

# Kadaltilla 2021/22 Annual Report



# Acknowledgement of Country

The Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) acknowledges the Kurna people as the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. Kadaltilla recognises and respects the cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship which the Kurna people have with the land and acknowledges that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

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 Kurna word meaning Green place/Green lands/Parklands.

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## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

The Adelaide Park Lands are the jewel in the crown of the

City of Adelaide. They are a much-loved and iconic feature of Adelaide as the world's only city within a park.

Our unique 760 hectares of Park Lands surround our city in a leafy figure of eight and form part of Colonel William Light's vision to design a city that enriches people's wellbeing and quality of life. We have seen the wisdom of this more than ever during the past couple of years as our magnificent open green space has provided continued physical and mental health benefits for our community.

I spend a great deal of time enjoying our beautiful Park Lands, walking the many paths and picturesque trails, including the 20km dedicated Park Lands Trail, which loops around the city and takes in forests, Kaurna heritage, wetlands, public art, play spaces, a golf course and sports ovals.

During this term of Council, there has been no net loss of Park Lands and we will continue to passionately advocate for the protection and preservation of our city's most loved asset – just as we did during the former State Government's recent bid to rezone more than 70 hectares of Park Lands with its Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment.

This year, our Park Lands have supported community health and wellbeing through continued hosting of multiple Covid testing facilities operated by SA Health and supported our First Nations community through the Puti on Park Lands trial.

We have also seen our bid for Adelaide to be recognised as a National Park City succeed and progressed the creation of an Adelaide Park Lands Foundation.

Towards the end of this year, Kadaltilla began talks with neighbouring councils to engage with them on the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management

Strategy. We know that the Park Lands are beloved by the whole of Adelaide, with 93% of Park Lands users coming from outside of the City of Adelaide. Collaboration with neighbouring councils and other stakeholders will ensure a wide range of inputs and the best outcomes for our Park Lands. We encourage members of the community to share their thoughts at the Annual Community Forum being held on 20 August 2022 and through ongoing consultations.

I want to thank outgoing members of Kadaltilla; Mr Stephen Forbes, Ms Jessica Davies-Huynh, and Councillor Alex Hyde, for their valued contributions over the past 12 months. I'd also like to extend my thanks to the Presiding Member, The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Sandy Verschoor, and the Deputy Presiding Member, Kirsteen McKay, and the members of Kadaltilla who have provided valuable insight and discussion over the past 12 months.

As a Board, we provided advice to both the City of Adelaide and the State Government on some high – profile and significant matters affecting the Park Lands.

I will also take this opportunity to welcome incoming members of Kadaltilla; Mr Ashley Halliday and Councillor Helen Donovan, who I'm sure will both make significant contributions to the advice Kadaltilla will provide over the coming year.

Our Park Lands are to be treasured and as the custodians, there is a tremendous sense of pride as we continue our work to preserve this magnificent asset for future generations of South Australians to enjoy.

**Clare Mockler**  
Chief Executive Officer, City of Adelaide

## Purpose of the Annual Report

This Annual Report details the advice and operations of the Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) against its Business Plan and Budget 2021–2022 and incorporates the audited financial statements of Kadaltilla for the year ended 30 June 2021 (Attachment A). This document relates to the financial year from 1 July 2021 through 30 June 2022.

The business of Kadaltilla has also been reported against the following five Outcomes of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy:

### Dynamic, active and tranquil places

Places of activity, creativity and tranquillity for everyone that support our changing lifestyles, health and wellbeing, addressing:

- Facilities and infrastructure that encourage outdoor recreation and sport
- Destinations and attractions in the Park Lands
- Creation of activity hubs to support a diverse range of recreational needs
- The Park Lands as a visitor and tourist attraction
- Management of activities and events
- Enhancement of buildings.

