

ADELAIDE PARK LANDS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW

ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION REPORT (PHASE 1)

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The City of Adelaide acknowledges that we are located on the traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We also extend that respect to visitors of other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations.

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SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD

Summary

The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) Engagement Plan defines three phases of engagement.

1. Phase 1 – Call for Ideas
2. Phase 2 – Test and Shape
3. Phase 3 – Challenge and Refine

This report provides a summary of engagement undertaken within Phase 1 – Call for Ideas.

Phase 1 engaged with 18 stakeholder groups representing three distinct communities categorised by their level of interest, impact and knowledge. The purpose of Phase 1 is to test the vision, outcomes and priorities contained in the APLMS 2005-2015 and explore new ideas and opinions to inform the mid-term review.

Methods of engagement were tailored to each stakeholder group, including workshops, Kadaltilla Board meetings, online surveys (Your Say Adelaide), advisory/reference groups and public forums. This strategic and comprehensive approach successfully captured community feedback across three levels of involvement (consultation, involvement, and collaboration) relevant to the knowledge base, areas of interest and technical capacity of each group.

Engagement gained insight on how communities value and use the Park Lands and actively sought input about issues and opportunities with the current APLMS and future visions for the Park Lands.

Feedback was categorised in 14 Consultation Themes that were common across stakeholder groups and identified the four key idea topics of Climate change, Kaurna cultural heritage, Societal change and COVID, and Technology as Investigation Areas.

Consultation Themes and Investigation Areas reflect the analysis of a thorough consultation phase that represents a wide variety of stakeholders. Feedback indicated the vision, outcomes and priorities of the APLMS remain relevant, appropriate and important. The analysis also revealed key areas to focus future investigations. Phase 2 of the APLMS Engagement Plan will strengthen representation from stakeholders and identifies where additional activity is required to engage with under-represented groups.

ENGAGEMENT CONTEXT

Background

Since 2005 the Park Lands has received protection through the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)* (the Act). The Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) provide advice on the Adelaide Park Lands to State and local government.

The Act identifies a key function of Kadaltilla as being:

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.

A key component of the strategic management of the Adelaide Park Lands is the creation of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS).

The Act requires the APLMS be comprehensively reviewed at least every five years. It also sets out a requirement to consult with the State, and adjoining councils, and more broadly, identifies all South Australians as a community of interest.

Kadaltilla is reviewing the 2015-2025 APLMS in 2022. This involves a comprehensive engagement program aimed at reviewing the existing management strategy and identifying stakeholder and community perspectives on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands. Council's community consultation policy encourages a proactive approach using diverse engagement activities.

In developing or amending the APLMS, the Act requires Kadaltilla to:

- *Refer the proposal to the Minister, the Adelaide City Council, and any State authority or adjoining council that has a direct interest in the proposal*
- *By public advertisement, invite any interested person to make written submissions to the Authority at least one month from the date of publication, and to attend a public meeting to be held in relation to the proposal.*

These statutory requirements will be undertaken at the conclusion of a three-phase engagement program (refer to Part 3 of this report).

Previous consultation on the APLMS 2005-2015

The current APLMS was informed by over 1,500 community engagement participants over an eleven-week consultation period. This included:

- 717 interviews
- 147 pictures from Picture Adelaide
- 214 ideas from the 5000+ platform
- 51 online forum participants
- 304 ideas submitted through the project website.

In addition, the current APLMS was informed by workshops, briefings and meetings with State agencies and adjoining Council staff and Council Members. The level of input to the current APLMS indicates strong interest to a wide range of stakeholders.

By the nature of the previous engagement, the current APLMS is large and very broad capturing broad interests in the Park Lands.

Much of the feedback provided is still valid. The opportunity for this review is to guide further input around an emerging context, such as:

- Technology
- Kaurna Connection to Country
- Societal shifts
- Government policy
- Climate change
- Population and economic growth and change
- COVID-19.

Kadaltilla APLMS Feedback

At its meeting on 24 February 2022, Kadaltilla discussed aspects of an updated APLMS. Key commentary from the meeting provides insight into review objectives, these include:

- Visioning to underpin the review, is the overall vision still compelling and powerful?
- Consider the APLMS from broad perspectives (political, economic, social, technological, legal, climate)
- Draw inspiration from Light's vision; not just the grid layout but the intent for the Park Lands
- Identify practical step-shift changes to move forward and identify a pipeline of projects, infrastructure and investment
- Identify key areas to return to Park Lands as provided for under the Act
- More visual approaches to communicating the strategy such as use of spatial mapping and creating overlays of key contextual information. Also consider a more agile strategy presentation; interactive and electronic format
- State involvement (Green Adelaide, Office of Design and Architecture SA) in the process is a high priority
- Consider the use and timing of the Annual Community Forum as part of the project's consultation requirements.

Based on this feedback, engagement for the project is a vehicle to:

- Create an updated and compelling vision
- Assist in strategy, goal and priority setting
- Obtain broad perspectives (climate, social, political etc.)
- Link future actions with the heritage of the Park Lands
- Define and refine tangible projects
- Deliver a more visual process
- Engender greater partner involvement.

City of Adelaide Community Consultation Policy

City of Adelaide's (CoA) community consultation policy outlines that, when engaging the community in a decision-making process, CoA will:

- Seek out and encourage contributions from people who may be affected by or interested in a decision
- Provide relevant, timely and balanced information so people can contribute in a meaningful way
- Provide a variety of appropriate and accessible ways for people to have their say and to speak honestly
- Actively listen so that people's ideas and input assist in making the final decision
- Consider the needs and interests of all people in the decision-making process
- Tell the community about the final decision, and how their input was considered
- Collaborate with peak bodies and other levels of government to achieve common goals for CoA.

The policy encourages a proactive approach to delivering diverse engagement activities guided by timely and relevant information. It also identifies the potential for alignment with government and peak bodies and the importance of 'closing the consultation loop'.

Supporting Documents

The engagement program is being undertaken to inform the overall review of the APLMS and should be taken in conjunction with a comprehensive review of achievement against the current APLMS to date and investigations undertaken to inform the review.

ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

Comprehensive Review of the APLMS

The Act sets out the requirement for the Authority to create and review the APLMS. A primary purpose of the APLMS is to:

Identify goals, set priorities and identify strategies with respect to the management of the Adelaide Park Lands.

The engagement approach seeks to achieve this outcome, mindful of project context and stakeholder expectations.

Purpose of Engagement

The purpose of the current engagement is to test the vision, outcomes and priorities contained in the APLMS 2015-2025 and invigorate new ideas and opinions to inform the mid-term review of the document.

Engagement Objectives

The engagement objectives are shaped by legislation, the CoA community consultation policy, previous engagement activities and feedback from Kadaltilla.

Key objectives are to:

- Identify the needs and values of broader South Australians on the Park Lands, including current and potential users of the Park Lands
- Engage with the State Government, CoA and adjoining councils as active contributors to proposals and outcomes of the APLMS
- Proactively approach a range of communities to obtain diverse insights and values on the Park Lands
- Employ a mix of online and in person engagement techniques that optimise opportunities for communities to influence the project
- Supply timely and relevant information in plain language or visual formats that support meaningful and relevant input from engagement participants
- Obtain broad perspectives from different disciplines such as environmental, social, political, economic, cultural and heritage.

Engagement Outcome

Enhanced awareness and appreciation of the Park Lands, the challenges faced by the Park Lands and the contributions the Park Lands make to Adelaide and the State.

Phases of Engagement

The comprehensive review of the APLMS involves different information gathering processes across a comprehensive program of engagement as detailed in the project's Engagement Plan.

The APLMS review has a timeline of 18 months. Over this period there will be three phases of engagement:

1. First phase: a call for ideas from different perspectives to start shaping a new APLMS. Targeted approach to communities of place.
2. Second phase: a chance to test and shape early project ideas and respond to / build an overarching vision for the APLMS.
3. Third phase: presentation of a draft document for testing, challenging and refining through open consultation.

This Engagement Report is a summary of the first phase of the engagement program

STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT

Explanation of Report Structure

This report presents the phase one engagement findings in four parts under the following sections:

Part 1 – Executive Summary

1. Summary of What We Heard – provides a high-level overview of the key messages from the consultation and areas to be tested in future stages of consultation.

Part 2 – Introduction

2. Engagement Context – provides a concise background on previous engagement on the APLMS and sets the focus for the current APLMS review.
3. Engagement Approach – sets out the engagement purpose, objectives and outcome sought and the phases of engagement.
4. Structure of the Report – outlines the structure of the report to assist with its navigation and consideration of the engagement findings.

Part 3 – Phase One Engagement

5. Phase One Program – summarises key consultation tools and techniques used in phase one of the engagement.
6. Community Use of Park Lands – considers visitation to the Park Lands, favourite parks or locations, and main activities in the Park Lands.
7. APLMS Document – summarises feedback on the existing APLMS vision and document structure.
8. Consultation Themes – summarises the key themes which were discussed across the various consultation activities.
9. Investigation Areas – summarises feedback that responds to the four key topics of: technology, Kaurna cultural heritage, climate change, and COVID/societal shifts.
10. Spatial Plans.

Part 4 - Appendices

The appendices provide details of each workshop, presentation, meeting and survey conducted during the consultation period. Each appendix is arranged as follows:

- Key information (including date, time, location, theme, purpose & presenter)
- Format of the engagement activity
- Summary of the engagement feedback
- Response to the comments received
- Verbatim feedback (where relevant)
- Links to supporting material (e.g. workshop presentations or additional engagement information).

PHASE ONE ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholders

Engagement was aimed towards three main communities:

1. Communities of interest; stakeholders with an interest in the project and its outcomes
2. Communities of impact; stakeholders that will be affected by the project and its outcomes
3. Communities of knowledge; stakeholders with a working and technical knowledge of the contemporary drivers for the Park Lands.

Key stakeholders and into which communities they were defined (green) are shown below:

Stakeholder	Community of Interest	Community of Impact	Community of Knowledge
Council Members			
State Government agencies			
Kaurna			
Neighbouring Councils			
Council businesses (e.g. Golf, Aquatic Centre)			
Tenure holders			
Residential community (including new residents)			
Representative bodies (e.g. Adelaide Park Lands Association)			
Resident Associations and Business precincts			
Education institutions			
Visitors			
Committees - Reconciliation and Access and Inclusion			
Adelaide Economic Development Agency			
City institutions - Zoo, museum, galleries, libraries			
General Public			
Council volunteers			
Council service consumers			
Youth			

Level of Involvement

The first phase of the consultation on the APLMS was undertaken between July and October 2022. It included a combination of online and in person consultation activities that were designed to reach a diverse range of people who are representative of a variety of parties interested in the Park Lands.

Many of the activities were organised as part of the APLMS review process but some sessions were undertaken as a part of other projects and engagement processes.

The engagement program supported three levels of involvement. The levels varied depending on the nature of the participant/stakeholder's degree of interest or potential impact from the delivery of the APLMS, and dependent on the level of knowledge and technical input the stakeholder can provide.

The three levels of involvement are defined as:

	1. Consult	2. Involve	3. Collaborate
Goal	Two way communications designed to obtain feedback on ideas, alternatives and proposals to inform our decision making.	Participatory process designed to help identify issues and views to ensure that concerns and aspirations are understood and considered prior to our decision making.	Working together to develop an understanding of all issues and interests to work out alternatives and identify preferred solutions for joint decision making.
Approach	We will explore options, gain feedback and an understanding of your concerns and preferences.	We will involve you in the process so your ideas, concerns and aspirations are reflected in the alternatives developed or the final decision.	We will collaborate with you, so your advice, innovation and recommendations are included in the final decision that we make together.
Participant Role	Contribute	Participate	Partner

Consultation Tools and Techniques

The consultation was undertaken by CoA. WAX Design, landscape architect consultants, was engaged to assist in the facilitation of certain sessions and to review the consultation material and responses.

Further information on each session including details of the activities undertaken and the comments provided are included in the appendices.

A summary of the techniques utilised during the consultation is provided below:

Technique / Tool	Purpose / Description
Advertisement	To inform and make people more broadly aware of the project, capture paper based and e-readers (e.g. InDaily).
Social Media	Posts and updates promoting the consultation.
Onsite signage / Poster	Attract attention from commuters, visitors and users of the Park Lands as well as people visiting, working or living in the city. Corflute signs at sports club venues, Park Lands hubs, entry points to the city and at commercial lessees.
Your Say	Online project portal to form the online project interface that provides information to participants and receives feedback and ideas.
Distribution Lists	Utilise existing email distributions lists from across the organisation (Your Say Adelaide and community development etc.) to spread the message to audiences that may be more likely to show interest following Council contact on projects and initiatives.

Technique / Tool	Purpose / Description
Field Trips	Field trips to be used over the life of the project for Kadaltilla to obtain first-hand experience with the sites of proposed projects.
Public Meeting / Town Hall Meeting/Open Space Meeting	The Annual Community Forum in August 2022 provided an opportunity to host a facilitated forum to explore contextual drivers.
Workshop (facilitated)	Opportunities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshops with students' leaders from different schools - Park Lands based workshops for Lease holders - Workshops with Council and Kadaltilla - Workshop with Council Committees and Panels (Reconciliation and Disability Access and Inclusion) - Workshops with adjoining Councils and Key Partners.
Advisory/Reference Groups	Project Steering Committee of project partners/critical stakeholders including Council, State Government and Kaurna. Project Control Group and Project Reference Group of Council staff that would take on/ champion delivery of the APLMS.

Timing of Consultation Activities

A summary of the timing of the various consultation activities is detailed below:

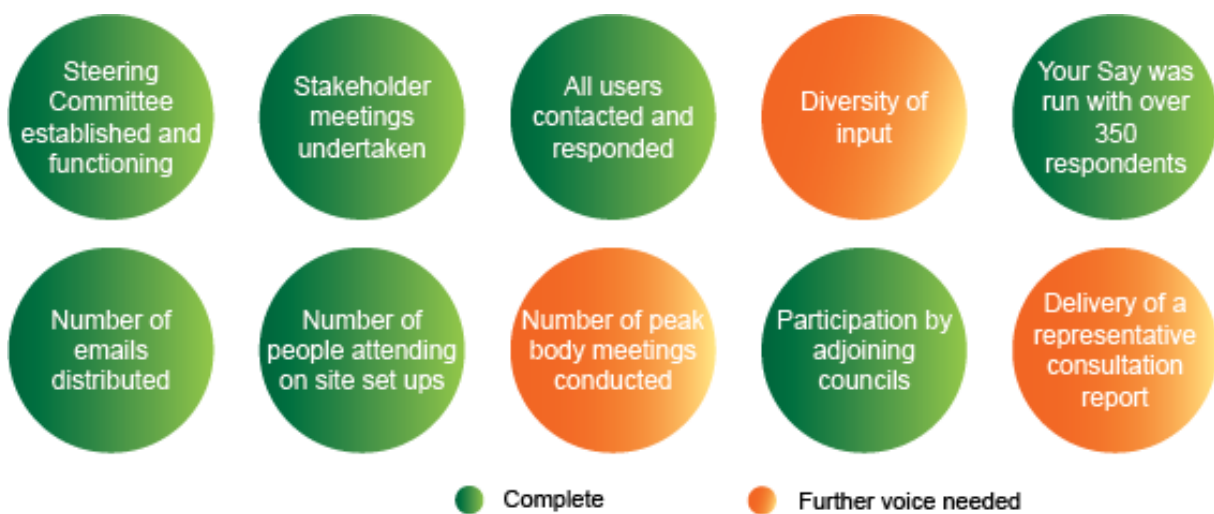
Date	Participants (audience)	Consultation Activity	Number of attendees / responses
Thurs 24 Feb 2022	Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority	Workshop	7 attendees
Mon 9 May 2022	Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority	"Key Achievements" Park Lands site tour	8 attendees
Fri 13 May 2022 - Mon 6 June 2022	Open to all (focus on residents, business and ratepayers)	Survey and submissions for the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-2023	56 surveys 20 submissions
Tue 24 May 2022	The Committee - Strategic Discussion Forum	Workshop	9 attendees
Thurs 26 May 2022	Representatives from adjoining Councils (Mayors)	Invitation to present at Kadaltilla Board Meeting	3 attendees
Tue 21 June 2022	Loxton High School senior students	Workshop	13 attendees
Thurs 30 June 2022	Key Partners	Invitation to present at Kadaltilla Board Meeting	2 attendees
Thurs 14 July 2022	Lease holders for facilities located within the Park Lands	Workshop	16 attendees
Fri 15 July 2022 - Fri 2 Sept 2022	Open to all	Your Say questionnaire	356 submissions (over 2,500 individual responses)

Date	Participants (audience)	Consultation Activity	Number of attendees / responses
Sat 23 July 2022 - Fri 2 Sept 2022	Open to all	Consultation invited via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, InDaily, digital screens, Park Lands signage, postcards and posters in local cafes and shops	N/A
Tue 26 July 2022	Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) Board	Informal gathering	5 attendees
Thurs 28 July 2022	Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority	Workshop	8 attendees
Wed 10 Aug 2022 – Fri 30 Sept 2022	City of Adelaide staff	Internal Your Say questionnaire	2 responses
Fri 12 Aug 2022	Youth	Workshop	6 attendees
Wed 17 Aug 2022	Open to all community members	Drop-in session	6 attendees
Thurs 18 Aug 2022	Open to all community members	Drop-in session	2 attendees
Sat 20 Aug 2022	Open to all community members	Kadaltilla Annual Community Forum	~100 attendees
Mon 22 Aug 2022	Students from St. Aloysius College	Workshop	8 attendees
Thurs 25 Aug 2022	Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority	Workshop	6 attendees
Tues 30 Aug 2022	Representatives from adjoining Councils (CEO and Mayors)	Meeting	17 attendees
Fri 30 Sept 2022 (closing date)	Volunteers and City of Adelaide Administration	Online survey	2 responses
Wed 5 Oct 2022	Key partners / stakeholders (landowners / key institutions in the Park Lands)	Workshop	7 attendees
Thurs 13 Oct 2022	Young members of Civic Leaders group	Presentation / Online meeting	3 attendees
Mon 17 Oct 2022	Key partners / stakeholders (landowners / key institutions in the Park Lands)	Workshop	8 attendees
Tue 11 Oct 2022 Tue 25 Oct 2022	City of Adelaide Disability Access and Inclusion Panel	Questionnaire	3 responses
Wed 7 Sept 2022	City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee	Presentation	10 attendees

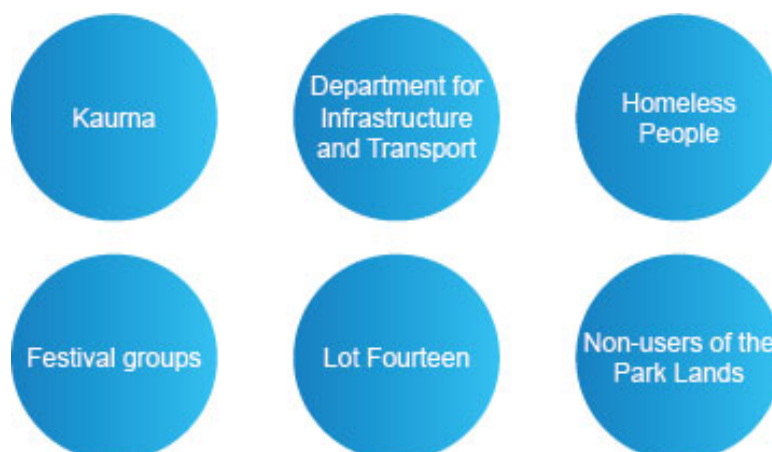
Date	Participants (audience)	Consultation Activity	Number of attendees / responses
Thurs 27 Oct 2022	City Farm and Australian Institute of Landscape Architects	Presentation at Kadaltilla Board Meeting	2 attendees
TOTAL		246 attendees + 438 responses (including over 2,500 individual Your Say comments)	

Phase One Evaluation

A series of measures were identified in the project's engagement plan to assist in evaluating the engagement program. A high-level assessment against the Phase 1 measures is provided below:



As part of the evaluation, additional consultation with the following stakeholders is identified to inform future engagement activities:



COMMUNITY USE OF PARK LANDS

Use of Park Lands

A series of questions were designed to consider the suitability of the current APLMS and the community’s perception and use of the Park Lands. Questions were asked primarily to community participants through the Your Say survey.

Questions included:

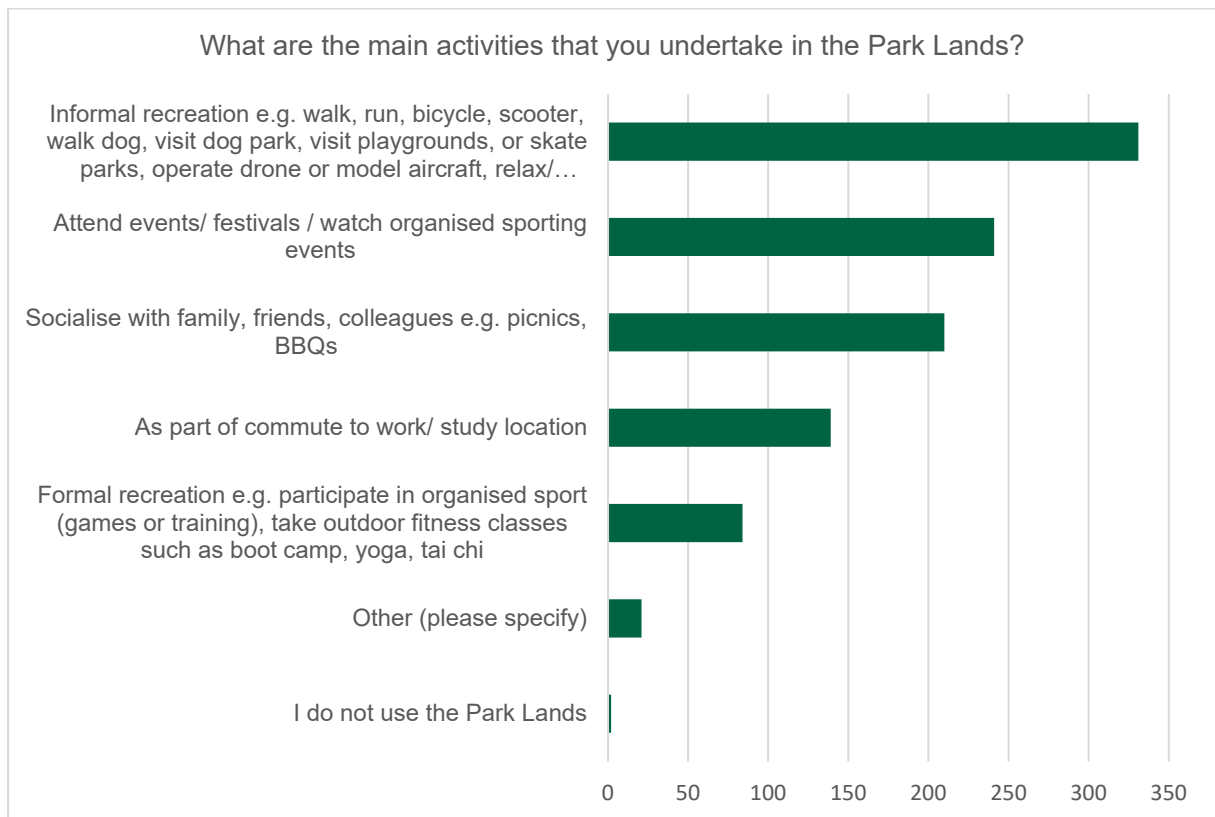
- Is there a place you visit more often than other places in the Park Lands?
- Why do you choose that location over others?
- Have you seen recent changes/improvements in the Park Lands?

Overall perceptions of the Park Lands were positive, and most community participants indicated their use of the Park Lands had increased in the last five years. The responses support a diverse range of activities across the Park Lands.

Main activities in the Park Lands

This was a question asked in the Your Say survey, respondents could select all relevant responses. The Your Say survey had 356 online responses.

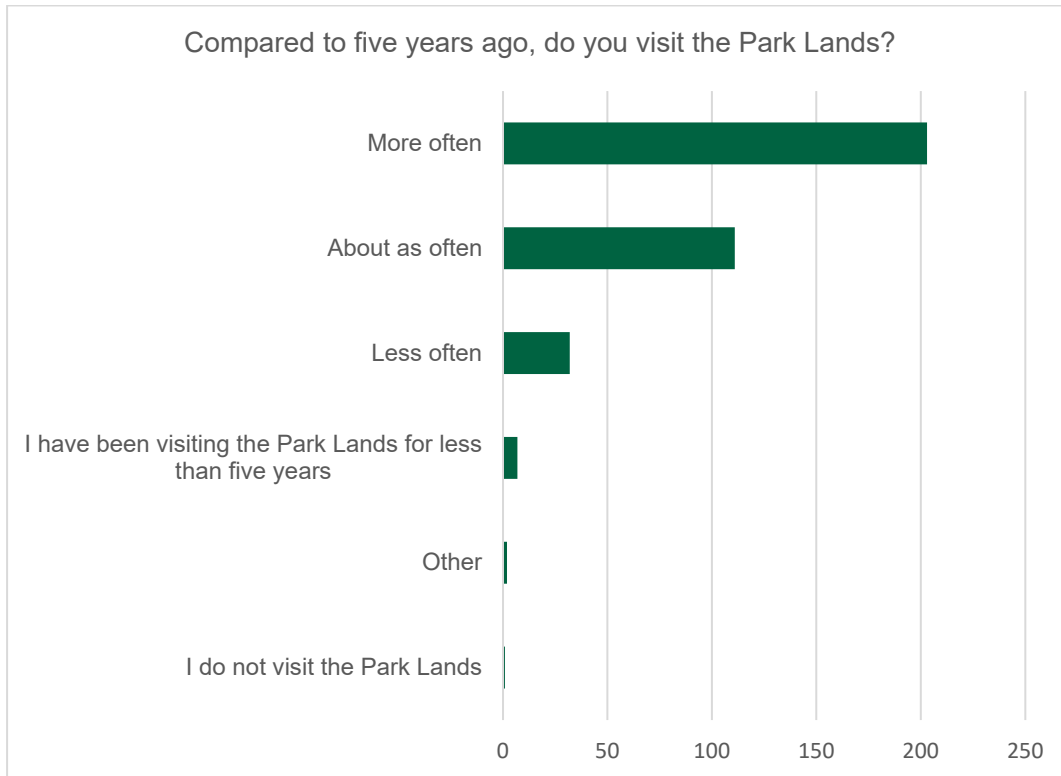
A significant proportion of respondents use the Park Lands for unstructured recreational or social activities.



Visitation to the Park Lands

This was a question asked in the Your Say questionnaire. The Your Say questionnaire had 356 online responses.

The responses to this question indicate that 59% of respondents increased their visits over the last five years with 32% stating that their visitation rate stayed about the same.



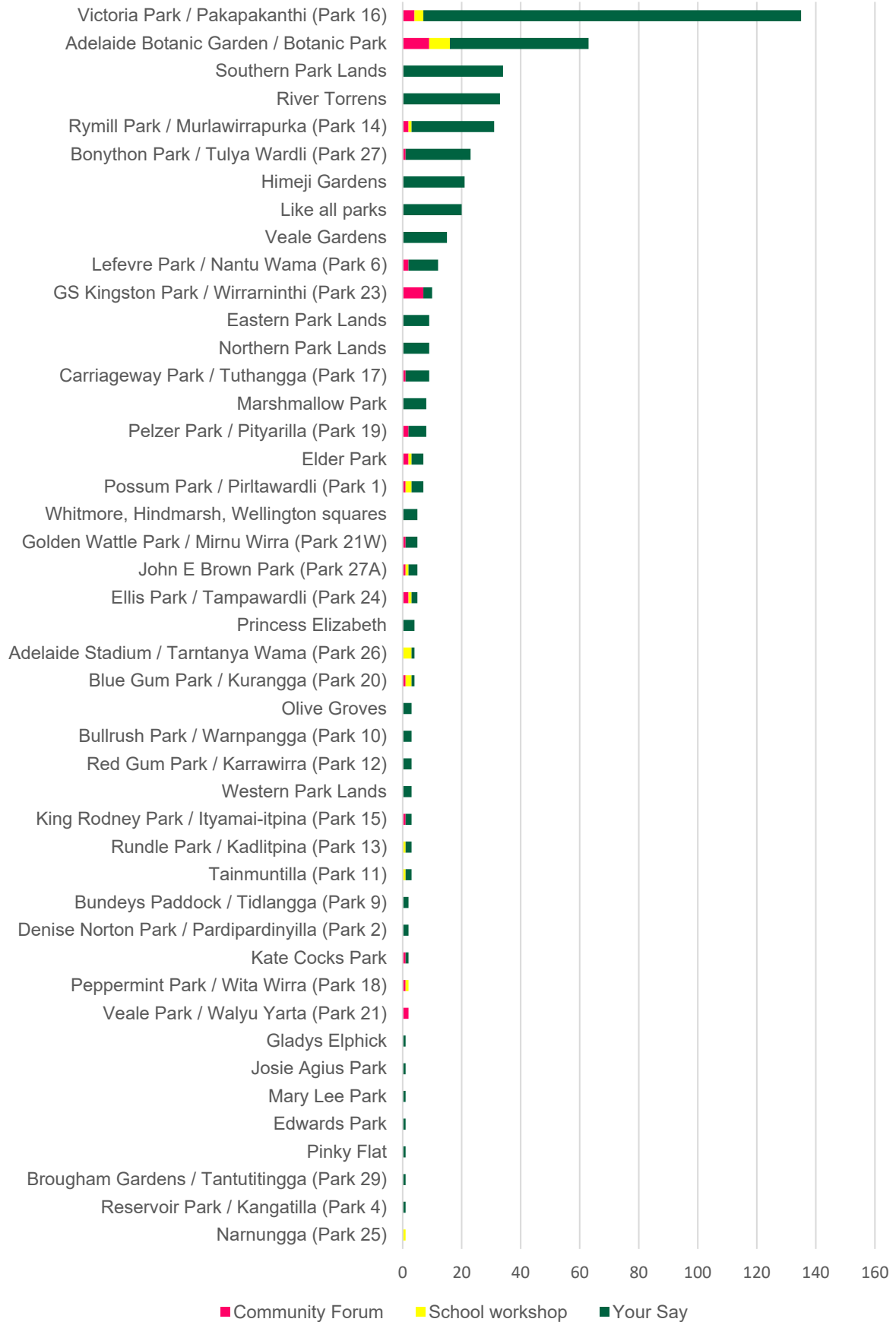
Favourite Locations in the Park Lands

Questions focusing on important and valued locations in the Park Lands were asked primarily to community and school participants. Those questions were:

- Community Forum - What is your favourite place in the Adelaide Park Lands in the last 12 months?
- School Workshop – Where do you spend time and what do you enjoy in the Park Lands?
- Your Say survey – Which is your favourite park in the Park Lands?

