Kadaltilla
Adelaide Park Lands Authority

2025/26
Annual Report









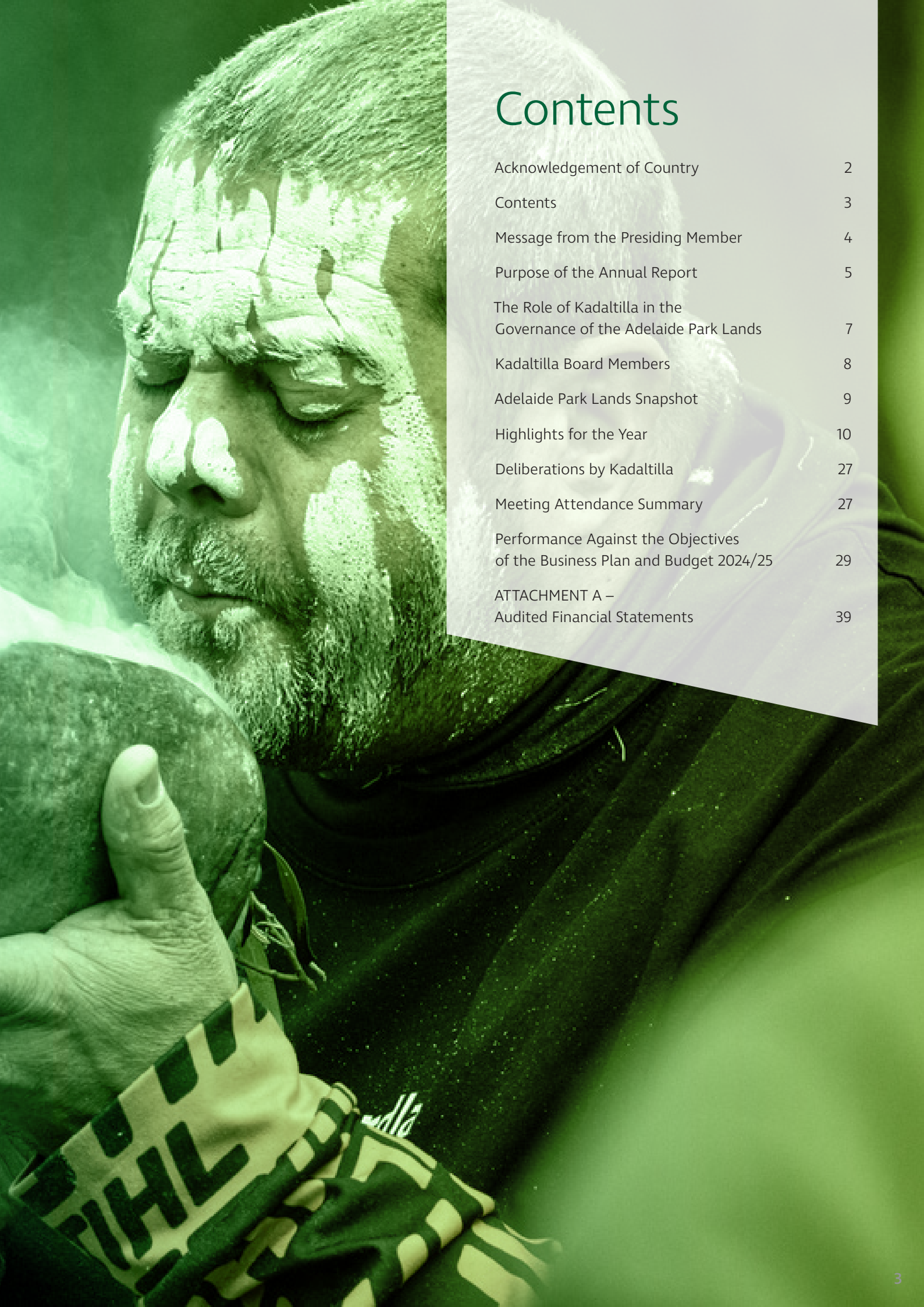
Acknowledgement of Country

Kadaltilla acknowledges the Kaurna People of the Adelaide Plains as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and gather. We acknowledge and honour their spiritual and cultural stewardship of this Country and recognise their deep and enduring relationship with its lands, waters, the sky, and all living things. We pay our respects to Kaurna Elders past and present and recognise the important role of emerging leaders in sustaining and strengthening culture.

Kadaltilla extends that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations.

Kadaltilla is the principal advisor to both the Council and the State Government on the protection, management, enhancement and promotion of the Adelaide Park Lands.

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



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Message from the Presiding Member



The Adelaide Park Lands is widely regarded as one of the world's earliest intentionally designed democratic public spaces.

Building on our more than 170 years of stewardship, the Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority has continued that legacy over the past 20 years, caring for this landscape for the benefit of the millions of people who enjoy it, accounting for more than 41 million visits each year.

This successful collaboration between the City of Adelaide and the State Government has ensured a high level of care and management across a 932-hectare network of parks, gardens and sporting fields.

A major milestone this year was the launch of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy - Towards 2036, following its presentation to both Houses of Parliament.

The strategy reflects our collective vision for one of Adelaide's most precious assets. More than 3,000 people took the time to share their ideas about how it should be shaped for future generations.

In 2025/26, Kadaltilla launched its Partnering Opportunities document, a sponsorship prospectus inviting organisations to become long-term custodians by supporting projects such as extending our 19.5-kilometre shared-use Adelaide Park Lands trail and delivering the Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27) Master Plan.

We also unveiled a strategic project tracker, an interactive tool that allows users to access up-to-date information on capital works across the Adelaide Park Lands.

One of the projects featured is the new community building at Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W). This is the first upgrade under the Council's commitment to invest $25 million over a decade in renewing community buildings throughout the Adelaide Park Lands.

This year, Kadaltilla's Board Members have considered proposals that will shape the Adelaide Park Lands for decades to come, from biodiversity initiatives and cultural burning to sporting field leases and the continued pursuit of World Heritage recognition.

Tours of the Adelaide Botanic Garden, Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka, Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi and King Rodney Park/Ityamai-itpina allowed the Board to see firsthand how proposed changes would affect the Adelaide Park Lands and hear directly from subject matter experts.

The Kadaltilla Board received 30 reports and 11 presentations, reviewed 25 lease agreements and made one submission. Behind each of these figures is careful consideration of how we balance the evolving needs of our capital city with environmental protection and recreation.

As Adelaide approaches its bicentenary in 2036 and works towards a residential population of 50,000 people, the wellbeing of the Adelaide Park Lands will be more important than ever if we are to continue being one of the world's most liveable cities.

For almost two centuries, the City of Adelaide has served as the principal custodian of the Adelaide Park Lands, caring for this remarkable landscape through changing generations. That enduring responsibility remains as important today as it was at the city's founding, requiring thoughtful management to ensure the Adelaide Park Lands continue to thrive for future generations.

I thank my fellow Board Members, City of Adelaide employees, State Government partners, the Kaurna community, and everyone who contributes their expertise and passion to protecting Colonel William Light's masterwork of urban design.



Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM
The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Adelaide

Purpose of the Annual Report

This Annual Report details the advice and operations of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) against its Business Plan and Budget 2025-2026 and incorporates the audited financial statements of Kadaltilla for the year ended 30 June 2026 (Attachment A). This document relates to the financial year from 1 July 2025 through 30 June 2026.

Kadaltilla is responsible for the preparation of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy which was agreed by the City of Adelaide and the Minister for Planning and tabled in both Houses of Parliament in August 2025.

The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) — Towards 2036 sets out a refreshed vision and priorities, structured around three overarching goals:

1. Places and Spaces
2. Connections and Networks, and
3. Natural Systems, Cultural Landscapes, and Climate Resilience.

The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 contains 49 strategies and 26 strategic priorities to be delivered over the next 11 years. This report provides a summary of activities for the 2025/26 financial year aligned with the APLMS – Towards 2036.