### Connected places and spaces

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, addressing:

- Greater connection of places and spaces through a network of shared paths for walking, cycling and running
- A hierarchy of path networks which link all parks, places and spaces within parks
- Connections linking the city and suburbs with the Park Lands
- Lighting of pathways, ovals and key recreational hubs to improve safety and increase use
- Improved wayfinding and interpretive signage
- Management of car parking on and around the Park Lands.

### Welcoming and attractive places

Places of diverse landscapes and natural beauty providing a range of recreational, sensory and stimulating experiences of discovery, addressing:

- Establishment of a cohesive Park Lands identity
- Landscaped entry points and edges to welcome and draw people into the Park Lands
- Enhancement of natural, ornamental and cultural landscapes.

### Sustainable and enduring places

Places that thrive in the face of a changing climate, addressing:

- Management of biodiversity
- Improved management of water and watercourses in the Park Lands
- Sustainable use of water
- Resilience in the face of changing climate
- Role of Park Lands in broader city carbon neutral targets and in managing Urban Heat Island effect.

### Memorable and distinctive places

Places celebrating Adelaide's unique natural and cultural heritage, addressing:

- Protection and preservation of the Park Lands
- World Heritage nomination for the Park Lands
- Identification, protection and interpretation of Kaurna cultural and heritage sites
- Protection and interpretation of the cultural and environmental values of the Park Lands
- Protection and preservation of the National Heritage-listed Park Lands.

# The Role of Kadaltilla in the Governance of the 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 provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*. The inaugural meeting of the Authority was held on 7 February 2007 and its first full financial year of operation was 2007–2008. In October 2021, the Minister approved a change to the Authority's Charter so that it would be branded as the 'Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority' (Kadaltilla). The governance framework for the Adelaide Park Lands within which Kadaltilla operates is shown on the following page.

Kadaltilla and its Board are the same entity.

The City of Adelaide manages about 75% of the Adelaide Park Lands. The State Government manages the remaining 25% 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 advisor to both the City of Adelaide and the State Government on the protection, management, enhancement and promotion of the Adelaide Park Lands.

Within the Governance and Planning Framework, 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 Adelaide City 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 Adelaide City 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/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 (one of whom will be the Deputy Presiding Member).

In addition to the Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor as Presiding Member, the City of Adelaide appointees (expiring 31 December 2022) are:

- Councillor Helen Donovan (with Councillor Arman Abrahamzadeh as Deputy)
- Ms Allison Bretones
- Mr Rob Brookman AM
- Kurna representative: Vacant.

Current Ministerial appointees to the Board (expiring 01 April 2025) are:

- Ms Kirsteen Mackay (Deputy Presiding Member)
- Mr Ashley Halliday
- Mr Craig Wilkins
- Ms Stephanie Johnston (with Professor Emeritus Damien Mugavin as Deputy)
- Mr Ben Willmore.

## Change in Membership

- Councillor Helen Donovan's appointment to Kadaltilla commenced on 5 May 2022.
- Mr Ashley Halliday's appointment to Kadaltilla commenced on 1 April 2022.
- Ms Jessica Davies-Huynh resigned from Kadaltilla on 30 December 2021.
- Councillor Alex Hyde resigned from Kadaltilla on 31 December 2021.
- Mr Stephen Forbes's appointment to Kadaltilla concluded on 31 March 2022.



# Highlights for the year

In 2021–2022 Kadaltilla has continued to follow the high-level aspirations for the future of the Park Lands as outlined in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS). 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.

The following highlights for the year deliver on the five key outcomes from the APLMS.

1. Dynamic, active and tranquil places
2. Connected places and spaces
3. Welcoming and attractive places
4. Sustainable and enduring places
5. Memorable and distinctive places

## Dynamic, active and tranquil places

### Birds in the City

The City of Adelaide featured ‘Birds in the City’ during the 10-days Nature Festival held on 25 September to 4 October 2021. Birds in the City aimed to create awareness of bird species in the Park Lands through bird rambles, bird sketching tours, bird photography workshops, augmented reality experiences and self-learning tools. Approximately 2,000 Birds in the City Booklets were distributed during the festival and 60 participants joined Bird Rambles, 30 participants joined a Pigeon Workshop, 77 participants partook in the Bird sketching tours at the Art Gallery, and 50 participants joined the photography workshop at the SA Museum.