The following figure shows a general summary of responses to these questions ranked in descending order from most popular to least popular.

Is there a place you visit more often than other places in the Park Lands?



CURRENT APLMS

Vision in the Current APLMS

The vision for the Park Lands contained in the current APLMS is set out on page 6 of the management strategy and states:

Inspiring growing numbers of residents, workers and visitors, the 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. There will be a balanced approach to a diverse range of environmental, cultural, recreational and social values, activities and developments. All resources will be protected and enhanced.

The following statement on page 6 of the APLMS is often referred to the vision:

The Adelaide Park Lands will be a globally recognised Park System which surrounds and permeates our city and is central to our identity.

Kadaltilla has provided direction that the review of the APLMS should aim to 'create an updated and compelling vision' for the Park Lands.

Feedback on the Vision for the Park Lands

The diverse perspectives, values, and priorities that were demonstrated across the Your Say and workshop consultation activities, as well as the physical size and range of activities of the Park Lands, resulted in a wide variety of vision statements. Potential vision statements were invited from respondents to the Your Say survey and possible future scenarios discussed during various workshops with Park Lands tenants, students and youth.

While there are key themes that repeat across the various sessions, it will be very difficult to have a single vision statement for the whole of the Park Lands.

A suggestion was to divide the Park Lands into precincts with a vision statement for each precinct rather than all areas trying to meet all objectives with a single and potentially reductive statement.

The following example objectives were identified through the Your Say consultation as key elements to include a part of future visual statements for the Park Lands:

Iconic / Reputation / Recognition

Recognised globally, promoted, celebrated, unique, iconic, aim to be the Park Lands that other cities aspire to be, a place of pride for all South Australians, turn 9 million visitors into 29 million, home to events that promote the state.

This included recognising and protecting the Park Lands as a key asset and demonstrating excellence in design and management. Improve the reputation of the Park Lands worldwide, increase visitation of city and the Park Lands. Respect for the Park Lands by all councils and governments.

Green / Biodiversity / Nature / Protected

Where flora and fauna can thrive, rewild, providing for and prioritise community and biodiversity, sharing the natural environment, escape, wild spaces, peaceful, sanctuary, haven, retreat, respite, green, sustainable, healthy, thriving, green belt, a network of parks, lungs of the city, cool, green halo, water-wise, protected, reclaimed, rehabilitated, free from permanent structures, not encroached upon.

Ideas such as green space, healthy environment, biodiversity came through strongly from all consultation sessions. This included:

- Retain natural feel and landscape value of Park Lands.
- Increase biodiversity.
- Balance environmental outcomes with activation.
- Increasing protection and conservation of biodiversity while increasing awareness (e.g. Encouraging more species and restoring threatened species, education relating to flora and fauna, dedicated plant diverse areas).
- Increasing connection to nature (e.g. Nature-based activities, informal area, rewilding areas, shared spaces between humans and biodiversity).
- A valued refuge – the lungs to the heart of the State – that is beautified and protected, a global example of the importance of nature in city living.

Accessible / Free / Public

Easy access for all South Australians, welcoming, user-friendly, free, open, public, inclusive, a place for people, welcoming, open, accessible, inclusive, where people want to be.

This objective focused on the Park Lands being free and accessible for all visitors. Accessible and inclusive for all people regardless of age or ability including facilities, pathways and balance between paid and free activities. Strengthening protection of the Park Lands (e.g. Ensuring public, open and equitable access to all, less hard-stand areas / buildings, limiting development).

Diverse / Activated / Distinct

Diversity of attraction, theming parks, a network of parks, mosaic of parks, individual parks with personality / character, distinctive, defined 'rooms', a perfect compromise between liveability and greenness, greater activation, mix of uses, diverse, balanced.

This objective acknowledged the diverse range of facilities, activities and events that the Park Lands provided for all members of the community and included:

- Improve management of events in the Park Lands.
- Explore additional opportunities for sporting events utilising and improving existing facilities.
- Improving existing and introducing new facilities in the Park Lands (e.g. Improving accessibility, more nature playspaces, more fenced pet areas, more multi-use areas).
- Provide a myriad of recreational and sporting opportunities and events for everyone to enjoy.

- There will be a balanced approach to a diverse range of environmental, cultural, recreational and social values, activities and developments.
- A well-connected series of unique parks, with an overarching identity that are globally recognised.

Kaurna / Culture / Heritage

Recognising Kaurna history and connection to country. Celebrating Kaurna culture (e.g. Through land management, education, embedding in park projects). Involving Kaurna representatives in the conversation, planning and management of the Park Lands.

Ideas such as creating a strong Kaurna presence in the Park Lands through signage, *truth telling*, and art into the story of the Park Lands and city were common. There was strong support for increasing recognition / celebration of Aboriginal culture and increasing Kaurna involvement in the decision making process and active management of the Park Lands.

Document Content and Structure

There was consensus through the engagement process that the current APLMS is a high-quality document and the review process should focus predominantly on accelerating implementation of the strategies contained within the management strategy.

This supports the direction from Kadaltilla to undertake a contemporary review of the document and create more visual approaches to communicating the plan such as the use of spatial mapping and creating overlays of key contextual information (including interactive and digital formats).

Specific feedback from adjoining councils and the State Government is that the review may provide an opportunity to separate high-level strategy from delivery through a separate implementation plan.

CONSULTATION THEMES

A series of questions aimed at identifying the consultation participant's perspectives of the future of the Park Lands were posed.

This included the following questions:

- Is there anything that detracts from the Park Lands, makes it less enjoyable to visit than it could be?
- What would you like to see happen in the Park Lands for you to enjoy or use them more?
- What do you think would encourage others to use the Park Lands more?
- CoA is one of the most liveable cities in the world. What role do you think the Park Lands play in making Adelaide liveable?
- Is there more that could be achieved from the Park Lands to make Adelaide even more liveable?
- What do you hope will stay the same in the Park Lands?
- What do you believe are the main challenges for the Park Lands?
- What is one thing we cannot ignore for the Park Lands over the next five years?
- What is the one thing we must pursue for the Park Lands over the next five years?
- Can you look 100 years into the future and describe what the Park Lands look like?

The questions guided various consultation activities. The following section summarises the consultation responses across all activities.

Vision / Use of the Park Lands

Attitudes on the future planning and use of the Park Lands varied depending on individual or the group asked. The main conclusion for this theme is that the Park Lands provide a diverse range of activities for a diverse range of users and that this was appropriate and should be reinforced in the future.

Key perspective of the use of the Park Lands:

- The Park Lands should be free to access.
- The Park Lands provide a diverse range of activities for a diverse range of user groups. It should continue to support a diverse range of activities including free access facilities, sporting facilities and events.
- The Park Lands meet the needs of various visitors who come from various distances to use the Park Lands e.g. local use, regional, tourism.
- Some areas have a high concentration of use that may impact on the maintenance of the Park Lands.
- The Adelaide Park Lands should be protected for future generations.
- Visitors would increase if there were destinations to travel to, rather than just informal recreation.
- Park Lands diversity is needed so each park isn't the same- e.g. community garden, natural, Himeji garden, olive groves, wetlands, etc.

Variance to this perspective:

- There were different perspectives on the value of co-locating facilities, with some respondents believing that this would negatively impact on the Park Lands and some respondents acknowledging that there are opportunities in the shared use of facilities.
- It is unfair that some large areas (e.g. golf course, horse paddocks) are used by a small number of people.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Opportunity for the Park Lands to be considered / incorporated into council open space and active transport strategies.
- Creating spaces for all areas of the community including young people.

Governance / Legal

This topic focused on the legal management and governance of the Park Lands. This includes issues such as management of leases, dry zones, events, and the legal status and protection of the Park Lands.

Key perspective of this topic:

- The community wanted increased governance on various matters including increasing resources relating to park management, noise control, enforcing dry zones, limiting development, and better planning controls to limit the loss of the Park Lands.
- Lack of understanding and clarity concerning the legal management of the Park Lands, the function of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Board, the legal protection of the Park Lands.
- The Park Lands should be protected as a critical environmental / open space asset.

In addition, the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget consultation response identified the following perspective on the Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management Plan (APLCLMP):

- Do not adjust the APLCLMP if it makes it easier for development in the Park Lands to slip through.
- Do adjust the APLCLMP if it makes it easier to activate the Park Lands.

The tenants' focus was on the leases for their facilities within the Park Lands:

- The lease holders raised several issues including:
 - Lack of long-term certainty, which reduces appetite for funding and investment into facilities.
 - Lack of flexibility, which reduces income earning capacity.
 - Uncertainty in rules around subleases, which makes it difficult to operate and activate tenancies.
 - Lack of communication and collaboration between lease holders and the council.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- State and World Heritage list status for Park Lands.

This opportunity was identified in the community forum, Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget consultation, Your Say questionnaire and in the stakeholder workshops. This opportunity needs to be balance against the need to manage climate change and increase Kaurna Connection to Country.

- Improving governance of the Park Lands to further protect and enhance them (e.g. Preventing loss of the Park Lands, enforcing dry zones, ensuring the Park Lands is for everyone, managing events to be open and accessible).
- Management and oversight given to a Trust rather than in the hands of CoA and the SA government.
- Undertake a review of leases in consultation with lease holders to identify opportunities to improve operations including consideration of access to car parking revenue for specific events run by tenants.
- Open space planning:
 - Park Types: Differentiating parks into park types, based on the experience sought by the visitor – for example, sports parks, biodiversity parks, linear parks etc. – that articulate the experience (and a suite of assets and facilities) the community can expect and plan for an outing.
 - Quality Standards: Further classification into quality standards based on actual levels of utilisation and service levels. This translates in regional, district and local terminology into high, moderate, and low-use sites that everyone can understand, particularly the community.

Access / Connection

Access and connection was the most common theme arising through the consultation. Feedback was focused on access to the Park Lands (from surrounding local government areas) and the connection between individual parks. The importance of linear and circular movements in the Park Lands was identified.

There were similar perspectives about access and connection across all consultation sessions and audiences including community members, tenants, adjoining councils, and stakeholder/partners.

Key perspectives include:

- Access into the Park Lands from adjoining council areas could be improved and there are known locations for upgrade. The main roads and train lines act as a barrier for people to walk / cycle to the Park Lands.
- The connection between individual parks could be improved to provide a more cohesive network of Park Lands and improve the function of the Park Lands as a continuous space (both for humans and animals).
- There are differing needs of pedestrians and cyclists throughout the pathways network in the Park Lands.
- Signage (facilities and destinations) and wayfinding across the Park Lands could be improved.
- Crossing points, bike lanes and other connections could be improved and should be assessed for safety.
- The Park Lands should be accessible for everyone and pathways should allow for access for all abilities.

- Continuous loop path for walking and cycling around the entire Park Lands recognised by all groups as a priority.
- Access to the River Torrens could be improved.
- Greater network planning should be developed to improve access and hierarchy of paths.

In addition, the following perspectives were raised by adjoining councils:

- Active transport into the city from adjoining council areas could be promoted through greater connection between these areas.
- Commuter and visitor access-pathways have different functions and should be separated.
- The Park Lands should be considered in adjoining council strategic planning and reflected in future transport, movement and access planning.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Deliver continuous recreation loop path – illuminated unbroken walking / cycling / running trail around the Park Lands. Including underpasses / overpasses / tunnels to eliminate road crossings.

This opportunity was identified in the community forum, tenants' workshop, Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget consultation, Your Say questionnaire and in the Kadaltilla Board meeting.

- Knowing the primary Park Lands trails will be open for pedestrians, cyclists and personal transporters i.e., not closed for events. A blue centre line painted on all permanent trails that mandate non-closable trails.
- Improve wayfinding throughout Park Lands to increase access, investigate an integrated technology option (e.g. Smart technologies).
- Review and improve signage options for facilities within the Park Lands to improve access and visitor experience.
- Improve access into the Park Lands and between parks, the CBD and adjoining councils including increasing safe crossing points, investigating land bridge access in strategy locations (to support both animal and human movement).
- Designated cycling paths, accessible bike areas for children.
- Plant more trees along both side of pathways to make it cooler in summer.
- Improve the amenity of connections (pram ramps, accessibility, shade and shelter, end-of-trip facilities).
- A pedestrian and cycle bridge from end of King St / Railway Tce (Mile End) across James Congdon Drive and then again across the rail tracks to the western Park Lands.
- Public transport connections around the outside and/or inside edges of the Park Lands, which would also enable connections with radial bus routes.
- Lower the roads with park overpasses to connect the parks together.
- Bike path under Port Road adjacent to the rail line near Gaol Road.
- Review hierarchy of pathways and use of smart technology to collect data on use of pathways. Consider rationalisation or footpath network if necessary.
- Continuous investment in footpaths and access.

- Undertake review of all abilities access of Park Lands and increase equitable access to Park Lands and facilities within the Park Lands.
- Work with adjoining councils to ensure active transport planning is integrated.
- Consider separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians, particularly commuting cyclists to reduce conflicts and improve safety.
- Improve integration and connection of the Mike Turner Bikeway through the Park Lands to the city as a key commuter route. City of Unley has significantly upgraded this bikeway and there is a missing link across Greenhill Rd and through the Park Lands.
- Bridle track is designed for use by horses – usually filled with mulch or similar – need alternative path surface adjacent the bridle track for a variety of users, especially people with disabilities.
- Lack of connection between Main North Road and Mann Road (northern Park Lands), including a long stretch without a crossing and opportunity to investigate one.
- Increase connectivity along Victoria Drive to increase links between the CBD, the river and the Park Lands.

River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari

The River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari (the River) was identified as a key area of interest by both the community and more specifically lease holders who are located along the river edge. The perspectives of the rowing clubs were considered important for this topic as they have a stronger relationship and experience of the River over time.

Key perspective of this topic:

- The water quality of the River can be improved, there are issues with litter, pest plants and animals along the river, and health concerns with the water.
- The perception of low water quality of the River damages the reputation of Adelaide and Adelaide water clubs with interstate visitors.
- The River is an opportunity for the city – it can be better utilised and funded.
- The relationship of the River Torrens and the Riverbank Precinct remains a significant opportunity.

An alternative perspective on the River:

- That the re-zoning of the Riverbank precinct should be stopped.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Develop and implement a long-term strategy to improve the River including consideration of:
 - Improving water quality resulting in a swimmable River, and reducing health concerns with river water.
 - Effective protection of waterways and native ecosystems, improving biodiversity and increasing native bush regeneration around the river.
 - Increase maintenance and pest management along the river including clearing debris from the river after storms.
 - Provide better access to the river from adjacent parks and improved access and safety along the river including lighting.

- Tram extension over the bridge to bring more people and activity along the Park Lands adjacent to the river.
- Provide more infrastructure (restaurants, bars, etc.) around the River to take advantage of the setting.
- Light the bridges along the River all year round, not just festivals.
- Develop partnerships that will support improvement of the River.
- Activation including outdoor dining and playgrounds.
- Allocate additional resources to more frequent clearing of rubbish in the River / Lake especially adjacent to Elder Park and the Weir.
- Continuous pathway connections along the River improving connection to the city, the beach and the hills.

Car Parking

Car parking was a contentious theme across the consultation participants. There were distinct and often conflicting perspectives across the different groups. In some cases, there was little understanding or acknowledgement of the difference in perspective between different groups; with each group holding their view as the correct view.

The provision of car parking was identified as both necessary to support different activities and also detrimental to the environment and the visual and physical access to the Park Lands.

General community perspectives on car parking:

- Car parking should be removed from the Park Lands.
- Some participants did not agree with event car parking occurring on the Park Lands.

General tenant perspectives on car parking:

- The cost of car parking in the city can impact on retention of volunteers for clubs.
- Seasonal car parking is required to support larger events.
- Generally current leases cannot generate revenue from car parking, timed car parks impact on events, lease holders can support.
- Car parking being used by other facilities creates conflict.

Adjoining council perspective:

- City of Unley – larger regional events such as the Royal Adelaide Show would not be feasible without using the Park Lands for car parking.

General stakeholder / partner perspective:

- Vehicular access is important and will remain important. While discussions consider removal, access to parking will remain important.

Opportunities identified by consultation participants:

- Think about parking differently – consider innovation in parking design / use. Multi-functional uses, multideck paving and bike parking, timed parking.
- Design car parks so they are less intrusive / look less like car parks such as replacing hard surfaces with options such as void structured concrete (e.g. Grasscrete™).

- Investigate opportunities for adjacent office buildings to provide weekend car parking for the Park Lands to increase car parking capacity adjacent the Park Lands.
- Identify areas for event or overflow temporary car parking across the Park Lands and undertake greening approach to offset the negative impact, both visual and physical and perceived loss of open space. For example, increased tree planting in these areas, trafficable green surfaces.
- Explore creation of temporary road closures to accommodate event or sports club parking e.g. Rundle Street.

Greening / Natural areas / Tree canopy / Biodiversity

The theme of green natural areas, tree canopy and biodiversity were raised by many participants. There was a sense from participants that this topic was a given, that the identity of the Park Lands was assumed to be natural green areas or vegetated areas. This resulted in few specific comments relating to this topic.

Key perspective of this topic:

- The natural feel and open space of the Park Lands should be retained.
- There should be more natural areas for 'rewilding' increasing biodiversity value, local flora and fauna.
- The Park Lands have the opportunity to become a cool place of refuge in the city to help combat the heat island effect and climate change, including increasing tree canopy, irrigated areas.
- Opportunity to improve soil health, introduce rare plant species, use smart native plant choices, continue to conserve remnant vegetation, and establish bush food trail.
- Consider and incorporate Kaurna culture into the selection of plant species and management of natural areas.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Enhance and promote the native bush food trail in G S Kingston Park / Wirrarninthi (Park 23).
- Increase trained biodiversity maintenance staff, organise volunteer groups to maintain and improve landscape of the Park Lands.
- Increase areas of native landscapes, native foods and plants, medicinal plants and Kaurna land management.
- Organise a comprehensive scientific study to gain baseline data re: biodiversity presence and absence in the Park Lands, revisited / reviewed every few years.
- Explore improved management of the horse paddocks in Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6) using environmental / seasonal needs and integrated agricultural practices.
- Introduce different landscapes / plants – e.g. edible plants including fruit trees, native foods and medicinal plants, permaculture gardens, and olive groves.
- Consider activities / facilities that provide greater connection to the natural environment such as barefoot grounding walks and open fire pits.
- Explore regenerative agricultural practices in the Park Lands to help with food security.
- Expand sensitive / valuable habitats e.g. Protected Conservation Zones in KBAs, West Terrace cemetery contains several endangered species.

- Collect local native seeds (known provenance). Opportunity to invite Botanic Gardens for collection and storage of seeds using local species to rewild.
- Create recycled water ponds within the Park Lands to provide vital water resources for small native birds, of which populations have been dramatically declining in the Park Lands over the last 30 years.
- Monthly public planting days / working bees to enable the community to work and contribute to the Park Lands.
- Advocate for the proper protection for the Adelaide Park Lands as a managed natural system. Raise the profile (to the level of sporting grounds and event spaces) of the flora and fauna that make their home in the Park Lands and which allow people to connect with nature.
- Enhance biodiversity, and remediation of damaged and degraded areas in the Park Lands through increased mid and low-level planting (aligning with desired ecological community composition and structure).

Marketing / Promotion / Education

Marketing and promoting the Park Lands, and using the Park Lands to support education outcomes were identified as a missed opportunity for the Park Lands. There were comments related to this theme expressed at most consultation sessions. The feedback associated with this theme was consistent across all sessions.

Key perspective of marketing / promotion / education:

- Improved marketing and promotion were identified as a key opportunity to increase visitation to the Park Lands and use of the facilities.
- A number of participants wanted information on what was happening with various developments across the Park Lands or were unclear about information such as legal and decision-making structure for the Park Lands and success of developments such as the wetlands.
- The Park Lands is a fantastic resource to support education of biodiversity, environment, and culture.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Integrated education and information within the Park Lands e.g. Interactive App that provides information on biodiversity, culture, what to do, where to access facilities, etc.
- Provide opportunities for more education tours and workshops in the Park Lands.
- Marketing of the Park Lands – promoting what facilities are there and how to use them, what is happening.
- A Park Lands App showing navigation, points of interest, Kaurna information and European history.
- Use electronic signage and smart systems to let people know what is happening.
- An online map to picnic / BBQ facilities and toilets. Increased amenities like pop-up coffee carts and food trucks.

Events / Art / Culture

Events were a contentious topic across the various consultation sessions. Events were identified as a key use of the Park Lands but there was also a view that the events impacted on the day-to-day use of the Park Lands.

Perspectives of the negative impact of events:

- Events can be very disruptive to the use of other facilities, e.g. Car parking for permanent lease holders, traffic, use of parks.
- Fencing of individual parks for events impacts on the everyday use of these parks, impacts on the use of pathways network for everyday use.
- Large commercial events impact on the Park Lands including car parking and vegetation quality.
- Large events or events at night with lighting negatively impact on fauna.
- Temporary fencing and structures for the (Adelaide 500) car race set up and dismantling takes a large part of the year, why is this not a permanent structure?

Perspective of the positive impact of events:

- Events were identified as important for their economic and cultural value.
- Events were identified by some participants as the only reason they visited the Park Lands.
- Respondents identified desire for more community / smaller events.

European culture in parks:

- Several respondents mentioned the cultural importance of named memorial parks. The support of these parks was recognised as important and upgraded to reflect this.
- There was a perspective that statues, plaques and street naming were predominately European and some recognised historical figures were not consistent with current social views e.g. involved in the slave trade.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Improve management of events to reduce impact to adjacent residents and lease holders and reduce the impact on the landscape.
- Align events with the visions, values and green character of the Park Lands. Limit impactful or disruptive event programming.
- Increase artwork in support of local artists.
- Restore parks with cultural significance that were named in recognition of important historic people including Helen Mayo Park and Kate Cocks Park.
- Provide more support for event organisers.
- Create a permanent events space and/or review event scheduling to reduce reliance on the eastern Park Lands.
- Investigate more eco-friendly and nature-focused events, support small local businesses e.g. Markets, food pop-ups.
- Investigate, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, the creation of an appropriate place in which Aboriginal people can gather.
- Include funds for restoration of Helen Mayo Park and Kate Cocks Park. Aligned with Council Strategic Priority Key Action 4.8: *Protect and conserve the heritage listed Adelaide Park Lands.*

There were 16 individual written submissions as part of the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget consultation which specifically mentioned this. This issue was also addressed during the community forum.

- Helen Mayo Park – consider removing council storage depot, enormous potential for decontamination, re-greening, transforming to community recreation space, outdoor entertainment venue.
- Kate Cocks Park – reassess its use as a storage site or car park, as this may undermine the pursuit of UNESCO World Heritage and send conflicting messages to the community.
- Consider removal of all street names, plaques and statues which have historic significance that is no longer considered socially acceptable, such as Charles Cameron Kingston QC and George Fife Angas. Or undertake a culturally and socially appropriate response to these.

Maintenance

Maintenance was raised as an issue across a number of sessions including maintenance of buildings, toilet cleanliness, debris on bike paths and trails, and other amenities including BBQs. Maintenance was identified as impacting on the use of facilities and activation of the Park Lands.

Key perspective on maintenance:

- General view that increased maintenance of the Park Lands was required.
- Maintenance of infrastructure to match investment in new infrastructure – having more facilities is good but they need to receive ongoing maintenance.
- Poor maintenance of facilities can impact on the utilisation of facilities.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Increase maintenance of key trails and bike paths.
- Review standard levels and frequency of maintenance and adjust to reflect the use of key facilities.
- Create service levels that respond to the function of individual parks and the vision for the Park Lands.
- Develop funding and asset renewal models that meet community expectations.

Sporting Facilities

There were two distinct perspectives on sporting facilities expressed throughout the consultation; one from the community and one from the lease holders of those sporting facilities:

Tenants' perspective on sporting facilities:

- More recognition from council about what tenants bring to the Park Lands.
- Need certain number of facilities to support changing expectations of sporting bodies and participants e.g. Family and gender friendly change facilities. Additional new facilities difficult to provide with the 'no-net-loss of Park Lands' policy.
- Buildings should be future proofed – solar energy, NBN, Wi-Fi.

Community perspective on sporting facilities:

- Many respondents felt like sporting areas / buildings are considered 'exclusive' and not inclusive for all users.
- Cannot access the facilities. Facilities and clubs should contribute to and share more with other user groups / the community.
- Making sure sporting areas are more accessible to all.
- The development of Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W) should be completed, the sporting facilities can be improved to reflect modern facilities.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Increase use of sporting facilities, including working with sporting groups to increase community use of facilities.
- Support a more diverse range of sports, more organised 'come and try' open days.
- Increase family and gender inclusive facilities.
- A 400 metre outdoor velodrome for track cycling.
- Would be great to have field lighting for the Adelaide Archery Club location so members could enjoy longer training periods.
- Replacement of Adelaide Aquatic Centre with water polo pool.
- Support some increase <5% footprint to existing clubs to support an increase in facility operation and function for members and community. Consider concession for improved design, sustainability, inclusivity etc.
- Increase provision of squash courts / all-weather buildings that can be booked by the community.
- Lift the standard of club rooms and sporting facilities, which also can support the attraction of major national sporting carnivals etc. This could have a host of economic benefits for the State and the city.

Informal Recreation

The consultation suggests a growing trend towards participation in informal recreation. This was identified anecdotally by adjoining council representatives and CoA staff. It was also identified by individuals who responded to the Your Say questionnaire – specifically the responses about how use of the Park Lands has changed due to the pandemic. Informal recreation was identified as a key use of the Park Lands across the community consultation sessions.

This theme aligns with research undertaken over the previous decade by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, The Clearinghouse for Sports, and the Office for Recreation, Sports and Racing.

The key perspective for this theme:

- Informal outdoor recreation participation is increasing.
- Potential for improved facilities in the Park Lands to support informal recreation.

There were different perspectives identified regarding LeFevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6) horse paddocks.

- Positive: recognition of facility's history, benefits for users, diversity of activity and access within the city centre for horses.

- Negative: large space for a small group of people (this is similar to a perspective on the golf course), damage to the environment, and hot spot due to bare earth.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Increase provision of facilities that support individual and group informal recreation e.g. a wall that the kids could hit a ball against, free to access courts, other informal games such as four-square.
- Provide a dedicated unsealed loop to encourage off road cycling for adventure and fitness around the city.
- Running distance markers along pathways.
- (repeat) Deliver continuous recreation loop path – illuminated unbroken walking/cycling/running trail around the Park Lands. Including underpasses / overpasses / tunnels to eliminate road crossings.

This opportunity was identified in the community forum, tenants' workshop, Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget consultation, Your Say questionnaire and in the Kadaltilla Board meeting.

- A bitumen pump track (cycling / skating / wheelchair use).
- Beach volleyball facility to replace the City Beach.
- Adventure play / adult play to cater for teens and adults.
- Bird watching tower (day time) and star gazing platform (night time).
- Review Park 6 to improve facilities and community access considering the following opportunities:
 - Facilitate better community connection with horses through:
 - Exploring expression of interest / commercial viability of pony rides, horse events, family days with horses, petting area, city farm.
 - Horse care and education.
 - Maintain the horse paddocks but review the space needed for private licences – the area can be reduced to facilitate more spaces for people (walkways or picnic areas) or other horses (retired horses, horses from shows / police, Council owned horses).
 - Could be a horse training / volunteer / vocational park – opportunity for horse care / training / retirement of police / show / racing horses.
 - Leisure activity for residents – a drawcard.
 - Investigate regeneration agricultural practices.
 - Consider more vegetation in horse paddocks – more bush cover and / or irrigation to cool the park to increase use of the park especially in summer.
 - An outdoor classroom for schools – especially for nearby primary schools – hands-on activities (e.g. Planting and learning about biodiversity).
 - Partnership potential especially with horse related organisations (e.g. Horse hobby groups, horse therapy groups), City of Prospect, Town of Walkerville to improve park facilities and opportunities (horse related / sporting and recreational offerings) and access.