Through its clear vision, contemporary priorities, and focus on partnerships, the APLMS – Towards 2036 ensures the Adelaide Park Lands continue to deliver cultural, environmental, and recreational benefits aligned with community expectations and strategic goals.

Goal 1

Places and Spaces

Places of activity, creativity and tranquillity for everyone that support our changing lifestyles, health and wellbeing; offer diverse landscapes and natural beauty and provide a range of sport, recreational, sensory and stimulating experiences.

Goal 2

Connections and Networks

A system of connected and legible places and spaces enabling safe movement via paths and trails linking the city to the suburbs, hills and coast.

Goal 3

Natural Systems, Cultural Landscapes and Climate Resilience

Places that thrive in the face of a changing climate and celebrate Adelaide's unique natural and cultural heritage.



The Role of Kadaltilla in the Governance of the Adelaide Park Lands

The Adelaide Park Lands Authority was established by the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA) as a subsidiary of the City of Adelaide under the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) provisions. The inaugural meeting of the Authority was held on 7 February 2007, and its first full financial year of operation was 2007–2008. On 11 May 2023, the Minister approved a change to Kadaltilla's Charter so that it would be branded as the 'Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority' (Kadaltilla).

Kadaltilla and its Board are the same entity.

The City of Adelaide manages about 70% of the Adelaide Park Lands. The State Government manages the remaining 30% which is predominantly comprised of the educational, institutional and biomedical precinct along North Terrace, but also includes the Adelaide Botanic Gardens and Botanic Park / Tainmuntilla.

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.



Kadaltilla was established to undertake the following Functions, as set out in the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA):

1. To undertake a key policy role with respect to the management and protection of the Adelaide Park Lands.
2. To prepare, and as appropriate, to revise the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy in accordance with the requirements of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA).
3. To provide comments and advice on any management plan prepared by the Council or a State Authority under the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA) or the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) that relates to any part of the Adelaide Park Lands; and to monitor and, as appropriate, to provide comments, advice or reports in relation to the implementation or operation of any such plan.
4. To provide comments or advice in relation to the operation of any lease, licence, or other form of grant of occupation of land within the Adelaide Park Lands.
5. On the basis of any request or on its own initiative, to provide advice to the Council or to the Minister on policy, development, heritage or management issues affecting the Adelaide Park Lands.
6. To promote public awareness of the importance of the Adelaide Park Lands and the need to ensure that they are managed and used responsibly.
7. To ensure that the interests of South Australians are taken into account, and that community consultation processes are established, in relation to the strategic management of the Adelaide Park Lands.
8. To administer the Adelaide Park Lands Fund.
9. To undertake or support other activities that will protect or enhance the Adelaide Park Lands, or in any other way promote or advance the objects of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act, 2005* (SA).

Kadaltilla Board Members

Membership

Pursuant to section 6 of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA), membership of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority comprises:

- The Lord Mayor (as Presiding Member) or, if the Lord Mayor chooses not to be a member of Kadaltilla, a person appointed by the City of Adelaide (as the Presiding Member).
- Four other members appointed by the City of Adelaide.
- Five members appointed by the Minister for Planning (one of whom will be the Deputy Presiding Member).

Current Appointments

In addition to the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith as Presiding Member, the City of Adelaide appointees (expiring 31 December 2028) are:

- Councillor Keiran Snape (with Councillor Eleanor Freeman as Deputy Member)
- Mr Daniel Bennett
- Ms Sally Underdown
- Mr Tim Agius (with Mr Allan Sumner as Deputy Member).

Current Ministerial appointees to the Board (expiring 31 March 2028) are:

- Ms Elinor Walker (Deputy Presiding Member)
- Mr Ashley Halliday
- Mr Warwick Keates
- Ms Kirsty Bevan
- Ms Stephanie Johnston (with Ms Sarah Russo as Deputy Member).

Change in Membership

- Ms Justyna Jochym's appointment to Kadaltilla concluded on 28 October 2025
- Ms Mitzi Nam's appointment to Kadaltilla concluded on 31 December 2025
- Mr Dennis Rigney's appointment to Kadaltilla concluded on 31 December 2025
- Ms Allison Bretones's appointment to Kadaltilla concluded on 31 December 2025
- Councillor Henry Davis's appointment to Kadaltilla concluded on 31 December 2025
- Ms Sally Underdown's appointment to Kadaltilla commenced on 5 February 2026
- Mr Daniel Bennett's appointment to Kadaltilla commenced on 5 February 2026
- Councillor Eleanor Freeman's appointment to Kadaltilla commenced on 5 February 2026
- Mr Tim Agius's appointment to Kadaltilla commenced on 26 February 2026
- Mr Allan Sumner's appointment to Kadaltilla commenced on 26 February 2026.



Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM
Presiding Member



Elinor Walker
Deputy Presiding Member



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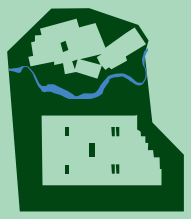


Kirsty Bevan

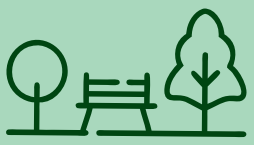


Keiran Snape
Councillor

Adelaide Park Lands Snapshot



932 hectares



9 individual Parks &
6 City Squares



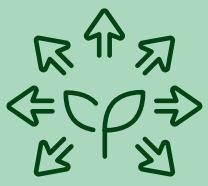
19.5km Adelaide Park Lands Trail



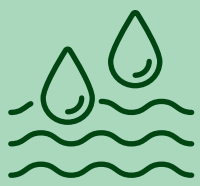
33.9% of the Adelaide Park Lands are covered by tree canopy



7 Key Biodiversity Areas



12% of the Adelaide Park Lands are classified as Key Biodiversity Areas



4 major aquatic habitats
(river, lake, creek, wetland)



28 formal gardens



13 playgrounds



102 Sporting facilities

- 36 general sports fields
- 35 cricket pitches
- 4 basketball facilities
- 5 netball facilities
- 22 tennis facilities



2 skate parks



25,000+ rose bushes pruned annually



Over **15,600m3** of green organics recycled annually

Highlights for the Year

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036

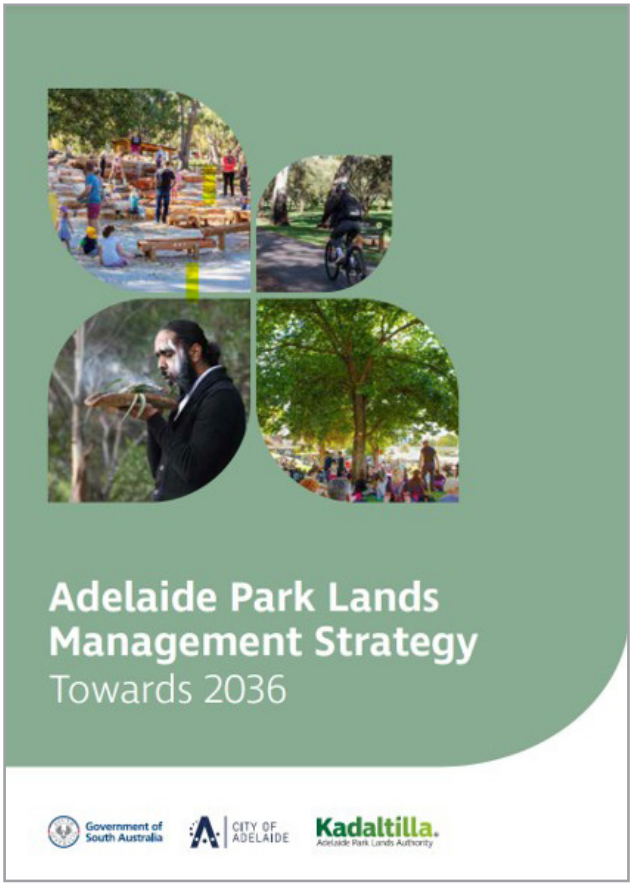
In 2025-2026, Kadaltilla continued to follow the high-level aspirations for the future of the Adelaide Park Lands as outlined in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025. The vision of the APLMS is to achieve a balanced approach to a diverse range of environmental, cultural, recreational and social values, activities and developments, whilst protecting and enhancing all resources. The APLMS aims to ensure that the Adelaide Park Lands will continue to provide a myriad of recreational and sporting opportunities and events for everyone to enjoy, enhancing physical and mental well-being and cementing Adelaide's place as one of the planet's most liveable cities.