### New Community Sports Clubrooms

The Head Lessee Prince Alfred College (PAC) for Bunday’s Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9) received Development Approval on 15 July 2022 to commence the construction of new community sports clubrooms in Bunday’s Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9). The development will support the establishment of a fit for purpose local community sport clubroom facility to replace the existing changerooms and maintenance shed. The building includes public amenities and will complement the previous enhancements made to Bunday’s Paddock/Tidlangga in creating a diverse community activity hub.

### Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy

The Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy outlines the City of Adelaide’s approach to managing its leasing and licensing arrangements on Community Land under its care and control within the Adelaide Park Lands for the benefit of the community. Kadaltilla supported a draft Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy for the purpose of community consultation that occurred in June 2022. The key areas of difference include commercial activity within community lease and licence settings, tenure and break clauses, selection of lessees/licensees, community lease and licence fees and sub-letting and casual hire fees, Council’s responsibilities, temporary signage, vehicle permits, Gaming Machines, events and delegations.

### Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playground (QKIP) in Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)

City of Adelaide, in close consultation with his family and close friends, implemented the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playground (QKIP) in Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14). The playground was upgraded in late 2021 to comply with the *Disability Inclusion Act 1998 (SA)* and become accessible to children with disabilities. A key action from the Rymill Park Masterplan was to create a playground that is welcoming to children of all abilities. QKIP is a successful playspace, popular with the community, and commemorates Quentin through meaningful artwork and playful interpretive signage.

## Connected places and spaces

### Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy

One of Kadaltilla’s principal responsibilities is to undertake a comprehensive review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) at least once in every five years. The APLMS is the key document which guides the City of Adelaide and the State Government in their management and enhancement of the Adelaide Park Lands. Kadaltilla’s review of the APLMS commenced in April 2022 with the approval of a Project Plan.

### Mistletoe Park/Tainmuntilla (Park 11)

City of Adelaide with funding support from Green Adelaide, delivered an urban address and gateway at Hackney Road Bridge. A small 50m<sup>2</sup> stormwater retention basin and approximately 1,200m<sup>2</sup> of Park Lands was revegetated with over 5,000 local native plants to improve water quality and attract local biodiversity such as woodland birds and native bees. Interpretive signs on Water Sensitive Urban Design have been installed at the basin’s edge and a directional sign at the intersection of three paths provides information recognising Kaurana cultural heritage and the River Red Gum Woodland.



Basin site – looking west. The ephemeral stormwater retention basin with students from Pulteney Grammar School assisting staff with planting local native species. Tree guards from other local native revegetation plantings can be seen in the background. At the project’s completion, all the bare/grass ground will be planted with local native species.

## Welcoming and attractive places

### Community Land Management Plan

Kadaltilla has a responsibility to provide comments and advice on management plans relating to the Adelaide Park Lands. At its November 2021 meeting, Kadaltilla supported a new set of General Provisions (management provisions which apply to all Parks) as part of the review of the Community Land Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands. The community engagement for the draft CLMP General Provisions closed on 10 September 2021 after seven weeks with a total of 131 submissions received. The General Provisions were adopted by Council on 14 December 2021.

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

The Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan was co-funded by the City of Adelaide and the State Government. The development of the Master Plan took place over several years and in that time a number of the actions outlined have been completed or are already underway. The final Master Plan was supported by Kadaltilla and adopted by Council. The Master Plan provides a vision and sets out the objectives to guide developments and projects into the future. It defines how the character and quality of the Park can be conserved, improved and enhanced to benefit the wider community.