Investment / New facilities / Development

The theme of new developments in the Park Lands was very contentious between the various consultation groups. This specifically related to the development of leased facilities

where community access is restricted, building development, car parking, or other hard surface development.

Community's perspective on building / development:

- Negative sentiments against built form (hard-stand areas, bitumen and buildings), including comments against the Adelaide Aquatic Centre.
- Development of buildings should be restricted in the Park Lands.
- Community in surrounding councils do not support large-scale development in the Park Lands.
- Open space should stay the same. The ratio of building to open space should stay the same.
- Major developments (sporting clubs and schools) cover the Park Lands in concrete and strains the Park Lands ability to cool the city, maintain biodiversity and provide outdoor relaxation in nature.

Tenants / stakeholders / adjoining council perspective on building / development:

- There is a need for some development in the Park Lands to support activities, events or sporting clubs.
- Restricting development is restricting the success of some sporting clubs.
- Lease holders would invest in the (re)development of facilities if there was greater certainty on long term leases.

There was a common perspective that there should be an increase in the provision of new amenities such as toilets, lighting, tables, seating, shelter, shade, BBQs and picnic areas, with increased maintenance to support this.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Bicycle parking infrastructure that considers weather (shelter for heat and rain).
- There is potential for funding partnerships for facilities within the Park Lands that support both city and nearby suburban populations.
- Investigate developer contributions (Park Lands Open Space Fund) or crowd funding for new facilities.
- More community spaces and attractions such as: relaxing spaces, public art, formal gardens, playgrounds, mini golf course.
- Review provision of new amenity assets including toilets, lighting, tables, seating, shelter, shade, BBQs and picnic areas in consultation with the community and other users and provide more amenities in high visitation areas.
- Suitable funding for the Park Lands at a State and local level of government recognising the Park Lands as a key state-significant open space asset.

Lighting / Safety

The theme of lighting was usually either discussed in relation to safety or activation of the Park Lands at night. Safety in the Park Lands was usually discussed in relation to night time use or antisocial behaviour making participants feel unsafe due to issues such as homelessness or the intoxication of others in the Park Lands.

The key perspective of lighting:

- Lighting is a critical component of feeling safe in the Park Lands at night.

- Appropriate lighting is required for the safe use of facilities such as some pathways, toilets, and sporting facilities.
- A number of participants identified that they would like to use the Park Lands at night but it was not possible due to poor quality or lack of lighting.
- Illuminate in the Botanic Gardens was an example of good use of lighting.

The key perspective on safety:

- The Park Lands should feel safe to access and use.
- Poor maintenance of facilities can impact on safe use e.g. debris on pathways.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Increase activation at night including improved lighting and safety measures and marketing to promote use.
- Select and design lighting that increases safety and activation while decreasing impacts on fauna (PC Amber lighting and smart lighting).
- The development of more sealed and unsealed bike paths for safe commuting on my bike.
- Dry zone implementation and enforcement.
- Address anti-social behaviours of some groups in Park Lands.

Community / Homelessness

The presence, both visible and hidden, of homelessness in the Park Lands was noted during the tenant workshop and the community consultation sessions. This perspective was not a negative one, more a recognition of the difficulty of this topic and the impact on vulnerable communities. It identified the Park Lands as an opportunity to support and connect with vulnerable communities.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Opportunity for community outreach and connection to vulnerable communities through the Park Lands.

INVESTIGATION AREAS

The APLMS Engagement Plan 2022 identified seven topics which were considered important influences on the future planning for the Park Lands, this included; technology, Kaurna connection to country, societal shift, government policy, climate change, population and economic growth and change, and COVID.

During the consultation process these topics were refined to the following four key topics:

1. Climate change
2. Kaurna cultural heritage
3. Societal change and COVID
4. Technology

Below is a summary of the results from the discussions on each topic as discussed throughout the consultation, indicating the various perspectives.

Climate change

Introduction

Climate change is occurring at an increasing rate and the Park Lands will be adversely impacted through increased heat, less rainfall, more intense storms and flooding impacts. These changes will impact communities, the natural environment, and city economy. Investigations commissioned indicate:

1. Bare earth, dry grasses and many asphalt roads in the city are hot during the day, while bare earth and dry grass cool quickly, asphalt roads remain the hottest surface at night.
2. Unirrigated native grasslands cool quickly at night and provide biodiversity benefits that should be weighed with urban cooling priorities.
3. Irrigated grasses are one of the coolest surfaces day and night.
4. Tree-lined areas are considerably cooler during the day.
5. Plain concrete surfaces are cooler than the average surface in the day and neutral during the night.
6. Buildings with lighter roofs were significantly cooler than darker ones.
7. Trees are impacted by heat waves and extreme heat in a variety of ways. Extreme heat triggers mechanisms that are usually harmful to trees (resulting in limited growth, leaf / limb drop or mortality).
8. Native vegetation will be impacted by climate change. To enable survival, an appropriate climate-resilient seed provenance approach to revegetation should be implemented.

Consultation summary

The majority of community respondents support the Park Lands' playing a role in combating climate change. The Park Lands was considered an important asset for climate change adaptation for both the stakeholder groups and the adjoining councils.

There was a small proportion of respondents that believed the Park Lands is either already well equipped to cope with climate or did not believe climate change is an issue (10 respondents of the Your Say questionnaire).

The discussion on climate change across the various consultation sessions included consideration of trees / cool parks, plant species replacement, water management, governance, smart technology, and sustainable buildings.

The following is a summary of discussions:

Improving water management

Water management was identified by all participant groups as a key focus area for climate change adaptation. This perspective identified that water scarcity was an issue for Adelaide in the future, that irrigated parks and water bodies created cooler parks, and that stormwater capture and reuse was a viable solution.

The following were identified as ways water management in the Park Lands could respond climate change:

- Include more water bodies within the Park Lands to help reduce the ambient air temperature (adjoining councils).
- Wetlands in the Park Lands aid in flood mitigation and create a cooling effect.
- Irrigation of parks is important to create cool parks. Capture of water in place and for use in passive irrigation. Use smart technology to reduce water usage and improve landscapes reliant on only rainfall.
- Capture and reuse of stormwater including irrigation using recycled water. Stormwater capture from buildings both within the Park Lands and surrounding the Park Lands. Integration of stormwater capture into wetlands and the water system.
- Increase irrigated areas in key locations. Need a good review of use of water and Park Lands use.
- Review River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari management, what are the impacts of climate change, how is it cared for and responsibilities.

The Kadaltilla Board meeting recognised that water needs to be the main priority of APLMS including the collection and reuse of water from the city and / or surrounding council areas. Water is a critical component for creating cool parks.

Trees / vegetation

The Park Lands was viewed as an important green asset to combat climate change. This perspective was based on the view that the Park Lands included large areas for trees and landscaped areas.

The following were identified as opportunities which enabled the trees and vegetation of the Park Lands to respond to climate change:

- Increase the number of trees, areas of tree canopy and irrigated landscape areas. This included fewer open areas and reducing lawn areas and increasing landscape areas.
- Identify which tree species will be more suitable in future considering drought tolerance, shade, and failure rates. Replacement species to be commercially grown.
- Increase understorey and ground cover planting.
- Increase native vegetation, reduce exotic vegetation – this perspective does not consider if native species are the most appropriate for a changing climate.
- Plant arbours to shade walkers and create ‘cool corridors.’
- Increase composting and mulching.

- Create 'native forest' areas.
- Audit of tree stock and replacement of trees over the next 100 years. Responding to ongoing senescence. Implement an ongoing tree replacement programme.
- Change the conversation about tree placement. Cannot be just heritage and cultural decisions. The Park Lands is a 'living entity' and will need to respond to climate change.

Governance / Future planning

Some respondents felt that it was difficult to plan for a future that is uncertain and undefined. Other respondents identified the Park Lands should support climate change targets:

- Have clear targets to address climate change/zero emissions on all levels of government.
- Tree canopy targets can be supported through increased tree planting in the Park Lands, tree canopy loss is experienced in adjoining council areas.
- Need to review cultural overlays (World Heritage Listing) and planting of climate resilient trees in the future.
- Educate people about the changes that will be required over the next few decades. What does climate change look like in the Park Lands?

Some respondents considered how use of the Park Lands might change in response to climate change:

- Climate change will change the way people play sport – hotter days, less playing time – fewer playing fields that won't support the same number of games or players.
- Focus on the Squares and the ecological services provided by these spaces as population growth continues.
- Continue to identify tree species that are suitable for the changing climate.

Building / Infrastructure

Changing the provision of infrastructure and utilising existing or innovative building and energy technology was identified in a number of sessions including:

- Provide more shelters for shade / rain events.
- Provide more drinking fountains.
- Use white roofs (high albedo) on toilet blocks etc.
- Use Water Sensitive Urban Design principles.
- Reduce the extent of hard surfaces – e.g. Remove bitumen.
- More bins with recycling options, resource recovery.
- Solar power / LED lighting.
- Provide e-charging stations.
- Move to battery power for all Park Lands maintenance tools, vehicles, equipment etc.
- Utilise wind power.
- Kinetic power generation from footpaths.
- Do not allow large-scale development / reduce the existing building footprint.

Activities

These actions were identified as potential opportunities to respond to climate change:

- Ensure all events are more sustainable.
- Reduce the number of Park Lands events / only allow events with less destructive impact (e.g. soil compaction).
- Provide for community gardens.
- Provide good active transport and public transport options to reduce car use by visitors.
- Install a pool in the river.

Additional Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Link Park Lands revegetation (with consideration of Key Biodiversity Area requirements) with climate change targets – provide cool refuge for the city.
- Programme and mapping of cool areas. Consider how different areas of the Park Lands can perform different landscape / ecosystem functions.
- The creation of a landscape mosaic with dense tree canopies creating cool spaces, open dryland grasses, wetlands, sports pitches and amenity areas. Stronger focus on precincts rather than each park containing a bit of everything.
- Green Adelaide is undertaking urban heat and tree canopy mapping as an ongoing exercise.
- Expand green extent of Park Lands in general (infiltrate the CBD) through squares, streetscapes and green infrastructure (roofs, walls).

Kaurna cultural heritage

Introduction

The incorporation and reflection of Kaurna culture in the Adelaide Park Lands is already a focus of the existing Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS).

The CoA Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) identifies the following actions relevant to the Adelaide Park Lands:

- *Work with Kaurna to identify opportunities to incorporate First Nations understanding of land and waterways management strategies and practices that can be used in the Park Lands.*
- *Investigate the use of Kaurna park names first and then English translation second in all internal and external documents.*
- *Ensure Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultural Awareness & Protocols are included in the review of the Park Lands Events Management Plan (Guidelines).*

Approaches to how Kaurna culture and heritage are reflected and represented continue to evolve, with a greater emphasis on creating a Kaurna presence in the landscape, Kaurna-led management of this process, and the need to incorporate truth telling into the story of the Park Lands and city.

Sites of Kaurna cultural significance can be found throughout the Adelaide Park Lands. Truth telling is an increasingly important component of any discussion about the cultural significance of the South Australian colonisation process.

Consultation summary

The Kaurna community has expressed an interest in participation in the review process and will continue to be involved in the review of the APLMS.

Most consultation participants in the community, tenants, school and stakeholder sessions identified that recognition of Kurna cultural heritage was important for the Park Lands. The following were key opportunities identified:

- Kurna heritage and culture should be promoted and celebrated through various means (play, cultural walks, park projects).
- Kurna land management encouraged, enable Kurna to manage the Park Lands.
- Acknowledgement of Country at entrances, with information on the origin of the land.
- Aboriginal art and murals on paths and benches.
- Potential for truth telling.
- Return Park Lands to Country.

There was a perspective from some of the community and tenant participants that they were not able to present a perspective on this topic as they were not Kurna, or that the discussion of Kurna representation and recognition of Kurna cultural heritage within the Park Lands should be Kurna led.

The following are the key opportunities that were identified for the Park Lands through the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Board meeting:

- Opportunities for storytelling through the Park Lands.
- Acknowledge the truth of historical culture; opportunity to improve connection to culture amongst Aboriginal people.
- Acknowledge the history of parks as homes.
- Experience and support environment through an Aboriginal culture lens.
- Acknowledge Aboriginal culture and perspective through shared historical events e.g. wars, as current interpretations show only the colonial experience of these events,
- Kurna led – voice on the Park Lands, education on Kurna history and culture.
- Tension between legal protection of Native title / heritage / Aboriginal culture heritage.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Expand links with Kurna heritage and culture, especially in Murlawirrapurka which is adjacent to Tandanya.
- Include Kurna people in the conversation and decisions for Park Lands, cultural management of Park Lands.

Identified by the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Board Meeting, school workshop, stakeholder workshops and community forum.

- Continue to develop Kurna naming and mapping.
- Develop pilot projects for increased Kurna management of Park Lands. Increase co-design opportunities with Kurna. Engage with Kurna to assist with managing visitors in the Park Land. Kurna Rangers. ALOC program – running at Monarto Zoo.
- Investigate, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, the creation and management of an appropriate place in which Aboriginal people can gather.
- Not just culture interpretation, recognise Aboriginal intellectual property.
- Reviewing the various Reconciliation Action Plans associated with stakeholders who live and work with the Park Lands and consolidate into a 'Vision for Country'. Develop a Park Lands Reconciliation Action Plan.

Societal change and COVID

Introduction

As society increases in size and diversity, there is an opportunity for the Park Lands to respond to changed patterns and types of use. Examples of this include behaviour change in relation to city use as result of the recent pandemic and through growth in residential populations in the city and adjoining suburbs.

The Park Lands provided a respite from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for residents and other city users and enhanced liveability and wellbeing.

Access to quality green space positively affects wellbeing by promoting physical activity, social interactions and connection to nature. Population growth in the city and adjoining suburbs will increase reliance on the Park Lands. This will be expressed in increased demand for open green space and the need for fit-for-purpose, accessible social infrastructure. It is important to ensure growth is linked to increasing wellbeing through ensuring access to the Park Lands for all communities.

An analysis of the growth and development (uplift) potential within a 400 metre buffer from the edge of the Park Lands was undertaken with the Cities of Burnside, Charles Sturt, Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Prospect, Unley, West Torrens, and Walkerville.

- Each council has a unique position on open space, its relationship with the Park Lands, and with the CoA.
- There is general recognition of the importance of the 400 metre buffer from the edge of the Park Lands and interface with the Park Lands. Plans for development and uplift in the 400 metre buffer vary greatly between councils.
- The following councils currently consider the Park Lands as part of their open space strategy: City of Prospect, City of Burnside, and City of Unley.
- The remaining councils reported that residents rely on the Park Lands to varying degrees and they anticipate an increase in reliance on the Park Lands in the future; this may include considering the Park Lands in their open space strategies.
- There is a desire for improved connectivity across ring-roads into the Park Lands.

Population growth in the city is projected to increase by 16,000 people over 20 years and could increase high density housing around the City Squares.

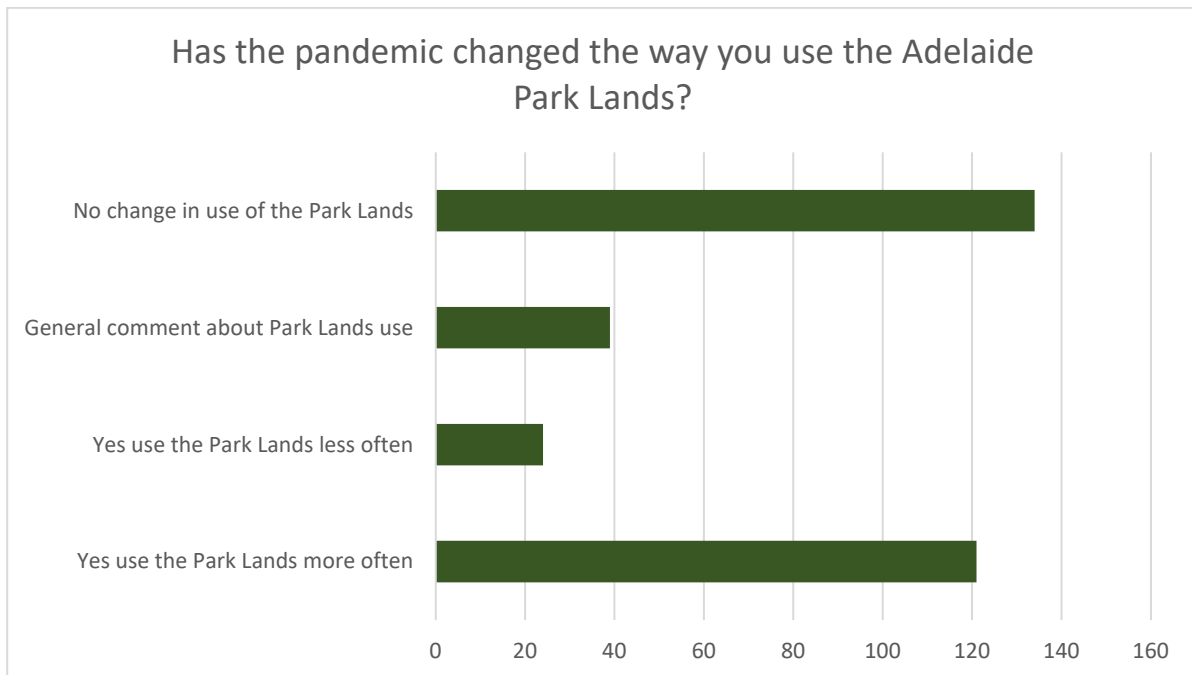
Consultation summary

Many participants recognised the importance of open space during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic emphasised the importance of the Park Lands' role in:

- Providing public open space.
- Mental health benefits, such as: facilitating human connection with nature, improving mental health, recreation, combating isolation in communities, nature-based therapy, inclusivity, child development and being a drawcard for visitors / residents.
- Provide places to exercise and to recreate safely.

The Your Say questionnaire had a specific question about whether the COVID-19 pandemic had changed the way people used the Park Lands. This question had 319 responses, 134 (42%) of which reported no change in their use of the Park Lands, 121 (38%) reported using them more often and 24 (8%) using them less. A further 39 (12%) respondents made a

general comment about the Park Lands that did not indicate whether the pandemic had altered their use in any way.



Respondents who used the Park Lands more often

A summary of the respondents who used the Park Lands more often during the pandemic gave the following general ways in which, or reasons why they increased use:

- The open space was large and allowed for getting out in the natural environment while social distancing.
- Increase in informal recreation.
- Changes in working location (e.g. Working from home) allowed more leisure time.
- Changes to commuting method or route to avoid crowds (e.g. Public transport).

Other responses included the following themes:

- A greater appreciation of public green space.
- Increased levels of informal exercise – walking, cycling and running on paths along the River and in the Park Lands.
- People could connect with community in a safe space.

Respondents who used the Park Lands less often

A summary of the respondents who used the Park Lands more often during the pandemic gave the following general ways in which, or reasons why they decreased use:

- A desire / means to avoid large crowds.
- Pre-pandemic would only use Park Lands for events and there were no events.
- Chose not to use the Park Lands due to the COVID-19 testing site.

Use of Park Lands in general

A number of respondents commented that the pandemic increased their use of the Park Lands in general. They valued the access to open space due to the change in circumstances. Examples of these responses include the following:

- *The pandemic has taught us how essential nature is for our wellbeing. The Park Lands have been a valuable place for people to connect with nature and great gathering space.*
- *Their value as a public green space is even more important in times of social distancing - hugely important for mental and physical wellbeing.*
- *Forced people from the suburbs to the Park Lands as it gave them a larger area to access for their allocated exercise time.*

Increasing urban densification and access to open space – adjoining councils' input

A perspective of the impacts on open space from a changing society was highlighted by the adjoining councils' representatives in regard to the State Government planning policy for urban densification. The adjoining councils identified that this may have the following impacts:

- Park Lands are considered a major open space asset to adjoining council areas.
- Adjoining councils with low provision of open space depend on the Park Lands to provide open space for residents. This particularly applies for sporting facilities and natural areas, which are difficult to provide in councils with limited open space. For example, the City of Unley would not be able to provide car parking for the Royal Adelaide Show or large Kaurua cultural events without the Park Lands.
- Increasing urban density in adjoining councils with dwellings having less private open space (gardens / courtyards), combined with increases in lone person households, and along major traffic routes will increase the demand for public open space. There are limited opportunities to provide additional open space in adjoining councils.

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- Demographic changes will continue, particularly population ageing and diversity.
- Park Lands support a lifestyle proposition that is unique to Adelaide and South Australia.
- Travelling from adjoining councils through the Park Lands to the city, the Park Lands is an important part of the commute, lifestyle, and workspace.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Incorporate the Park Lands into adjoining councils' strategic planning for open space and active transport.
- Recognise ongoing nature of the pandemic and plan for continued impacts.

Technology

Introduction

Technology is a tool that can both enhance visitor experiences in the Adelaide Park Lands and contribute to more efficient and sustainable management practices – these are outlined below.

The diverse ways in which technology can enhance the Park Lands experience and contribute to sustainable management and maintenance practices include (but aren't limited to):

1. Increasing inclusivity and digital accessibility for everyone, including people living with disabilities or non-English speaking people. Examples of this include the use of QR codes and digital maps in different formats (e.g. Audio / text) and languages to assist with wayfinding and to access interpretive information or event / use information and live booking systems.
2. Increasing efficiency and accuracy in programming of public spaces (e.g. Capture a variety of data on park / path use such as pedestrian / cyclist counts, equipment sensors and live booking systems).
3. Supporting the planning, management and maintenance of equipment, facilities, furniture and assets to meet the needs of the community. Example of technologies include environmental sensors (e.g. Heat, moisture, canopy coverage), wildlife cameras, smart water meters, smart irrigation systems, smart lighting systems, autonomous lawn movers, use of drones for monitoring (where possible), automated locks for public toilets, smart bins, and equipment sensors.
4. Supporting the safety, health and wellbeing of visitors (CCTV, smart lighting, public Wi-Fi access, device charging stations, wayfinding information).
5. Driving economic activity and supports local businesses (encouraging Park Lands users to stay and play through all the smart technology opportunities listed above).

The engagement feedback received to-date indicated a high level of interest in the use of smart technology to improve the future of the Adelaide Park Lands particularly in relation to more efficient watering and lighting systems.

Some of this support for smart technology was conditional upon the applications not being intrusive or cost prohibitive.

Consultation summary

A large proportion of respondents across all consultation sessions thought smart technology would improve the future of the Park Lands. The main perspectives include:

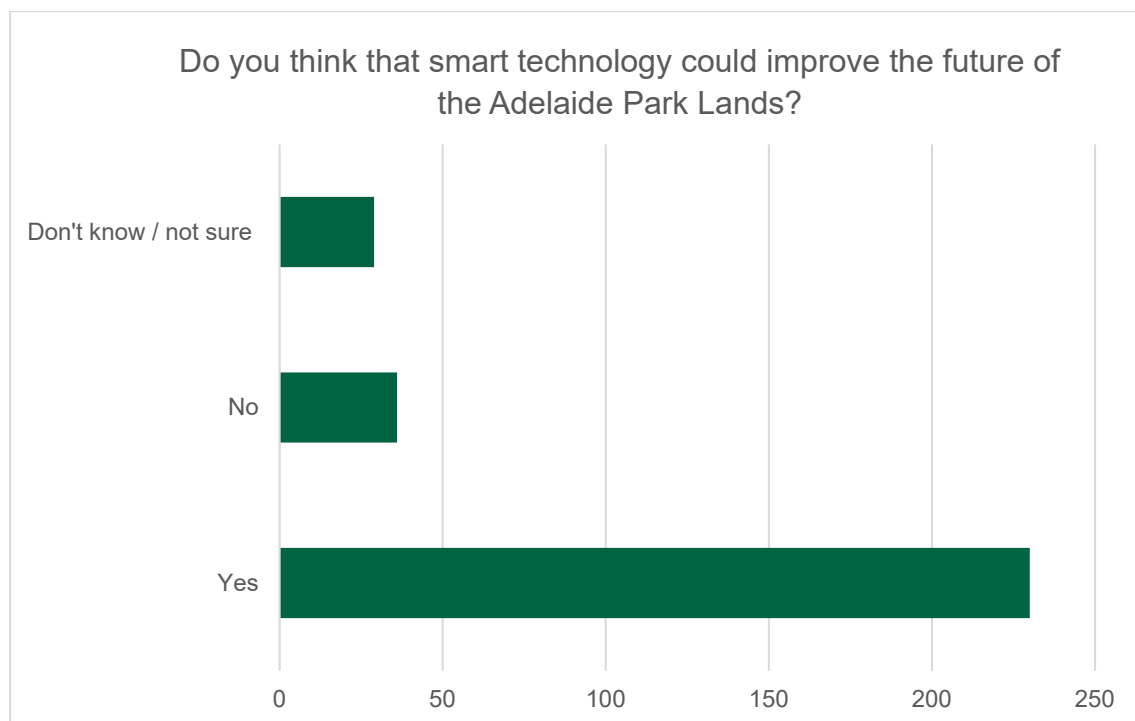
- Manage and monitor the use of resources (water, energy, lighting) to reduce waste and be more efficient.
- Monitor the natural environment including flora and fauna, urban heat island, canopy cover etc. to provide information to decision makers.
- Provide people information about facilities e.g. Where facilities are, if they are in use, reporting of issues.
- Create interactive experiences of the Park Lands e.g. Information on culture and environment, geocaching and treasure hunts, digital art overlays etc.
- Improve safety and security of people using the Park Lands.

Some respondents, including stakeholders who have practical experience in implementing smart technology systems, identified that the cost might be greater than the benefit of the system. This includes additional concerns such as:

- Systems can create large amounts of data to process, this can be costly.
- There are concerns around data storage and protection.
- It can be difficult to scale and integrate smart technology, particularly if different systems are used.
- (Smart) technology is an ongoing cost as it will need to be replaced when obsolete.

Another perspective that was identified by a small number of respondents was that the Park Lands are an opportunity for people to escape from technology.

The Your Say questionnaire asked if the participants thought that smart technology could improve the future of the Adelaide Park Lands and 77% agreed (230 of the 298 respondents who answered this question).



'Yes' response

Respondents who support smart technology focused on how smart technology could use resources like water more efficiently to lower cost, reduce environmental impact, and improve ecosystem management. Supportive responses included:

- *Technologies can improve efficiency in data collection, which seems important as conditions will continue to change with climate.*
- *Any technology that supports / protects / preserves the Park Lands for all time.*
- *Smart lighting that gets brighter for cyclists riding through.*
- *Smart watering systems sound useful, collection of stormwater and recycled grey water if not done already.*
- *Off-grid renewable lighting systems that turns on and off when required.*
- *Sounds like a great idea but it may be cost prohibitive.*

- *Anything to enhance the ecosystems that exists without crossing the line of being intrusive to the ecosystems.*

'No' response

The comments for respondents who said 'no' to smart technology focused mainly on the cost of implementing and maintaining a smart technology network, and questioned the benefits / ability to provide meaningful outcomes. Responses included:

- *Is the investment really worth it? Perhaps money spent on more seating and improved walking and cycling paths would be better spent.*
- *In terms of safety perhaps, but most solutions exist already so diverting limited budget toward faux innovations is unwise.*
- *Define Smart Technology. Outside of grounds management and maintenance, what do we need? Will it help keep the developments out and allow an increase in footprint size to somewhere it's original? Unlikely. Why the need for Smart Technology when enjoying open space.*
- *Technology requires maintenance and infrastructure. Park Lands is an escape from our built and technological environment.*
- *Sure, but don't over capitalise in gimmicks when impactful change is in utilising the existing Park Lands better by activating space that is presently wasted.*
- *Generally, 'high tech' solutions are ineffective and expensive fads used more as a tool to enhance brand image. Some technology can be helpful, but not aware of any meaningful tech in relation to the Park Lands.*
- *Recording visitor numbers IS IRRELEVANT as the Park Lands are the LUNGS of Adelaide and used or not do their job of cleaning air.*

'Don't know / not sure' response

Those unsure shared perspectives similar to the respondents who said 'no' to this question. They were not sure that it would be a valuable investment and that information would not necessarily be acted on.