On 23 May 2024, Kadaltilla endorsed the draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 (APLMS–Towards 2036) for public consultation. The eight-week consultation period engaged over 400 people in person and received 140 written responses, including submissions from 26 organisations. Feedback showed strong support for prioritising greening, open space, cultural experiences, recreation, events, and safe connections.

Kadaltilla held a public hearing in July 2024 and reviewed the Consultation Engagement Report and proposed amendments in September 2024. The APLMS–Towards 2036 was endorsed by Kadaltilla in October 2024, approved by Council in November 2024, and by the Minister for Planning in June 2025.

In accordance with section 18(9) of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA), the APLMS – Towards 2036 was laid before both Houses of Parliament on 21 August 2025, at which point it came into effect.

The APLMS – Towards 2036 received a Commendation Award at the South Australian Planning Institute of Australia Awards for Planning Excellence in the Strategic Planning category, held on 14 November 2025.




2025
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AWARDS FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE

COMMENDATION

CATEGORY
Strategic Planning Project

PROJECT
Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy - Towards 2036

AWARDED TO
City of Adelaide

PIA SA PRESIDENT
Cate Hart RPIA (Life Fellow)

AWARDS CONVENOR
Kym Pryde RPIA (Fellow)

14 November 2025

Planning Institute Australia

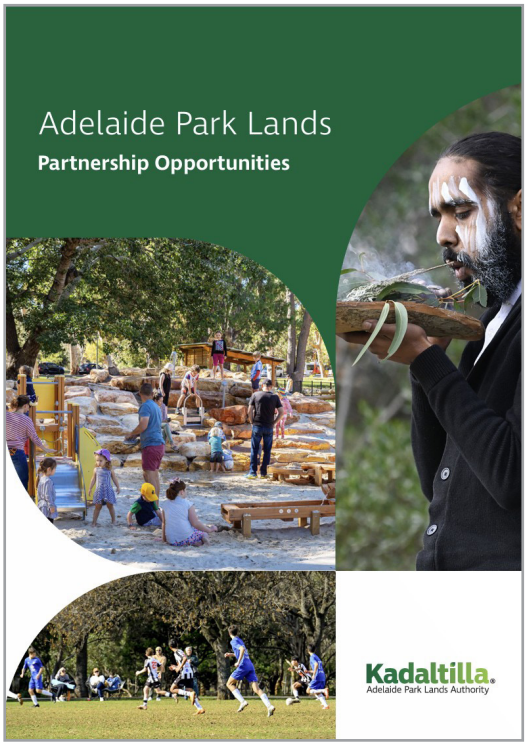
Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities

In November 2025, Kadaltilla launched the Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities document, alongside an accompanying digital strategic project tracking tool.

The Partnering Opportunities document has been prepared by Kadaltilla to support the implementation of the APLMS – Towards 2036 by identifying priority projects and initiatives.

The Partnership Opportunities provides a strategic framework to guide collaboration between City of Adelaide, State Government, adjoining Councils, industry, community organisations and philanthropic partners to enhance, protect and sustain the Adelaide Park Lands for future generations.

The document is intended to support advocacy, attract investment and coordinate delivery of shared priorities, with progress monitored through an accompanying digital project tracking tool, offering a live version of the document that will be kept updated as priority projects progress.



The following key highlights for the year deliver on the three overarching goals of the APLMS – Towards 2036.

1. Places and Spaces
2. Connections and Networks
3. Natural Systems, Cultural Landscapes and Climate Resilience.

Kadaltilla received **30** reports and **11** presentations throughout the year

Kadaltilla reviewed **25** lease agreements

Kadaltilla undertook **3** tours

Kadaltilla made **1** submission

Goal 1 – Places and Spaces

Places of activity, creativity and tranquillity for everyone that support our changing lifestyles, health and wellbeing; offer diverse landscapes and natural beauty; and provide a range of sport, recreational, sensory and stimulating experiences.

Key Highlights in 2025/26:

- Endorsed the detailed design of the Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W) Community Building redevelopment.
- Endorsed the final concept design for a Community Building in Mary Lee Park (Park 27B), incorporating an integrated Adelaide Park Lands trail rest stop and swale revegetation.
- Supported 25 Park Lands Community Lease Agreements across the Adelaide Park Lands, including in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16), Bullrush Park / Warnpangga (Park 10), Mary Lee Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27B), King Rodney Park / Itayamai-itpina (Park 15) and Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17).
- Received a presentation from the City of Adelaide on the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025* (SA)
- Endorsed the revised Community Land Management Plan for the Adelaide Oval Precinct part of Tarntanya Wama (Park 26) for public consultation (subject to Council decision)
- Received a presentation from the Chief Executive Officer of Volleyball SA and supported the Site Plan Concept Report for the proposed beach volleyball facility in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27)
- Received a presentation from Adelaide University on the cricket net relocation in Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12)
- Received an update from the City of Adelaide on the implementation of the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan priority projects
- Supported the Draft Adelaide Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy.

Following the passage of the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025* on 3 July 2025, care and control of the North Adelaide Public Golf Course in Possum Park / Pirltawardli (Park 1) and John E Brown Park (Park 27A) transferred to the State Government of South Australia. Most of this land is currently undergoing redevelopment into a new 18-hole championship course, executive course, driving range and practice facilities.



Project Highlights

Adelaide Aquatic Centre and Return to Park Lands

The opening of the new Aquatic Centre in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) on 27 January 2026 marked the finalisation of a two-year redevelopment undertaken by the State Government. The new centre operates as an all-electric, net zero emissions facility powered by 100% certified renewable energy. On 20 June 2026, the Aquatic Centre won the City of Adelaide Prize for Design Excellence at the SA Architecture Awards.

The project included returning more than 1,000 square metres of land to open public space, supporting the APLMS's priority of protecting and enhancing open space across the Adelaide Park Lands. Demolition and backfilling of the former building footprint allowed the northern portion of the site to be reinstated as open green space and a new community oval, with native landscaping and public access maximised throughout.

The City of Adelaide delivered complementary works including additional tree planting at the interface between the Aquatic Centre facility and Barton Terrace West, strengthening a green buffer and increasing tree canopy cover, in line with the APLMS and Kadaltilla Strategic Plan's shared focus on biodiversity enhancement and climate resilience.

Enhanced cycling and pedestrian paths, along with additional rest stops, have been connected into the surrounding park layout, improving links across the broader trail network and providing valuable recreation opportunities for park users, reflecting the APLMS and Kadaltilla Strategic Plan's commitment to improving connectivity and amenity for the community.




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Community Building redevelopment – Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W)

A new community building is being delivered on Goodwood Road at Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W), built by the City of Adelaide in collaboration with the Adelaide Community Sports and Recreation Association (ACSARA). It is the first upgrade delivered under the City of Adelaide's annual community building investment program.