### Whitmore Square/Iparrityi Master Plan – Stage 1 Greening

A Master Plan for Whitmore Square/Iparrityi was endorsed in 2019 to establish a high-level vision for the Square and sets a framework for future planning and design. Stage 1 and 2 of the Master Plan’s implementation is jointly funded by the City of Adelaide and State Government. The first stage of the Whitmore Square Masterplan was completed in December 2021 and saw about 32 new trees planted and a perimeter path and plantings, improving access and connections, and providing a welcoming and safe pedestrian-friendly edge to the park.

## Sustainable and enduring places

### Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Lake Renewal

The Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) lake renewal is a joint City of Adelaide and State Government Grant Funded project. The Rymill Park Master Plan identified Rymill Lake as the jewel in the crown of Rymill Park. Kadaltilla supported the sustainable lake option for the renewal of the Lake, at its meeting held October 2021. The project combines management of the ornamental lake with a sustainable water source.

### Brown Hill Keswick Creek Project – South Park Lands

The Brown Hill Keswick Creek (BHKC) Stormwater Project is a major collaborative effort between the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Authority and five councils (Cities of Adelaide, Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and West Torrens) that largely make up the Brown Hill and Keswick Creek catchment. The South Park Lands section of the BHKC project is comprised of the Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) wetland which can retain and treat up to 115 megalitres and the Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20) drainage works. In November

2021, Kadaltilla supported an alternative tree planting design for Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16). Over 100,000 native plants, including over 160 native trees were planted in the 3.2 hectare wetland site. The wetland was officially opened on 6 May 2022.

In addition to aiding the management of flooding in Park Lands Creek and downstream residential areas, the wetland will improve water quality, enhance native biodiversity and create amenity for park users. The works in Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20) involved realignment of the existing creek lines to better manage flooding and includes rehabilitation works and landscaping.

## Memorable and distinctive places

### Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi Master Plan

Kadaltilla has a responsibility to provide advice on policy, development, heritage or management issues affecting the Adelaide Park Lands. This advice can be provided on the basis of any request or on its own initiative. At its meeting in February 2022, in response to a request from Council, Kadaltilla supported the commencement of a Master Plan for Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) to enhance the environmental qualities of the park. Development of the master plan began in May 2022.



Opening day of the wetlands in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16). Shown here are the steppingstone bridge across the wetlands to a path through a collection of regulated trees and a bridge to the southwestern bank of the wetlands (Beaumont Road is behind the bank).

### Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment – Advice and Submission

Kadaltilla played a role in providing advice to the City of Adelaide and feedback to the State Government on the proposed rezoning of land within the Riverbank Precinct of the Adelaide Park Lands. The submission identified the importance of careful consideration of zoning changes in this area to ensure the values of the Adelaide Park Lands are maintained. Kadaltilla encouraged the finalisation and release of a master plan for the entire Riverbank Precinct to provide clear vision for the future. Kadaltilla formed a view that the Code Amendment released for consultation required changes particularly regarding the opportunity being enabled through policy change for increased built form on the Adelaide Park Lands.

### World Heritage Bid for the Adelaide and Rural Settlement Landscapes

Over the last financial year progress was made on preparation of a nomination to seek World Heritage listing for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes, which includes the area of the Adelaide Park Lands. The project team that includes City of Adelaide, Department of Environment and Water, and Mount Lofty Ranges Group of Councils, have developed a work plan to progress through the project. The nomination is an opportunity to recognise the systematic colonial settlement model, including the impact of settlement on Aboriginal people. Truth-telling and reconciliation are an important and necessary part of the nomination. The designation will recognise the nominated area as a living landscape that will change and evolve over time whilst ensuring the heritage values are respected for present and future generations. Figure 1 below shows the project is at the initial stage of the nomination process.

Figure 1: Work plan to progress through the World Heritage Bid, the project is currently at step 1.



### Place of Reflection in Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)

The Place of Reflection in Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) is one of the actions outlined in the Rymill Park Master Plan. The Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan was co-funded by the City of Adelaide and the State Government. Now in detailed design, the Place of Reflection will address one of the actions in the APLMS for a gathering space committed to reconciliation and will provide a place for contemplation with an artwork that commemorates the Stolen Generation.