Opportunities to consider in the APLMS review:

- Undertake a cost / benefit analysis of implementing different smart technologies, including a review and assessment of existing smart technology trials, to see if / how smart technologies could be implemented in the Park Lands to monitor and manage resources. The analysis and review could consider the following:
 - What information the technology could collect, how this data would be assessed, and how could this information be used, including measurable targets for successful implementation?
 - How could the smart technology assets be funded and managed into the future?
 - How could this information integrate into existing smart technology systems, including systems managed by partners?
 - Review SA Water smart technology irrigation trials.
 - Review Adelaide metropolitan councils' smart technology trials.
- Consider the establishment of temporary smart pod-like / co-working type spaces which provide the means to work individually. This would be point of difference / branding for working in the city.
- **Resource management:**

- Use intelligent automated systems to regulate pedestrians and wheel-based transport flows to encourage environmentally positive outcomes.
- Use motion sensitive, smart LED lighting solar powered lighting on walkways.
- Integrate smart solar lighting and sensors to count pedestrian and cycle traffic e.g. as on Frome Road.
- Watering systems that integrate temperature and soil moisture data to deliver efficient irrigation and urban cooling benefits.
- Soil moisture and GIS infrared mapping of canopies to determine water stress of plants in parks.
- Analyse visitor numbers to specific areas of the Park Lands to determine what would encourage greater usage.
- Potential to use technology for more efficient lighting for sports ovals.
- Sporting venues often require Wi-Fi connections for operation of events. Use sporting venues as 'smart tech' hubs.
- **Improve monitoring and management of environment:**
 - Bat detectors could be attached to trees at various sites to monitor microbat species and abundances. Wildlife cameras could also be used to monitor movement of native species and environmental pests (e.g. foxes and cats).
 - Use automated battery powered lawn mowers to mow grasses before they set seed.
 - Encouraging the use of citizen science Apps such as iNaturalist.
 - Improve monitoring of the River so measures can be taken early to prevent algae blooms.
 - Use heat mapping to inform tree planting to reduce temperatures in summer.
 - Gather soil data to inform water and nutrient management.
 - Smart sensors can be used to improve lighting efficiency and reduce impacts of light-spill pollution on neighbours and wildlife.
 - Integrated technology to provide information for visitors on areas not to visit e.g. Wildlife mating / nesting, new plantings.
- **Provide information to visitors:**
 - Using smart technology to efficiently manage underutilised buildings (e.g. Outside of lease use times).
 - Smart info systems to advertise where they are being used, worked on. A Park Lands App that includes navigation information, facilities like water, toilets, problem reporting, emergency information.
 - Talking signs for people with literacy or sensory impairment.
 - Automated and integrated pedestrian crossing within ground loops to detect approaching users and prioritising their safe crossing ahead of car traffic. (see how these are used in many cities in the Netherlands and Europe).
 - Using inground lighting and active wayfinding / variable-message-signs to provide permanent and safe guidance around regular event spaces for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.
 - Notification boards that indicate if a park has been booked by a group might be useful. Sports clubs sometimes book areas but it's not known by other users who can start using the area and then have to move. Or an App where you can see bookings?

- Real time and historic heat maps of road vehicles (cars/buses etc) in the city and roads through the Park Lands to help Park Lands users identify better times to use/enjoy the Park Lands and quieter areas to commute/enjoy the Park Lands.
- **Improve visitor's interactive experience:**
 - Use an App to list every building- the history of how it came to be there, when removal is planned. Park Lands photos to share.
 - Technology that would enable the public to engage with wildlife e.g. use QR codes to tell visitors about species present (as has been started in some areas).
 - Tell people of the history of different areas e.g. First people area names and stories. You could also link up the Park Lands with a Park Lands type area of another country and when people are in a particular part of the Park Lands they can see what it's like in the other country at the same time, maybe on their own phone.
 - Digital engagement. Could there be virtual tours and fitness programs people can access via Apps?
 - Art installations based on virtual tech; information via QR codes or similar, maybe so you can choose text, sound, language + have historic picture overlay; navigation (trails aren't well recognised in Google maps, for example); sprinklers that don't wet you; solar LED cat eyes that give guidance without expensive lighting; automated counting of trail users.
 - Geocaching, augmented reality, QR codes for factoids/interpretive signage, scavenger hunts, walking trails, smart bins, smart scooters/bikes opportunities to introduce/entice people to the Park Lands e.g. Pokémon Go brought people into the Zoo.
- **Improve safety and security**
 - Technology needs to be visible (CCTV) to improve safety and security, but not intrusive.
 - Devices to improve security of individuals traversing walkways through the Park Lands.
 - Universities use smart technology to create safety links and escorts from campus through Park Lands. Consider opportunities to apply a similar approach for the rest of the Park Lands.
 - Invest in lighting rather than WIFI connectivity. Safety and security is more important than digital connectivity.

Summary Of Key Outcomes

Four draft Key Outcomes that link the Themes and Topics:

1. Key Outcome 1. Activated and attractive Park Lands
 - This is people centric.
 - This covers mainly: Growth, pandemic, events, sports, multiculturalism, destinations, experiences, commercial operations.
 - Also covers (these are topics across most/all outcomes): Kaurna, smart tech, volunteerism, partnerships.
2. Key Outcome 2. Climate resilient and biodiverse Park Lands
 - This is environment centric.

- This covers mainly: biodiversity, greening, cooling, water sensitivity, urban heat, river, waterways
 - Also covers (these are topics across most/all outcomes): Kaurna, smart tech, volunteerism, partnerships.
3. Key Outcome 3. Connected and safe Park Lands
- This is infrastructure / facilities centric.
 - This covers mainly: Movement, connectivity, trails, access and inclusion, public facilities (toilets, shelters, car parks, lighting etc)
 - Also covers (these are topics across most/all outcomes): Kaurna, smart tech, partnerships.
4. Key Outcome 4. Iconic and unique Park Lands
- This is governance centric.
 - This covers mainly: Governance, protection, heritage, education, promotion, marketing, storytelling, funding streams, philanthropy, World/State Heritage Listing
 - Also covers (these are topics across most/all outcomes): Kaurna, smart tech, volunteerism, partnerships.

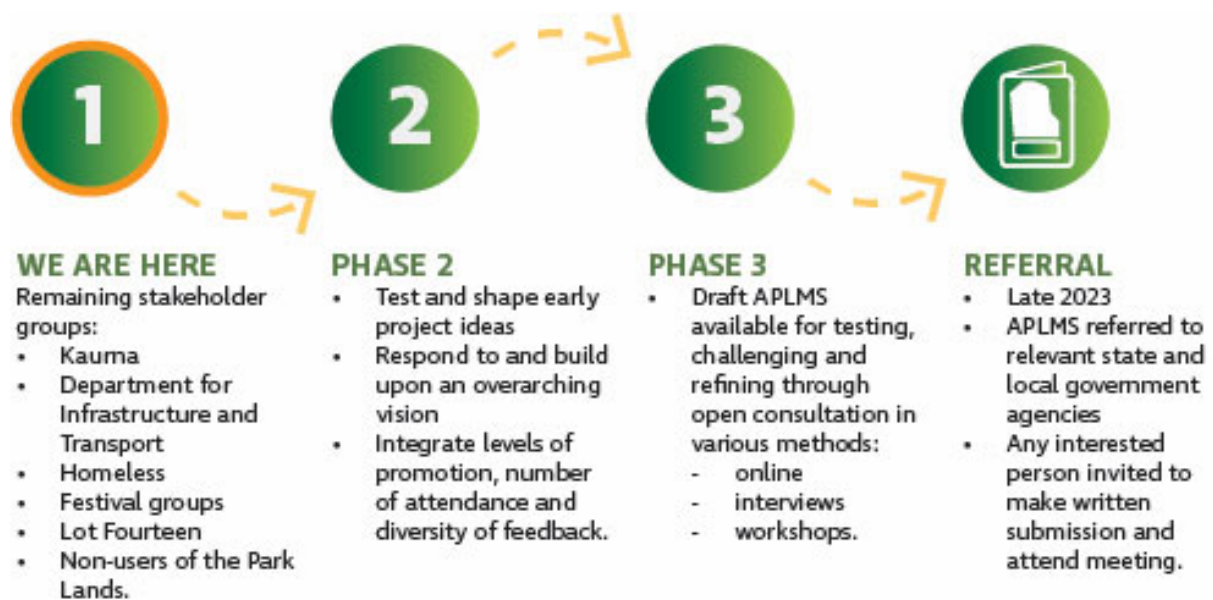
NEXT STEPS

As part of the evaluation of Phase One, additional consultation with some underrepresented stakeholders (Kaurna, Department for Infrastructure and Transport, Homeless, Festival Groups, Lot Fourteen, and Non-users of the ParkL) has been identified to inform phase two engagement activities.

Phase Two of the engagement program for the APLMS review will commence in early 2023. In the second phase there will be a chance to test and shape early project ideas and respond to and build upon an overarching vision for the APLMS. The levels of promotion, number of attendances and diversity of feedback will be interrogated.

Phase Three engagement activities will include presentation of a draft APLMS available online and through a number of interviews and workshops for testing, challenging and refining through open consultation.

Conclusion of the three-phase engagement program is scheduled for late 2023 as shown below:



APPENDIX A – TENANTS WORKSHOP

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 14 July 2022
- **Time:** 6:00pm – 8:30pm
- **Location:** Torrens Rowing Club, Victoria Drive
- **Theme:** Future Directions for our Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To seek the views of the current lease holders on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands, which will assist with the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy

Format

Summary

The workshop included a number of different questions and group discussions which allowed participants to provide feedback.

Format

- Introduction provided by Martin Cook, Team Leader Park Lands Planning.
- Targeted questions, group discussions and scenarios.
- Facilitated by CoA staff and WAX Design Studio.

Individual questions

Individual questions were posed to the participants including:

- What potential changes or investments would you like to see happen in the Park Lands?
- Are there issues, impacts or anything that detracts from the Park Lands? Does this impact on how you use the Park Lands?
- Have you seen recent changes/improvements in the Park Lands? Do you agree with the changes?
- What should stay the same in the Park Lands?
- What are the main challenges for the Park Lands?
- Other comments
- Describe your vision for the Park Lands?

Scenarios and group discussion

Two scenarios were posed during the Tenants workshop. These were designed to provoke thoughts and consideration of different futures and explore the challenges and opportunities identified in previous consultations.

Scenario	Question and purpose	Method
Scenario 1	<p>GREEN ADELAIDE KEEPS ITS COOL</p> <p>Purpose: To provide a possible future scenario to provoke discussion</p> <p>Scenario: In 2056, South Australia is suffering from more extreme weather. Summers are hotter and dryer with long periods exceeding 40 degrees. However, a progressive programme of tree planting and landscaping has seen the Park Lands transformed into a cool green oasis.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will technology help? • What policies does the council or government need to change? • How will we respond to climate change? • How will people use the Park Lands? • What parks or cities set an example for Adelaide to follow and why? • Big Ideas 	<p>This station had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4 Advertiser page mock up detailing scenario • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments
Scenario 2	<p>ADELAIDE VOTED WORLD'S MOST LIVABLE CITY</p> <p>Purpose: To provide a possible future scenario to provoke discussion</p> <p>Scenario: In 2056, despite progressive development in the city and the surrounding suburbs (the inner rim) Adelaide is recognised as the most liveable city. High rise development lines the edges of the Park Lands. The CBD is an impressive collection of multi-story buildings.</p> <p>The increased population and a move to higher density apartment living has resulted in large numbers of people using the Park Lands and the associated facilities.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will technology help? • What policies does the council or government need to change? • How will we respond to climate change? • How will people use the Park Lands? • What parks or cities set an example for Adelaide to follow and why? • Big Ideas 	<p>This station had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4 Advertiser page mock up detailing scenario • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments

Summary of Engagement

Below is a summary of the feedback received from the Tenants workshop.

What potential changes or investments would you like to see happen in the Park Lands?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Improved use of facilities	Improve use of existing facilities, building additions which allow for increased use of facilities, investment into additional change facilities and toilets (relaxed footprint rules)	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i> Further consideration to building footprints may be required	◆
Sustainable buildings	Invest into future proofing buildings including solar energy and NBN	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i> Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●
Investment	Greater investment into facility improvements and facilities for public use	Facilities are comprehensively addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
Leases	Lease security to encourage investment in facilities, more flexibility in leases to allow for increased commercial viability of facilities	Leases which exceed 5 years are listed in the APLMS. Further consideration to lease length and investment in leased facilities could be given	◆
Governance	Improve communication between council and tenants to understand issues and processes, a more proactive approach, support with funding	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆
Maintenance	Improved maintenance of existing facilities	Maintenance standards are contained in Council (and State) management plans	●
Future planning	Future planning for the Park Lands considering growing trends and the needs of future populations	Investigation undertaken to inform the APLMS, the current management strategy could provide additional context	◆
Lighting	Improved lighting around parks particularly for safe use of facilities	Lighting is comprehensively addressed through a big move and multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
Access	Improved access to facilities, improved walking and cycling connections	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●
Car parking	Cost of car parking impacts on	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.8	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
	volunteers, seasonal car parking required to support larger events, potential for car parking to generate revenue for tenants	<i>Provide car parking on and adjacent to the Park Lands only where need has been demonstrated and no reasonable alternative exists</i>	
River management	Invest in cleaning up the River Torrens, water quality increasingly poor, improved water quality and biodiversity	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	●
		Further consideration to the importance of Karrawirra Pari could be given	◆

Are there issues, impacts or anything that detracts from the Park Lands? Does this impact on how you use the Park Lands?

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Car parking	More car parking, access to car parking impacts on the use of facilities. Use of car parks from RAH workers and Adelaide High students impacting on Park 25 users	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.8 <i>Provide car parking on and adjacent to the Park Lands only where need has been demonstrated and no reasonable alternative exists</i>	●
		Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping	◆
River management	Water quality low and increased trash results in increased pests and health concerns with River use. Poor quality of the River Torrens damages the reputation with interstate visitors	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	●
		Further consideration to the importance of Karrawirra Pari could be given	◆
Events	Events are important but they can be very disruptive to the use of other facilities	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.3 <i>Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i>	●
		Events are comprehensively addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions. Further consideration could be given to location specific issues (with some Park Lands considered at capacity)	◆
Leases	Lease security to encourage investment in facilities, more flexibility in leases to allow for increased commercial viability of facilities	Leases which exceed 5 years are listed in the APLMS Further consideration to lease length and investment in leased facilities could be given	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Governance	Improve communication between council and tenants to understand issues and processes, a more proactive approach, support with funding	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆
Community; Homelessness	Opportunity for community outreach and connection to vulnerable communities through the Park Lands	Undertaken by homelessness services in partnership with City of Adelaide but not specifically addressed in the APLMS	■

Have you seen recent changes/improvements in the Park Lands? Do you agree with the changes?

Some of the recent changes that were noticed in the Park Lands were:

- Positive changes were associated with the wetlands and management of water, events, improved buildings, playgrounds and facilities, and outdoor exercise including tree climb.
- Some responses talked to the reactive nature of changes, small or moderate improvements and costs for building upgrades.

What should stay the same in the Park Lands?

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Green; nature; open space	Natural feel and open space should be retained	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●
Diverse activities	The Park Lands should support a diverse range of activities including free access facilities, sporting facilities and events	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i>	●
Build on success	Improve what is there and increase use before investing in new facilities	Further prioritisation of the strategies and actions in the APLMS could be achieved	◆
Education	Capitalise on the education opportunity of the Park Lands	Education is generally linked with biodiversity and cultural interpretation in the APLMS. Further consideration to educational opportunities could be given	◆
Protection	Retain the extent of the Park Lands, protect the size of the open space	The Park Lands is defined by the Park Lands Plan and afforded protections as per the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i> . The Act provides for return of land to Park Lands which could be more actively pursued	◆

What are the main challenges for the Park Lands?

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Competing needs	Managing the competing needs of tenants and the community, conflicting requirements for space e.g. facilities verses natural areas	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●
Use of Park Lands	Managing over use of some areas and promoting increased use of other areas, providing diverse range of activities, retaining free access to facilities, marketing the Park Lands	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.3 <i>Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination</i>	●
Leases	Long term security for lease holders, more proactive approach, support with securing funding, improved communication with council, equitable treatment for lease holders	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆
Water quality	Long term strategy to improve water quality of the River Torrens	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	●
		Further consideration to the importance of Karrawirra Pari could be given	◆

Other comments

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Lease	Uncertainty in rules around subleases makes it difficult to operate. Need more long-term certainty and collaboration with council on leases	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆
Use of Park Lands	Spread the use of the Park Lands out, there are high concentration activity areas. Use of large areas of land by small number of people – is this fair?	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●
Access	Park Lands should be for everyone, signage and pathways needed to clear access around the Park Lands	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●

Describe your vision for the Park Lands?

Key concepts that could be built into a vision for the Park Lands included words like:

Easy access for all South Australians, aim to be the Park Lands that other cities aspire to be, green, user-friendly, diversity of attraction, a place of pride for all South Australians, welcoming, a perfect compromise between liveability and greenness, home to events that promote the state, turn 9 million visitors into 29 million visitors.

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Green; Biodiversity	Retain natural feel and landscape value of Park Lands, increase biodiversity. Balance environmental outcomes with activation	Aligns with current vision in the APLMS which states: <i>... There will be a balanced approach to a diverse range of environmental, cultural, recreational and social values, activities and developments. All resources will be protected and enhanced.</i>	●
		Further consideration to natural feel and landscape value could be given	◆
Accessible; inclusive	Accessible and inclusive for all people regardless of age or ability including facilities, pathways and balance between paid and free activities	Aligns with current vision in the APLMS which states: <i>... the Park Lands will continue to provide a myriad of recreational and sporting opportunities and events for everyone to enjoy, ...</i>	●
Connection to the city; Reputation; Visitation	The Park Lands as part of the city, how can they better support each other, improve reputation of the Park Lands worldwide, increase visitation of city and Park Lands	Further consideration to the world class nature and role in the city could be given	◆
Events; Sporting	Improve management of events in the Park Lands, explore additional opportunities for sporting events utilising and improving existing facilities	Management is generally addressed in a range of Council (and State) management plans	●

Scenario 1 – Green Adelaide keeps its cool

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Technology	Technology can assist with climate change response– heat monitoring, renewable energy, NBN	Further consideration of the role of technology will be given	■
Marketing the Park Lands	More information on what the Park Lands provide. Why are people visiting the Park Lands? Destinations, tourism	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.3 <i>Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination</i> To be considered as part of implementation	◆
Buildings	Support some increase <5% footprint only existing clubs that provide an increase in facilities for members and community. More recognition from council about what tenants bring to the Park Lands Delivery of hubs. Need to build in Park Lands. No net loss Park Lands policy difficult to work with where there is demonstrated need for basic facilities like change rooms – consideration of safety / current day needs	Further consideration to investment in leased facilities could be given Delivery of hubs aligns with APLMS strategy 1.1 (but may be constrained by current policy) <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and cultures</i>	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Climate change	Will change the way people play sport – hotter days less playing time therefore few playing fields won't support the same number or players	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i>	●
		Further consideration of scheduling of sport and events may be required	◆
Investment	Maintenance of infrastructure to match investment in new infrastructure – more facilities is good but they need to be clean	Maintenance standards are contained in Council (and State) management plans	●

Scenario 2 – Adelaide world's most liveable city

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Technology	Integrated technology to engage with the Park Lands in a different way – geo-caching, treasure hunts, information apps	Further consideration of the role of technology will be given	■
Leases	Expected to run a business but can't market the business. Tenants not suggesting ideas because already 'know' what the outcome will be	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆

Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments are provided to each question below:

What potential changes or investments would you like to see happen in the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Better and higher use of existing facilities	Improved use of facilities
2	Relax footprint rules. Making clubs more aesthetic will bring more uses e.g. verandas – sun/rain protection	Improved use of facilities
3	Authority/council to fund solar panels on council leased buildings	Sustainable buildings
4	NBN internet needs to be provided to all club facilities.	Sustainable buildings
5	Investment – authority/council to publish its tenants.	Investment, Marketing
6	Regular consultation (annual) with tenants as to assist with what is needed.	Governance, Leases
7	More public toilets in Park Lands with maintenance.	Maintenance
8	Council need to be more willing to put \$ towards the BBQ's, fitness equip, open space elements, public toilets.	Investment
9	Recognition that Colonel Lights vision was relevant for that time but with population growth and more demand and issues such as child safety, a baseline standard provision i.e. change rooms are needed for sporting playing fields.	Future planning

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
10	Working together with leaseholders to apply for open space funding where relevant i.e. apply for open space elements alongside sporting infrastructure	Governance, Investment
11	Better lighting, walking trails that are maintained, more trees and natural shade structures, more public open playgrounds.	Lighting, Access, Shade
12	Invest in more walking and bike paths	Access
13	Be vigilant and detract with homeless using and degrading structures not fit for purpose	Homelessness, Facility management
14	Management of river Torrens to prevent algae/trash building up. Consider environmental flow and prevent nutrient runoff into the river. Prevention and clean-up of rubbish (see 'trash island' currently near footbridge)	River management
15	More projects like the wetlands. Seems there are a lot of ovals which probably could be revegetated?	Biodiversity, Wetlands
16	Long-term vision to understand what's needed	Future planning
17	Long-term leases	Governance, Leases
18	Certainty of the leasing	Governance, Leases
19	Need to have mechanisms for change that are clear and understood.	Governance, Leases
20	Tenure needs to be strengthened	Governance, Leases
21	Changes in lease agreement/regulations allowing commercial revenue through signage and restricted access (within reason) on game days	Governance, Leases
22	Access to seasonal (summer) parking	Car parking
23	Long-term lease to enable strategic planning and protect our investment (bowling)	Governance, Leases
24	More access to change rooms and toilets	Investment
25	Sporting space maintenance – ovals, pitches, surfaces, lighting	Maintenance
26	Pathways	Access
27	Disability access	Access
28	Lighting/safety	Lighting, Safety
29	More facilities	Investment
30	More signage, Aboriginal names	Wayfinding, Culture
31	New launch platforms for our row boats (existing ones are rotten/dangerous)	Improved use of facilities
32	Ability to restrict access for ticketing/capacity management	Facility management
33	Additional financial support for facilities that deliver benefits to the community more than the tenant	Investment
34	A parking space or 2 allocated to rowing club function centre staff. It's a volunteer role and the cost of parking really adds up	Car parking
35	Bring back rowing events (like the regattas that were held historically)	Events
36	Safety lighting and maps showing safe pathways	Lighting, Safety
37	Slow bikes in front of rowing club with bollards – dangerous	Safety
38	Keep the river clean and rubbish free. Rubbish floating and at the weir is revolting	River management

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
39	Security on our lease (without council putting it out to tender)	Governance, Leases
40	Lighting near ramp entrance to Torrens rowing club	Lighting
41	Car parks could be used to generate revenue	Car parking

Are there issues, impacts or anything that detracts from the Park Lands? Does this impact on how you use the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Extra carparking	Car parking
2	More bathrooms needed	Investment
3	Never had mice/rats until waterway installed. Now we are paying for rodent control. A problem the waterway created on our boundary, we pay for.	River management, Maintenance
4	Sporting fields should be encouraged as social spaces with the need for more buildings	Improved use of facilities
5	Use of carparks from RAH workers and Adelaide High Students impacting on Park 25 users/	Car parking
6	Possibly accessibility issues – parking etc. means some areas may not be as used as they could be.	Car parking, Access
7	Torrens is not that pleasant sometimes (trash, algae etc.)	River management
8	Vandalism – clean-up and \$ required	Maintenance
9	Homeless living in Park Lands – no access to assistance with this issue in council	Homelessness
10	Safer pedestrian/cyclist walkway and boat launching intersections.	Safety
11	Lease duration shorter impacts on funding and investment in facilities	Governance, Leases
12	Detraction – Clipsal 500! A nightmare for traffic and noise	Events
13	Impacts – football buses take up a lot of parking on the weekends and that is when our club holds events	Car parking
14	Detraction/issues – visitors from interstate / international rowing clubs are shocked by how filthy our river is. Embarrassing.	River management
15	Weed in the river, floating and submerged logs and rubbish make it hard/dangerous to row	River management
16	Issues – Fringe, 3-day event, car race and impact on our activities – overzealous resistance to better use of Park Lands	Events
17	Lack of lighting in the car park (safety)	Lighting, Safety
18	Free camping in car parks during Fringe	Car parking
19	Communicate management plan	Communication
20	We tick all boxes, but we can't get things done	Governance, Leases
21	Length of time in the process delivery	Governance, Leases
22	Sometime can't use the river	River management
23	Ad hoc approach	Future planning
24	Need to balance investment on river	Investment
25	One of our members capsized in a single-row boat and was told by a GP to go on antibiotics immediately!	River management

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
26	Water quality of Torrens (Torrens toilet)	River management
27	Always responsive, not proactive asking what clubs want	Future planning, Governance, Leases
28	Need certainty in the process	Governance
29	Issue – water costs of clubs to keep area green in summer. Need to balance contribution from authority/council on behalf of the community.	Maintenance

Have you seen recent changes/improvements in the Park Lands? Do you agree with the changes?

No.	Verbatim comment
1	River behind our clubrooms does not flood now
2	To keep Park Lands green needed to install additional water coverage as more close proximity medium density housing has diminished our water flow.
3	There have been a number of new buildings on Park Lands
4	Better sporting facilities
5	Agree with sporting facilities and change rooms but unsure about the cost to maintain without needing to hire
6	Vic park wetlands seem like a nice change to make the Park Lands a little less homogenous
7	Events such as light show: good addition, gives people another way of interacting with the park
8	Changes – Park 25 looks good. Tree climb – good
9	Park Lands trail
10	Bus tunnel – not entirely sure if this was a necessary addition
11	Changes seen – wetlands, tree climb both positive
12	Positives – wetlands, GAP, playgrounds, bike paths, Vic park – ovals and pitches
13	Recent changes – accessible playground, bike track, Fringe, 3-day event, car race – impact on our activities especially parking
14	Reactive changes
15	Moderate improvement, small improvements
16	Vic park wetland and outdoor gym

What should stay the same in the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Trees. Plant one when you take one	Green; nature
2	Mix of clubs and free space	Diverse activities
3	Same: mostly everything, improve on what is there already e.g. solar to buildings, shade, water collection	Build on what is working
4	Sports facilities	Diverse activities
5	Events such as fringe, WOMADelaide etc.	Diverse activities
6	Open spaces	Open Space
7	Free use for public	Free access
8	Educational institutions using Park Lands to educate in sport and environ	Education
9	Connectivity? Ongoing activation	Diverse activities

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
10	Stay same a) successful clubs should remain with certainty b) under long-term leases	Sporting
11	Stay the same – size, vegetation, multi-use	Extent
12	Woodlands and gardens to remain in place for nature, fauna and flora	Nature
13	Size of Park Lands	Extent
14	The Park Lands has to stay the same	Extent

What are the main challenges for the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Balance club and community	Competing needs
2	Maintain vibrancy without losing trees/waterways	Competing needs
3	Need support to have disabled access toilets	Access
4	Maintaining the sheer size of the parks	Maintenance
5	Balance between an urban park and a liveable city (relatively low population living in CBD area...not as many apartment buildings as other cities)	Use of Park Lands
6	Facilities need to adjust/cater for elderly	Access
7	Climate change, collect water on roofs, solar	Sustainable buildings, Climate change
8	Making areas safe for the community	Safety
9	Better lighting for public	Lighting
10	Club spends a lot of money maintaining and improving building. We need long-term certainty	Leases
11	Rubbish removal. We have caravans parking on Beaumont road and emptying waste into bins – smells atrocious	Maintenance
12	The level of temporary infrastructure needed to host events	Events
13	Climate change – heat and lack of shade	Climate change
14	Increasing need for playing fields	Competing needs
15	DDA provision for facilities	Access
16	Change rooms – enough to cater for sporting	Facilities
17	Improve the water quality and opportunities for rowing, better boat landings	Water quality
18	Multi-purpose, multi-use	Facilities
19	Free use of sports fields and tennis courts, cycling paths	Use of Park Lands
20	Open space for multi-purpose	Use of Park Lands
21	Long-term lease agreements	Leases
22	Vehicles – parking, roads close by, risk	Car parking
23	Community activation for more than traditional use and night time	Use of Park Lands
24	Challenge – being invited to the Park Lands. Change perception	Use of Park Lands
25	Overuse – people play sports, recreationally use the Park Lands from neighbouring councils	Use of Park Lands
26	Equitable treatment for tenants – the show can have hundreds of cars, but bowling cannot get 20	Leases
27	Long-term strategy and management of water quality	Water quality
28	Leases, longer term to encourage investments.	Leases
29	Sporting groups having security.	Leases

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
30	Overuse	Use of Park Lands
31	Connect the Park Lands and the city	Use of Park Lands
32	Issue associate with parking	Car parking
33	Funding	Investment
34	Parking	Car parking
35	Meeting the needs of all different stakeholders	Competing needs
36	Maintain sports percentage, challenge to increase usage	Competing needs
37	How do more people use the Park Lands. This is the challenge	Use of Park Lands
38	Extend use with time. Evening usage	Use of Park Lands
39	Events restriction needs to be consistent	Events
40	Challenge is activating the Park Lands	Use of Park Lands
41	Lighting near ramp entrance to Torrens rowing club	Lighting
42	Car parks could be used to generate revenue	Car parking

Other comments

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Re-issue of sub-lessees recently introduced creates uncertainties for small clubs i.e. if school cross country wants to use our toilets is that sublease??	Leases
2	Nothing against golfers, but the north Adelaide golf course takes up a massive area which is probably used by a relatively small group	Use of Park Lands
3	Certainty for club regarding leases and costs	Leases
4	We have had homeless coordinators coming around asking us to pass on the details of those sleeping rough. Needs more!!	Community; Homelessness
5	Increase council collaboration with lessees – so much red tape and time	Leases
6	Kaurna recognition/promotion	Kaurna
7	COVID-19 – outdoor is an asset	COVID
8	Victoria Park – 6 months of the year putting up/taking down. Why not have permanent buildings?	Events
9	Get the parade ground made available for parking	Car parking
10	The Park Lands should be for everyone	Access
11	Let us put up signage on the river/street sides of our club to market the function centre	Access
12	Spread features out – there are naturally high concentrations of visitors in particular areas	Use of Park Lands