The Adelaide Community Sports and Recreation Association (ACSARA) has been based in Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West) for over 40 years, since 1983. The Club supports multiple local sporting codes including cricket, football, soccer, ultimate frisbee, netball and school sports teams that use Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W).

The existing 1960s-era structure will be replaced with a modern facility featuring six unisex change rooms, a kitchen, common area, sheltered outdoor space, public toilets, kiosk, umpire facilities and first aid rooms.



The redevelopment of the community building reflects a balanced approach, meeting the needs of a growing club while respecting the environmental and cultural values of the Adelaide Park Lands. The result is a sport and recreation hub that also serves as a welcoming, inclusive destination for the wider community. A new rest stop along the Adelaide Park Lands Trail is integrated into the building's surrounds, designed as part of the landscape rather than an addition to it. Its design incorporates a cultural overlay recognising the site's Aboriginal history and connection to Kaurna Country.

The project also delivers environmental outcomes, with revegetation of the swale and remediation of the existing site contributing to restored biodiversity value and a strengthened broader Adelaide Park Lands network.





Community Building redevelopment – Mary Lee Park (Park 27B)

Park 27B is a key open space within the western Adelaide Park Lands, supporting organised sport and informal recreation. The West Adelaide Soccer Club (WASC) has been based at the site for over 49 years, running a junior program of 302 registered players across 28 teams, for boys and girls aged four to seventeen.



Goal 2 – Connections and Networks

A system of connected and legible places and spaces enabling safe movement via paths and trails linking the city to the suburbs, hills and coast.



Key Highlights in 2025/26:

- Received a report and presentation from the City of Adelaide on the Adelaide Park Lands Rest Stop Design Guidelines
- Endorsed the final concept design for the Community Building redevelopment in Mary Lee Park (Park 27B), incorporating an integrated Adelaide Park Lands trail rest stop.

Project Highlights



Adelaide Park Lands Trail – Rest Stop Design Guidelines

Kadaltilla received a report and presentation on the Rest Stop Guidelines for the Adelaide Park Lands Trail which is a priority project in the APLMS – Towards 2036. The Guidelines provide a consistent and practical framework for the planning, siting, and design of rest stops along the Adelaide Park Lands Trail. This includes a Rest Stop Hierarchy which provides concepts for the development of 'hubs of activity' within the Adelaide Park Lands that align with the APLMS's desire to develop hubs containing a combination of open space elements that complement surrounding uses and landscape character.



The Guidelines align with the APLMS – Towards 2036 and the City of Adelaide's Disability Access, and support improvements to accessibility, inclusion, amenity, and the overall experience of the Adelaide Park Lands for all users. The Guidelines build on planning completed to improve wayfinding strategies for the Adelaide Park Lands Trail.

Goal 3 – Natural Systems, Cultural Landscapes and Climate Resilience

Places that thrive in the face of a changing climate and celebrate Adelaide's unique natural and cultural heritage.

Key Highlights in 2025/26:

- Received a workshop from the City of Adelaide on the 2025 Biodiversity Survey results
- Endorsed an update of the Adelaide Park Lands Key Biodiversity Area Management Plan for the seven Key Biodiversity Areas, including the new Key Biodiversity Area in G.S. Kingston / Wirrarninthi (Park 23).
- Attended a Cultural Burn in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)
- Continued to progress the Tentative List submission for the World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes, including engagement with Traditional Owners under the principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent.
- Requested that Council considers reinstatement of the World Heritage bid budget for 2026/2027 and 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
- Received a presentation on the design for the Botanic Creek Rehabilitation project
- Received an external presentation from the South Australian Motor Sport Board on the 2026 bp Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event and authorised the Presiding Member to write to the Minister for Planning and the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Motor Sport Board with their feedback
- Received a presentation from the Adelaide Equestrian Festival regarding a proposed water jump feature in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16), which was subsequently endorsed by Council
- Completed the installation of Key Biodiversity Area site markers across all seven Key Biodiversity Areas.
- Received a presentation from the City of Adelaide on the broad program of work and activities being undertaken across the City of Adelaide in response to potential drought conditions in the Adelaide Park Lands
- Carried out a Cultural Burn in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) in partnership with the Kaurna Group of the Firesticks Alliance and the Kaurna community, demonstrating the application of cultural land management practices.
- Undertook a Tree and Landscape Site Tour in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16), King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15), and Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)
- Finalised a submission to Green Adelaide on its Draft Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031
- Received a presentation from the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia on the Adelaide Botanic Gardens masterplan.





Project Highlights

Key Biodiversity Area Management Plans (Review and Update)

Kadaltilla received a report on the updated Key Biodiversity Area Management Plan (the Plan). The Plan is an operational management plan developed by the City of Adelaide, guided by the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA), Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management Plan (2023), and the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036.

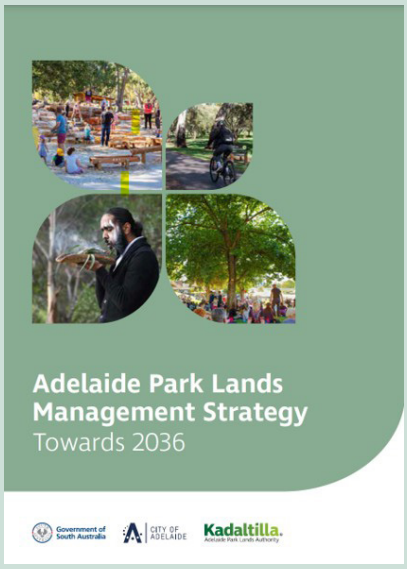
The updated Key Biodiversity Area Management Plan presents the following opportunities:

- Embedding Kaurna cultural land management, including cultural burning, into the management of all seven Key Biodiversity Areas.
- A newly designated seventh Key Biodiversity Area at G S Kingston Park / Wirrarninthi (Park 23), identified as a high-biodiversity value site through the 2024 Adelaide Park Lands comprehensive biodiversity survey.
- 56 new KBA Markers have been installed across the seven KBAs consisting of timber posts with QR codes. The QR code links to information about the Key Biodiversity Area on the City of Adelaide website (pictured below).
- Alignment with the *Biodiversity Act 2025* (SA) and Australia's Strategy for Nature 2024-2030, positioning Adelaide as a leader in urban biodiversity management.
- Improved monitoring and evaluation framework to track progress against biodiversity targets over the 2026-2031 period.





The following activity of Kadaltilla under its Business Plan and Budget is also provided.



Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 was laid before both Houses of Parliament on 21 August 2025



Received a workshop from the City of Adelaide and promoted the Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities document through Kadaltilla's social media platforms



Appointed Council-nominated representatives to the Board



Held the 2025 Kadaltilla Annual Community Forum on 14 September 2025 at Super Cycle Sunday in Light Square/Wauwi



Held 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)



Attended a Cultural Burn in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)



Undertook a site tour of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens with the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia



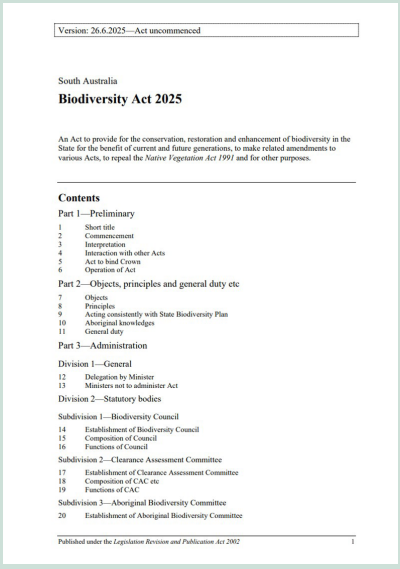
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Received a presentation from the Adelaide Equestrian Festival regarding a proposed water jump feature in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16), which was subsequently endorsed by Council



Version: 26.6.2025—Act uncommenced

South Australia

Biodiversity Act 2025

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 *Native Vegetation Act 1991* and for other purposes.

