

Nomination of Council Appointed Members to Kadaltilla

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Council

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The term of Council appointed members to the Board of the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority expires on 31 December 2022.

Under the provisions of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)* (the Act), the Board of Management is constituted by:

- The Lord Mayor (as Presiding Member) or, if the Lord Mayor chooses not to be a member of the Authority, 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).

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Confirm the Lord Mayor's intention to accept or otherwise the Lord Mayor's statutory position as Presiding Member.
2. Recommend nominees for consideration by Council as members of the Authority to be appointed by the City of Adelaide.

In making appointments, the City of Adelaide and the Minister must, in consultation with each other, endeavour to achieve a membership with a range of knowledge, skills and experience as defined in the Act, as well as gender balance.

In accordance with Section 6(2) of the Act, appointments are made by notice in the Gazette.

That Council

1. Notes the Lord Mayor's intention to accept the Lord Mayor's statutory position as Presiding Member of the Board of Management of the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla).
2. Notes the requirements of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)* concerning the knowledge, skills and experience of Members, as well as gender balance.
3. Approves the appointment (contingent upon consultation with the Minister for Planning) of the following persons to Kadaltilla for the period commencing 1 January 2023 and expiring 31 December 2025:
 - 3.1. Rob Brookman AM - consistent with the tourism or event management experience criterion
 - 3.2. Tania Taylor - consistent with the indigenous culture or reconciliation experience criterion
 - 3.3. 1 Councillor - consistent with the local government, tourism or event management and/or financial management criterion.
4. Approves:
 - 4.1. The appointment (contingent upon consultation with the Minister for Planning) of one person as identified in paragraph 23 of this report. OR

- 4.2. To undertake a further targeted selection process (as outlined in paragraph 24) based on a relevant skills criterion, noting appointment will be brought back for Council resolution.
 5. Approves the appointment (contingent upon consultation with the Minister for Planning) of the following two persons to Kadaltilla as Deputy Members for the period commencing 1 January 2023 and expiring 31 December 2025:
 - 4.1. Les Wanganeen as a deputy member for Tania Taylor
 - 4.2. A Councillor as deputy member for the Councillor appointed in part 3.3 herein.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	<p>Strategic Alignment – Enabling Priorities</p> <p>Appointment of members to the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority supports key action 5.2 ‘<i>Demonstrate bold governance leadership in the Local Government Sector</i>’ and key action 5.8 ‘<i>Implement new approaches to engaging the community in Council decision-making</i>’.</p>
Policy	Consistent with the provisions of the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i> and Kadaltilla Charter. The City of Adelaide Standing Orders apply to selection and appointment of Council Members to a position on a Subsidiary.
Consultation	<p>The Minister for Planning and the City of Adelaide must consult with each other in making appointments to the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority in order to endeavour to achieve a range of knowledge, skills and experience across the following areas set out in section 6(3) of the Act.</p> <p>A public expressions of interest process for position of Kadaltilla Board Member has been undertaken.</p>
Resource	Appointments can be managed within existing resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Consistent with the provisions of the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i> and Kadaltilla Charter.
Opportunities	Appointments will provide for the continued activity of the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority with an appropriate membership and skill set to provide valuable advice to the City of Adelaide and State Government on matters pertaining to the Park Lands.
22/23 Budget Allocation	Board Member remuneration funded through existing operating budget.
Proposed 23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Consistent with the Kadaltilla Charter, the appointments can be for a maximum period of three years (until 31 December 2025).
22/23 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Kadaltilla Legislative Framework and Purpose

1. The [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 \(SA\)](#) (the Act) was developed in consultation with Council as a means of protecting and furthering the interests of the Adelaide Park Lands.
2. The Adelaide Park Lands Authority is established by the Act (as a subsidiary of Adelaide City Council under the [Local Government Act 1999 \(SA\)](#)) to provide strategic advice to both Council and the State Government on the management of the Adelaide Park Lands.
3. As per its Charter, the Adelaide Park Lands Authority is known as the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla).
4. The role, functions and powers of Kadaltilla are set out in the Act and the [Kadaltilla Charter](#) (the Charter).