Describe your vision for the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	User-friendly, green and sustainable	Green, Accessible, Sustainable
2	They need to be green	Green
3	Need to be a habitat for all birds, insects and animals	Biodiversity
4	Climate initiatives need to be unobtrusive – no turbines	Sustainable
5	User-friendly e.g. toilets, water, shelter. Diverse activities for young and old	Accessible

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
6	Green, green trees, water, wetlands, making use of all either in activities or green	Green
7	Maybe change inner city e.g. Amsterdam	Connection to city
8	Easy access for all South Australians	Accessible
9	Going to be more important in future	
10	Live, work, and play in the city	Connection to city
11	Diversity of attraction – more in one place for more interest	Diverse activity
12	A perfect compromise between ‘liveability’ and ‘greenness’	Green
13	Need to ensure first nation space and learning for all	Education, Kaurna
14	Sports recreation. Increase growth target	Sporting
15	Turn 9m into 29m visitation	Visitation
16	A place of pride for all South Australians	Reputation
17	Should be home to events that promote the state. Need to be mindful of traffic flow – reroute better.	Events
18	Land bridge over the Railway Line	Accessible
19	Park Lands is be used for sport (Commonwealth Games)	Sporting, Events
20	At least 30% sport & recreation	Sporting
21	Welcoming safe, green and connected and well utilised	Green
22	Accessible paths, parking inclusivity	Accessible
23	Best practice – aim to be the Park Lands that all other cities aspire to	Reputation

Scenario 1 – Green Adelaide keeps its cool

Question	No.	Verbatim comment
How will technology help?	1	Renewable energy for all tenants so they can generate enough energy for their own needs
	2	Collar pathways (panels make up the pathway)
	3	Marketing the Park Lands. More information on what is there.
	4	Park Lands should not be technology – the opposite for recreation without Wi-Fi?
	5	Vertical gardens in the city itself could act as proxy Park Lands? Reducing the temperature in the city without necessarily needing to compromise sporting areas in the Park Lands themselves
	6	Need NBN through all Park Lands – membership, sales, accessing emails window systems
	7	Heat monitoring – could utilise smart tech to support the need for highly activated areas
What policies does the council or government need to change?	8	Set the objectives for Park Lands
	9	Difficulties – can’t build, co-location of facilities
	10	More recognition from the council about what tenants bring to the Park Lands
	11	Vision – consistent approach across all levels of government
	12	Council investment needed
	13	Support some increase <5% footprint only existing clubs that provide an increase in facilities for members and community

Question	No.	Verbatim comment
	14	No net loss Park Lands policy difficult to work with where there is demonstrated need for basic facilities like change rooms – consideration of safety / current day needs.
	15	Think outside the box – other means, trade-off
How will we respond to climate change?	16	Balance the greening with liveable
	17	Treating the Park Lands and tenants as a whole to create more impact and change
	18	Energy production technology needs to improve
	19	Solar reduce costs to clubs
	20	No more cycling – these are quite dangerous to unwary walkers/dogs
	21	Look after the bats and ALL birds
	22	Educate people about climate change in Park Lands (signage, examples, green areas)
How will people use the Park Lands?	23	Encourage activation from the <u>edges</u>
	24	Sun protected for sports – hotter days less playing time therefore few playing fields won't support the same number or players
	25	More BBQ's / seating for family groups but council needs to maintain / clean. If council has infrastructure for public, they need to maintain \$. Saying that, a few more benches would be okay.
	26	To move away from technology (school perspective)
What parks or cities set an example for Adelaide to follow and why?	27	Difficult to plan for a future which is uncertain
Big Ideas	28	Who owns the Park Lands? What is the vision?
	29	Clever ideas and reuse of park to Greenhill Road
	30	Activation of the West Park Lands?
	31	Change use of Park Lands – golf and horse
	32	Delivery of hubs. Need to build in Park Lands
	33	Increase intensity of development to create space. Victoria Park example
	34	Parking to edges could support Park Lands
	35	A green Adelaide would be the whole city
	36	Destinations – people would like to visit. Why are people visiting the Park Lands?
	37	Park Lands as a tourist destination

Scenario 2 – Adelaide world's most liveable city

Question	No.	Verbatim comment
How will technology help?	1	Geo caching using phones
	2	Treasure hunts
	3	Park Lands apps that give you info about the history, animals etc
What policies does the council or government need to change?	8	Expected to run a business but can't market the business.

Question	No.	Verbatim comment
	9	Tenants not suggesting ideas because already 'know' what the outcome is.
How will we respond to climate change?	16	-
How will people use the Park Lands?	23	More population in city more social use of sports and parks. More people walking to venues
What parks or cities set an example for Adelaide to follow and why?	27	Norway – only electric vehicles
Big Ideas	28	Electric subway system
	29	Adelaide needs more infrastructure outside the Park Lands to be the most liveable. For me, Adelaide feels like it just isn't growing and progressing. Hence, I see little desire to actually work / live here.

APPENDIX B – KAURNA YERTA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (KYAC) BOARD MEETING

Key information

- **Date:** Tuesday 26 July 2022
- **Time:** 10am-12noon
- **Location:** Adelaide Town Hall, Reconciliation Room
- **Theme:** Future Directions for our Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To provide opportunity for KYAC Board members to comment on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy community engagement
- **Format:** Informal discussion with KYAC Board Member

Summary of Engagement

The following are the key opportunities that were identified for the Park Lands through the initial conversation with KYAC Board Members:

- Opportunities for storytelling through the Park Lands.
- Acknowledge the truth of historical culture; opportunity to improve connection to culture amongst Aboriginal people.
- Acknowledge the history of parks as homes.
- Experience and support environment through a cultural lens.
- Acknowledge Aboriginal culture and perspectives.
- Park Lands only show the colonial experience of important historical events such as world wars.
- Kaurna led – voice on the future of the Park Lands, education on Kaurna history and culture.
- Tension between legal protection of Native title/heritage/Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Notes from Meeting

Notes from the meeting are provided below:

- Board Members referenced other areas of government and policy and sought clarification of relationships between them:
 - Green Adelaide
 - National Park City
 - Cultural Mapping.
- Board Members talked to Aboriginal culture and place heritage
 - Identified a tension between how Aboriginal culture and European heritage
 - Heritage legislation – Native Title
 - Heritage (is protected) – Aboriginal cultural heritage (is less protected) – opportunity to align.
- Opportunities for story telling – connect to other stories i.e. Tjilbruke.
- Truth telling:

- Historical culture and truth
- Struggle to maintain culture and connection amongst Aboriginal people.
- History of the Parks – these were homes.
- Repatriation – Native Title.
- Environment – from a cultural lens
 - Water/fire
 - Lived
 - Gathered
 - Traded
 - 4 seasons.
- Enterprise.
- Education – cultural awareness, not run by Kurna.
- Experiential – go back to Country for memory and connection - bringing culture back into light.
- Statutes:
 - All white colonists, need Aboriginal leaders
 - Aboriginal people were part of the war effort
 - Shared city
 - Seems to show only colonial history
 - Not supported on return.

Summary of Engagement

Below is a summary of the feedback received from the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Board meeting.

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Heritage / Culture	Acknowledgement of historical truths, Aboriginal culture and perspectives	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kurna cultural heritage significance</i> Further consideration of acknowledgement of Country will be given	◆
Environment	View environment through a cultural lens	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kurna cultural heritage significance</i> Further consideration could be given to Kurna land management	◆
Education	Educate on history and culture, story telling	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kurna cultural heritage significance</i> The acknowledgement and celebration of Kurna culture are addressed through a number of existing APLMS actions	●
Governance	Native title; repatriation; Kurna voice in future of Park Lands	Further consideration could be given to Kurna land management	◆

APPENDIX C – MINOR WORKS BUILDING COMMUNITY DROP IN SESSION

Key information

- **Date:** Wednesday 17 August 2022
- **Time:** 10:00am – 11:30am
- **Location:** Minor Works Building
- **Theme:** Future Directions for our Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To provide opportunity for community members to provide comment on the Adelaide Park Lands consultation
- **Format:** This was a drop-in session facilitated by City of Adelaide (CoA) staff. Attended by a total of six community members at various times during an hour-long session.

Summary of Engagement

Below is a summary of the key themes and comments that were received from the community drop-in session.

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Communication, Marketing	Better promotion of what is happening in the Park Lands (developments) and the value of the Park Lands (i.e. trees).	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.3 <i>Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination</i>	●
Natural areas	More natural areas Perception that the wetlands are a failure	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	●
Car parking	Car parking should be reduced in the Park Lands, do not agree with show parking or oval parking on Park Lands	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.8 <i>Provide car parking on and adjacent to the Park Lands only where need has been demonstrated and no reasonable alternative exists</i> Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping	●
Access-Connections	Connection to surrounding area needs to be improved	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping	◆
Legal	Queries on the legality of the name change to Kadaltilla, legal status of the Park Lands should be clarified	Re-branding of the Authority has followed due process	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Development	Protect the Park Lands from built form encroachment	The Park Lands is defined by the Park Lands Plan as per the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i> Further consideration to building footprints may be required	◆
Heritage, Kaurna	World heritage listing should be pursued Kaurna heritage should be recognised	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.2 <i>Consider World Heritage listing of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance</i>	●
Homelessness	Support for a location for homeless / campers in the Park Lands	Undertaken by services in partnership with City of Adelaide but not specifically addressed in the APLMS	■

Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments are provided below:

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Whitmore Square: community member queried status of works	Communication
2	Park 25 (SACA Oval) – provide information about the proposed seating	Communication
3	Against further expansion of the car park which is currently being used by RAH workers and High School students	Car parking
4	Would like to see more natural bushland, similar to the area north of the cemetery	Natural bushland
5	Western Park Lands: would like to see better connections to the suburbs	Access-Connection
6	South Terrace frontage – path needs to be addressed	Access-Connection
7	Kadaltilla: name of the Authority is disputed; Council had no legal authority to change the name	Legal
8	The forthcoming Forum needs to include the legal status of the Park Lands and its history	Legal
9	Wetlands regarded as a failure	
10	Pursuit of World Heritage listing should form part of the Strategy	Heritage
11	Greater recognition of Kaurna is needed	Kaurna
12	Licence holders: need to acknowledge that the land they occupy is public	Leases
13	Park Lands should be protected: not built over	Development
14	Provide Adelaide Oval and Royal Show parking elsewhere, not Park Lands	Car parking
15	Improve the quality of the Park Lands; make a more natural environment	Natural
16	Some areas are not safe	Safety
17	The hub in the southern Park Lands for homeless / campers should be repeated	Homelessness / Community
18	Development pressures – ongoing encroachment of the Park Lands e.g. the Tennis Centre expansion	Development
19	Need a clear message of no further building on the Park Lands	Development

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
20	Promote the Park Lands more effectively, explaining why they are valuable e.g., the value of old trees	Marketing / Communication

APPENDIX D – COMMUNITY FORUM 2022

Key information

- **Date:** Saturday 20 August 2022
- **Time:** 10:00am – 3:00pm
- **Location:** Plane Tree Centre, Adelaide Zoo
- **Theme:** Future Directions for our Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To seek the views of the general public on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands, to assist with the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2005-2015.

Format

Welcome

A Welcome to Country was given by Kaurna man, Jack Kanya Kudnuitya Buckskin.

The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Sandy Verschoor opened the forum with commentary on the importance of the Adelaide Park Lands and their value to the community.

Summary

The day featured opportunities for people to provide input and feedback, with four short presentations and informative displays to stimulate people's interest and thinking.

Format

- Open consultation will occur throughout the day.
- Presentations of 10 minutes each, with additional time for questions and answers.
- Four themed 'Engagement Stations' and various displays.
- Facilitated by City of Adelaide (CoA) staff and Warwick Keates (Director, WAX Design Studio).

Presentations

Four presentations were held throughout the day:

- **Presentation 1:** "Best Practice Case Studies Park Cities Benchmarking" by David Barone, Jensen PLUS, at 11:00am
- **Presentation 2:** "Preparing the Adelaide Park Lands for Climate Change" by Dr Jenni Garden, EDGE, at 12:00pm
- **Presentation 3:** "The role of sport in society and opportunities in the Park Lands" by Ray Scheuboeck, CoA, at 1:00pm
- **Presentation 4:** "How COVID-19 has changed our behaviour and what this could mean for Adelaide" by Jaclyn Thorne, McGregor Tan, at 2:00pm.

Engagement Stations

Four engagement stations were set up in the venue as described below.

Station	Question and purpose	Method
Station 1	<p><i>“What are your ideas for Helen Mayo Park?”</i></p> <p>Purpose: Kadaltilla is interested in the community’s thoughts on designing the future of Helen Mayo Park. The park was a topic of discussion during Kadaltilla’s July 2022 meeting.</p> <p>A design competition was also held, where the community could ‘design’ or provide ideas on Helen Mayo Park.</p>	<p>This station had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1 aerial maps of Helen Mayo Park • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments • A3 design competition, with a blank map of Helen Mayo Park.
Station 2	<p>Station 2 had four themed questions that directly related to the four presentations held during the Community Forum.</p>	
	<p><i>“What great parks do you know of around the world? What aspects or ideas from these parks might we adopt in the Adelaide Park Lands?”</i></p> <p>Related presentation: “Best Practice Case Studies Park Cities Benchmarking” by David Barone, Jensen PLUS</p> <p>Purpose: What can we learn from other great parks around the world?</p>	<p>This question had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printouts of the presentation • A3 images of these best parks • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments
	<p><i>“How do the Adelaide Park Lands need to respond to climate change?”</i></p> <p>Related presentation: “Preparing the Adelaide Park Lands for Climate Change” by Dr Jenni Garden, EDGE</p> <p>Purpose: Opportunities for addressing climate change in the Park Lands</p>	<p>This question had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printouts of the presentation • A2 heat map of the city • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments
	<p><i>“How can we make sporting facilities more inclusive and versatile for the broader community?”</i></p> <p>Related presentation: “The role of sport in society and opportunities in the Park Lands” by Ray Scheuboeck, CoA</p> <p>Purpose: Improving opportunities for sporting activities and facilities in the Park Lands</p>	<p>This question had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printouts of the presentation • A1 map showing sporting fields and areas in the Park Lands • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments
	<p><i>“What can we learn from the changes brought on by the pandemic?”</i></p> <p>Related presentation: “How COVID-19 has changed our behaviour and what this could mean for Adelaide” by Jaclyn Thorne, McGregor Tan</p> <p>Purpose: Planning for the post-pandemic world</p>	<p>This question had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments <p>Note: There were no presentation slides.</p>
Station 3	<p>Station 3 was a ‘Vox Pop’ station, where the community could voice their feedback on camera.</p>	

Station	Question and purpose	Method
	<p>The following questions were asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What do you love about the Park Lands? Which is your favourite park and why?</i> • <i>Describe a change that would encourage you to visit the Park Lands more often.</i> • <i>Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the future of the Park Lands?</i> 	<p>This station had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camera set up outdoors
Station 4	Station 4 had three general questions to generate general feedback.	
	<p><i>“If you were the Manager of the Adelaide Park Lands, what changes would you make?”</i></p> <p>Purpose: To identify the one key issue of importance to the respondent.</p>	<p>This question had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments
	<p><i>“The theme of this Forum is “Future Directions for our Park Lands. Please describe your vision for our Park Lands.”</i></p> <p>Purpose: To guide Kadaltilla’s vision for the Park Lands and the APLMS.</p>	<p>This question had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments
	<p><i>“What is your favourite place in the Adelaide Park Lands in the last 12 months?”</i></p> <p>Purpose: To guide feedback on landscape characters, features, attractions or elements in the Park Lands that the community enjoy, which could guide the APLMS review and future investment in the Park Lands.</p>	<p>This question had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1 aerial map of the Park Lands, for people to place a sticky dot on their favourite place

Additional Displays and Material

Smaller stations and displays were set up around the venue to further as alternative options for community feedback.

Station	Purpose	Method
Biodiversity station	Purpose: To showcase the Park Lands’ Key Biodiversity Areas, flora/fauna and biodiversity conservation efforts.	<p>This station had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1 aerial maps showing the Key Biodiversity Areas • A3 images of various flora and fauna
Video on the Park Lands	Purpose: To act as a backdrop to the venue and for visual interest	<p>This looping video had the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kadaltilla’s acknowledgement of Country statement • Aerial film of the Park Lands • Historical imagery of the Park Lands
World Heritage Listing station	Purpose: To raise awareness of the heritage values of the Park Lands and the World Heritage Listing project	<p>This station had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A2 poster outlining the heritage values of the Park Lands • A2 poster outlining the World Heritage Listing project

Station	Purpose	Method
Kadaltilla's achievement highlights	Purpose: To outline various Park Lands projects and achievements that were recommended through Kadaltilla in the 2021/2022 financial year	This station had the following material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x A2 posters outlining the eight projects in the Park Lands
Park Lands 'puzzlers'	Purpose: To engage with the community in a different and quirky way, with 'did you know' facts and quizzes to inform of the Park Lands' rich history	Various A4 displays with questions were posed around the room. Answer sheets could be found at the central round table in the middle of the room.
Children's table	Purpose: To engage the younger generation who visited the Forum	This table had the following material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x puzzles relating to the Park Lands • Play-Doh® • Adelaide Town Hall model • Birds in the City booklet, activity books • Colouring in material
Central round table	Purpose: This table housed general information, giveaways and the general feedback box	This table had the following material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giveaways (plants, compostable doggy bags, Biodiversity Survey books) • General feedback box • Copies of the APLMS • Park Lands 'puzzlers' answer sheet • Additional stationery
Registration table	Purpose: This table was situated outside to welcome people coming into the venue. Attendees were encouraged to provide their contact details to be in the running to win 2x family passes to the Adelaide Zoo (registrations were used to manage attendance for COVID-19 and to undertake evaluation of the event)	This table had the following material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign-up sheets including name tags • Plant giveaways • Handouts/flyers of the program • Masks as necessary
Refreshments table	Purpose: To provide catering to all attendees	Catering was provided by the Adelaide Zoo

Summary of Engagement

A separate engagement report for the Kadaltilla Annual Community Forum has been prepared. This section provides a summary of the key comments.

Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping.

Feedback from Engagement Stations

Below is a summary of the feedback received from the four Engagement Stations.

What are your ideas for Helen Mayo Park?

Key themes that emerged for this question were:

- **Natural / rewilding / restore** – Allowing Helen Mayo Park to be a place for the Australian landscape to thrive and be celebrated
- **Access / hospital** – Improving or facilitating movement between Helen Mayo Park and the hospital/biomedical precinct, and creating a park for hospital staff, patients and visitors
- **Kaurna** – Celebrating Kaurna culture through the landscape and play elements
- **Play** – Introducing play elements as an attraction
- **Café / BBQ / Toilets** – Improving public facilities onsite
- **Green / open / beautiful** – Allowing the park to be greener, open to all and beautiful
- **Wetland / river** – Introducing a wetland system in the park to assist with water filtration.

What great parks do you know of around the world? What aspects or ideas from these parks might we adopt in the Adelaide Park Lands?

Some great parks recommended by the community were:

- City of Austin's parks
- Central Park, New York
- Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Singapore
- City of Vienna's parks
- Mughal Gardens, Delhi
- Munich Tierpark English Garden, Germany
- Tech Park Indian Institute of Science's Garden, Bangalore
- Greater London's green belt of parks.

Key themes arising from this question included:

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Rewilding	Allowing the Park Lands to be a place for rewilding for the benefit of biodiversity and human experiences	Aligns with strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i> Biodiversity and ecological resilience are well represented themes in the current APLMS. Further consideration to alignment with current language for 'rewilding' could be given	◆
Education / community	Informing and involving the community to be a part of the Park Lands	Education is generally linked with biodiversity and cultural interpretation in the APLMS.	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
		Further consideration to educational opportunities could be given	
Local	Look locally to the Australian landscape and context	Aligns with strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i> Further consideration to additional context (contemporary) in the APLMS could be given	◆
Protection	Protecting the Park Lands for future generations	The Park Lands is defined by the Park Lands Plan and afforded protections as per the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i>	●

How do the Adelaide Park Lands need to respond to climate change?

Key themes arising from this question included:

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Regenerative agriculture / native food	Exploring regenerative agricultural practices in the Park Lands (such as Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6)) to help with food security	Aligns with strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i> Community gardens are a feature of the APLMS. Further consideration to native foods and locations could be given.	■
Rewilding / biodiversity / trees	Using local flora and fauna to further naturalise the Park Lands, with increasing trees being places of refuge and combating the heat island effects	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●
Community / Kaurna management	Encouraging Kaurna land management, engaging broader community and encouraging night-time use of the Park Lands	Kaurna cultural heritage, interpretation of cultural significance and night-time use are addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
		Further consideration could be given to Kaurna land management	■
Governance	Having clear targets to address climate change/zero emissions on all levels of government	Aligns with strategy 4.5 <i>Strengthen the Park Lands' role in developing a carbon neutral City</i> The APLMS includes targets for utilisation and car parking. Further consideration to targets could be given	◆

How can we make sporting facilities more inclusive and versatile for the broader community?

Key themes arising from this question included:

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Ownership / access to facilities / fences	Improving general access to facilities in the park: many felt like sporting areas/buildings are considered 'exclusive' and not inclusive for all users. They also felt like they could not access the facilities in the park or building, and should contribute to and share more with other user groups/the community	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Dynamic, Active and Tranquil Places Community access to facilities is largely addressed in strategies that relate to recreational and sporting use. Further consideration to strengthening community access could be considered	◆
Parking	Investigating parking options for all users outside of Park Lands	Aligns with strategy 2.8 <i>Provide car parking on and adjacent to the Park Lands only where need has been demonstrated and no reasonable alternative exists</i> Further consideration to the interaction between parking in side streets and Park Lands use could be given	◆
Signage	Installing more signage encouraging public use of all facilities	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Dynamic, Active and Tranquil Places Community access to facilities is largely addressed in strategies that relate to recreational and sporting use. Further consideration to strengthening community access could be considered	◆
Programming	Some ideas pitched included having more diverse range of sports, more organised 'come and try' open days,	Aligns with strategy 1.6 <i>Strengthen the role of the Park Lands as a regional destination for competitive sport and a variety of active and passive forms of recreation</i> Further consideration to recreational needs of multi-cultural communities could be given (and may require additional engagement)	◆
Trails	Suggestions for designated cycling paths, accessible bike areas for children and delivering on an unbroken walking/cycling trail	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces The Park Lands Trail is identified in the APLMS as a big move	●
		Further consideration could be given to further development of the Park Lands Trail and a hierarchy of trails-paths in the Park Lands	◆

What can we learn from the changes brought on by the pandemic?

Key themes arising from this question included:

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Importance of open space / connection to nature / mental health / isolation	Emphasising the importance of the Park Lands and human connection with nature in improving mental health, recreation, combating isolation in communities, therapy, inclusivity, children development and being a drawcard for visitors/residents	Addressed under the current APLMS objective of Inclusive Aligns with strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i> Further consideration to additional context (contemporary) in the APLMS could be given	◆
Building management / technology	Using smart technology to efficiently manage underutilised buildings (e.g. outside of lease use times) and encouraging pedestrian/cycling activity	Further consideration of the role of technology will be given	■
Safety	Emphasising the importance of the Park Lands to exercise and recreate safely	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●

Vox Pop question: What do you love about the Park Lands? Which is your favourite park and why?

Some of the community's favourite parks and reasons why include:

- Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6) – for the horses and its quietness from the city
- Botanic Park and Adelaide Botanic Garden – for picnics and their beauty
- Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) – trees, events and proximity to the East End
- Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) – the new wetlands
- Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W) – the biodiversity
- GS Kingston Park / Wirrarninthi (Park 23) – for the 'wild' and secluded nature of the wetland area (north of the cemetery) and it being a flexible space for different groups (south of the cemetery)
- Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27) – the playspace
- Kate Cocks Park – for the olive groves
- South Western Park Lands (in general) – for the birdlife and biodiversity

The Park Lands in general were seen as a great place to meet people, connect with nature, experience diverse biodiversity and provide reprieve from city life that is within walking distance.

City of Vox Pop question: Describe a change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often?

Key themes arising from this question included:

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Facilities	Increasing facilities in the Park Lands (e.g. toilets, lighting, tables/seats)	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Governance; Investment	The community wanted increased governance on various matters (e.g. increasing resources relating to park management; noise control, enforcing dry zones, limiting development and erosion of Park Lands)	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆
Community; Kaurna	Improving relationships with users of the Park Lands (e.g. dialogue with homeless and First Nations peoples and expanding community gardens for more engagement)	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance</i> Kaurna voices are under-represented in the engagement to date	◆
		Undertaken by homelessness services in partnership with City of Adelaide but not specifically addressed in the APLMS	■
Education	Facilitating education on biodiversity areas and enhancement of native landscapes	Education is generally linked with biodiversity and cultural interpretation in the APLMS. Further consideration to educational opportunities could be given	◆
Access	Improving and investing in connectivity around the Park Lands	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●
Sports and inclusion	Making sure sporting areas are more accessible to all	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i> Further consideration to strengthening community access could be considered	◆
Parking	Removing car parking	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.8 and specifically action item: <i>Reduce car parking on the Park Lands by 5% in the period to 2025</i>	●

Vox Pop question: Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the future of the Adelaide Park Lands?

Key themes arising from this question included:

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Protection; Climate change	The community are passionate about keeping the Park Lands as green space that is accessible to all, and the Park Lands' crucial role in combating climate change	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i>	●
Nature	The strength of the Park Lands being biodiversity and nature (including education and to celebrate Kaurua culture)	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●
Public Art	More artwork in support of local artists and more informal areas for picnics and families	Public art is identified in the APLMS as a big move Public art is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●

If you were the Manager of the Adelaide Park Lands, what changes would you make?

Key themes arising from this question included:

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Lighting; toilets; safety; cleanliness	Improving, reviewing and cleaning public facilities in the Park Lands for greater access and amenity and to improve safety	Maintenance standards are contained in Council (and State) management plans	●
Promotion; education; events	Actively promoting the Park Lands as a unique attraction and destination offering diverse experiences (e.g. TV advertisement and social media promotion, events, creating informative spaces for education)	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.3 <i>Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination</i>	●
Community; homeless	Recognising the Park Lands as a place for outreach, involving the community in various initiatives, and creating spaces for all areas of the community including young people	Undertaken by services in partnership with CoA but not specifically addressed in the APLMS	■
Access; Safety	Improving accessibility for all users, improving safety on paths (e.g. safer road crossings, reducing conflicts between users), increasing paths through various attractions	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Parking	Removing parking from the Park Lands but also encouraging active and integrated transport options	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●
Biodiversity	Protecting, encouraging and increasing focus on providing valuable biodiversity habitats in the Park Lands (e.g. introducing rarer species, improving soil health, using smart native plant choices, continuing conservation of remnant vegetation)	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●
Trees; cool; green	Increasing tree species and canopy cover to combat changing climate, as well as irrigation in certain areas	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●
		Further consideration could be given to tree canopy targets	◆
Technology	Using smart technology to assist in the management of Park Lands (e.g. Solar lighting on trails, solar powered pumps, collecting scientific data to gain more baseline data)	Further consideration of the role of technology will be given	■
Governance	Improving governance on the Park Lands to further protect and enhance them (e.g. preventing loss of the Park Lands, enforcing dry zones, ensuring the Park Lands is for everyone, managing events to be open and accessible)	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆
Built form	Reducing built form in the Park Lands (hard stand areas, bitumen and buildings), including comments against the Adelaide Aquatic Centre	Existing management plans and policy limit built form on the Park Lands Further consideration to design and building footprints could be given	◆
Kaurna	Promoting and celebrating Kaurna heritage and culture through various means (play, cultural walks, park projects)	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance</i>	●
Horses	Better horse management in Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6) – using environmental /seasonal needs and integrated agricultural practices	Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping. Further consideration of opportunities for Park 6 could be given	◆
Landscapes	Introducing different landscapes/plants – edible plants including fruit trees, bush foods and medicinal plants; permaculture gardens; olive groves	Aligns with strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i> Community gardens are a feature of the APLMS. Further consideration to native foods could be given	■
Rewilding	Activities such as barefoot grounding walks, open fire pits to increase relationship with nature	Aligns with strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i>	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
		Biodiversity and ecological resilience are well represented themes in the current APLMS. Further consideration to alignment with current language for 'rewilding' could be given	
Landscapes	More community spaces and attractions: relaxing spaces, public art, formal gardens, playgrounds, mini golf course	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●

The theme of this Forum is “Future Directions for our Park Lands. Please describe your vision for our Park Lands.”

Key concepts that could be built into a vision for the Park Lands included words like:

A mosaic of parks, mindfulness, interactive, lungs of Adelaide, family-friendly, climate resilient, green, open, accessible, inclusive, where people want to be, where flora and fauna can thrive, free, rewild, providing for and prioritises community and biodiversity, a network of parks, informal, theming parks; sharing the natural environment.