### National Park City (Adelaide) Charter

Kadaltilla supported the State Government's bid for Adelaide to become a National Park City, with Adelaide declared the first Australian National Park City 10 December 2021, and second globally to London. In recognition of the declaration, Adelaide National Park City Month was held in June 2022 with more than 75 events held. The City of Adelaide launched two events with the aim of involving as many people as possible in a diverse range of activities that celebrate nature throughout our urban environment.

# Deliberations by Kadaltilla

Matters affecting the Park Lands can be complex in nature.

When deliberating on proposals and policies for the 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 Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, including, in no particular order:

- Meeting the needs of modern day recreational and sporting activity while minimising built form on the 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 Park Lands
- Ensuring sustainable practices are followed and climate change impacts are minimised and addressed
- Preserving the heritage and integrity of the Park Lands and protecting the Values which underpin their National Heritage Listing.

## Meeting Attendance Summary

Kadaltilla held 12 meetings between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022, comprising of ten ordinary meetings and two special meetings.

Attendances at meetings was recorded as follows:

Meetings Attended Member	No. Meetings Eligible to Attend	No. Meetings Attended
Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor (Presiding Member)	12	12
Ms Kirsteen Mackay (Deputy Presiding Member)	12	6
Ms Allison Bretones	12	11
Mr Rob Brookman AM	12	9
Ms Jessica Davies-Huynh	7	1
Mr Stephen Forbes	9	9
Councillor Alexander Hyde	7	7
Ms Stephanie Johnston	12	11
Mr Craig Wilkins	12	11
Mr Ben Willsmore	12	12
Councillor Helen Donovan	2	1
Mr Ashley Halliday	3	2
Deputy Lord Mayor Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM (proxy for Councillor Alex Hyde and Councillor Helen Donovan)	1	0
Professor Emeritus Damien Mugavin (proxy for Ms Stephanie Johnston)	1	1

## Performance against the objectives of the 2021–2022 Business Plan and Budget

Performance Target	Performance Measures	Achievements
Provide advice as required to Council and the State Government on key matters relating to the Adelaide Park Lands.	At least 10 ordinary meetings of Kadaltilla held per year.  Advice provided to Council and State Government in a timely manner.  Receive at least two presentations on Park Lands planning and management related matters per year.  Undertake at least one Park Lands field trip per year to facilitate greater understanding of Park Lands projects, facilities and landscapes.	Kadaltilla held 10 ordinary meetings and two special meetings.  Advice is provided to Council at the meeting of Council held immediately after the meeting of Kadaltilla, and to the State Government as required.  Kadaltilla received 38 reports and 18 presentations throughout the year.  Kadaltilla is provided the opportunity to request the inclusion of items in agendas which it wishes to consider.  Kadaltilla undertook two Park Lands field trips – one to Riverbank Arena, and Bonython Park, and the second to Pityarilla/Pelzer Park (Park 19), Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16), Denise Norton/Pardipardinyilla Park (Park 2), and Gladys Elphick Park/Narnungga (Park 25).
Conduct of a Community Forum	The Community Forum meets its requirements as stated in the Charter.	The Community Forum was held on 23 October 2021 in accordance with requirements stated in the Charter. The theme of the 2021 Community Forum was 'Connect with and to the Park Lands'.
Promotion of the Park Lands which focuses on: • Raising public awareness of their values and importance • Increased, appropriate use • Responsible management.  Promotion of the work of the Authority.	Review existing marketing activities.  The public can explore the work of Kadaltilla through a website.	Kadaltilla has a website presence identifying its responsibilities, membership and Annual Reports.  All meeting agendas and minutes of Kadaltilla are publicly available.
Operation of General Purpose Accounts.	Council's accounting procedures met.	Kadaltilla's General Purpose Accounts are managed by the City of Adelaide.
Business Plan and Budget is in place.	New Business Plan and Budget is adopted prior to the expiry of that currently in operation.	Kadaltilla adopted its 2022/2023 Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority Business Plan and Budget on 31 March 2022, which is prior to the expiry of the previous Business Plan and Budget in operation.
Quarterly Financial Reports.	Reports adopted and presented to Council.	Quarterly Financial Reports are provided through the City of Adelaide's quarterly budget review process.
Operation of the Adelaide Park Lands Fund which currently contains \$1,000.00.	Monies are received and expended according to the provisions of the Kadaltilla's Charter.	The Adelaide Park Lands Fund operates and contains \$1,400.
Auditing required by the Authority's Charter.	Council's external auditor and Audit Committee is satisfied the requirements are met.	The Authority's accounts are audited annually by Council's external auditor and Audit Committee.
Preparation of Annual Report.	Annual Report is submitted to Council each financial year.	The Annual Report for 2020/2021 was submitted to Council on 12 October 2021.
Insurance Requirements.	The Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme insures the Authority.	Quarterly payments ensure insurance cover is in place.