Membership Requirements (Skills Based) as per Legislation / Charter

5. Kadaltilla is required to have a Board of Management and all meetings/decisions of Kadaltilla are deemed meetings/decisions of the Board.
6. Under the provisions of the Act, the Board of Management is constituted by:
 - 6.1. The Lord Mayor or, if the Lord Mayor chooses not to be a member of the Authority, a person appointed by the Council
 - 6.2. Four other persons appointed by the Council
 - 6.3. Five persons appointed by the Minister.
7. In making appointments, Council must, in consultation with the Minister, endeavour to achieve a membership with a range of knowledge, skills, and experience as set out in section 6(3) of the Act:
 - a) *biodiversity or environmental planning or management*
 - b) *recreation or open space planning or management*
 - c) *cultural heritage conservation or management*
 - d) *landscape design or park management*
 - e) *tourism or event management*
 - f) *indigenous culture or reconciliation*
 - g) *financial management*
 - h) *local government.*
8. Both Council and the Minister:
 - 8.1. Must appoint at least one man and one woman to the Board of Management
 - 8.2. May appoint Deputy members.
9. Council appointments are due to expire on 31 December 2022, noting the Lord Mayor and Council Member appointment (including deputy Council Member) were affected by the local government election held in November 2022.

Remuneration

10. Kadaltilla's Charter states in section 4.6.1 that:

"The Authority is entitled to pay appropriate remuneration fees to Board Members as approved by the Council, including for participation on Committees established under this Charter".
11. At the Council meeting on 14 May 2019, Council endorsed sitting fees for Kadaltilla as follows:
 - 11.1. *Approves remuneration for all Adelaide Park Lands Authority Board members based on meeting attendance.*
 - 11.2. *Approves the continuation of the application of the State Government Remuneration Framework for Boards and Committees at Category 2, Level 2 for the Authority's sitting fees, with:*
 - 11.2.1. *An adjustment in accordance with the average increase in 'Average Weekly Earnings' for the period 2008-2018, to take effect from 1 June 2019, and be adjusted in each subsequent year by the change in 'Average Weekly Earnings' for the preceding year.*

11.2.2. *The application of the provision for the payment of 3 hours meeting preparation time (for each meeting attended), also to take effect from 1 June 2019.*

12. The current sitting fee for Kadaltilla Board Members is \$82.78 per hour.

Selection Process Summary and Outcome

13. The Kadaltilla Board Members previously appointed by the City of Adelaide are:
- 13.1. The former Lord Mayor (Sandy Verschoor), appointed under section 6(3)(b) of the Act for knowledge, skills and experience in local government, tourism or event management, and financial management
 - 13.2. Former Councillor Helen Donovan (member) and Councillor Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM (deputy member), each appointed under section 6(3)(b) of the Act for knowledge, skills and experience in local government
 - 13.3. Rob Brookman AM, appointed under section 6(3)(e) and (g) of the Act for knowledge, skills and experience in tourism or event management and financial management
 - 13.4. Allison Bretones, appointed under section 6(3)(b) of the Act for knowledge, skills and experience in recreation or open space planning or management
 - 13.5. Kurna community representative (vacant).
14. The following Kadaltilla Board Members are State Government appointments whose membership is due to expire on 1 April 2025:
- 14.1. Kirsteen Mackay (Deputy Presiding Member), South Australian Government Architect and former chair of the SA Heritage Council, appointed under section 6(3)(b) of the Act for knowledge, skills and experience in cultural heritage conservation or management.
 - 14.2. Ashley Halliday, Director of Ashley Halliday Architecture Interiors, appointed under section 6(3)(b) of the Act for knowledge, skills and experience in recreation or open space planning or management and cultural heritage conservation or management.
 - 14.3. Ben Willsmore, Manager, City Design (Urban Planning, Design, Environment and Transport) at City of Unley, appointed under section 6(3)(b) of the Act for knowledge, skills and experience in biodiversity or environmental planning or management, landscape design or park management, and local government.
 - 14.4. Craig Wilkins, Chief Executive of the Conservation Council of SA, appointed under section 6(3)(b) of the Act for knowledge, skills and experience in in biodiversity or environmental planning or management, and cultural heritage conservation or management.
15. In line with the Act and Kadaltilla Charter, the Council and the Minister may appoint a deputy for each of their respective appointed Board Members.
16. Deputies receive meeting documents and materials relating to the Board when they have been requested to attend a Kadaltilla Board meeting during a period of absence of a member.
17. The previous City of Adelaide and Ministerial appointments represent the following skills matrix for the Kadaltilla Board:

Board Member	Appointed By	Skills Category
Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor – Presiding Member	Council	h, e, g
Councillor Helen Donovan Councillor Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM (Deputy Member)	Council	h
Rob Brookman AM	Council	e, g
<i>Vacant</i> <i>(indigenous culture or reconciliation)</i>	Council	f
Allison Bretones	Council	b

Kirsteen Mackay – Deputy Presiding Member	Minister	c
Ashley Halliday	Minister	b, c
Stephanie Johnston (Member) Damien Mugavin (Deputy Member)	Minister	c
Ben Willsmore	Minister	a, d, h
Craig Wilkins	Minister	a, c