Inspiring growing numbers of residents, workers and visitors, the 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. There will be a balanced approach to a diverse range of environmental, cultural, recreational and social values, activities and developments. All resources will be protected and enhanced.

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Biodiversity; Education	Increasing protection and conservation of biodiversity while increasing awareness (e.g. encouraging more species and restoring threatened species, education relating to flora and fauna, dedicated plant diverse areas)	Aligns with current vision in the APLMS which states: <i>... All resources will be protected and enhanced.</i>	●
		Further consideration to biodiversity and 'rewilding' value could be given	◆
Nature	Increasing connection to nature (e.g. nature-based activities, informal area, rewilding areas, shared spaces between humans and biodiversity)	Aligns with current vision in the APLMS which states: <i>... All resources will be protected and enhanced.</i>	●
		Further consideration to biodiversity and 'rewilding' value could be given	◆
Governance	Strengthening protection of the Park Lands (e.g. ensuring public, open and equitable access to all, less hard	Aligns with current vision in the APLMS which states: <i>... All resources will be protected and enhanced.</i>	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
	stand areas/buildings, limiting development)	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆
Facilities	Improving existing and introducing new facilities in the Park Lands (e.g. improving accessibility, more nature play spaces, more fenced pet areas, more multi-use areas)	Aligns with current vision in the APLMS which states: <i>...the Park Lands will continue to provide a myriad of recreational and sporting opportunities and events for everyone to enjoy</i>	●
Kaurna; Education; Heritage	Celebrating Kaurna culture (e.g. through land management, education, embedding in park projects; at the same time acknowledging and pursuing heritage status for the Park Lands	Further consideration of acknowledgement of Country will be given	■

What is your favourite place in the Adelaide Park Lands in the last 12 months?

The following parks are ranked, from most votes received to least votes received:

Rank	Key Issue-Feedback	Votes
1	Botanic Park	7
	GS Kingston Park / Wirrarnintheta (Park 23)	7
2	Victoria Park / Pakapakantheta (Park 16)	4
3	Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6)	2
	Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)	2
	Pelzer Park / Pityarilla (Park 19)	2
	Veale Park / Walyu Yarta (Park 21)	2
	Ellis Park / Tampawardli (Park 24)	2
	Elder Park	2
	Adelaide Botanic Garden	2
4	Possum Park / Pirtawardli (Park 1)	1
	King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15)	1
	Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17)	1
	Peppermint Park / Wita Wirra (Park 18)	1
	Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Park 20)	1
	Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W)	1
	Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27)	1
	Kate Cocks Park	1
	John E Brown Park (Park 27A)	1

Hard Copy Feedback

Hard copy written feedback was also received during the event, which include open ideas and general comments.

Key themes and comments arising from this opportunity included:

- Feedback 1 – Improvement of Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6) and protection of horse depasturing activity:
 - The presence of horses and their attraction (families and horse owners who are majority women) make the park safer for all
 - Encouraging horse-related activities for greater park activation (pony rides, pony clubs for equestrian sports)
 - Improving dialogue between CoA and horse licence holders on improvements, proposals and opportunities for the park
 - Investigate volunteering group to manage the paddocks
 - Investigate regenerative agricultural practices in Park 6
 - Increasing trees in the paddocks.
- Feedback 2 – Investigating a non-stop walking/cycling link through the Park Lands
 - Might include underpasses/bridges which could be delivered through partnerships with State Government
 - Could attract events and increase use of the Park Lands.

Verbatim comments

Verbatim comments are provided to each question here:

What are your ideas for Helen Mayo Park?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Interactive wetland for stormwater filtration and human rewilding space	Wetland; rewilding
2	The railway lines are a real barrier. Is there a way link this park with North terrace or the Railway Station. Hospital and patients and families can use it for picnics.	Access; hospital
3	Create “cultural play” spaces to celebrate Kaurna culture and embed knowledge in landscape	Play; Kaurna
4	Could be a beautiful place for regenerating the original native environment and educating people on the Kaurna connection with this country	Kaurna; natural
5	Please make even greener with more shade with picnicking in such a fabulous spot!	Green; picnic
6	Café, playground, BBQ area	Café; play; BBQ
7	That it remain culture free. No interpretive centres. To be dedicated to all not just a few.	Open
8	What is missing from the Park Lands? Can it be included here?	-
9	Remember that Helen Mayo was a humanist	-
10	Nature play space	Play; nature
11	Easy access form hospital to Park Lands	Access; hospital
12	Landscaped areas for hospital staff	Hospital
13	RESTORE IT and also Kate Cocks Park	Restore

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
14	Get rid of works depot	Restore
15	More trees and garden and beautiful green design	Green; beautiful
16	Can we cover the railway line and have a tunnel	Access
17	To keep it green	Green
18	Building free	Open
19	TAKE OUT PERMANENT CAR PARKS, RESTORE TO PARK LANDS	Restore
20	Bold, surprising, beautiful design	Beautiful
21	Not too formal. Not too European. No promenades. Keep it free and Australian and beautiful. Formal gardens like those in European really suck. Make you feel miserable.	Natural; informal
22	Restore Helen Mayo Park to Park Lands and protect the trees and rowing clubs within it and next to it	Restore
23	Needs to be relaxing and free for sick and traumatised people to connect with nature	Nature; hospital
24	A café, public toilets, undercover area with BBQ and kids playspace	Café; toilets; BBQ; play
25	To keep as wild as possible and as Australian as possible	Rewilding; natural
26	More trees and garden, a quiet space for all kinds of people	Green; open
27	Café	Café
28	A people's park celebrating river and Kaurna culture	Kaurna
29	Wetland!	Wetland
30	Clean the river	River
31	Educational programs	Education

What great parks do you know of around the world? What aspects or ideas from these parks might we adopt in the Adelaide Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	City of Austin – Sister City – Rewilding	Rewilding
2	Education programs – community integration i.e. the role they play in the community	Education; community
3	Central Park New York – wild parts where people can walk, sit, read, and take a space from the big city	Rewilding
4	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve in Singapore – QR codes for flora and fauna and koalas instead of monkeys – education/school	Education
5	The parks in Vienna are beautiful and often used for events - markets, shows etc. but they are always opened – they invite people to wander through the parks and look at what is going on – they do not have high ugly alienating fences keeping people out	Events; community; fencing
6	Mughal Gardens Delhi – they have incorporated the history of India Mughal Dynasty, British Raj and many more in one park – very beautiful and culturally important	Culture
7	Munich Tierpark English Garden	-
8	Bangalore – Tech Park Indian Institute of Science Gardens – different seasons (monsoons) – changing colour – plants	Landscape
9	We have the most important park system by design in the world so please State and World Heritage List it	Protection

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
10	To me the most important things are: as much green space as possible, as few buildings as possible, as informal as possible, not used for tourist traps or interpretive centres	Green; informal; no tourism
11	Focus on what is natural to (?) "place" including nature food, small community gardens – context is climate change	Local
12	Don't imitate – be local	Local
13	FIRST WE NEED PROTECTION OF THE PARK LANDS FROM PRESENT, PAST AND FUTURE GOVERNMENTS, OTHERWISE WE GO AROUND IN CIRCLES AGAIN	Protection
14	Focus on involving community – employ more CoA staff to enable that. Working in the Park Lands is not "just" a priority consideration	Community
15	The variety of uses in Central Park NYC is exciting and great for enjoying	Variety
16	The green belt of parks in Greater London. We need to recognise the need for access to Park Lands in short distance where people live.	Access

How do the Adelaide Park Lands need to respond to climate change?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	The Park Lands – especially the trees within them – need to be maintained and or increased – so as to provide a natural cooling mechanism to offset the "heat island effect" of all the built up areas in the Adelaide metro area	Trees; heat island
2	Place of refuge, shade and regeneration. Lungs of the city.	Trees; shelter
3	Show our city folk the benefit of regen agriculture. Regenerative agricultural practices can be used in Park 6 for the livestock (horses) and to build soil health and plant cover. The horses are very important. Partner with Waite + TAFE to run a case study for regen agriculture in Adelaide.	Regen agriculture; Park 6
4	Explore how more native species can be encouraged to return to build more robust food webs.	Native food
5	Nature spaces	Nature
6	Enabling biodiversity	Biodiversity
7	Stop building on the Park Lands	Buildings
8	Engage with the broader community not just sporting bodies and developers	Community
9	Don't use them in ways that destroy the environment and needs restoration e.g. Gluttony virtually destroys Murlawirrapurka	Protection; Events
10	Rewilding for native fauna	Rewilding; biodiversity
11	Expand the parks and plant more trees	Trees
12	Acknowledge the native flora and fauna and other ecosystems and expand non-irrigated areas to encourage natural weather patterns and climate adaptation	Biodiversity
13	The Council is developing a climate change policy. We have zero emission targets both at the state, fed and local level. Can we please link the plans/targets together to address climate change and all have the same targets and frameworks. Kadaltilla could then be more than just a management body but also have criteria to judge issues on that connect with climate change and zero emissions.	Governance
14	Food security – how regen agriculture works – where food comes from – use Park 6 as a showpiece – horses	Regen agriculture; Park 6

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
15	Encourage use of Park Lands 24 hours – I don't mean lighting but rather alert people to their beauty. I love walking through the Park Lands at night	Use
16	Encourage Kaurua people to manage more parks	Kaurua

How can we make sporting facilities more inclusive and versatile for the broader community?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	The BMX track is awesome and works really well and the volunteers are very clever	Comment
2	Invest in multi-use facilities	Multi-use
3	Question whether access to toilets and on-street parking entrance fees diminish public activation	Access to facilities; parking
4	Adelaide Recreation Circuit – Illuminated unbroken walking/cycling/running trail	Trails
5	Remove fences + put up info about how to book and who to use them	Fences; access to facilities; signage
6	Having a designated cycle path and area for accessible bike for children and young people	Trails
7	How can the SACC keep taking land? Gladys Elphick Park is now very <i>uninclusive</i> .	Development; access to facilities
8	The universities "own" a huge area of Park Lands and is poorly used – require the universities to sponsor/share their resources with other sporting clubs/groups/schools	Ownership; access to facilities
9	Sports club need to be reminded they are on community land and include in their responsibility on how they can contribute more to the community. Clubs have come and try or open days for free so people can try sports/participate in carnivals etc e.g. How to play croquet – soccer for kids – meet the women cricketers etc.	Ownership; access to facilities
10	We feel excluded from areas allocated to sports as residents	Ownership; access to facilities
11	Not allow them to be exclusive / fenced off	Fences; access to facilities
12	Disallow parking areas considering greater incentive for public transport. Loading zones only please	Parking
13	Enough is enough! Has there been a wholesale study/assessment/need for sport facilities? It's not just the grounds that reserve space but the ever increasing and encroaching facilities; e.g. toilets, changerooms, clubrooms that seem to continually grow and erode Park Lands open space	Ownership; assessment
14	Remove car parking on the Park Lands. Those associated with sports park all over the place	Parking
15	Review sport building leases – access to public for loos + possibly other things	Assessment; access to facilities
16	More "new age" sports e.g. mini golf, beach volleyball, skate etc. Also the Aquatic Centre is good and should happen.	Facilities
17	Sporting activities are how so may people engage with the Park Lands. So they are really important and good for the community!	Sport
18	Signage maybe to invite people to use cricket pitches, ovals when not in use	Signage

What can we learn from the changes brought on by the pandemic?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	We need places to walk, breathe and be outside	Importance of open space
2	The opportunity to keep horses in the Park Lands in Park 6 means it is really accessible to people who wouldn't normally interact or keep a horse. This is really for horse sports in SA – they are gateways to equestrian sports. Please don't discount horses as sport	Horses; Park 6
3	Open spaces and reasons for engaging within them are even more important. When making decision, please consider how they influence the ability for parks to be appreciated	Importance of open space
4	It made me think the Park Lands were more valuable and special. I appreciated care given to First Nations people in shelters.	Importance of open space; First Nations
5	How can we use Park Lands to break down isolation between people in our communities?	Isolation
6	Take into account of mental health by using "nature" as a therapeutic factor of green open space.	Mental health; Importance of open space
7	Use intelligent building management systems to avoid unnecessary energy use in underutilised building. Some of these are hollowed out by the work from home trend.	Building management; technology
8	Green spaces = safe and inclusive exercise opportunities, mental health benefits	Mental health; Importance of open space; safety
9	There are now fewer office workers and commuters there is less need for office space in the CBD. There is more need for open space which can be easily accessed by the public. Many former office CBD workers work from home.	Building management
10	Humans need to remember re-establish, reconnect – they are nature.	Connection to nature
11	Human rewilding	Connection to nature
12	Use intelligent automated systems to regulate pedestrians and wheel-based transport flows to encourage environmentally positive outcomes	Technology
13	There are essential to wellbeing and a vital part of children's development that has sadly been depleted over time (staying indoors glued to technology)	Importance of open space
14	Can we link the medical practices and /or hospitals in the city to activities in the city for mental health	Importance of open space; mental health
15	Park Lands clearly important to local and national and international residents and visitors as an alternative to hard edge/high density city living	Importance of open space
16	Parks and walks are wonderful for mental wellbeing but only when one feels safe within a park area	Importance of open space; mental health; safety

Vox Pop question: What do you love about the Park Lands? Which is your favourite park and why?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	My favourite park in the city is the Rymill Park, because in that park there are lots of beautiful trees and lots of incredible events, and it's in very close proximity to all the shopping and dining places, so it's my favourite	Nature & Events Rymill Park
2	I love all the nature with everything, you know, the trees, the walks, the animals. I try and go to the Park Lands as much as I can on weekends or after work or whenever the weather is nice. I only live about half an hour away from here.	Nature
3	I like the Park Lands because I go there often with my family. I like nature a lot, and I feel very connected to the Park Lands. My favourite Park would be Bonython Park, and I love the playground areas as well as the river side.	Nature Bonython Park
4	I like the open space of the Park Lands, the trees, the fact that you can go for a quiet walk, and it's not built on, it's open space with trees, which I guess are almost the lungs of the city. So, it's just the openness and the fact that you can find some serenity. There is not one specific part that I like the most because I like the fact that the city is surrounded by them. I find that we get into various parts at different times. We sometimes walk through the park to get to other parts of the city. So, it's just the fact that the city is circled by the park is good.	Nature
5	I like the Park Lands because they are world unique. We're the only city in the world built inside a park. My favourite park is Park 27, and I am the Adelaide Park Lands Association Park ambassador for that park.	Nature Park 27
6	it is having that wonderful, beautiful green space within walking distance for residents and businesses and to be surrounded by birds and bats and bees and everything, as well as all the glorious River Red Gums that some that are everywhere. The wonderful thing about the Park Lands is that there are pockets everywhere. There are bits of beautiful biodiversity next to the cemetery, there's all the ones around Golden Wattle Park (Park 21W) a beautiful River Red Gums comes close to the new wetland area (Victoria Park).	Biodiversity Park 21W
7	I love the fact that we've got a Park Lands that surrounds the whole of the city. So, wherever you are living in the city, you've always got access to a park. My favourite areas are Botanic Park because it's a beautiful place to have a family picnic and the other one is my favourite is the one that's just north of the West Terrace Cemetery (park 23) because it's just like a piece of wild country and you can go and sit there, and you wouldn't even know you were in the city.	Park 11
8	What I like about the Park Lands is the fact that it's open green space, that is not formally organised so much, although I do like the Botanical gardens, which is very formal, and I enjoy the formal bit of that. I love the section with the Morton Bay fig tree, but I also like the south-eastern corner of the park. I like the olive tree groves down by the Adelaide jail.	Open green space
9	I like the fact that the Park Lands are quite diverse. So, according to my mood is where I will go. I'm particularly delighted that we still have some really natural looking Park Lands, so park 23 North of the cemetery is really wild compared to the manicure part of the Park Lands. I'm glad that those sorts of pockets still exist, and I wish there were a few more.	Park 23
10	I love the Park Lands and what strikes me I take tours of the Park Lands in some areas, but during COVID-19 what I noticed was that more of the locals I would actually meet and chat to in the Park Lands. We live very close to the	COVID

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
	Park Lands and the comments were from others were that only now I am appreciating how beautiful the Park Lands are	
11	I like Whitmore Square and I like Edwards Park. Something that I like about them is that they provide shelter and gathering spaces for First Nations people. I'd like to see a change that there's more care extended to these people	Whitmore Square <i>Edwards Park</i>
12	I really like Park 6. Park 6 is really cool because they have horses in there and I thought it was really cool the first time I went there. And the best thing about the Park Lands is that I really love is the fact that it's such a nice place that you can go to right in the middle of the city. So, in the city you expect it to be very crowded and you expect to have like a lot of houses and things. But then we have these Park Lands to actually break up the all the all the buildings and actually have this beautiful green space for us. So, I really like that aspect.	Park 6
13	I want to be involved with the Park Lands because in the last 20 years Adelaide has lost half its tree canopy due to subdivisions and has become the worst offender of any capital city in Australia for tree coverage. I think that needs to be rectified. I like the SW Park Lands, purely because of its biodiversity and the bird life that exists there.	Biodiversity SW Park Lands
14	I like the native vegetation and grasslands. I think they're really important and really special. I like the park parks with those in them, so they're sort of spread all around. I like the ones where the native grasslands have been restored.	Native vegetation and grasslands

Vox Pop question: Describe a change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	It would be more lighting improvements and also enforcing some dry-zone and so you know and for the safety for the residents. So, more dry-zone more lighting and more safe then I'll probably want to walk through those Park Lands more often.	Safety; governance
2	I would like to see maybe a little bit of noise control as sometimes it gets a bit noisy on walks and whatnot, but apart from that, not too much else.	Governance
3	Personally, I'd like to see more trees planted there and probably they need a bigger budget for the partners. I think they need more gardeners because through summer there are big areas of the Park Lands is that just get neglected. My guess is to turns it into a bit more of a natural area, but I think more people would probably use them if there were more facilities like toilets, tables, just small-scale stuff, which might encourage people to go out there.	Trees; facilities; governance
4	One change I'd love to see in the Park Lands is the creation of the Adelaide Recreation Circuit and illuminated non-stop cycling, walking, running trail so that people can traverse the entirety of the Park Lands without needing to stop for railway lines or roads. So that would be a fabulous idea and a lot of people are already behind that concept. I also would love to have a new governance arrangement for the Park Lands so that they are not subject to continued erosion. We've got the state government keep on that, keeps chipping away, chipping away, chipping away the Park Lands and they've been doing it for generations. It's not just the current state government. Every state government for decades has been taking away Park Lands, a new governance arrangement, new legislation to protect the Park Lands. This continue attack is the one thing that is so fundamentally needed.	Facilities; access; governance
5	I do to ride my bike in the parks, so connectivity around the Park Lands is important. It's pretty good now, but there's still a bit of stop-start as you hit the	Access; governance

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
	roads, so this can be improved and better connected up. It is so critical that we look after them (the Park Lands) as close as possible to a natural green space. We can build it in a lot of places, but the Park Lands are a gift to us in terms of open space and nature, and so that requires us to be very vigilant and cautious about any intrusion into those wonderful values of beauty, quiet and green.	
6	There's been a lot of discussion about the role of sport in the Park Lands and it would be great if we could have the sport clubs who lease the land to be more open and accessible to the community. So maybe if they could have a come-and-try their sport days or open up their facilities so that people could use their public toilets or encourage people to come to their club to have a drink or something to eat. Things like that I think would make people feel like that they weren't being excluded from these areas.	Sports and inclusion
7	I would like to see more toilets and tables and seats. So, where you're going for walks, you can sit down if you're there with the family.	Facilities
8	I think a huge improvement would be getting the parking of cars off the Park Lands. I still go to the Park Lands, but when I see a lot of cars I shift my direction. I don't go there partly because I get so angry because not only are they parked in the car parks allocated, but they move all over the Park Lands. So, getting those off I think would be a big plus.	Parking
9	I would like First Nations people to be included in the dialogue. Sometimes they have difficulty speaking for themselves, so I'll try and tell you something that a homeless indigenous person said to me. He said that he felt worried in his head and in his heart that he wouldn't have somewhere to sleep when he lost his tent and his shelter in the Parkland.	Community
10	I think one change that would really encourage me to visit more often is providing toilets in the Park Lands. I think that we're really help and it's really great that you have amazing green spaces, but also perhaps more sort of guidelines, perhaps maybe QR codes to tell you: here's where you are, these are special biodiversity areas, or these are the special variety of plant or animals you can find here. Something like that would really help, I think.	Facilities; education; nature
11	I'd like to see expansion of community gardens, especially in the South Park Lands, I feel that that would generate a lot of engagement for local people of having a sort of a community base centre.	Community
12	I would like to see an enhancement of the native landscapes like the native vegetation, the grasslands and more kind of opportunities to interact with them through interpretive signage like Bush food trails/Medicinal plant trails. Human rewilding spaces where you can actually interact with the landscape through things like night tours and survival skills workshops.	Education; nature

Vox Pop question: Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the future of the Adelaide Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	I would like to see more Artwork supporting local artists utilizing our Park Lands in the future.	Ideas
2	I would like to see just more of everything (more trees, more animals, good running water) ...more of everything, more nature.	Nature
3	I guess my biggest fear is that in the last 10 or 20 years I've seen a lot of development occurring in the Park Lands and I want to see them preserved as they were. Just open grassland with trees on it. I don't want to see the Park Lands being used by the government for hospitals and all sorts of other infrastructure, as it's not suitable. They're starting to empty out the CBD and build all the way around the edges. They need to be buying blocks of land in the CBD and building hospitals and stuff on that, not just swiping more of their Parkland.	Protection

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
4	I think we've got an amazing facility here in terms of our Park Lands that we've got to protect. It's really important that we don't have any more building on the Park Lands and also if possible that we increase the amount of green space we have from the Park Lands. Maybe have everyone working together to understand the role that the Park Lands could play in addressing climate change and our goals towards zero emissions because I think we've got a great opportunity in Adelaide to really do some great work there.	Protection; climate change
5	I think the strengths of the Park Lands is that it's fairly informal. I'd like to see it focused on wildlife as well as people so that it does provide some of that close to the city	Nature
6	Whilst I think it will be difficult to achieve, I'm hoping we'll have greater biodiversity because as of now, we will start planning for the Park Lands in the context of climate change, recognising that we'll have to learn to live locally and so we want to make sure they have a natural environment that they can actually say this is great. I don't have to go a long distance to find a bit of proper nature so that the trend of building more on the Park Lands will stop. It doesn't mean that it will stop sport facilities but maybe that people have to say we don't need a mega building in order to enjoy our sport out there on the ground, that we really will be starting to accept climate change is happening and we need to adjust according to that.	Climate change; protection
7	I would like to see more sort of picnic areas for families and people together in, I think that would be really nice.	Ideas
8	I just would like to see them (Park Lands) protected and enhanced for their kind of biodiversity values and in particular their cultural values for Aboriginal cultural burning and for education around like the value of native vegetation. In ecosystems and wild spaces and places where we can go and interact as humans to create a closer relationship with nature.	Protection; nature

If you were the Manager of the Adelaide Park Lands, what changes would you make?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Improve lighting for walkers/biking	Lighting
2	I would promote them more so more people could go there. I would also improve community involvement/volunteer work in the parks.	Promotion; community
3	Community allotments with educational benefits	Education
4	Safe toilets that meet the needs of all visitors and citizens	Toilets; safety
5	Care for the homeless including First Nations people using the internationally recognised Housing First approach	Homeless
6	Cheaper mid week parking at the Gardens	Parking
7	Safety improvements with lighting of the paths	Lighting; safety
8	Manage the horses according to environmental/seasonal needs (rather than a calendar which is rigid and not able to respond to 'real' conditions)	Horses
9	More young people and places for them.	Community
10	Bike/pedestrian road crossings which all have zebra/wombat crossings so cars give way and the Park Lands loop is all linked up	Access paths
11	Focus on improving biodiversity and habitat values for native species	Biodiversity
12	Greater protection and enhancement of biodiversity especially rarer	Biodiversity
13	Solar lighting on trails	Lighting; tech
14	Small separate ponds with semi-tropical garden beds watered from solar powered pumps in ponds	Technology

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
15	Possibly plant trees that are no longer common in SA i.e. Mountain Ash :)	Trees
16	Bike/running specific tracks through the gardens encouraging community participation	Access paths
17	More trees! Fruit trees, edible plants, bush foods!	Trees; edible food; new ideas
18	More community events to encourage people to visit	Events
19	Increase the “greening”, planting trees suitable to changing climate (heat island effect)	Trees
20	More awareness of them on socials/TV etc	Promotion
21	Drive high patronage through advertisement	Promotion
22	Organise a proper scientific study to gain baseline data re: biodiversity presence and absence in the Park Lands, revisited/reviewed every few years	Technology; biodiversity
23	More clean walk paths with pram access	Access paths; cleanliness
24	Clean public toilet	Cleanliness
25	Events + floors (?)	-
26	Water parks	New ideas
27	Adelaide Park trust + purchase acknowledged and enforced	New ideas
28	ACC & Government removed as custodians of the Adelaide Park Lands	-
29	Good lighting at night for family	Lighting
30	Safety review of the equipment	Safety
31	Enhance ecosystem services and local endemic biodiversity	Biodiversity
32	Enhance soil health (reduce vehicle compaction and destruction of ant nests etc)	Biodiversity
33	Enhance the water retention potential using native sp and design, with respect water courses, existing biodiversity	Biodiversity
34	Build road crossings to enable the establishment of non-stop running/cycling/walking circuit of about 10km within the Park Lands	Access paths; new ideas
35	Reparation for damages caused by ACC licences, leaseholders and events	-
36	World Heritage nomination – Light survey technical genius	Heritage
37	Allow human rewilding activities like open fire pits to increase relationship with nature	New ideas
38	Barefoot grounding/walk/space/trail	New ideas
39	Specific management according to local endemic biodiversity needs	Biodiversity
40	Manage events better so that popular parks remain open and accessible. If parks have to be closed, use parks that are not adjacent to residential areas and not as popular	Governance
41	Unlawful squatters kicked off and prosecuted	-
42	Personally I feel that one element the Park Lands lack is a space dedicated to native edible and medicinal plants. It would be wonderful to see such species not only as informative space but also considering food sources for wildlife	Native food; biodiversity; education; new ideas
43	Get rid of golf course and make it a true red gum/possum woodland	New ideas
44	Get cars off Park Lands – push for access by range of transport think integrated transport	Parking
45	Conserve remnant native vegetation grasslands	Biodiversity
46	No facilities built by groups further their own use/profit	Built form

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
47	Build a new Adelaide Aquatic Centre outside the Park Lands so that Park 2 can be returned to Park Lands/playing fields. There is suitable vacant land in Prospect and SA Government could compulsorily purchase it.	Built form
48	Opportunities to irrigate the grass areas, to keep them green and cool the environment	Green; cool
49	Regenerative agriculture practices could be easily integrated into the management of the horse paddocks so the grass cover wont dry off in summer so severely = cooling	New ideas; horses; cool
50	Governance that can prevent the constant erosion	Governance
51	Remove car parking from the Park Lands	Parking
52	Focus on biodiversity	Biodiversity
53	This building is on Park Lands	-
54	Do a google satellite view – bitumen and building are blight on Park Lands	Built form
55	Get rid of the Aquatic Centre	Built form
56	Relocate Adelaide High School – Sturt Street?	Built form
57	Two croquet clubs! Really	Built form
58	Olive groves	New ideas
59	Permaculture garden	New ideas
60	Increase promotion and celebration of the uniqueness of Park Lands heritage and structure	Promotion
61	Connect better with environment groups, climate scientists and naturalists e.g. A regular forum or scientist in residence	Community
62	Get rid of at least half of the tennis courts	Built form
63	Create ‘culture play’ spaces to celebrate Kaurna culture	Play; Kaurna
64	Kaurna cultural walk so we can learn about the thing Jack Buckskin talked about	Kaurna
65	Expand links with Kaurna heritage and culture, especially in Murlawirrapurka which is adjacent to Tandanya	Kaurna
66	Enforce dry zones for safety	Governance
67	Public education: The Park Lands is an icon	Education
68	More public art	New ideas
69	Reclaim the police areas as Park Lands	Built form
70	No car parking on Park Lands (Football)	Parking
71	Improve lighting so they are safe at night	Lighting; safety
72	More relaxing spaces	New ideas
73	Enforce speed limits for bikes – keep pedestrians safe	Access paths; safety
74	More formal gardens and playgrounds	New ideas
75	Less “natural” edge strips and its messy look	New ideas
76	Remove car parking for the Park Lands and build integrated transport plan with bikes, walking and public transport	Parking; access paths
77	Protection of the Park Lands from encroachment of developers through strong legalisation	Protection; governance
78	Park 6: changes need to done carefully/sensitively, people don't want change. Get buy in. Horses are loved. Pony rides? Insurance – commercial operations. EOIs. School holidays.	Park 6; horses; community
79	Maintain openness and accessibility. Do not erect ugly and alienating fences keeping people out.	Governance

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
80	No interpretive centres. Keep as a space respectful of everyone. Free from woke politics and culture wars. Park Lands are for everyone.	Governance
81	Mini golf course in Possum Park	New ideas
82	Better quality native ecosystems in Parks 4, 5 6, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21.	Biodiversity

The theme of this Forum is “Future Directions for our Park Lands. Please describe your vision for our Park Lands.”

