

# Kadaltilla

## Updated Rymill Park Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan

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**Board Meeting**

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### Purpose

The 'reimagining' of Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) is identified as one of the 'Big Moves' in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 (APLMS).

At its meeting on 11 April 2019, Kadaltilla reviewed the Draft Master Plan and supported its release for community engagement. Updates have since been made to reflect the results of community engagement and projects that have since been completed or are currently underway.

This report seeks Kadaltilla's formal support for the updated (final) Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan.

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### Recommendation

THAT THE ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES COUNCIL:

That Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority:

1. Supports the final Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan as detailed in Attachment A to Item 5.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority held on 23 June 2022.
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# Implications

<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p>	<p><a href="#">Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</a></p> <p>The “reimagining” of Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) is identified as one of the “Big Moves”, a key strategy in the <a href="#">Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</a>:</p> <p><i>“...[Rymill Park/ Murlawirrapuka] as a large hub that includes a consolidated play space in closer proximity to the existing kiosk and away from the O-Bahn. Improve access and amenity surrounding the kiosk and re-configure it to address the park as well as lake, including increased seating opportunities”</i> page 60</p> <p>Strategy 4.2 – Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses          Strategy 4.4 – Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</p> <p>Please note that the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy is currently undergoing a review.</p>
<p>2020-2025 Strategic Plan</p>	<p><a href="#">Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2020-2025 Strategic Plan</a></p> <p><a href="#">Strategic Plan Alignment – Environment</a></p> <p>2.1 Provide advice on plans, projects and policies for the Adelaide Park Lands          2.2 Provide advice in relation to tree canopy cover, biodiversity and environmental sustainability improvements.</p>
<p>Policy</p>	<p><a href="#">Community Land Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands (currently under review – draft for endorsement for the purposes of community consultation)</a></p> <p>For Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)          Support the upgrade, renewal and maintenance of park features and infrastructure (including kiosk and lake), consistent with the purpose for which the land is held and the Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan as adopted by Council.</p> <p><a href="#">Water Sensitive City Action Plan 2020-25</a></p> <p>Key Action 3.3:          Investigate opportunities to integrate more natural features into Rymill Lake for improved catchment-wide water quality, recreation and nature connection outcomes.</p> <p><a href="#">Adelaide Park Lands Events Management Plan</a>          Rymill Park is a premium event space. It is a highly used informal recreation space and festival hub in the summer months and has a number of small spaces for boutique events.</p> <p><a href="#">Adelaide Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy</a>          Current lease agreements within Rymill Park.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Key stakeholders and the wider community were consulted as part of the Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Draft Master Plan and Community Land Management Plan community consultation in November 2019.</p> <p>Kaurna community representatives were consulted on the Draft Master Plan between 2017-2020.</p> <p>Refer to the Appendices of the Master Plan for full results.</p>
<p>Resource</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report.</p>
<p>Risk / Legal / Legislative</p>	<p>The Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan, once adopted by Council, will inform the new and reviewed Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, to guide future projects and enhancements within the Park.</p> <p>The CLMP, required under the <i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i>, will reference and support the Master Plan.</p>
<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>Opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• finalise the Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan.</li> <li>• further progress one of the key ‘Big Moves’ and key strategies of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Plan: “Re-imagine Rymill”.</li> <li>• align with priorities of Green Adelaide’s Regional Landscape Plan 2021-2026 which will enable opportunities for future partnerships and funding.</li> </ul>

City of Adelaide Budget Allocation	For the lake in 2022/23: \$2,548,000 CoA Renewal budget & \$2,024,000 State Government Grant Funding Phased works to implement the remaining Master Plan is dependent on future funding.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Subject to Council adoption, the Master Plan will provide strategic guidance for progressive upgrades to the Park in future years.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	While no direct costs are associated with the Master Plan, it is important to note that the enhanced/upgraded and new features will require corresponding ongoing maintenance budgets. It is highly likely that additional resources will be required to effectively maintain the space.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report.