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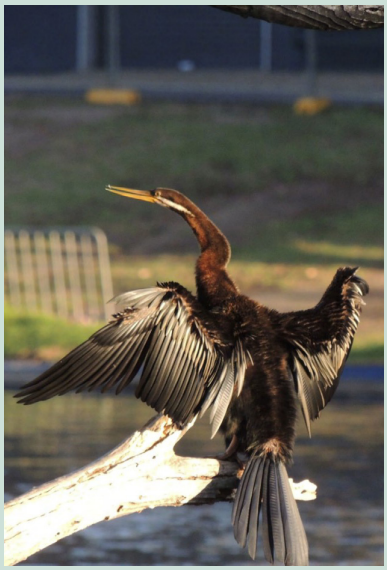
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Received a presentation from the City of Adelaide on the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025* (SA)



Received a presentation from the City of Adelaide on the broad program of work and activities being undertaken across the City of Adelaide in response to potential drought conditions in the Adelaide Park Lands



Received a workshop from the City of Adelaide on the 2025 Biodiversity Survey results



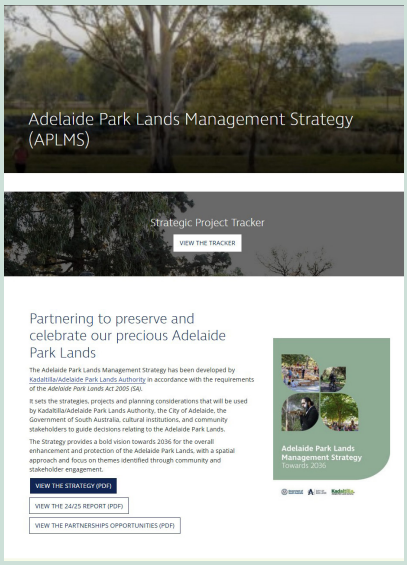
Received a presentation from Adelaide University on the cricket net relocation in Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12)



Received a presentation from the Chief Executive Officer of Volleyball SA and supported the Site Plan Concept Report for the proposed beach volleyball facility in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27)



Received a report and presentation from the City of Adelaide on the Adelaide Park Lands Rest Stop Design Guidelines



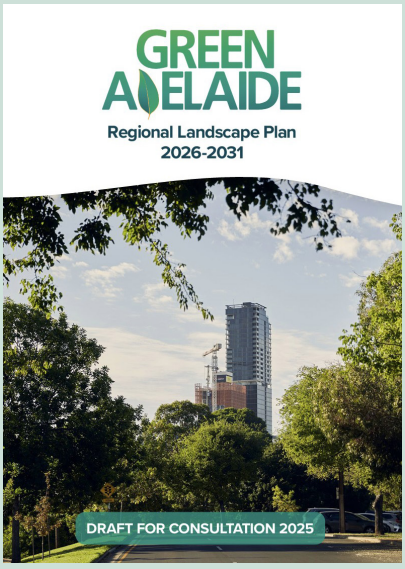
Launched a new Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy - Towards 2036 website



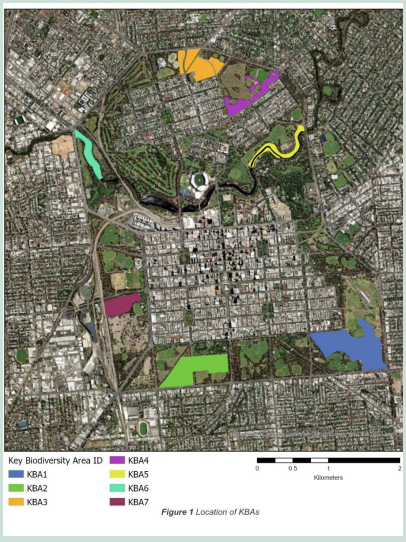
Received an update from the City of Adelaide on the implementation of the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan priority projectsa



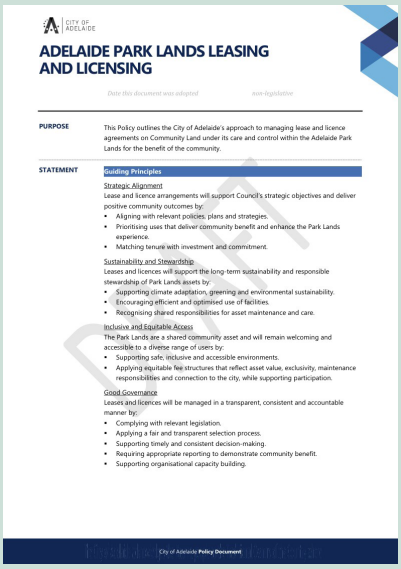
Requested that Council considers reinstatement of the World Heritage bid budget for 2026/2027 and noted progress by the City of Adelaide towards the draft Tentative List Submission for the World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes



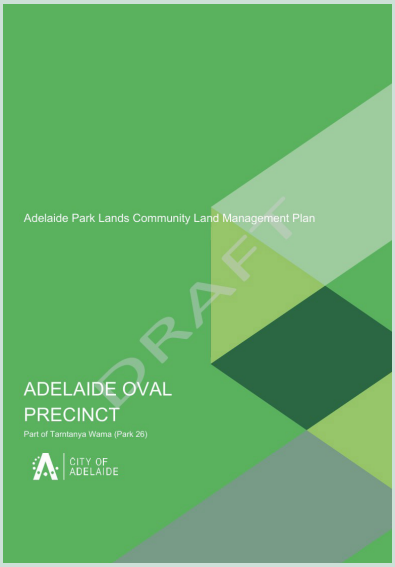
Finalised a submission to Green Adelaide on its Draft Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031



Supported the draft Key Biodiversity Area Management Plan



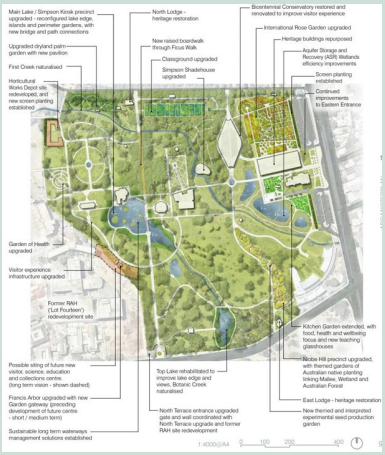
Supported the Draft Adelaide Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy



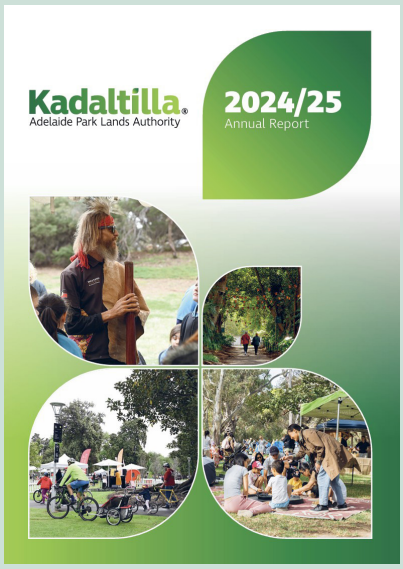
Endorsed the revised Community Land Management Plan for the Adelaide Oval Precinct part of Tarntanya Wama (Park 26) for public consultation (subject to Council decision)