# The Year in Summary

During 2021–2022 Kadaltilla considered a range of matters relating to its core responsibility of providing advice to City of Adelaide and the State Government on Park Lands policy, management, and projects as summarised below.

## 2021–2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget

In July 2021, Kadaltilla finalised its 2021–2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget to be consistent with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, and Kadaltilla’s Strategic Plan and Charter and set the performance expectations of the Authority. The performance of Kadaltilla against the objectives of the 2021–2022 Business Plan and Budget is reported in this Annual Report.

## Parking in Josie Agius Park/Wikaparntu Wirra (Park 22)

In July 2021, Kadaltilla supported a request from Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society (RA&HS) for parking to accommodate an SA Health COVID Vaccination Hub in Josie Agius Park/Wikaparntu Wirra (Park 22) on a temporary basis.

## SAPOL Horse Agistment in Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27)

In August 2021, Kadaltilla provided advice regarding a comprehensive rehabilitation and maintenance program aimed at the long-term preservation of the Olive Grove plantation by SA Police.

## Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy

In August 2021, Kadaltilla reviewed progress toward the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS). The APLMS identifies the actions, projects and ‘big moves’ that set the future direction of the Park Lands.

## Biodiversity Monitoring

In September 2021, Kadaltilla received a presentation regarding Key Biodiversity Areas in the Park Lands which represent four distinct vegetation communities:

1. Grey Box/SA Blue Gum Woodland
2. SA Blue Gum/River Red Gum
3. River Red Gum Woodland
4. Mallee Box Woodland.

## Carbon Abatement and Sequestration

In September 2021, Kadaltilla received a presentation regarding carbon abatement and sequestration. A second biodiverse carbon offset planting site in Reservoir Park/Kangatilla (Park 4) was planted in May 2021 and co-funded by City of Adelaide and Green Adelaide.

## Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report

In September 2021, Kadaltilla adopted the Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report for the 2020–2021 financial year. The Annual Report details Kadaltilla’s achievements against the aims and objectives of its Business Plan and Budget for that year and describes the work and operations of Kadaltilla during 2020–2021.

## Exemptions from EOI Process

In September 2021, Kadaltilla supported the granting of an exemption to the requirements of Section 13 of the Adelaide Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy to select a new tenant by way of an Expression of Interest. The granting of an exemption to the requirement to select a tenant via an EOI process did not alter any other legislative provisions and process related to the granting of leases and licenses within the Park Lands.

## Riverbank Precinct Projects

In September 2021, Kadaltilla provided advice to the State Government and City of Adelaide on proposed projects in the Riverbank Precinct of the Adelaide Park Lands including the proposed new Women’s and Children’s Hospital, Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment and proposed Riverbank Arena.