18. Based on the skills composition of the Board and impending vacancies, the City of Adelaide should seek to prioritise members with knowledge, skills and experience in:
- e) *tourism or event management*
 - f) *indigenous culture or reconciliation*
 - g) *financial management.*
19. An expression of interest process was undertaken in October 2022 to inform City of Adelaide appointments to the Kadaltilla Board post 31 December 2022, including:
- 19.1. Advertisement in the Advertiser
 - 19.2. Notification to current Kadaltilla Board Members eligible for reappointment
 - 19.3. Consultation with the Board of the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (KYAC) seeking a Kaurna community representative member and deputy member nominee.
20. The following nominations have been received:
- 20.1. Rob Brookman AM - former Executive Director, Adelaide Festival and current Kadaltilla Board Member
 - 20.2. Allison Bretones - Executive Officer Parks and Leisure Australia (SA/NT region), current Kadaltilla Board Member and Recreation Planner who has worked for over 15 years at a senior management level in the Parks and Recreation industry
 - 20.3. Janelle Arbon - landscape architect with over 16 years' experience working on a broad spectrum of public realm projects across Australia and Internationally, in private practice, education and public sectors
 - 20.4. Daniel Bennett - registered landscape architect with over 20 years' experience in cities, movement, places and green infrastructure
 - 20.5. Tania Taylor - Kaurna community representative nominated for membership by the KYAC Board
 - 20.6. Les Wanganeen - Kaurna community representative nominated for deputy membership by the KYAC Board.

21. The nominations examined through the skills matrix follows:

Vacant Skills Category	Skills Description	Nominees	Existing Kadaltilla Board Member
Presiding Member	<i>The Lord Mayor or, if the Lord Mayor chooses not to be a member of the Authority, a person appointed by the Council</i>	-	-
b	recreation or open space planning or management	Allison Bretones	Yes
d	landscape design or park management	Janelle Arbon	No
		Daniel Bennett	No
e	tourism or event management	Rob Brookman AM	Yes
f	indigenous culture or reconciliation	Tania Taylor (member)	No
		Les Wanganeen (deputy member)	No
h	local government	-	-

22. To continue to achieve a range of knowledge, skills, and experience across the required skills categories, and in accordance with the membership provisions of the Act, it is recommended that the City of Adelaide nominates (for consultation with the Minister):

22.1. One Councillor as member (with experience in local government, tourism, or event management and/or financial management)

22.2. One Councillor as deputy member (with experience in local government, tourism, or event management and/or financial management)

22.3. Tania Taylor as member (with experience in indigenous culture or reconciliation)

22.4. Les Wanganeen as deputy member (with experience in indigenous culture or reconciliation)

22.5. Rob Brookman AM (with experience in tourism or event management).

23. In addition, City of Adelaide could accept one of the following nominees as a member (and one of the nominees as a deputy member):

23.1. Allison Bretones, Executive Officer Parks and Leisure Australia (SA/NT region), current Kadaltilla Board Member and Recreation Planner who has worked for over 15 years at a senior management level in the Parks and Recreation industry

23.2. Janelle Arbon, landscape architect with over 16 years' experience working on a broad spectrum of public realm projects across Australia and Internationally, in private practice, education and public sectors

23.3. Daniel Bennett, registered landscape architect with over 20 years' experience in cities, movement, places, and green infrastructure.

24. Alternatively, Council can hold a single vacancy and seek targeted appointment of a member under a relevant skills criterion.

25. On the forward plan for discussion at Kadaltilla, noteworthy topics include:

25.1. Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) comprehensive review

25.2. New Women's and Children's Hospital

25.3. New Adelaide Aquatic Centre

25.4. Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan

- 25.5. Adelaide 500
- 25.6. Community Land Management Plans (CLMP)
- 25.7. Helen Mayo Park (Park 27)
- 25.8. Park Lands Trail.
- 26. It is recommended that the City of Adelaide members are appointed for a term of three years to 31 December 2025 as is consistent with the recent three-year Ministerial appointments (to April 2025) and the maximum term permitted in the Act and Charter.
- 27. The nomination and appointment process are subject to provisions pursuant to the City of Adelaide Standing Orders (162 & 167):
 - 27.1. Unless determined otherwise by Council, in the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of all Council Members present, will be undertaken to select a nominee.
 - 27.2. At the conclusion of a voting ballot or drawing of lots, a resolution of the Council will be required to confirm the outcome of the election process.
- 28. Council's appointments are finalised by a notice in the State Government Gazette.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)
Local Government Act 1999 (SA)
Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority Charter

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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