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Certain park given certain activities or themes	Concept
2	Mediation/mindfulness	Concept
3	Interactive	Concept
4	Maintaining and encouraging more biodiversity	Biodiversity
5	Educational spaces to promote greater usage by families (outdoor play spaces)	Education
6	Appropriate toilets	Facilities
7	The lungs of Adelaide – a place for breathing, walking and just being <3	Concept
8	Family friendliness	Concept
9	A place for the protection and regeneration of local biodiversity Ab & nature based culture	Biodiversity
10	Nature based cultural focus + activities + informed	Nature
11	Human rewilding areas where humans can interact actively with the landscape	Nature
12	Restore grasslands and threatened sp protection and education	Biodiversity; education
13	Regular surveys biodiversity and actions to address issues	Biodiversity
14	Regular culture burns incl. education/public	Kaurna; education
15	More natural playgrounds	Facilities; nature
16	A place for true full biodiversity and ecosystem service. Education	Biodiversity; education
17	Climate resilience and green spaces to combat urban heat	Concept; climate
18	A few fenced off pet or dog areas for friendly pets	Facilities
19	Learning and sharing natural environment – biodiversity, native species and ecosystem services	Biodiversity; nature; education
20	More trees, fruit trees, edible plants, bush food	Biodiversity
21	More dedicated plant diversity areas	Biodiversity
22	Create “cultural play spaces” to celebrate Kaurna cultural and embed Kaurna knowledge in playspace	Kaurna; facilities
23	Family friendly weekends	Concept
24	Accessible services and toilets for families	Facilities
25	Playgrounds for kids	Facilities
26	Keep the Park Lands open for public access for recreation, public events and access to nature which should be preserved in the Park Lands	Concept
27	Preserve other green spaces in the metropolitan area e.g. around Yatala Prison	-
28	Guaranteed sustainable wildlife protection	Biodiversity

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
29	family friendly weekend events being educational and fun	Education; concept
30	More park less bitumen less buildings	Governance
31	No more poisons on the golf course	Facilities
32	Decisions are made in the context of our times – climate change	Concept
33	More natural playgrounds	Facilities
34	Ensure the Park Lands and the city are where people want to be - inclusivity important	Concept
35	A free, wild, open and accessible open space with large wild areas for people and flora and fauna to enjoy	Concept; biodiversity
36	Adelaide Park Trust + purchase acknowledged and enforced	Heritage
37	A mosaic of parks which prioritises people and the community who uses and loves them, where biodiversity is improved across the system	Concept; biodiversity
38	State Heritage Listing	Heritage
39	World Heritage Listing	Heritage
40	Independent of state government interference	Governance
41	Unlawful squatters kicked off and persecuted	-
42	NO facilities built by groups for their own profit	Governance
43	Promote world heritage listing and work with the History Trust in terms of history and settlement history	Heritage
44	Cast iron protected in law to prevent anymore buildings on it especially to protect from the type of development on North Terrace (?) Government can't get around	Governance
45	As wild and green as possible	Concept; biodiversity
46	More seats, toilets, trees, private spaces	Facilities
47	No car parks	Governance
48	Not used for tourism	Governance
49	World Heritage nomination – Light's survey technical genius	Heritage
50	A network of parks which provide space for people, community and ecosystem services and biodiversity	Concept; biodiversity
51	Kaurna native food plant trail/garden interpretive signage	Kaurna; biodiversity
52	Native medicinal plant trails	Biodiversity
53	ACC and Government removed as custodians from Adelaide Park Lands	Governance
54	As informal as possible	Concept
55	Open and accessible NO FENCES	Governance
56	To stay public. No private operations or public/private partnerships	Governance
57	No more grandstands in the Park Lands	Governance
58	Conserve remnant vegetations in the grasslands	Biodiversity
59	Repair of damages caused by ACC and licences and leaseholders	Governance
60	Dogs to be strictly kept to the dog park	Governance
61	No events that cause Park Lands to be fenced off	Governance
62	Lighting at night to take into account the negative impacts on wildlife	Biodiversity
63	Park Lands should be as much as possible about wildlife as people	Biodiversity
64	More multiuse areas with extra tree planting to account for increasing temperatures	Facilities; nature

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
65	No community gardens – this is not what Park Lands is for – it is akin to privatising the Park Lands	Governance
66	Any buildings to be as low impact visually as possible. No more than one storey. The park is where you go to get away from buildings in the city. More than one storey has visual/psych impact from far away	Governance
67	A fenced children’s park where parents can relax knowing their toddlers can’t escape	Facilities

Hard Copy Feedback – Other Comments

Feedback 1

The horses in Nantu Wama / Park 6 are so unique and important for the Park Lands and Adelaide:

- *Families visit the horses everyday (non-horse owners, just general public)*
- *The licences make horse ownership accessible*
- *The horses are fed 2 times (at least) a day so there is a rhythm of (mostly women) coming regularly into those paddocks which makes the whole area safer for all*
- *The horses are a huge draw card for women – what a great way of getting people into the parks!*
- *Horses in the Park Lands is used in pony clubs and to compete around S.A. – they are an important gateway for urban people into horse sports*
- *A company could be contracted to run school holiday programs with horses/ponies in the Park Lands (this was going to go ahead circa 2013 but insurance (anecdotally) made it difficult for that company. Could this be revisited as a way to encourage more people to engage with Nantu Wama?*
- *Before changing the arrangement for the horses, please consider if there are any other parks nearby which could accommodate the “new” use, rather than disrupting the horses (for example Bragg Park / Ngampa Yarta (Park 5) or Reservoir Park / Kangatilla (Park 4) or Yam Daisy Park / Kantarilla (Park 3) where very little currently occurs.*
- *The horse owners are very passionate about the park but many have been there for many years and seen different trials of land management and don’t feel empowered or “heard” sometimes. Please do continue to try to engage with the horse owners because they do understand that the health and future of their horses in Nantu Wama relies on the health of the land and their care of the park.*
- *I would very happily facilitate conversations with the horse owners and City of Adelaide. I no longer keep a horse there but so value the opportunity of the Depasturing Licence – horses there and what it means for Adelaide.*
- *In the same vein as BMX Park a volunteer group could be utilised in Nantu Wama with the horses to make the area look better.*
- *Can Park 6 horse paddocks be managed organically?*
- *More trees could be planted in the horse paddocks (fenced off initially) for shade and biodiversity benefits.*
- *Regenerative agriculture practices could be used in Nantu Wama as a case study with Waite/TAFE to improve the health of the park as well as show-case to “city folk” the importance of regenerative ag as well as food security.*

Feedback 2

I support the establishment of a ~10km circuit for non-stop walking / running / cycling through the Adelaide Park Lands. This would enhance enjoyment of the Park Lands by the public & improve safety. It would also attract national & state events e.g. running/cycling races/festivals.

It would require the continuation of a number of footbridges/underpasses but this will be possible with state gov't funding.

There has already been a proposal along these lines – “Rainbow Circuit”? This was a private proposal – but it has merit.

APPENDIX E – ST ALOYSIUS WORKSHOP

Key information

- **Date:** Monday 22 August 2022
- **Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm
- **Location:** St Aloysius College
- **Theme:** Future Directions for our Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To seek the views of the students of St. Aloysius on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands, which will assist with the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy

Format

Summary

The workshop, attended by eight Year 11 students, included a number of different questions and group discussions which allowed participants to provide feedback

Format

- Targeted questions, group discussions and scenarios.
- Facilitated by City of Adelaide staff and WAX Design Studio.

Individual questions

Individual questions were posed to the participants including:

- What potential changes or investments would you like to see happen in the Park Lands?
- Are there issues, impacts or anything that detracts from the Park Lands? Does this impact on how you use the Park Lands?
- Have you seen recent changes/improvements in the Park Lands? Do you agree with the changes?
- What should stay the same in the Park Lands?
- What are the main challenges for the Park Lands?
- Other comments
- Describe your vision for the Park Lands?

Scenarios and group discussion

Two scenarios were posed during the workshop. These were designed to provoke thought and consideration of different futures and explore the challenges and opportunities identified in previous consultations.

Scenario	Question and purpose	Method
Scenario 1	<p>GREEN ADELAIDE KEEPS ITS COOL</p> <p>Purpose: To provide a possible future scenario to provoke discussion</p> <p>Scenario: In 2056, South Australia is suffering from more extreme weather. Summers are hotter and dryer with long periods exceeding 40 degrees. However, a progressive programme of tree planting and landscaping has seen the Park Lands transformed into a cool green oasis.</p> <p>Question – What are your big ideas?</p>	<p>This station had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4 Advertiser page mock up detailing scenario • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments
Scenario 2	<p>ADELAIDE VOTED WORLD'S MOST LIVEABLE CITY</p> <p>Purpose: To provide a possible future scenario to provoke discussion</p> <p>Scenario: In 2056, despite progressive development in the city and the surrounding suburbs (the inner rim) Adelaide is recognised as the most liveable city. High rise development lines the edges of the Park Lands. The CBD is an impressive collection of multi-story buildings.</p> <p>The increased population and a move to higher density apartment living has resulted in large numbers of people using the Park Lands and the associated facilities.</p> <p>Question – What are your big ideas?</p>	<p>This station had the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4 Advertiser page mock up detailing scenario • A1 feedback sheet for post-it comments

Summary of Engagement

Below is a summary of the feedback received from the school workshop.

Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping.

What potential changes or investments would you like to see happen in the Park Lands?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Sustainability	More bins with recycling options, solar power lighting and electricity	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.5 <i>Strengthen the Park Lands' role in developing a carbon neutral City</i> Specific actions include: <i>Support public place recycling at activity hubs and event spaces across the Park Lands</i> <i>Adopt waste management practices in the Park Lands that are consistent with the waste hierarchy</i>	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Access	Improve accessibility	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●
Facilities	Improve provision of diverse facilities, increase provision of amenities	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Lighting; Safety	Increase lighting and improve safety	Lighting is comprehensively addressed through a big move and multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
Technology	Increase provision of Wi-Fi and charging facilities	Further consideration of the role of technology will be given	■
Culture; Kaurna	Information on origin of the land (Kaurna land)	Kaurna cultural heritage, interpretation of cultural significance are addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
		Further consideration to additional context (contemporary) on Kaurna history in the APLMS could be given	◆

Are there issues, impacts or anything that detracts from the Park Lands? Does this impact on how you use the Park Lands?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Shade; shelter	Lack of shelter	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Access; wayfinding; safety	Lack of connection between areas, lack of signage, safety an issue	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●
Buildings	Need a balance of redevelopment, pollution / litter	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Kaurna	Acknowledgement of country at entrance, acknowledge Kaurna culture	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance</i> Further consideration to Kaurna interpretation and story telling could be given	◆

What should stay the same in the Park Lands?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Open space / use of Park Lands	Open space should stay the same, ratio of building to open space should stay the same	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●

What are the main challenges for the Park Lands?

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Philanthropy	Need for development, challenges with funding, people might be interested to donate to new developments if they are promoted	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of funding models for the Park Lands	■
Maintenance	Maintenance of Park Lands a challenge, dependent on visitors respecting the space	Maintenance standards are contained in Council (and State) management plans	●
Kaurna culture	Kaurna people should be more involved in decisions for Park Lands, cultural management of Park Lands, respect for Kaurna culture	Kaurna cultural heritage, interpretation of cultural significance and night-time use are addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
		Further consideration could be given to Kaurna land management	■

Other comments

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Biodiversity; native food	Animal habitat, conservation of native species, bush food trail	Aligns with strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i> Community gardens are a feature of the APLMS. Further consideration to native foods could be given.	■
Education; culture	Information about cultural significance, Aboriginal art and murals on paths and benches	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance</i>	●
Events	Eco-friendly events, nature focused events, support small local businesses e.g. markets, food pop-up	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
		Aligns with a specific action to support mobile food and drink	

Describe your vision for the Park Lands

Words that were used to describe the vision for the Park Lands was: Green, bio-futurism, food security, community gardens

Scenario 1 - Green Adelaide keeps its cool

Key comments that emerged for this question were:

Innovative solutions (kinetic footpath), sustainable energy, wetlands and water management, food security

Scenario 2 - Adelaide world's most liveable city

Key comments that emerged for this question were:

Should feel safe at night in the Park Lands

Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments are provided to each question here:

What potential changes or investments would you like to see happen in the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	More bins (sorting bins)	Sustainable
2	Improve accessibility	Access
3	More heating	-
4	Improve surfaces materials	Quality of materials
5	Remove water logging	Drainage
6	Maintenance of grass	Maintenance
7	More lighting	Lighting
8	More trees & native plants	Landscape
9	Not aesthetically pleasing e.g. Like Botanic Gardens	Landscape
10	Wi-Fi charging ports? (some)	Technology
11	More public toilets	Facilities
12	Tree surrounded areas for quiet setting further from playground	Landscape
13	Charging benches	Technology
14	Information of the origin of the land (Kurna land)	Kurna, Education
15	More attractions (like tree climb)	Facilities
16	Sustainable -> solar power	Sustainable
17	Get rid of golf course (for environmental & anti-privatisation reasons)	Facilities
18	Solar powered floor lights & street lights	Sustainable
19	Better lighting (safety)	Lighting, Safety

Are there issues, impacts or anything that detracts from the Park Lands? Does this impact on how you use the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Safety	Safety
2	Lack of shelter	Shade/Shelter
3	Connection between areas	Access
4	Pollution litter	Maintenance
5	Directions (sign posts etc)	Wayfinding
6	Redevelopment balance	Facilities
7	Lacking acknowledgement of country / land	Kaurna
8	Need more shelter	Shade/Shelter
9	Shelter / shade	Shade/Shelter
10	Acknowledgement of country before you enter	Kaurna

Have you seen recent changes/improvements in the Park Lands? Do you agree with the changes?

No.	Verbatim comment
1	Illuminate
2	Tree climb
3	Footpath development
4	New footpaths

What should stay the same in the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Open areas	Open space
2	Ratio of buildings to land	Use of Park Lands

What are the main challenges for the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Budget / funding	Funding
2	Need for development	Development
3	Money (funding)	Funding
4	Cultural management	Culture
5	If changes are promoted, people might be interested to donate	Funding
6	Fair amount of spaces for different demographics	Competing needs
7	Maintenance (grass, shelter, toilets)	Maintenance
8	Respect / being good citizen	Management, Respect
9	Respect for Kaurna culture	Culture
10	Kaurna people should be more involved in decisions for Park Lands	Culture
11	Promotion of the parkland. It's not on Trip Advisor	Marketing

Other comments

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Eco events & sustainable events	Events

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
2	More bins to reduce waste	Maintenance
3	Nature focused events – eco friendly	Events
4	Markets – supporting small business	Events
5	Street food small popups around, near benches and resting areas	Events
6	Aboriginal art and murals on paths and benches	Art, Culture
7	Info about cultural significance	Culture, Education
8	Nature animal habitat	Biodiversity
9	Conservation of native species	Biodiversity
10	Bush foods trail	Culture, Biodiversity
11	Choosing rest areas that have a good view of stars for night time relaxation	Use of Park Lands

Describe your vision for the Park Lands

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Green	Green
2	Bio-futurism	Green
3	Community garden. Produce goes to places such as Adelaide Day Centre	Food security

Scenario 1 - Green Adelaide keeps its cool

Question	No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
Big ideas	1	Kinetic energy (footpaths)	Innovation
		Community garden	Food security
		Wetlands	Wetlands
		Sustainable energy	Sustainable

Scenario 2 - Adelaide world's most liveable city

Question	No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
Big ideas	1	Safety / good lighting (feel safe at night)	Safety, Lighting

APPENDIX F – KADALTILLA BOARD MEETING

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 25 August 2022
- **Time:** 5:30pm
- **Location:** Colonel Light Room, Town Hall
- **Theme:** Urban heat island / access and movement
- **Purpose:** To provide a status update to Kadaltilla Board Members and seek direction on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy community engagement
- **Format:** Kadaltilla Board meeting

Summary of Engagement

The following are the key opportunities that were identified for the Park Lands through the Kadaltilla Board meeting.

Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping.

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Water; Cooling	Water needs to be a priority of APLMS – collection and reuse of water from city and/or surrounding council areas. Water is a critical component for creating cool parks Possible projects-areas for further investigation included: Expanded use of GAP water and infrastructure	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Ensure sustainable water use across the Park Lands</i>	●
	Stormwater reuse (from the city and developments) for use in the Park Lands Liaison with adjoining councils on aquifer recharge networks Water analysis of use / supply / evaporation / etc needed Develop a climate mitigation and adaptation best practise guide Turn an alienated park lands into an example cool park	Riparian is identified as a landscape type in the APLMS The wetland at Victoria Park and restored-reimagined riparian corridors were identified as big moves. Further consideration of potentially new water-related big moves could be given	◆
Technology	Use technology to collect information and identify priorities for walking, car parking, bikes. Use smart technology to cool Park Lands	Further consideration of the role of technology will be given	■
Trails	Investigate Park Lands trail further. Improve safe crossing points	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces The Park Lands Trial is identified in the APLMS as a big move	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
		Further consideration could be given to further development of the Park Lands Trail (including safe crossing points, wayfinding and promotion) and a hierarchy of trails-paths in the Park Lands	◆
Access-Connections (data)	Further data and insights on movement around the Park Lands including: Walking in and around the city squares Car parking and bike (audits) Most popular entry points and pathways through the Park Lands	The APLMS includes targets for utilisation and car parking. Further consideration to targets and data collection could be given	◆

APPENDIX G – KADALTILLA MEETING WITH ADJOINING COUNCILS

Key information

- **Date:** Tuesday 30 August 2022 (plus previous meeting notes)
- **Time:** 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- **Location:** Prince Alfred Room, Adelaide Town Hall
- **Theme:** Future Directions for our Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for Mayors and Chief Executive Officers from adjoining councils to meet with Kadaltilla Board Members to share ideas on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Format:** Meetings with representatives from adjoining council areas
- **Attendees:**
 - Anne Monceaux (Mayor) (City of Burnside)
 - David O’Loughlin (Mayor) (City of Prospect)
 - Michael Hewitson AM (Mayor) (City of Unley)
 - Elizabeth Fricker (Mayor) (Town of Walkerville)
 - John Wilkinson (Open Space Planner) (City of Charles Sturt)
 - Sue Curran (Manager Strategy and Business) (City of West Torrens)
- **Apologies:**
 - Chris Cowley (CEO) (City of Burnside)
 - KeKe Michalos (Manager Economic Development & Strategy) (City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters)

Summary of Engagement

The following are the key topics and comments that were identified through the meetings with adjoining councils.

Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping.

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Access - Connection	Connections into the Park Lands is an agreed top priority	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.2 <i>Establish shared walking and cycling paths with safe connections and crossing points linking the City and inner suburbs</i>	●
	Connections between adjoining council areas and the Park Lands could be improved, including safety improvements at some crossing points Bike lanes have missing links and connections throughout the network	Further consideration to inclusion in the APLMS of locations for access improvements could be given	◆
Access - Connection	The main roads act as a barrier for people to walk/cycle to the Park Lands, this is particularly the case in	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.2 <i>Establish shared walking and cycling paths with safe connections</i>	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
	the west with the train lines and South Road and in the north Active transport into the city from adjoining council areas is a less attractive option Sealed paths are preferred for walking	<i>and crossing points linking the City and inner suburbs</i> Further consideration to inclusion in the APLMS of locations for access improvements could be given	◆
Access - Connection	Improved clarity and wayfinding for the Park Lands trail is required The connection between some of the parks could be improved, to improve the function of the Park Lands as a continuous space	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.1 <i>Improve the Park Lands Trail linking all parks and providing a pleasant and convenient cycling and walking route</i>	●
		Further consideration to inclusion in the APLMS of locations for access improvements could be given	◆
Access - Connection	Commuter and visitor access pathways have a different function and should be separated For example, instead of a 4 metre wide path, two 1.2 metre paths (one in each direction) would be more user friendly and safe	Reference is made with APLMS strategy 2.2 <i>Establish shared walking and cycling paths with safe connections and crossing points linking the City and inner suburbs</i> The APLMS talks to shared paths while the feedback is for separated paths. Further consideration to movement through the Park Lands could be given	■
Urban Infill	Park Lands are considered a major open space asset to adjoining council areas which are constrained for open space Urban infill and uplift on major traffic routes will increase population and demand for open space High density development is reducing private open space	Investigation undertaken to inform the APLMS, the current management strategy could provide additional context	◆
Car Parking	Residents need connections into Park Lands but visitors need access to car parking (economic benefit) City of Unley would not be able to provide car parking for the Adelaide show or large events without the Park Lands	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.8 <i>Provide car parking on and adjacent to the Park Lands only where need has been demonstrated and no reasonable alternative exists</i>	●
		Further consideration to a city-wide car parking strategy could be given	◆
COVID-19 Impacts	The pandemic has highlighted the importance of public open space There will be an increase in dogs, sole person recreation activities, and bikes	Further consideration to additional context (contemporary) in the APLMS could be given	◆
Funding- Partnership Models	There is potential for funding partnerships for facilities within the Park Lands Justification would need to be presented for this e.g. population	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of funding and implementation models for the Park Lands	■

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
	<p>catchment areas for Park Lands, playground located so catchment area (400m) works for adjoining councils</p> <p>Opportunity for the Park Lands to be considered/incorporated into council open space and active transport strategies</p> <p>Adjoining councils could work together on attracting investment from the State Government open space fund or other joint approaches to State Government</p> <p>There are many different types of partnerships and not all are financial</p>		
Buildings	Communities in surrounding council's generally don't support development of additional large facilities or buildings in the Park Lands	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Destinations	<p>Diversity of facilities should be provided</p> <p>Visitors would increase if there were destinations to travel to, rather than just informal recreation</p> <p>Once in the Park Lands diversity is needed so each park isn't the same- e.g. community garden, natural, Himeji Garden, olive groves, wetlands, etc.</p> <p>Northern Park Lands are underutilised and underdeveloped</p>	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.1 <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and cultures</i>	●
		Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●
		Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping	◆
Climate Change	Park Lands are an important green asset to combat climate change, they will become even more important in future	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i>	●
Nature	Park Lands provide a natural area close to the city. Mental health benefits with connection to nature	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i>	●
Water	Potential to include water bodies within the Park Lands to reduce the ambient air temperature	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i> The wetland at Victoria Park and restored-reimagined riparian corridors were identified as big moves	●
		Further consideration of potentially new water-related big moves could be given	◆
Trees	Tree canopy targets can be supported through increased tree planting in the Park Lands, tree	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
	canopy loss is experienced in adjoining council areas	Further consideration to tree canopy targets could be given	◆
Multi-cultural communities	Improve the focus on multiculturalism and disability access – we need to tap into multi-cultural communities. We don't cater enough for different types of sporting games such as Badminton, table tennis or provide multi-cultural signage	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i> Specific action is: Develop places across the Park Lands for people of all ages and groups to meet and socialise, escape from the rigours of the City and reconnect with nature, particularly in areas close to hospitals, schools and areas of high urban density	●
		Further consideration of engagement of multi-cultural and diverse communities could be given	◆
Play	Assess playgrounds with 400 metre radius to identify any gaps Develop more disability access playgrounds	Play is addressed in the sections of the APLMS on Landscape Types and Park Lands Precincts	●
		Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping	◆

Notes from Meeting

Notes from the meeting are provided below. Feedback from the Cities of Prospect, Unley and Burnside is addressed in separate Appendices.

No.	Notes from the meeting (Walkerville)	Theme
1	Park 6 Corner of Robe Tce and Main North Road is very busy and difficult to cross, long distance to crossing lights for elderly, Wilderness school students using the area	Access-Connection
2	Park 6 In winter there is no dry area to walk, running track is a bog, not the most pleasant experience. Apart from walking around Park Lands, no exercise equipment Dogs are not allowed off lead because of the horses Condition of grounds is not great for sport. Wilderness – hockey for the school. It would be nice if it was improved.	Facilities and Use
3	Exercise equipment is v popular	Facilities
4	Put APLMS to residents for consultation but did not receive much feedback.	Engagement
5	The cross over into Melbourne Street at Gilberton is successful and well used, can walk into Melbourne Street.	Access-Connection
6	Medindie particularly like to use the Park Lands but find it difficult to access	Access-Connection
7	Torrens River linear trail is used by walkers and cyclists – when a storm went through Walkerville paid a lot to remediate. Flooding is a possibility, so all renewals account for flood mitigation and minimising impacts.	River Torrens

No.	Notes from the meeting (Walkerville)	Theme
8	Walkerville focuses on open space within its local government area as well as the River Torrens. The next Council term will review the Open Space strategy (it doesn't currently discuss the Park Lands). Focus has been on improving Walkerville Open Space. Hawker Reserve. Areas for children to learn to ride a bike. Hamilton reserve – interactive, safe space, under trees.	Open Space Planning
9	Park 5 Residents will travel to destination such as walking to the dog park and letting the dog go. A lot of Walkerville people use the two dog parks.	Facilities and Use
10	Park 27 Used to have horse shows, trees, pleasant setting with the river alongside	Facilities and Use

No.	Notes from the meeting (Charles Sturt)	Theme
1	Arterial roads are a barrier, Park Terrace is our border, acknowledge good work being done Access through underpass has improved	Access-Connection
2	Bowden - A lot of green and roofs – Renewal SA will complete more stages and open space will be developed. As part of the Bowden development, there were community gardens – not a lot of take up Charles Sturt is end of the line with River Torrens Opportunities exist such as the West End Brewery site and Adam Street bridge and access into the Park Lands.	Urban Infill
3	Adelaide Park Lands should be viewed as fingers of green reaching into the suburbs and along the River Torrens.	Greening; River Torrens
4	Dogs, fitness equipment and need for community to get out and be physically active. COVID-19 sped things up and got people out and discovering backyard	Facilities
5	Future of the Golf facilities – what can be done there? Park 1.	Facilities
6	Community Development staff liaising with Adelaide - community gardens and play space	Facilities
7	Open Space Strategies are being reviewed but Park Lands are not part of this. Might be one to consider.	Open Space Planning
8	Post COVID-19 era – dogs being a benchmark for dog park per population and geographical location	Facilities
9	BMX jumps – a long the Torrens especially – city dirt is fantastic. How do we work with community? All off road	Facilities
10	Swimming is the other one we get. North Adelaide picks up the demand. Regional or otherwise learning to swim.	Facilities
11	Implementation in the city centre has been successful and more could be done around the edges	Implementation

No.	Notes from the meeting (West Torrens)	Theme
1	As development along Port Road, reliance on that corner of Park Lands will be higher Bio-precinct and West End Development will place pressure on existing open space	Urban Infill
2	Not a lot of facilities. More facilities needed in Park 27. Not just passive recreation	Facilities
3	Shaded active travel is important. Increase some active travel through corridors	Access-Connection
4	No major development in Park Lands with Crows HQ in West Torrens	Development
5	Management of Torrens is contentious issue for all Councils	River Torrens
6	Biodiversity corridors – ring of Park Lands and then what	Nature
7	Different edge conditions – train line is a severance. More industrial development/issues. Entry point into Park Lands is tricky as difficult entry to entice people into Park Lands Start to consider links into neighbouring councils from Active Transport perspective rather than Open Space	Access-Connection
8	Use of the Park Lands depends on the facilities. If there is a mix of facilities, communities in West Torrens will travel there but not for every day passive recreation	Destinations

No.	Notes from the meeting (other location specific comments)	Theme
1	Getting to the bowling green and Marshmallow Park is very difficult and needs improvement	Access-Connection
2	Park 6 - Horse allotment would be better served as forest area or different landscape type	Landscape
3	Pulteney bridge is an example of an effective bridge into Park Lands. Bridges or T-junctions are preferred over push button	Access-Connection
4	Seal rubble edge paths so cyclist can use north edge as there is no cycle path on road in north	Access-Connection
5	Problematic roads for crossing- Goodwood Road; where the tram is; Victoria Park (Wakefield) to Rymill Park (Bartels Terrace).	Access-Connection
6	Golden Wattle park is \$2m underfunded but it will serve 17 sporting clubs that originate from outside city of Adelaide	Facilities
7	Catchment for a football oval is 200sq metres and again this can be mapped out to find where the deficiencies are.	Facilities
8	Horse allotment (park 6) is not worthy of 15 horses when the land crush is so bad in its adjoining councils. If it was a bush walk it would encourage more walking into the city.	Nature
8	Area where cars park for royal show could have huge trees for the cars to park under. That's an example that it could be nice but also functional still. Otherwise, it's a very inhospitable part of the Park Lands just like the horse allotment.	Car parking-Trees

APPENDIX H – CITY OF PROSPECT PRESENTATION TO KADALTILLA

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 25 May 2022
- **Time:** 5:30pm
- **Location:** Colonel Light Room, Town Hall
- **Theme:** Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Purpose:** To present to Kadaltilla Board Members on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Presenter:** Mayor David O'Loughlin, City of Prospect

Format

Summary

Kadaltilla Board meeting.

Summary of Engagement

The following key opportunities were identified for the Park Lands through the Kadaltilla Board meeting.

