parliament on 21 August 2025 and has come into effect.
- 13. The strategic priorities outlined in the APLMS were identified based on evidence-based planning, feedback from community consultation and through the APLMS Project Working Group which included representation from adjoining councils and State Government representatives.
- 14. The APLMS achieves a number of aims, including:
 - 14.1. Setting a long-term vision to protect and enhance the National Heritage-listed Adelaide Park Lands, informed by community and stakeholder consultation, and forms the basis for the City of Adelaide's and the State Government's strategic policy for the Adelaide Park Lands.
 - 14.2. Opportunities for the City of Adelaide and the State Government to investigate future funding. This includes investigating an amendment of the Planning and Design Code, to introduce an Adelaide Park Lands Open Space Offset Scheme or Adelaide Park Lands Overlay to unlock investment in the Adelaide Park Lands. This initiative would apply to future developments that will rely on the Adelaide Park Lands for open space provision and could apply to both development within and outside of the City of Adelaide.
 - 14.3. Recognising the Adelaide Park Lands as a regional open space asset of State significance that must be planned for collaboratively across local government boundaries.
 - 14.4. Acknowledging that significant population growth and urban renewal occurring on and around the Adelaide Park Lands boundaries will increase demand for accessible open space and recreation opportunities.
 - 14.5. Advocating for integrated planning, shared investment and coordinated decision-making between the City of Adelaide, the State Government, adjoining councils and other stakeholders to ensure the Adelaide Park Lands continue to meet the needs of existing and future communities while maintaining their heritage, environmental and recreational values.
- 15. Kadaltilla's Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities ([Link 6](#)) document includes implementation priorities from the APLMS. It outlines strategic opportunities for partnerships that will enhance, protect, and sustain the Adelaide Park Lands for current and future generations.
- 16. It is intended that the Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities document be used by Kadaltilla Board Members, the City of Adelaide, and the State Government to pursue partnership opportunities for the benefit of the Adelaide Park Lands.
- 17. It should be noted that recent State Government announcements and investments in the Adelaide Park Lands for the redevelopment of the North Adelaide Public Golf Course and the development of a MotoGP track did not form part of the consideration of the strategic priorities outlined in the APLMS.

Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP)

18. The GARP is the State Government's 30-year strategic blueprint guiding the long-term growth of the Greater Adelaide Region. The GARP:
 - 18.1. Outlines the long term strategic objective to recognise and protect Adelaide Park Lands as historically, culturally and environmentally significant while providing a range of recreation and sport facilities for the community.
 - 18.2. Recognises that the delivery and management of regionally significant open space requires coordinated governance and sustainable funding arrangements.
 - 18.3. Outlines that a number of state significant infill areas (Southwark Grounds, Bowden, Glenside, Keswick) are located adjacent to the Adelaide Park Lands.
 - 18.4. Outlines that new governance and funding arrangements for the Greater Adelaide Open Space System should be investigated to support access to high quality open space along the Adelaide Park Lands fringe.
19. While the GARP does not specifically mandate a governance or funding review of the Adelaide Park Lands, it commits to considering new governance and funding models for the Greater Adelaide Open Space System.
20. It separately introduced the need for a dedicated governance framework for the establishment of the new Northern Park Lands in the Kudla Growth Area. The Governance framework for the Northern Park Lands has since been established through the *Northern Parklands Act 2025* (SA).
21. The objectives in the GARP provide a strategic basis for reviewing whether existing governance and funding arrangements for the Adelaide Park Lands remain appropriate to meet contemporary metropolitan, environmental and community expectations; and ensure that the City of Adelaide and the State Government can deliver on Kadaltilla's Charter and the APLMS.

Kadaltilla's Charter

22. Kadaltilla's Charter ([Link 2](#)) outlines the governance framework for Kadaltilla, including its legal status as a subsidiary of the City of Adelaide under the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (LG Act), its membership, powers, responsibilities, meeting procedures, financial management, and reporting requirements.
23. It defines Kadaltilla's purpose and functions as the principal advisory body to the City of Adelaide and the State Government on the protection, management, enhancement and promotion of the Adelaide Park Lands, and sets out how it undertakes its statutory functions under the APL Act.
24. Kadaltilla has not been furnished information regarding the North Adelaide Golf Course Redevelopment or the MotoGP track development beyond publicly available information by the State Government, limiting Kadaltilla's ability to provide detailed advice on the protection, management, enhancement and promotion of the Adelaide Park Lands.

Correspondence from the Minister for Planning

25. In February 2026, Dr Jane Lennon AM, in her capacity as Chair of the Australian Garden History Society, wrote to the Premier of South Australia raising concerns about the protection and management of the Adelaide Park Lands.
 - 25.1. Dr Lennon received a response from the Hon Nick Champion MP, Minister for Planning, dated 30 May 2026.
 - 25.2. The Minister's letter was circulated to Members of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority and Administration on 3 June 2026.
 - 25.3. A copy of both of these letters was shared via E-news on 24 June 2026.
26. Matters discussed in this letter include the State Government's commitment to protecting and enhancing the Adelaide Park Lands through the strategic framework set out in the APLMS.
27. The letter also outlines that to date, Kadaltilla has not provided advice to the Minister for Planning recommending legislative reform or indicated that the existing statutory framework is unable to achieve the principles of the APL Act.
28. The GARP recognises that the delivery and management of regionally significant open space require coordinated governance and sustainable funding arrangements.
29. While the GARP does not specifically mandate a review of the Adelaide Park Lands, it commits to considering new governance and funding models for the Greater Adelaide Open Space System and introduces a dedicated governance framework for the new Northern Park Lands. The Governance framework for the Northern Park Lands has since been established through the *Northern Parklands Act 2025* (SA).

30. This provides a strategic basis for reviewing whether existing governance and funding arrangements for the Adelaide Park Lands remain appropriate to meet contemporary metropolitan, environmental and community expectations.

Establishment of Kadaltilla Committees

31. Kadaltilla is established under section 5 of the APL Act, pursuant to that Act, is taken to be a single-council subsidiary of the City of Adelaide under section 42 of the LG Act.
32. Section 42 of the LG Act provides the governance framework for council subsidiaries and enables them to operate in accordance with their approved Charter. While Kadaltilla exists within the local government framework established by the Act, its powers and functions are also conferred directly by the APL Act.
33. Section 11 of the APL Act expressly provides *that "The board of management of the Authority may establish such committees as the board of management thinks fit to advise or assist the board of management."*
34. The APL Act further provides that:
- 34.1. A committee may consist of members of the Authority or any other persons; and
- 34.2. The Authority may determine the procedures to be followed by a committee.
35. This is a direct statutory power granted to Kadaltilla's Board of Management. The power is broad, discretionary and exercisable by the Board itself.
36. Importantly, neither section 11 of the APL Act nor section 42 of the LG Act requires the City of Adelaide or the State Government to approve the establishment of a committee by Kadaltilla. The legislation provides the authority directly to the Board of Management and does not make the exercise of that power contingent on a Council resolution, Charter amendment or amendment to the APL Act. Nor does it require approval by the Minister.
37. Provided the purpose of the body is to advise or assist the Board of Management, Kadaltilla can establish committees under its existing statutory powers without seeking approval from the City of Adelaide.
38. Kadaltilla may consider establishing advisory committees on a range of matters, these advisory committees could be time bound to investigate a specific issue or could be ongoing.
39. Kadaltilla will establish the terms of reference for each advisory committee, this would include how they report to Kadaltilla, the purpose of the advisory committee, regularity of meetings and the membership of the advisory committee.
40. The APL Act establishes that the Kadaltilla Presiding Member will act as an ex officio board member with additional Kadaltilla members being optional.
41. At Kadaltilla's 24 June 2026 meeting, the Presiding Member discussed opportunities to initially consider advisory committees in relating to the following matters:
- 41.1. Population growth impacts on the Adelaide Park Lands, to include Inner Rim and Councils – on the basis of the growth of the City of Adelaide and its neighbouring Councils.
- 41.2. Adelaide Park Lands Fund and APLMS Strategy investment Committee.
- 41.3. Return Areas Committee – to look at areas that could be returned to Adelaide Park Lands.
42. The following section of the report outlines the intent of each Committee and its potential membership.

Adelaide Park Lands Population Growth Impacts – Advisory Committee

43. Both the APLMS and the GARP identify the significant population growth that will occur both in the City of Adelaide and on the Adelaide Park Lands boundaries, including sites such as Southwark Grounds, Brompton, Bowden, Keswick, Kent Town, Glenside and Greenhill and Port Road corridors.
44. Through the development of the APLMS, the City of Adelaide led a working group of all adjoining councils, Office for Design and Architecture and Green Adelaide. This was an officer level working group but provided valuable and insightful input into the APLMS.
45. Given the significant residential growth projected on the borders of the Adelaide Park Lands it is recommended that Kadaltilla establish an ongoing advisory committee with adjoining council and other key State Government stakeholders with the intent of ensuring that the Adelaide Park Lands can respond to the increasing demand for public open space by growth areas and identify APLMS strategic projects that could be delivered in partnership with adjoining councils.

46. The proposed make up of this advisory committee could include Mayor/Chief Executive Officer representation from adjoining councils and include;
- 46.1. Kadaltilla Presiding Member and nominated Board Member
 - 46.2. City of Adelaide
 - 46.3. City of Burnside
 - 46.4. City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters
 - 46.5. Town of Walkerville
 - 46.6. City of Prospect
 - 46.7. City of Charles Sturt
 - 46.8. City of West Torrens
 - 46.9. City of Unley
 - 46.10. Department for Housing and Urban Development
 - 46.11. Renewal SA
 - 46.12. Office for Design and Architecture.

Adelaide Park Lands Funding and Investment Advisory Committee

47. Both Kadaltilla, through the APLMS, and the State Government, through the GARP, have identified the need to review and strengthen funding arrangements for the Adelaide Park Lands.
48. The APLMS commits the City of Adelaide and the State Government to investigate amendments to the Planning and Design Code that would introduce an Adelaide Park Lands Open Space Offset Scheme or Overlay, enabling new developments that benefit from proximity to the Adelaide Park Lands to contribute to their enhancement.
49. Similarly, the GARP emphasises the importance of exploring new governance and funding models to support high-quality open space along the Adelaide Park Lands fringe.
50. Given that the APLMS has been approved and has a range of strategic project and initiatives that require funding to be realised, it is recommended that Kadaltilla establish an Adelaide Park Lands Funding and Investment Advisory Committee.
51. The intent of this committee would be to lead a review into the Adelaide Park Lands Funding Deed ([Link 7](#)) the Adelaide Park Lands Fund and investigate future strategic funding mechanisms such as the proposed Adelaide Park Lands Open Space Offset Scheme or Adelaide Park Lands Overlay and funding partnership opportunities with State Government or adjoining councils.
52. The proposed make up of this advisory committee could include Mayor/Chief Executive Officer representation from adjoining councils and also include:
- 52.1. Kadaltilla Presiding Member and nominated Board Member
 - 52.2. City of Adelaide
 - 52.3. Local Government Association
 - 52.4. Industry and Finance Sector Representative(s)
 - 52.5. State Government representatives, potentially including:
 - 52.5.1. Department of Treasury
 - 52.5.2. Department for Housing and Urban Development
 - 52.5.3. Office for Design and Architecture
 - 52.5.4. Department for Environment and Water
 - 52.5.5. Green Adelaide
 - 52.5.6. Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Funding Deed

53. Under section 29 of the APL Act the State Government is required to take reasonable steps to reach an agreement with the Adelaide City Council regarding the provision of funding to support costs associated with watering the Adelaide Park Lands.

54. The resulting Funding Deed ([Link 7](#)) between the Minister for Environment and the City of Adelaide, commenced in 2006 and has governed the allocation and administration of this annual Grant since that time.
55. While the primary purpose of the Grant is to fund watering of the Adelaide Park Lands, the allocation has been historically divided into separate components and applied to broader purposes, including the management and enhancement of the Adelaide Park Lands and the administration and operation of Kadaltilla.
56. The original annual allocation of \$1.2 million has only been adjusted by CPI and has not otherwise been reviewed.
57. Council requested a review of the funding deed in 2016 and requested an increase in the grant amount; there is no record of a response or outcomes of this request. In 2025, the Grant totals \$1.99 million, distributed as follows:
 - 57.1. \$328,475 to Kadaltilla (16%)
 - 57.2. \$37,397 to Community Lifestyle (1.8%)
 - 57.3. \$1,632,512 to Horticulture (82%).
58. Section 21 of the Funding Deed requires that the Deed be reviewed at least every five years. However, no review has been undertaken since its execution in 2006, meaning the required review is now significantly overdue.

Adelaide Park Lands Fund

59. Part 5 of the APL Act establishes the Adelaide Park Lands Fund and sets out its operation.
60. The Fund is a dedicated statutory funding mechanism that enables Kadaltilla to receive government and external funding, invest those funds, and apply them to projects and activities that protect, enhance, promote and improve the Adelaide Park Lands for public benefit.
61. Section 22(2) of the APL Act specifies the sources of payments into the Fund, which currently include contributions from the Crown, State authorities, or the Adelaide City Council, as well as grants, gifts, loans, investment income, and any other money required by law to be paid into the Fund.
62. The APL Act does not provide a direct mechanism for private contributions, other than through voluntary gifts.
63. To date, the only contribution received into the Fund has been a donation from the Adelaide Park Lands Association.
64. Historically State Government funding to implement projects out of the APLMS have been granted to the City of Adelaide to deliver identified priority projects. This included The State Government providing \$20 million demonstration project fund to implement and showcase the vision of the previous 2015-2025.
65. An investigation into the future use of the fund could enable Kadaltilla to provide leadership in managing investment through the Adelaide Park Lands Fund to enable the realisation of the APLMS.

Adelaide Park Lands Return Areas – Advisory Committee

66. Section 18(3)(iv) of the APL Act outlines the expectation that the APLMS will identify land owned by the Crown of under the care, control or management of a State Authority that could be investigated for transfer to the City of Adelaide for use as park lands.
67. Through the development of the APLMS, a review was undertaken to identify opportunities to return areas of the Adelaide Park Lands to a Park Land Purpose. This investigation identified a range of current uses or land parcels, that could be returned to a Park Land Purpose or land transferred from the State Government to the City of Adelaide. In total 19 return areas were identified.
68. The establishment of an advisory committee is recommended to investigate and provide strategic advice on the progression of the return of land to Park Lands Purposes, consistent with the APLMS implementation framework.
69. Identifying land and infrastructure identified in the APLMS as potential future return opportunities; investigating planning, legislative, tenure and operational constraints; assessing feasibility, staging and prioritisation; and recommending pathways to achieve long-term return outcomes.
70. The proposed make up of this advisory committee would need to be flexible depending on the ownership of the identified parcel of land. It is recommended to have a cope investigation committee that consists of the following:
 - 70.1. Kadaltilla Presiding Member and nominated Board Member(s)
 - 70.2. Industry and/or community representatives
 - 70.3. City of Adelaide.
71. By invitation as required, representatives from relevant State Government Agencies that have ownership/management of the identified parcels.

Next Steps

72. Following feedback from Kadaltilla a report outlining the specific Terms of Reference, meeting dates and membership for advisory committees will be brought to the next meeting for endorsement.
73. Workshops are also being planned for Kadaltilla as follows:
 - 73.1. Kadaltilla Strategic Planning Workshop to complete the annual review of the Kadaltilla Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028.
 - 73.2. Kadaltilla Governance Workshop to consider Kadaltilla's governance framework and discuss opportunities to strengthen Kadaltilla's role as the principal advisory body to the City of Adelaide and the State Government on the Adelaide Park Lands.
 - 73.3. The dates for the above workshops will be confirmed with Members and intend to be scheduled in the first quarter of the 2026/27 financial year.

Data and Supporting Information

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

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

Link 3 – [Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036](#)

Link 4 – [Greater Adelaide Regional Plan](#)

Link 5 – [Local Government Act 1999 \(SA\)](#)

Link 6 – [Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities](#)

Link 7 – [Funding Deed between the Minister for Environment and the City of Adelaide and City of Adelaide \(2006\)](#)

Attachments

Nil

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