

Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2025/2026 Annual Report

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) Annual Report 2025/26 (Annual Report) in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA), and the Kadaltilla Charter.

The Annual Report details the advice and operations of Kadaltilla against its Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025/26 ([Link 1](#)) and its Strategic Plan 2023-2028 ([Link 2](#)).

The final Annual Report will incorporate the Audited Financial Statements of Kadaltilla from 1 July 2025 through 30 June 2026, to be considered by the Audit and Risk Committee on 25 September 2026.

Subject to Kadaltilla's consideration, the Annual Report will be included in the City of Adelaide's Annual Report and made available separately on the Kadaltilla web page.

A Strategic Plan workshop with the Board is scheduled for 2026/27. It is proposed that the review of the Strategic Plan's priority projects be deferred from the 2025/26 annual review and instead be undertaken as part of that workshop. Accordingly, no amendments to the Strategic Plan are proposed at this time.

Recommendation

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

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Approves the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report 2025/26 as contained in **Attachment A** to Item 5.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 27 August 2026.
2. Approves the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, incorporating the Audited Financial Statements of Kadaltilla from 1 July 2025 through 30 June 2026 into the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report 2025/26 as contained in **Attachment A** to Item 5.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 27 August 2026, to be decided by the Audit and Risk Committee on 23 September 2026.
3. Notes the requirement, under Clause 6.4.1(c) of the Kadaltilla Charter, to undertake an annual review of the Kadaltilla Strategic Plan in consultation with Council.
4. Approves that no amendments are required to be made to the Kadaltilla 2023–2028 Strategic Plan.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to provide a copy to Council and the Minister of Planning as the Minister responsible for the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA).
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to make minor, technical or typographical changes to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report for the 2025/26 financial year as contained in

Attachment A to Item 5.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 27 August 2026.

Implications

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036	Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy - Towards 2036 The Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) Annual Report reviews performance measures and key achievements against the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) objectives to ensure that the APLMS aligns with the principles of the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> .
2023-2028 Strategic Plan	Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Expert Advice 4.1 Provide advice on plans, projects, and policies for the Adelaide Park Lands 4.2 Engage with City of Adelaide and State Government including input into State Government initiatives 4.3 Review leasing and licensing and event management policies together with other relevant Park Lands use policies
City of Adelaide Strategies	The Strategic Plan supports the City of Adelaide's Strategic Plan 2024 - 2028: <i>Our Environment: "The status, attributes and character of our green spaces and the Park Lands are protected and strengthened."</i> The Strategic Plan is also consistent with the City of Adelaide's City Plan, Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan and Integrated Climate Strategy.
Policy	The Annual Report is a requirement of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> (SA), <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> (SA), and the Kadaltilla Charter. Kadaltilla's Charter requires the Authority to prepare an Annual Report and complete an annual review of its Strategic Plan 2024-2028.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Kadaltilla is required to prepare an Annual Report to meet its legislative obligations under Schedule 2 – Provisions applicable to subsidiaries, Clause 12 – Reporting, of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> (SA) and the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> (SA).
Design	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	To promote Kadaltilla's achievement against the APLMS and its Strategic Plan, and to identify opportunities for performance improvement.
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

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Background

2. In accordance with section 6.7 of the Kadaltilla Charter, Kadaltilla must, by 30 September in each financial year, submit to both Council and the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Nick Champion MP, who is responsible for the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA), an Annual Report on its work and operations during the preceding financial year.
3. The Annual Report must:
 - 3.1. Report on the work and operations of Kadaltilla for the preceding financial year (2025/26).
 - 3.2. Detail Kadaltilla's achievements against the aims and objectives of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, and its Annual Business Plan and Budget for that year.
 - 3.3. Incorporate the Audited Financial Statements of Kadaltilla.
 - 3.4. Incorporate any other reports required by the City of Adelaide (of which there are none).
4. The Kadaltilla Charter, under section 6.4, provides that Kadaltilla shall review the contents of its Strategic Plan annually in consultation with the Council.
5. In 2024/25, Kadaltilla received a consolidated Annual Report with its progress against its Annual Business Plan and Budget, and the annual review of its Strategic Plan.
6. In 2025/26, a consolidated Annual Report is presented for approval.

Annual Report

7. Kadaltilla's Annual Report 2025/26 (**Attachment A**) demonstrates the requirements of Kadaltilla's Charter and Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025/26 have been addressed.
8. The Annual Report focusses on the Kadaltilla's:
 - 8.1. 'Core Responsibility' to provide advice to both Council and the State Government on matters pertaining to the Adelaide Park Lands.
 - 8.2. 'Supporting Responsibilities' including maintenance of appointments, review of its Charter and preparation of an Annual Business Plan and Budget.
9. Key highlights for 2025/26 financial year include:
 - 9.1. The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy - Towards 2036 was laid before both Houses of Parliament on 21 August 2025, at which point it came into effect
 - 9.2. Released the Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities document and its accompanying digital strategic project tracking tool
 - 9.3. Reviewed 25 Adelaide Park Lands lease agreements
 - 9.4. Endorsed the revised Community Land Management Plan for the Adelaide Oval Precinct part of Tarntanya Wama (Park 26) for public consultation
 - 9.5. Finalised a submission to Green Adelaide on its Draft Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031
 - 9.6. Convened a Kadaltilla Board meeting at an external location (Adelaide Botanic Gardens).
10. As part of its core responsibilities, Kadaltilla held 10 meetings between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026, received 30 reports and 11 presentations, and arranged three Adelaide Park Lands site tours.
11. As part of its supporting responsibilities, Kadaltilla:
 - 11.1. Undertook three field trips in September 2025, October 2025 and April 2026 to Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16), King Rodney Park/ Ityamai-itpina (Park 15), Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14), and the Adelaide Botanic Gardens
 - 11.2. Held the 2025 Kadaltilla Annual Community Forum on 14 September 2025 at Super Cycle Sunday in Light Square/Wauwi

- 11.3. Held a pop-up Community Forum on 18 September at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens
- 11.4. Unveiled a new display stand at the City of Adelaide Customer Centre, offering residents, visitors, and staff a space for customers, staff, and the broader community a space to learn more about Kadaltilla and its role
- 11.5. Approved the Kadaltilla 2026 meeting dates
- 11.6. Endorsed the Kadaltilla Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026/27
- 11.7. Finalised Kadaltilla's Social Media Strategy and launched an Instagram account, in addition to the existing Facebook and LinkedIn accounts
- 11.8. Launched a new Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy - Towards 2036 website
- 11.9. Provided Quarterly Financial Reports to the City of Adelaide's Audit and Risk Committee as part of its quarterly budget review process.

Annual Review of the Strategic Plan 2023-2028

- 12. In accordance with section 6.4 of the Kadaltilla Charter, an annual review of the Strategic Plan 2023-2028 is required. The review considers whether:
 - 12.1. The messages from the Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member remain relevant.
 - 12.2. Kadaltilla's role in the Governance of the Adelaide Park Lands remains unchanged.
 - 12.3. The strategy content remains consistent with Kadaltilla's strategic priorities and objectives.
- 13. A Strategic Plan workshop with the Board is scheduled for 2026/27. It is proposed that the review of the Strategic Plan's priority projects be deferred from the 2025/26 annual review and instead be undertaken as part of that workshop.
- 14. Accordingly, no amendments are recommended at this time.

Next Steps

- 15. The Annual Report will incorporate the Audited Financial Statements of Kadaltilla for 2025/26, to be considered by the Audit and Risk Committee on 23 September 2026.
- 16. These statements will be circulated to Board Members for their reference, and a copy of the Annual Report (incorporating the Audited Financial Statements) will be furnished to both the Council and the Minister for Planning in accordance with the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA).
- 17. In accordance with section 6.4.1.c) of the Kadaltilla Charter, Council will be consulted on the contents of the current Strategic Plan through consideration of the Annual Report.
- 18. The finalised version of the Annual Report will be:
 - 18.1. Included in the City of Adelaide's Annual Report 2025/26 as required under the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).
 - 18.2. Made available on the City of Adelaide's Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority web page.

Data and Supporting Information

Link 1 – [Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025/26](#)

Link 2 – [Kadaltilla Strategic Plan 2023-2028](#)

Attachments

Attachment A – Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2025/26 Annual Report

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