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Access-Connectivity	Address connections and linkages across the northern Park Lands, which will help to get people out of their cars and encourage increased walking and cycling	Aligns with strategy 2.2 <i>Establish shared walking and cycling paths with safe connections and crossing points linking the City and inner suburbs</i> Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●
		Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping	◆
Amenity	Provide passive recreation opportunities that allow people to enjoy existing spaces in the northern Park Lands	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts The North Park Lands contemplates a range of passive recreation	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Recreation	Improve recreational opportunities for young people	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.1 <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and cultures</i>	●
Governance	Support for the current management strategy and its implementation (rather than wholesale change) Explore potential partnerships with other organisations Improve online profile of Park Lands	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of funding models and partnerships for the Park Lands	■
Events	Consider the northern Park Lands as an alternative site for large scale events	Aligns with strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i> Further consideration to event sites and locations could be given	◆

Correspondence – 2 June 2022

The following correspondence was received from the City of Prospect.



Ref. CR22/26095

2 June 2022

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Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority
Presiding Member
The Lord Mayor Ms Sandy Verschoor
Adelaide City Council
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Dear Lord Mayor,

ADELAIDE PARK LANDS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - REVIEW

I write to you in your capacity as Chair of Kadaltilla, who are responsible for the above review. Thank you for the opportunity to present to your committee recently. We welcome your consultation with adjoining Councils and look forward to commenting on the draft findings of the committee in due course.

The northern Park Lands remain an important recreational and green asset for our community.

We are a Council with a predominately residential urban footprint. Our City contains 26 parks, only four of which could be described as large, with three of the four are dominated by organised sport.

Less than 4% of our city is open space, not even a third of the 12% that State government regulations require for new developments.

Yet despite this, and that our city is immediately adjacent the relatively vast northern park lands, our community feels little connection to them, due to two important factors.

Firstly, connections to the park lands are sub-optimum in many locations. The recent improvements along Prospect Road are excellent, very welcome, and popular. However, pedestrian and cycling amenity along Main North Road through the park lands is extremely poor, and there are no formal crossings east of this busy intersection until Northcote Terrace. To the west, DIT are only now signalling a mid-block crossing adjacent Braund Road, and the busy Jeffcott, Torrens and Park Terrace provides the only other safe crossing point over what is a very busy six lane arterial road until the Hawker Street intersection.

Once across the busy ring route, not all crossing points connect to logical pathways that are lit for pedestrians and lead to desirable destinations. Informal and unpaved routes have long existed, revealing deficiencies in the path network. Other than the recently improved Prospect Road paths, and paths benefitting from adjacent street lighting, only one pathway through the northern park lands is lit, limiting informal engagement to daylight hours.

Improving connectivity has been rated by City of Prospect as the most important priority for consideration during this Review.

Secondly, the northern park lands remain relatively unimproved. Across the 3km frontage from the Gawler train corridor to the entrance to Melbourne Street, only a limited range of experiences are offered for locals.

One playground, two BBQ and picnic precincts, minimal beautification, and an absence of "loop" paths undermine the ability of this vast area to offer more opportunities for locals to enjoy the area.

Two collections of formal playing surfaces, the dog parks, Aquatic Centre, and northern golf course all offer more, however these are commonly "destination" experiences, with participants only visiting to experience that particular outcome, not to roam, or to relax and enjoy the peace and beauty of the broader open space. These users often arrive by car, as these uses have a very broad catchment, necessitating formal car parking arrangements.

Improving the breadth of experiences within the northern park lands for locals to enjoy on foot or by bike is the second priority we recommend the Review consider.

The recent improvement of the four tennis courts adjacent Prospect Road into multi-use courts with adjacent fitness equipment, shelters and BBQs are an excellent example of the type of improvements we would recommend. This area is lit very well, complimented by irrigated grass and low-level shrubs and new trees, and has proved incredibly popular. This confirms our view that the current low utilisation of the northern park lands can be radically improved if the right experiences are facilitated.

Members of our Council also confirmed the general intent, structure, and high-level objectives of the current strategic plan for the park lands remain relevant and of value. However, comments were made about the slow or absent pace of implementation of the proposed projects listed for each park.

Outside of the recent improvements along Prospect Road, which this Council strongly advocated for, securing \$3.2m in funding, it was difficult to identify any other significant investment across the northern park lands since the strategy was adopted in 2015.

In terms of attracting partnerships, we are aware that demand for access to formalised playing surfaces and clubrooms for organised sport continues to increase. We are struggling to meet current demand within our city for the significantly increasing levels of female participation in organised sport. There are many clubs and existing school tenants that could provide pathways to grant funding to establish improved facilities along Barton Terrace West, or through re-establishing the playing fields in Park 4.

In addition, provided there is genuine community and Council engagement, City of Prospect remains committed to joint advocacy to other levels of government to fund substantial improvements within the northern park lands.

City of Prospect appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Park Lands Management Strategy Review.

We further submit the northern park lands remain a very large recreational area with so much potential for multiple outcomes to benefit our collective communities, and the climate. There is enough area to accommodate a range of concurrent outcomes such as:

- large scale revegetation;
- better connectivity, and loop paths, for cyclists and pedestrians;
- improved and beautified passive recreation experiences;
- improved and additional formal sporting and recreation surfaces and facilities;
- major event opportunities; and
- partnerships.

Council requests the above suggestions be given due consideration within the review process and welcomes ongoing inclusion in the next steps.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. O'Loughlin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David O'Loughlin
Mayor, City of Prospect

APPENDIX I – CITY OF UNLEY PRESENTATION TO KADALTILLA

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 25 May 2022
- **Time:** 5:30pm
- **Location:** Colonel Light Room, Town Hall
- **Theme:** Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Purpose:** To present to Kadaltilla Board Members on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Presenter:** Jared Wilson, Senior Landscape Architect

Format

Summary

Kadaltilla Board meeting.

Summary of Engagement

The following key opportunities were identified for the Park Lands through the Kadaltilla Board meeting.

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Destinations	The City of Unley has a lack of open space The southern Park Lands is considered an additional part of Unley's open space with many loved attractions for residents	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●
		Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping	◆
Trees	Tree canopy in the Park Lands should be increased	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●
		Further consideration to tree canopy targets could be given	◆
Water	Stormwater control and management; large water bodies in Park Lands are good for surrounding environmental temperature	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	●
		The wetland at Victoria Park and restored-reimagined riparian corridors were identified as big moves. Further consideration of potentially new water-related big moves could be given	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Access-Connections	Improve quality of walking and cycling connections Bikeway is important connection across Greenhill Road: Unley redesigned several intersections to give priority to cyclists	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●
Access-Connections	Linking to adjoining councils is very important Greenhill Road acts like a barrier to access and connections into the Park Lands and a shared path is needed	Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping.	◆
Recreation	Park Lands ovals are extremely important overflow for Unley's small number of ovals Unley has no netball courts, so they rely entirely on Park Lands courts	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.1 <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and cultures</i>	●

Presentation

The presentation by the City of Unley may be viewed at this [LINK](#).

APPENDIX J – CITY OF BURNSIDE PRESENTATION TO KADALTILLA

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 25 May 2022
- **Time:** 5:30pm
- **Location:** Colonel Light Room, Town Hall
- **Theme:** Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Purpose:** To present to Kadaltilla Board Members on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Presenter:** Mayor Anne Monceaux, City of Burnside
- **Format:** Kadaltilla Board meeting

Summary of Engagement

The following key opportunities were identified for the Park Lands through the Kadaltilla Board meeting.

Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping.

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Changing Demographics	Improve accessibility of paths for prams, walking frames, wheelchairs and mobility devices Loneliness, homelessness and campers Improve education through multi-lingual signage; more signage for memorials and public art	Investigation undertaken to inform the APLMS, the current management strategy could provide additional context	◆
	Improve quality and safety of open parks to cater to people of all backgrounds, including accessible connections and inclusive spaces	Homelessness support is undertaken by services in partnership with the City of Adelaide but not specifically addressed in the APMS	■
		Signage is comprehensively addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
		Further consideration to multiple language formats could be given	◆
Urban Infill	Increased densification of housing resulting from planning/urban infill; more two for one development with little garden space Larger houses and smaller back or front yards; apartments and units with no yards	Investigation undertaken to inform the APLMS, the current management strategy could provide additional context	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
	Increasing demand for open space and changed usage (development vs open space)		
Climate Change	City of Burnside declared a climate emergency in 2019 Climate change implications and environmental sustainability	Aligns with strategy 4.5 <i>Strengthen the Park Lands' role in developing a carbon neutral City</i> The APLMS includes targets for utilisation and car parking. Further consideration to targets could be given	◆
Trees	Support tree retention and increase tree planting Tree canopy loss as a result of State laws and increase in urban infill More natural places and spaces	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●
		Further consideration to tree canopy targets could be given	◆
Facilities	Catering for diverse cultural groups (sports and games) Increase sporting and event opportunities for youth, multi-cultural population and ageing population Increased demand for sports fields, especially for females; increase sporting facilities for female participation More outdoor exercise stations More community gardens	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.1 <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and cultures</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i> Community gardens aligns with APLMS strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i>	●
Partnerships	Working with neighbouring councils and residents on the environment Partner and collaborate with City of Burnside and its residents on changes to the Park Lands	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of funding and implementation models for the Park Lands	■

Presentation

The presentation by the City of Burnside may be viewed at this [LINK](#).

APPENDIX K – STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 30 June 2022
- **Time:** 5:30pm
- **Location:** Colonel Light Room, Town Hall
- **Theme:** Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Purpose:** To present to Kadaltilla Board Members on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Presenter:** Craig Holden, Chair of the State Planning Commission
- **Format:** Kadaltilla Board meeting

Summary of Engagement

The following key opportunities were identified for the Park Lands through the Kadaltilla Board meeting.

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide	Role of the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide and the Regional Plans in the spatial application of planning priorities	Opportunity for the APLMS to strategically align projects with the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide Opportunity for funding models through the planning system	◆
City Plan	A Regional Plan is being developed by Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS)	Opportunity for the APLMS to inform and be informed by the Regional Plan via PLUS workshops held later in 2022	◆
Policy Planning	Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) makes recommendations to the State Government in relation the Park Lands	Opportunity to collaborate with the State Government in ongoing investment in the improvement and maintenance of the Park Lands	■

Presentation

[One Page Summary - State Planning Commission.pdf](#)

APPENDIX L – GREEN ADELAIDE

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 30 June 2022
- **Time:** 5:30pm
- **Location:** Colonel Light Room, Town Hall
- **Theme:** Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Purpose:** To present to Kadaltilla Board Members on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Presenter:** Craig Daniels, Chair of Green Adelaide Board
- **Format:** Kadaltilla Board meeting

Summary of Engagement

The following key opportunities were identified for the Park Lands through the Kadaltilla Board meeting.

Location specific impacts are captured in spatial issues and opportunities mapping.

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Urban Greening	An Urban Greening Strategy, incorporating targets for urban green cover, is being developed	Further consideration to targets could be given	◆
Kaurna	Potential for further cultural burns in the Park Lands. Opportunity to collaborate in continuing a dialogue with the Kaurna community	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance</i> Kaurna cultural heritage and interpretation is addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions. Further consideration could be given to Kaurna land management	◆
River Torrens	Opportunity to collaborate on education and restoration projects such as the CoA wetland proposal	Aligns with strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	◆
Re-wilding	Investigating urban re-wilding with a focus on the River Torrens. Opportunity to collaborate on various re-wilding and biodiversity projects across the Park Lands	Aligns with strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i> Biodiversity is well represented in themes in the current APLMS. Further consideration to alignment with current language for 'rewilding' could be given	◆

Presentation

The presentation by Green Adelaide may be viewed at this [LINK](#).

APPENDIX M – YOUR SAY ADELAIDE ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

Key information

- **Date:** Consultation was open Friday 15 July 2022 – Friday 2 September 2022
- **Theme:** Help shape the future of the Adelaide Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To provide the community with the opportunity to share their views on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands

Format

Online survey accessible on the City of Adelaide's Your Say web page.

Hard copies of the survey were available at Council venues including the civic centre and the community forum held on Saturday 20 August 2022. Completed hard copies could be submitted via email, mail or in person.

The City of Adelaide (CoA) created a [Park Land's video](#) which was released on Facebook towards the end of consultation period to help boost the visitation and engagement for the Your Say page. The video generated 850 clicks to the Your Say page. While most respondents submitted feedback through the official Your Say page some respondents provided information on the video. These were treated as an individual submission for the Your Say survey.

The hard copy information pack including the survey is included on the following pages.

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Help Shape the Future of the Adelaide Park Lands

Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority is seeking your views

Consultation closes **5:00pm, Friday 2 September 2022**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) is seeking your views to help shape the future of the Adelaide Park Lands as part of the current review of the [Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy](#).

Background

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

The [Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy \(APLMS\)](#) identifies the actions, projects and 'big moves' that set the future direction of the Park Lands. The management of the APLMS is one of Kadaltilla's key responsibilities under the [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005](#).

The review of the 2015-2025 APLMS is now underway.

Timeline

Community feedback is being sought in the following key stages:

- *July - August 2022*: Initial engagement with the community and key stakeholder groups to help Kadaltilla determine the focus of the revised Strategy.
- *20 August 2022*: Kadaltilla Community Forum at the Adelaide Zoo, Plane Tree Centre (10am -3pm)
- *February - April 2023* (TBC): Consultation on the draft revised APLMS.

We are currently at the initial engagement stage. This opened on Friday 15 July 2022 and will close at **5:00pm on Friday, 2 September 2022**.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority?

[Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority](#) is the principal advisor to both Council and the State Government on the protection, management, enhancement and promotion of the Adelaide Park Lands. It is comprised of ten members, four of whom are appointed by Council and five by the State Government. The development and review of the [Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy](#) is one of Kadaltilla's key responsibilities.

What will the Community Forum involve?

Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority is holding its annual Community Forum on Saturday 20 August at the Adelaide Zoo. Drop in any time between 10.00am and 3.00pm to learn more about the Park Lands and to share your views about their future with Kadaltilla Board members and Council officers.

What is the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy?

The [Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015 -2025](#) (APLMS) provides a framework for the important and ongoing advisory role of Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority on Park Lands policy and projects. Kadaltilla is committed to the protection and enhancement of the Park Lands as a globally recognised park system which surrounds and permeates the city, and which are central to its identity.

The APLMS also guides the decision making and funding contributions of both the City of Adelaide and the State Government.

Why is the Strategy being reviewed?

The [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005](#) requires that the Authority undertake a comprehensive review of the Management Strategy at least once every 5 years.

What's the best way to provide feedback?

You can complete the short survey included as part of this information pack and available online at [Your Say Adelaide](#).

You may also like to share your views and ideas with Kadaltilla Board members by attending the annual Community Forum planned for Saturday 20 August 2022 at the Adelaide Zoo.

There will be the opportunity to comment on the draft revised Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy once the document is released for public consultation in early 2023.

How will I know if my feedback has been received?

All feedback, including survey responses, submissions and other correspondence will be acknowledged in writing via email.

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What will Kadaltilla do with my feedback?

Kadaltilla/ Park Lands Authority will consider all of the feedback it receives as part of the current engagement. The information gathered via the survey, the workshops with key stakeholder groups and the August Community Forum will inform the development of a revised draft APLMS that is expected to be released for community consultation early in 2023.

How do I provide feedback?

You can share your ideas, thoughts and suggestions about the future of the Park Lands in one of several ways.

Complete the **Submission Form** either online at yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au or using the hard copy attached to this information pack

Join us at the **Kadaltilla Community Forum** on Saturday, 20 August 2022 to learn more about the Park Lands and for an informal chat with Kadaltilla Board members and Council officers about the future of the Park Lands. This will take place at:

Adelaide Zoo (Plane Tree Centre)
Plane Tree Drive, Adelaide

Drop in any time between 10.00am and 3.00pm

Email your comments to kadaltilla@cityofadelaide.com.au

Written Submissions should be addressed to:

Community Consultation
Help Shape the Future of the Adelaide Park Lands
GPO Box 2252, Adelaide SA 5001

All submissions must be received by **5.00pm Friday, 2 September 2022**.

What happens next?

We will acknowledge your submission in writing via email.

The feedback Kadaltilla/ Park Lands Authority receives during this initial engagement stage will inform the development of a revised draft APLMS.

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SUBMISSION FORM

Submissions close **5.00pm, Friday 2 September 2022**,

This form can also be completed online at yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au.

Please include your name and residential address to ensure your submission is considered by Council. Formal submissions including names and addresses of respondents may on occasions be made public through reports to Council. Required information is marked with an *asterisk.

*First Name:		*Last Name:	
Email Address:			
*Address:			
Business/Organisation Name (if applicable):			
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other Identity	Year of Birth:	
Are you a City of Adelaide Ratepayer?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Please tell us how you participate in city life (tick all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Live	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Play <i>(e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourist	<input type="checkbox"/> Own a Business	
Please indicate your main areas of interest (tick all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Council Services & Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Space & Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> City Design, Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/> New & Future Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Social & Community Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy, Budget and Management Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Events in the City
Please indicate the locations that are of interest to you (tick all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> North Ward	<input type="checkbox"/> Central Ward	<input type="checkbox"/> South Ward	

[Your Say Adelaide](https://yoursay.cityofadelaide.com.au) is Council's online consultation website. It is your chance to be kept up-to-date and provide feedback on areas of the City that interest you. Would you like to be signed up to Your Say Adelaide online and be emailed when there is an opportunity to have your say on areas that are of interest to you?

Yes No

Please Note: If you've ticked Yes, you will receive an email to your nominated e-mail address above to confirm your new account.

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How do you currently use the Adelaide Park Lands?

Q1. What are the main activities that you undertake in the Adelaide Park Lands? Select all that apply.

- a) Informal recreation e.g. walk, run, bicycle, scooter, walk dog, visit dog park, visit playgrounds, or skate parks, operate drone or model aircraft, relax/ connect with nature
- b) Formal recreation e.g. participate in organised sport (games or training), take outdoor fitness classes such as boot camp, yoga, tai chi
- c) Attend events/ festivals / watch organised sporting events
- d) Socialise with family, friends, colleagues e.g. picnics, BBQs
- e) As part of commute to work/ study location
- f) I do not use the Park Lands
- g) Other (please specify)

Q2. Compared to five years ago, do you visit the Adelaide Park Lands:

- a) More often
- b) Less often
- c) About as often
- d) I have been visiting the Park Lands for less than five years
- e) I do not visit the Park Lands
- f) Other (please specify)

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Q3. Describe one SMALL change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often.

Q4. Describe one MAJOR change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often.

Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority is considering the long-term future of the Adelaide Park Lands and would like to understand your views on some key issues

Q5. How do you think the Adelaide Park Lands need to change in order to adapt to climate change?



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Q6. Do you think smart technology* could improve the future of the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how? (Examples of how smart technology has been used in parks elsewhere include watering systems based on real-time monitoring of irrigation needs, acoustic monitoring of wildlife and the recording of visitor numbers.)

Q7. Has the pandemic changed the way you use the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?

Q8. Which is your favourite park within the Adelaide Park Lands? Why?

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Q9. The vision of the 2015-25 Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy is:

The Adelaide Park Lands will be a globally recognised park system which surrounds and permeates our city and is central to our identity

Describe your desired vision of what the Adelaide Park Lands will look like in 2037, the bicentenary of their proclamation.

Q10. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the future of the Adelaide Park Lands?



Summary of Engagement

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE ADELAIDE PARK LANDS: YOUR SAY ADELAIDE SURVEY

A total of 356 surveys were completed, copies of which (excluding any identifying information) may be viewed at this [LINK](#).

A further seven written submissions were received via email.

Demographic Overview

Of the 348 respondents who answered the question in relation to gender, 54% were male, 45% female and 1% indicated another identity. Only 55 respondents provided information on their year of birth, providing a limited insight into the ages of those who participated. These ranged from 34 years (11 respondents) to 70 years (12 respondents).

More than 70% of the respondents are residents of either the city or one of the nearby suburbs: 110 (32%) live in either Adelaide or North Adelaide and 141 (40%) in one of the adjoining Local Government Areas (LGAs). A further 97 respondents (28%) reside in the wider metropolitan area.

A third of the respondents indicated that they are CoA ratepayers (116 or 33%).

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Female	155	45%
Male	189	54%
Other Identity	4	1%
Total	348	100%

<i>Year of Birth</i>	<i>Age in Years</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
1952	70	12	22%
1971	51	11	20%
1978	44	11	20%
1983	39	10	18%
1988	34	11	20%
Total		55	100%

<i>Suburb</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Adelaide & North Adelaide	110	32%
Adjoining Local Government Area	141	40%
Wider Metropolitan Area	97	28%
Total	348	100%

Are you a City of Adelaide ratepayer?	Number	Percentage
Yes	116	33%
No	232	67%
Total	348	100%

Q1 What are the main activities that you undertake in the Park Lands? Select all that apply.

Activity	Number of responses
Informal recreation e.g. walk, run, bicycle, scooter, walk dog, visit dog park, visit playgrounds, or skate parks, operate drone or model aircraft, relax/ connect with nature	333
Attend events/ festivals / watch organised sporting events	243
Socialise with family, friends, colleagues e.g. picnics, BBQs	212
As part of commute to work/ study location	139
Formal recreation e.g. participate in organised sport (games or training), take outdoor fitness classes such as boot camp, yoga, tai chi	84
Other (please specify)	22
I do not use the Park Lands	2

Q2 Compared to five years ago, do you visit the Park Lands:

Length of time	Number of responses
More often	203
Less often	32
About as often	113
I have been visiting the Park Lands for less than five years	7
I do not visit the Park Lands	1
Other	2

Q3 Describe one SMALL change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often.

A total of 335 comments were provided in response, a complete list of which can be viewed at this [LINK](#). The key themes of this commentary are summarised below.

Connections, access and movement

- Improve the connections from the inner ring of suburbs to the Park Lands and between individual parks.
- Provide safer road crossings.
- Create a continuous circuit or loop track via underpasses / overpasses / tunnels to eliminate road crossings.
- Stop fencing off individual parks for events, limiting casual use.
- Stop further built developments in the Park Lands.

Create a better *path network*

- Separate pedestrians and cyclists for reasons of safety.
- Paths to be clear, wide and well maintained.
- Provide more illuminated pathways so that the Park Lands become safer at night.
- Plant more trees either side of all paths to make them cooler in summer.
- Name the pathways and provide signage with distances to various locations for better wayfinding.

More bike paths and walking trails to explore *More and higher quality social infrastructure*

- More or improved:
 - Seats/ benches
 - Tables
 - Lighting
 - Toilets
 - Rubbish bins
 - Picnic spots
 - Café / mobile food vendors / coffee pop-ups for amenity and to create destinations.

Buildings

- Stop further built developments in the Park Lands.
- Less commercial ventures.

More *Native flora and fauna*

- More understory planting using local plant species.
- More re-greening using native vegetation.
- Create patches of bush garden.
- Increase native bush regeneration around the River Torrens.
- More variety of native plantings to encourage greater diversity of wildlife.
- Ensure continuous wildlife corridors throughout the Park Lands.
- Create areas of dense shade and sheltering vegetation to make spending time in the Park Lands more appealing.

Create more *attractions/ destinations*

- Provide more attractions to create more reasons to visit the Park Lands, such as: cycling infrastructure (e.g. cyclocross, mountain bike tracks, a second criterium track), an adventure playground for older children / teens and nature play.
- Create more off-leash areas for dogs/ reduce the number of existing off-leash areas (police the on-leash areas to ensure compliance).

Heritage

- Provide information about the Kaurna people, culture and history.
- More self-guided walking tours with information about the history and the natural environment.

- Provide history/Aboriginal walks.
- More recognition of Aboriginal heritage sites and culture.
- Heritage should form part of the future vision.
- A place worthy of World Heritage listing and a renowned tourism attraction.

Anti-social behaviour

- Address anti-social behaviour in the Park Lands.

Events

- Provide more community/smaller events.
- Less of the very large, commercial events.
- Stop staging the car race as an event.
- Create a permanent events space.
- Provide free parking close to events.
- Provide more support for event organisers.
- Consider the impact of the large evening events on native fauna.
- Stop excluding public access as a result of large commercial events.

River

- Provide more recreational space, such as an outdoor pool on the river, a swimmable Torrens Lake; extend the tram over the bridge to bring more people and activity along the Park Lands adjacent to the river.
- Light the bridges along the river all year round, not just during festivals.
- Provide more facilities (restaurants, bars, etc.) around the Torrens Lake to take advantage of the setting.
- Provide better access to the river from adjacent parks.
- Stop the re-zoning of the Riverbank precinct.
- Effective protection of waterways and native ecosystems.
- Clean the Torrens, clearing debris from river after storms. Improve the quality of the water.
- Provide better lighting along the river edge.
- Increase native bush regeneration around the river.

New ideas or suggestions for 'one small change'

- A blue centre line painted on all permanent trails mandating that they cannot be closed during events to ensure access by pedestrians, cyclists and personal transporters.
- A Park Lands phone App showing navigation, points of interest, Kaurna information and European history.
- A wall that the kids could hit a ball against.
- Design a dedicated "gravel" loop to encourage off road cycling for adventure and fitness around the city.
- Running distance markers.
- Create a permanent events space.

- Create recycled water ponds within the Park Lands to provide vital water resources for small native birds, of which populations have been dramatically declining in the Park Lands over the last 30 years.
- Bicycle parking infrastructure that considers the weather (shelter for heat and rain).
- Filtered water drinking fountains.
- More self-guided walking tours with history and natural environment information.
- An online map showing picnic, BBQ facilities and toilets. Increased amenities like pop up coffee carts and food trucks.
- A map with bus routes marked in relation to the Park Lands.
- Monthly public planting days/working bees as the community would be extremely supportive of working and contributing to the Park Lands.
- Field lighting for the Adelaide Archery Club location so members could enjoy longer training periods.
- Provide a bike path under Port Road adjacent to the rail line near Gaol Road.
- Replace the Adelaide Aquatic Centre with a water polo pool.
- A bitumen pump track.
- Development of an "Adelaide Recreation Circuit," that would provide an uninterrupted shared path for walking and cycling throughout the Park Lands.
- A small swing/kid area in Whitmore Square/Victoria Square.
- Public art, geocaching, scavenger hunts, interpretive signage, QR codes for historical facts, augmented reality trails, different routes for walking/cycling on google maps, clear and informative webpages on the Park Lands.

No change

- The Park Lands are fine as they are.
- Make no changes, just ensure they are kept as Park Lands.

Q4 Describe one MAJOR change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often.

A total of 338 comments were provided in response, a complete list of which can be viewed at this [LINK](#). The key themes of this commentary are summarised below.

Connections, access and movement

- Ensure there are less interruptions to pedestrian access due to events and construction.
- Prevent or limit fencing of the Park Lands for events that impact on public access.
- Create seamless connections between the city and different sections of the Park Lands.
- Better access from outside the Adelaide City Council area for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Improved public transport to the Park Lands.
- A clearly marked, central shared pathway that loops around the entire Park Lands.
- Retain Park Lands that are open and easy to access.

Safety

- Dry zone implementation for greater family safety.
- Provide designated bike lanes and safer cycling routes.
- Safer road crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Easy, safe, direct and shady active transport pathways into the city and Park Lands, where people are physically separated from cars.
- Separated pedestrian paths and bike tracks through the parklands.
- Improved lighting.
- Provide more activity hubs (like Marshmallow Park activity hub).
- Create larger formal gardens to provide more destinations (like the Himeji Garden but on a bigger scale: French, Italian, English gardens).
- Transform Pinky Flat into a tourist destination.
- More cafes / kiosks.
- More outdoor art / sculptures or large scale art installations.
- Remove car racing from the Park Lands.
- A permanent world standard cycling track for criterium racing.

More playgrounds

Landscape / *biodiversity*

- Protect waterways and native ecosystems, prioritise connection of habitats and ecological connections.
- Increase size of Key Biodiversity Areas and enhance connections within the landscape via ecological corridors.
- Landscape restoration to increase wildlife.
- Landscape the southern Park Lands.
- Replace some of the formalised gardens and sports ovals with native landscapes.
- Less invasive fauna (e.g. foxes, carp) and more native fauna (e.g. Eastern Long-necked turtles).
- Significantly improve natural habitats for native species.
- Create another wetland.

Built Form

- Stop allowing new buildings in the Park Lands.
- Remove some of the existing permanent structures.
- Less manmade objects blocking natural view lines, less buildings, fences, locked off areas.
- Allow small to medium beautifully designed buildings to be erected around playgrounds, the new wetlands etc offering coffee and food.

Sports facilities

- Reduce the emphasis on sporting facilities in the Park Lands.
- Provide indoor sporting facilities.
- Improve existing facilities (e.g. change rooms).

New ideas / suggestions for 'one major change'

- Park Lands renewal project that has a funded removal plan for every building over time, set areas for different activity types, and includes festivals and activities.
- Electronic signage and smart systems.
- Extend the tram to North Adelaide to help activate the parks and river edge.
- An outdoor pool on the river.
- Connected bike path across the Park Lands.
- A swimmable Torrens Lake.
- Give management and oversight of the Park Lands to a trust rather than in the hands of the CoA and the SA Government.
- