

# Nomination of Council Appointed Members to Kadaltilla

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Council

Strategic Alignment - Environmental Leadership

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend nominees for the two vacant positions for consideration by Council as members of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority to be appointed by the City of Adelaide.

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

- 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).

At its meeting held on 13 December 2022, Council noted the Lord Mayor's acceptance of the statutory position as Presiding Member and approved two Council Member nominations (and two deputy member nominations). Council also resolved to undertake a further targeted selection process for the two vacant positions.

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.

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## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the requirements of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)* concerning the knowledge, skills and experience of Members, as well as gender balance.
2. Approves the nomination (contingent upon consultation with the Minister for Planning) of the following two persons to Kadaltilla for the period commencing 31 January 2023 and expiring 31 December 2025:
  - 2.1. Rob Brookman AM - consistent with the tourism or event management experience criterion
  - 2.2. Allison Bretones - consistent with the recreation or open space planning or management experience criterion.

## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Enabling Priorities 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> ’.
Policy	Consistent with the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i> and Kadaltilla Charter.
Consultation	The Minister for Planning and the City of Adelaide must consult with each other in making appointments to the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority to achieve a range of knowledge, skills and experience across the following areas set out in section 6(3) of the Act. After the 13 December 2022 Council meeting, a targeted selection process was undertaken in January 2023.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
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 Authority is established under section 5(2) of the [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 \(SA\)](#) (the Act) as a subsidiary of the City of Adelaide to provide strategic advice to both Council and the State Government on the management of the Adelaide Park Lands.
2. As per its Charter, the Adelaide Park Lands Authority is known as the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla).
3. 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**

4. Kadaltilla is required to have a Board of Management and, all meetings/decisions of Kadaltilla are deemed meetings/decisions of the Board.
5. Under the provisions of the Act, the Board of Management is constituted by:
  - 5.1. The Lord Mayor or, if the Lord Mayor chooses not to be a member of the Authority, a person appointed by the Council
  - 5.2. Four other persons appointed by the Council
  - 5.3. Five persons appointed by the Minister.
6. In making appointments, Council must, in consultation with the Minister, endeavour to achieve 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.*
7. Based on the skills composition of the Board and vacancies, the City of Adelaide should seek to prioritise members with knowledge, skills and experience in:
  - e) *tourism or event management*
  - g) *financial management.*
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. The Deputy Presiding Member appointed by the Minister for Planning is Kirsteen Mackay - 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.

## **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:
  1. *Approves remuneration for all Adelaide Park Lands Authority Board members based on meeting attendance.*

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:
  - 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.
  - 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 plus a preparation fee of \$248.34 per meeting.

### Selection Process Summary and Outcome

13. At its [meeting on 13 December 2022](#), Council resolved to consult with the Minister for Planning on the following nominations:
  - 13.1. Councillor Keiran Snape as Member of the Board - consistent with the local government experience criterion
  - 13.2. Councillor Henry Davis as Deputy Member to Councillor Snape - consistent with the local government experience criterion
  - 13.3. Tania Taylor as Member of the Board - consistent with the indigenous culture or reconciliation experience criterion.
  - 13.4. Les Wanganeen as Deputy Member to Ms Taylor - consistent with the indigenous culture or reconciliation experience criterion.
14. The Minister for Planning endorsed the nominations on 11 January 2023.
15. A further targeted selection process based on a relevant skills criterion was undertaken in January 2023.
16. Following the expression of interest process and targeted selection process, the following nominations have been received:
  - 16.1. Rob Brookman AM - former Executive Director, Adelaide Festival and current Kadaltilla Board Member.
  - 16.2. 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.
  - 16.3. 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.
  - 16.4. Daniel Bennett - registered landscape architect with over 20 years experience in cities, movement, places and green infrastructure.
17. A further targeted selection process was undertaken following the decision of Council from its meeting on 13 December 2022. No additional candidates resulted from this process for consideration.
18. The nominations examined through the skills matrix are as follows:

Vacant Skills Category	Skills Description	Nominees	Existing Kadaltilla Board Member
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

<b>g</b>	financial management	-	N/R
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19. The forward program for Kadaltilla will consider issues that relate to the Skills Description categories above, with significant initiatives including:
  - 19.1. Strategic Work: Review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy and the prioritisation and funding approaches for prioritised initiatives
  - 19.2. Major State Government Projects: progress of the Adelaide Aquatic Centre, Women's and Children's Hospital and Adelaide Botanic High School
  - 19.3. Landscape focussed initiatives such as the approach for Helen Mayo Park
  - 19.4. Sport and Recreation planning and development initiatives, including responses to the remainder of Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) associated with the Adelaide Aquatic Centre redevelopment.
20. To continue to achieve a range of knowledge, skills, and experience across the required skills categories for the purposes of meeting the agenda of Kadaltilla and in accordance with the membership provisions of the Act, it is recommended that the City of Adelaide nominate (for consultation with the Minister):
  - 20.1. Rob Brookman AM - with experience in tourism or event management
  - 20.2. Allison Bretones - with experience in recreation or open space planning or management.
21. It is recommended that the appointment period is from 1 February 2023 to 31 December 2025, consistent with the other appointed Kadaltilla Board Members and the maximum term permitted in the Act and Charter .
22. The nomination and appointment process are subject to provisions pursuant to the City of Adelaide Standing Orders (162 and 167), which state:
  - 22.1. Unless determined otherwise by Council, in the event of more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of all Council Members present will be undertaken to select a nominee.
  - 22.2. 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.
23. A notice in the South Australian Government Gazette will finalise the appointment.

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## DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Link 1** - *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)*

**Link 2** - Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority Charter

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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