## Kate Cocks Park (Park 27)

In September 2021, Kadaltilla considered a request by the Department for Health and Wellbeing to transfer a section of the Adelaide Park Lands known as Kate Cocks Park (Park 27), currently in the care and control of the City of Adelaide, to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to facilitate the construction of the proposed multi-storey car park for the new Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

## Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment

In a Special Meeting on 14 October 2021, Kadaltilla provided advice on the Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment and the proposal for a new Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

## Cycling Infrastructure Projects Update

In September 2021, Kadaltilla received a presentation on cycling infrastructure projects. The City of Adelaide, in partnership with the State Government, is progressing bikeways through the city and Park Lands.

# Cycling Infrastructure Projects



Figure 2: Map of the Cycling Infrastructure Projects in the Adelaide Park Lands.



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### **Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Lake**

In October 2021, Kadaltilla supported the renewal of the Rymill Park Lake with a sustainable water sources, and the finalisation of the Rymill Park Master Plan and the Community Land Management Plan.

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### **Birds in the City**

In October 2021, Kadaltilla received a presentation of the 'Birds in the City' event as part of the Nature Festival.

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### **National Park City (Adelaide) Charter**

In October 2021, Kadaltilla provided advice regarding the State Government's bid for Adelaide to become a National Park City.

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### **The Community Garden in Mary Lee Park (Park 27b)**

In November 2021, Kadaltilla heard a deputation from the Park Terrace Community Garden Inc on a proposal for the Park Terrace Community Garden.

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### **General Provisions of the Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management Plan (CLMP)**

In November 2021, Kadaltilla supported the revised draft General Provisions of the Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management Plan (CLMP).

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### **Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project**

In November 2021, Kadaltilla supported an alternative design for Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20) and the proposed planting of over 120 trees in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) and at least 40 in Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20).

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### **Urban Heat and Tree Canopy**

In November 2021, Kadaltilla received a presentation on Urban Heat and Tree Canopy that provided data and insights on the heat mapping and metrics relating to percentage of tree canopy, which is outlined as a priority in Kadaltilla's Strategic Plan.

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### **Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Update of the Audit of Actions**

In November 2021, Kadaltilla received a presentation on the Audit of Actions of the 2015–2025 Adelaide Park Lands Management (APLMS). The audit will inform a mid-point review of the APLMS.

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### **Review of the Adelaide Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy**

In November 2021, Kadaltilla received a presentation on the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy and in April 2022, Kadaltilla supported the draft Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy. A key action of Kadaltilla's Strategic Plan (2020–2025) is to review Park Lands policies relating to leasing and licensing.

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### **CLMP Objectives, Targets and Measures**

In February 2022, Kadaltilla supported ongoing review of the objectives, targets and measures in the Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management Plans (CLMP).

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### **Victoria Park/Pakapakathi (Park 16) Landscape Concept Plan**

In February 2022, Kadaltilla supported the development of a new Landscape Concept Plan for Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16), in line with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy.

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### **Heritage Listing of the Adelaide Motor Sport Circuit in Victoria Park/Pakapakathi (Park 16)**

In February 2022, Kadaltilla noted that the Adelaide motor sport street circuit (the circuit) in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16), as a stand-alone section, is unlikely to satisfy the requirement for entry into the South Australian Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place as it does not meet at least one of the required criteria identified in the *Heritage Places Act 1993 (SA)*. Further consideration of values is to be given through the State Heritage listing proposal.

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### **Art Prize Sponsorship for Adelaide Park Lands Association**

In March 2022, Kadaltilla received a presentation from the Adelaide Park Lands Association in relation to the 2023 Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize and requested funding and other support.

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### **2022–2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget**

In March 2022, Kadaltilla endorsed its 2022–2023 Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority Business Plan and Budget, which identifies the performance targets of Kadaltilla, sets the performance measures that are to be used to monitor and assess performance and achievement of targets, and specifies the financial and other resource and internal processes required to achieve the performance targets.