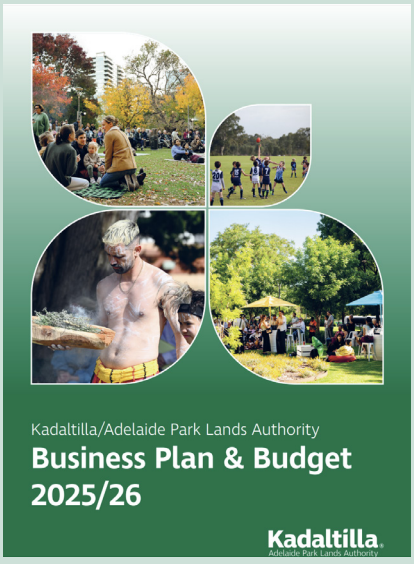
Supported 25 Park Lands Community Lease Agreements across the Adelaide Park Lands



Received a presentation from the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia on the Adelaide Botanic Gardens masterplan



Finalised Kadaltilla's Annual Report 2024/2025, including a review against the Kadaltilla Strategic Plan 2023-2028



Implementation of Kadaltilla's endorsed Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025/26



Approved the draft 2026/27 Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Business Plan and Budget



Finalised Kadaltilla's Social Media Strategy and launched an Instagram account, in addition to the existing Facebook and Linkedin accounts



Commenced a social media Follower Growth Campaign and increased followers by approximately 428% on Instagram, 80% on Facebook and 40% on LinkedIn



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



Deliberations by Kadaltilla

Matters affecting the Adelaide Park Lands can be complex in nature.

When deliberating on proposals and policies for the Adelaide Park Lands, Kadaltilla Board Members consider and balance competing interests and reference the principles contained in the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA), and the APLMS, including, in no particular order:

- Meeting the needs of modern-day recreational and sporting activity while minimising built form on the Adelaide Park Lands
- Enhancing the liveability of a growing and diversifying city
- Balancing sporting use, event activity, general recreation needs and access for the general community
- Accommodating biodiversity and other natural values
- Enhancing the landscape amenity of the Adelaide Park Lands
- Ensuring sustainable practices are followed and climate change impacts are minimised and addressed
- Preserving the heritage and integrity of the Adelaide Park Lands and protecting the Values that underpin their National Heritage Listing. .

Meeting Attendance Summary

Kadaltilla held ten meetings between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026, comprising of ten ordinary meetings and no special meetings. Attendances at meetings was recorded as follows:

Member	No. Meetings Eligible to Attend	No. Meetings Attended
Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith (Presiding Member)	10	8
Ms Elinor Walker (Deputy Presiding Member)	10	6
Ms Kirsty Bevan	10	9
Mr Warwick Keates	10	7
Councillor Keiran Snape	10	6
Ms Stephanie Johnston	10	5
Mr Ashley Halliday	10	5
Ms Allison Bretones	5	5
Ms Sally Underdown	5	5
Mr Daniel Bennett	5	5
Ms Sarah Russo (Deputy for Ms Stephanie Johnston)	5	5
Ms Mitzi Nam	5	4
Mr Tim Agius	5	4
Ms Justyna Jochym	3	0
Councillor Eleanor Freeman (Deputy for Councillor Keiran Snape)	2	2
Mr Dennis Rigney (Deputy for Ms Mitzi Nam)	0	0
Councillor Henry Davis (Deputy for Councillor Keiran Snape)	0	0
Mr Allan Sumner (Deputy for Mr Tim Agius)	0	0



Performance against the objectives of the Business Plan and Budget 2025/26

Cultural Value

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

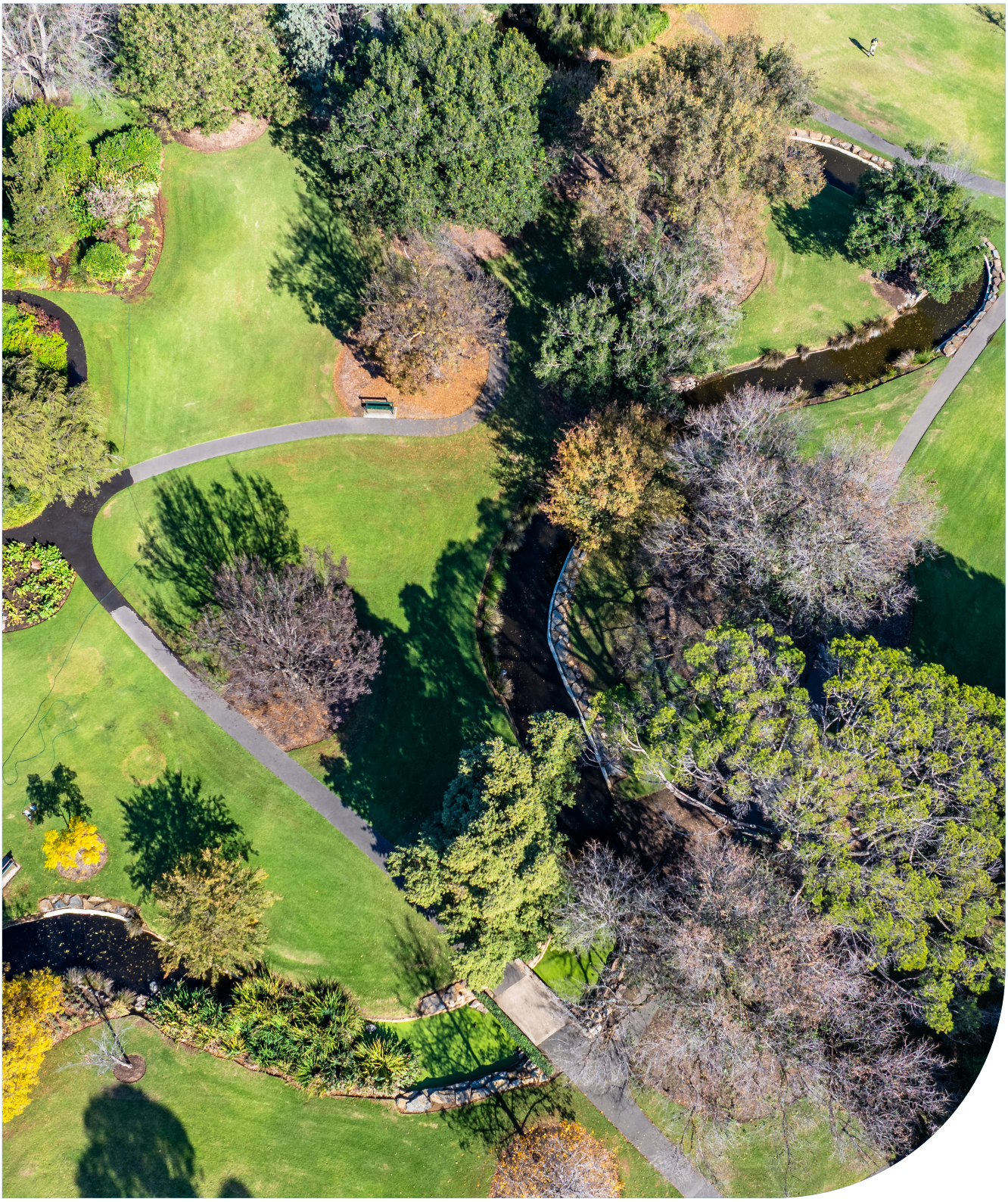
Performance	Performance Measures	Achievements
1.1 Seek Kaurna cultural authority in everything we do	Each matter that comes before Kadaltilla considers Kaurna culture	Kaurna cultural considerations were embedded across all relevant reporting, ensuring cultural authority was clearly and appropriately acknowledged throughout, including recognising engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples under the principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent for the Tentative List submission for the World Heritage bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes.
		Board members attended a Cultural Burn in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) conducted by the City of Adelaide in partnership with the Kaurna Fire Team (Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corp.).
		Kadaltilla's social media channels were used to raise awareness and educate the community about the cultural and environmental benefits of cultural burning.
		'Storytime Sunday' was promoted on Kadaltilla's social media to share the history and significance of Kaurna naming in the Adelaide Park Lands.
1.2 Assist with Kaurna cultural mapping	Kaurna Cultural mapping completed and used to inform Kadaltilla considerations by 2024	Promoted the Kaurna Voices Cultural Mapping Tool, developed by the City of Adelaide with project partners, across Kadaltilla's social media platforms.
1.3 Advocate for the featuring of the Adelaide Park Lands in relevant promotional campaigns	Adelaide Park Lands featured in relevant promotional campaigns	Kadaltilla featured the Adelaide Park Lands in paid social media promotional campaigns.
		Drone photography and videography were undertaken to capture updated imagery of the Adelaide Park Lands.
1.4 Champion the development of World Heritage listing nomination	State Government support for World Heritage listing submission by 2026	Received regular reports from the City of Adelaide on the World Heritage Tentative listing submission progress.

Environmental Performance

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

Performance	Performance Measures	Achievements
2.1 Define, protect, and enhance landscape values and design qualities	Landscape values of the Adelaide Park Lands have been defined, Protected and enhanced	Reviewed landscape values in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036.
		Reviewed landscape values and design quality across a broad range of Park Lands projects and processes.
2.2 Promote ecologically sustainable initiatives and monitor tree canopy cover, biodiversity, and environmental sustainability and design quality	Ecologically sustainable initiatives promoted, and tree canopy cover, biodiversity, and environmental sustainability and design quality have been regularly reviewed	Toured the Adelaide Botanic Gardens and promoted the City of Adelaide's biodiversity initiatives through Kadaltilla's social media platforms
		Discussed the introduction of the *Biodiversity Act 2025* (SA) and implications for the Adelaide Park Lands.
		Received a workshop from the Department for Environment and Water on the implications of the new *Biodiversity Act 2025* (SA) for the Adelaide Park Lands.
		Promoted the City of Adelaide's 2025 Biodiversity Survey results on social media.
		Design quality was reviewed through a report and presentation on the Adelaide Park Lands Trail Rest Stops Design Guidelines, which provide a consistent and practical framework for the planning, siting, retrofit and design of rest stops along the Adelaide Park Lands Trail.
2.3 Consider climate resilience in everything we do	Deliver a climate impact assessment of the Adelaide Park Lands	Advanced climate resilience through the draft Kadaltilla Business Plan and Budget 2026/27, with the City of Adelaide to deliver a dedicated project on climate impacts in 2026/27.
2.4 Research the impact of climate change on the Park Lands	Environmental values and trends presented to Kadaltilla	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.
2.5 Increase the accessibility of evidence-based information	Customers are well-informed through regular online Adelaide Park Lands updates	Finalised a Social Media Strategy to ensure a structured, goal-oriented approach to online engagement to keep the community well-informed.
		Launched a Kadaltilla Instagram page on 19 September 2025.
		Continued to deliver regular social media content in line with the Social Media Strategy, maintaining consistent engagement across Kadaltilla's three digital platforms.
		Delivered regular social media content in line with Kadaltilla's Social Media Strategy, maintaining consistent engagement across Kadaltilla's three digital platforms. A Follower Growth Campaign was also launched, driving substantial increases in followership — approximately 428% on Instagram, 80% on Facebook and 40% on LinkedIn.

2.6 Improved Irrigation and Water Management across the Park Lands	Reduction in use of bore water and increase in use of recycled water	The City of Adelaide presented an outline of the broad program of work and activities being undertaken in response to potential drought conditions in the Adelaide Park Lands, including infrastructure, asset management, security of and alternative water sources, systems of water irrigation, and tree species selection for resilience





Management and Protection

Treat the Park Lands holistically with an adaptive future focused approach

Performance	Performance Measures	Achievements
3.1 Monitor delivery of priority projects in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy	Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy priority projects implemented	On 21 August 2025, the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 was laid before both Houses of Parliament.
		Workshopped the new digital strategic project tracking tool, which will be regularly updated to reflect progress on priority projects, in line with the digital Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS).
		Promoted the digital Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) Strategic Project Tracker across Kadaltilla's social media platforms.
3.2 Advocate for and establish Funding Mechanisms to support delivery of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy	Funding secured for priority projects in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy	Received a workshop from the City of Adelaide on the Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities document.
		Received printed copies of the Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities document and supporting handouts to assist Board Members with external funding discussions.
		Promoted the Adelaide Park Lands Partnering Opportunities document through Kadaltilla's social media platforms
3.3 Review State Government Management Plans	Advice provided to the State Government for the preparation of management plans for areas of Adelaide Park Lands controlled by State Government	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.
3.4 Advocate for progression of State Heritage Listing by the State Government	State Heritage listing progressed by the State Government	Advocated for the progression of State Heritage Listing for the Adelaide Park Lands with ongoing positive discussions with Heritage SA.
		Sent a letter to the Hon Lucy Hood MP, then South Australian Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, fulfilling the undertaking made on 18 September 2025 to proactively engage on the Tentative List submission for the World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes.
3.5 Assess the landscape value of the Adelaide Park Lands including economic, environmental and cultural significance	Board Members are well informed	Undertook site tours to ensure Board Members are well informed about the Adelaide Park Lands.

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	Performance Measures	Achievements
4.1 Provide advice on plans, projects, and policies for the Adelaide Park Lands	Advice of Kadaltilla is endorsed and adopted	Provided 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	State Government engages with Kadaltilla on State Government initiatives	Engaged with the City of Adelaide and the State Government on various State Government initiatives in the Adelaide Park Lands.
		Key State Government engagements with Kadaltilla included: • Presentation from the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia • Received a workshop from the Department for Environment and Water on the Biodiversity Act 2025 (SA) • Finalised a submission to Green Adelaide on its Draft Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031 • Presentation from the South Australian Motor Sport Board on the 2026 bp Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event • Requested a briefing from the State Government regarding its MotoGP proposal and potential impacts on the Adelaide Park Lands.
4.3 Review leasing and licensing and event management policies together with other relevant Park Lands use policies	Kadaltilla makes policy submissions on State and Local Government matters where deemed necessary	Workshopped the City of Adelaide's Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy.
		Discussed the confidential results of Park Lands Commercial Expressions of Interest for Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16). .
		Supported the Lease Agreements for the West Adelaide Soccer Club in Mary Lee Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27B), and Blackfriars Priory School in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2).
		Discussed (in confidence) an exemption from the Expressions of Interest process for Adelaide TreeClimb for the lease at Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Park 20).
		Commercial Park Lands Lease Agreements at The Bookmakers and Endorsed the Victoria Park Kiosk within Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
		Supported the relocation of the existing cricket nets within Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12).

Performance	Performance Measures	Achievements
		The concept design for a new water jump feature in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi, for use annually by the Adelaide Equestrian Festival, was supported.
		Discussed the Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27) Kiosk Expression of Interest Outcomes (in confidence).
4.4 Strengthen Kadaltilla's engagement with City of Adelaide, State Government, and adjoining Councils	The City of Adelaide, State Government, and adjoining Councils actively engage with Kadaltilla	Ongoing active engagement between the City of Adelaide, State Government, and adjoining Councils.
		Council and State Government representatives regularly participated in Kadaltilla activities, including the Annual Community Forum, Adelaide Park Lands Site Tours, and Board Meetings.
4.5 Increase the profile of the Kadaltilla Board	The public is aware and informed of business of Kadaltilla	Finalised Kadaltilla's Social Media Strategy and launched an Instagram account.
		Informed the community about the Board's activities and initiatives, providing insights into ongoing projects, strategic priorities, and opportunities for community engagement through Kadaltilla's social media platforms.