## Discussion

1. In 2016 the State Government granted \$75,000 in funding to the City of Adelaide (CoA) for the Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan to “Re-imagine Rymill” as one of the “Big Moves” in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy. This funding was matched by CoA.
2. At its meeting held on 11 April 2019, the Authority supported the Draft Master Plan for key stakeholder and community consultation, including the vision, principles, actions and overall plan.
3. Consultation on the Draft Master Plan and Draft Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for the Park was undertaken between September and December 2019 and included a variety of approaches including meetings with key stakeholders, an online survey, a community day held in Rymill Park, and a drop-in session at the City Library. Full results of the engagement are available in the Appendices of the Master Plan.
4. Please note that the Draft Master Plan and Draft CLMP for the Park were consulted on together due to their linked relationship to the Park. However, the approach to CLMPs has recently changed to provide a more streamlined legislative review process, that addresses not just individual parks but the Adelaide Park Lands as a whole. As a result, the Draft CLMP for this Park will be removed from this report and addressed separately in another report to the Authority.

### Rymill Park Lake

5. Engagement on the Draft Master Plan was undertaken with Kaurna community representatives between 2017 and 2020. This engagement found that there was potential use of the site prior to settlement as a possible meeting place and/or camping site associated with a natural creek line (now known as Botanic Creek). This creek fed a waterhole that exists on the site of the Main Lake / Kainka Wirra at the Adelaide Botanic Garden and provided an abundance of food and other resources for the Aboriginal people of the area.
6. One of the considerations during the development of the Draft Master Plan was the long-term management of Rymill Park Lake, given its well-known maintenance and water quality issues.
7. Two options for the renewal of the lake were deemed feasible in 2019, during the development of the Draft Master Plan: an ornamental lake, and a vegetated wetland using stormwater from the adjacent eastern CBD catchment.
8. The results from the engagement with key stakeholders and the wider community (of over 100 people), showed 45% of respondents preferred the ornamental lake option and 55% preferred the vegetated wetland option. Conversely, key stakeholders (including park-adjacent stakeholders, the kiosk leaseholder and major event organisers) were mostly in favour of the ornamental lake option.
9. We considered the feedback received during the community engagement of the Draft Master Plan and further investigated an additional alternative for the lake renewal, a sustainable lake, that looked beyond the site constraints of Rymill Park. This option (as supported by the Authority at its meeting held 28 October 2021) is in line with the community's desire for an ornamental lake (open water lake with attractive views, boating and equestrian events) with a sustainable water source. The water source outside of Rymill Park is being investigated as part of the lake renewal project.
10. Council approved the Rymill Park Lake renewal option of a sustainable lake at its meeting on 14 June 2022. This change has been incorporated in the updated Master Plan.

## Changes to the Master Plan

11. The Draft Master Plan presented for community engagement in 2019 was a snapshot of a point in time, therefore minor changes have been made to the current Master Plan to reflect projects recently completed or currently underway. All changes in the document have been marked with a pink tab for ease of reference. In addition to the Rymill Park Lake component being updated, changes to the Master Plan document include:
  - 11.1. Inclusion of Kaurna community feedback
  - 11.2. Minor modifications to the location of the inclusive playspace, to reflect where the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace has been built and updated inspiration images (project completed in 2020)
  - 11.3. Removal of water play reference (included in Playspace completed in 2020)
  - 11.4. Updated location and updated inspiration images for the Place of Reflection (project currently underway)
  - 11.5. Pump house for lake water reticulation deleted due to alternative infrastructure (rain gardens and tank storage) being considered as part of Rymill Park Lake renewal project
  - 11.6. Event infrastructure project reference included (project currently underway)
  - 11.7. Reference to the Cycling Infrastructure project included (shared path adjacent Dequetteville Terrace is currently underway)
  - 11.8. New 'service plaque' dedicated to the Lepore Brothers (installed in 2020)

## Next steps

12. Council will be considering the adoption of the Master Plan at their meeting on 12 July 2022.
13. Should the Master Plan be adopted, a final update will be provided to community members including key stakeholders who contributed feedback on the Draft Master Plan.
14. This important strategic document will be linked to the revised Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) and will be used to guide future developments in Rymill Park.
15. The adopted Master Plan would also provide a guide for future funding opportunities and enhancements of the Park. Full implementation of the Master Plan will be dependent on future funding.

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## Attachments

**Attachment A** – Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan (June 2022) – includes community engagement results in Appendices