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### **2021 Community Forum Consultation Results**

In March 2022, Kadaltilla reviewed feedback regarding the Adelaide Park Lands received during the Community Forum held on Saturday 23 October 2021 and the associated on-line Your Say community consultation conducted between 1 October and 8 November 2021.

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### **Street Numbering**

In March 2022, Kadaltilla supported Council revising the City of Adelaide Street Numbering Policy to remove the exclusion of the Park Lands on North Terrace (northern side), for the allocation of street numbering, where development is approved and established, subject to there being no impact to the heritage value of the Park Lands.

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### **New Ministry**

In March 2022, Kadaltilla noted that a new Minister for Planning, Hon Nick Champion MP, was sworn into office following the South Australian state election.

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### **Adelaide Botanic High School Expansion**

In April 2022, Kadaltilla received a presentation from Department for Education regarding the expansion of the Adelaide Botanic High School.

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### **Project Plan for Review of Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy**

In April 2022, Kadaltilla approved the project plan for the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015–2025 (APLMS) pursuant to the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)*, which requires Kadaltilla to undertake a comprehensive review of the APLMS at least once in every five years.

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### **Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority Logo**

In April 2022, Kadaltilla approved the interim use of the 'Kadaltilla' wordmark whilst the administration and Council undertake the necessary steps to reinstate the dual naming branding, and also supported the use of the abbreviated form 'Kadaltilla' for the Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority.

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### **Gladys Elphick Park/Narnungga (Park 25) – Eastern Mound Redevelopment**

In April 2022, Kadaltilla supported the proposed Eastern Mound Redevelopment at Gladys Elphick Park/Narnungga (Park 25) by the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) subject to the incorporation of shade structures, the incorporation

of Universal Design and Disability Access principles, consultation with Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) and the Gladys Elphick family regarding the incorporation of cultural and interpretation opportunities, the installation of gates at the base of the access stairs, and all works being funded by SACA.

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### **City of Adelaide Park Lands Budget**

In April 2022, Kadaltilla noted the budget for the Park Lands and Open Space service in the City of Adelaide draft budget for the 2022–2023 financial year.

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### **Mini Golf in Possum Park/Pirltawardli (Park 1)**

In May 2022, Kadaltilla reviewed a proposal to develop Mini Golf on the existing Par 3 course footprint within Possum Park/Pirltawardli (Park 1).

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### **Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Review – Consultation**

In May 2022, Kadaltilla received presentations from the City of Burnside, the City of Unley, and the City of Prospect following the commencement of the comprehensive review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) 2015–2025 in April 2022.

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### **Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Review – Consultation**

In June 2022, Kadaltilla received presentations from Green Adelaide and the State Planning Commission following the commencement of the comprehensive review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) 2015–2025 in April 2022.

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### **Illuminate Adelaide Public Artwork**

In June 2022, Kadaltilla supported the location of a public artwork by Ouchhh Studio within Light Square/Wauwi, based on the concept design, and recommended further consideration be given to design aspects.

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### **Adelaide 500**

In June 2022, Kadaltilla received a presentation regarding consultation on the Adelaide 500 Declaration 2022 and provided advice to Council for consideration in their communications and response to consultation with the South Australian Motorsport Board.

**Updated Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan**

In June 2022, Kadaltilla supported the final Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan. The 'reimagining' of Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) was identified as one of the 'Big Moves' in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015–2025 (APLMS).

**Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli Informal Car Park**

In June 2022, Kadaltilla supported the closure of the informal car park on the former netball courts in Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27) at such time administration commences work on the return of the area to Park Lands or until such time as Volleyball SA develops the site for beach volleyball purposes.

**Kadaltilla/Park Lands Authority Annual Community Forum**

In June 2022, Kadaltilla approved the day, time, location, and theme of the 2022 Annual Community Forum to be Saturday 20 August from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Plane Tree Centre, Adelaide Zoo with the theme of 'Future Directions for Our Park Lands'.



# ATTACHMENT A

## Audited Financial Statements