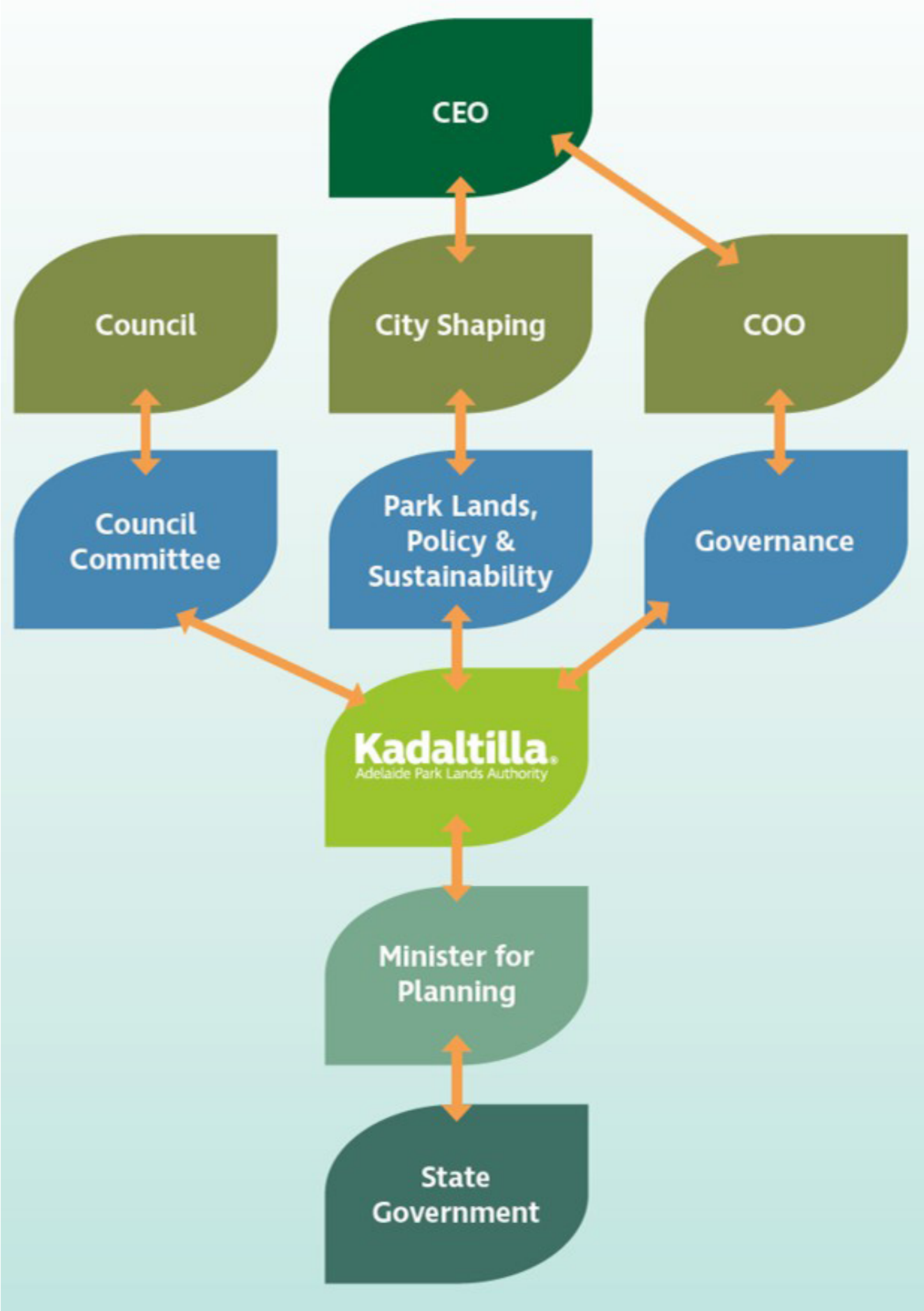
Governance

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

Performance Targets	Performance Measures	Achievements
5.1 Maximise utilisation of skills, knowledge and enthusiasm of Kadaltilla through effective meetings that foster dialogue and the development of shared thinking	Appointments to Kadaltilla are based on skills and expertise set out in Part 2, Division 2, Section 6 of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)*	Ten members are appointed to the Board in accordance with the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)*
		The current membership meets the requirements set for the City of Adelaide and the Minister to ensure the Board collectively possesses a diverse range of knowledge, skills, and experience across eight key mandatory areas.
		Formal and informal opportunities were provided to share advice and expertise on the Adelaide Park Lands, including through meetings, workshops, and the Kadaltilla portal.
5.2 Develop a high level of knowledge and understanding of the Park Lands amongst Members through regular site visits and briefings	Undertake at least one Park Lands field trip per year to facilitate greater understanding of Park Lands projects, facilities and landscapes	Kadaltilla undertook field trips in September 2025 and April 2026. Sites visited include Victoria Park/ Pakapakanthi (Park 16), King Rodney Park/ Ityamai-itpina (Park 15), Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) and a guided site tour of Adelaide Botanic Gardens with the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia.
		On 2 October 2025, Board Members attended a Cultural Burn in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) undertaken by the City of Adelaide with the support of the Kaurna Fire Team (Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corp.)
5.3 Seek early input into issues relating to the Park Lands to ensure Kadaltilla advice is timely and relevant	Number of submissions reviewed by Kadaltilla	Kadaltilla received 30 reports and 11 presentations throughout the year.
5.4 Monitor developments subsequent to Kadaltilla advice	Assessment of outcome for alignment with Kadaltilla advice	The advice of Kadaltilla is incorporated into Council Committee reports (Committees are comprised of all Council Members).

Performance Targets	Performance Measures	Achievements
5.5 Advocate for the value of Kadaltilla as a proactive, accountable, independent, skills-based Board that advises on Park Lands management and protection	Receive at least two State presentations on Park Lands planning and management related matters per year	Advice provided to the City of Adelaide and the State Government on strategic matters relating to the Adelaide Park Lands.
		Kadaltilla received three State Government presentations throughout the year.
5.6 General purpose accounts are operational	Council's accounting procedures met	General purpose accounts are maintained by the City of Adelaide and Kadaltilla makes appropriate use of available finances provided by Council.
5.7 Annual Business Plan and Budget is in place for Kadaltilla	Business Plan and Budget prepared in accordance with legislative and Charter requirements	Kadaltilla adopted its 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget on 26 February 2026, which is prior to the expiry of the previous Business Plan and Budget in operation.
5.8 Kadaltilla makes appropriate use of available finances provided by Council	Quarterly finance reports adopted and presented to Council	Quarterly Financial Reports are provided through the City of Adelaide's quarterly budget review process.
	Council's external auditor and Audit Committee is satisfied the requirements are met	Kadaltilla's accounts are audited annually by the City of Adelaide's external auditor and Audit and Risk Committee.
	Kadaltilla financial management is in accordance with legislative and Charter requirements	Kadaltilla ensures financial management aligns with all relevant legislative and Charter obligations.
5.9 The Adelaide Park Lands Fund is operational	Monies are received and expended according to the provisions of Kadaltilla's Charter	The Adelaide Park Lands Fund operates and contains $1,648.
		Monies can be received and expended according to the provisions of Kadaltilla's Charter.
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	Kadaltilla's Annual Report is prepared in accordance with legislative and Charter requirements and submitted to Council	The Annual Report for 2024/25 was submitted to the City Finance and Governance Committee on 21 October 2025 and Council on 28 October 2025.
5.11 Kadaltilla is insured according to the requirements of the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme	The Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme insures Kadaltilla	Kadaltilla maintains insurance coverage in line with the requirements of the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme.

Governance Structure



ATTACHMENT A –
Audited Financial Statements



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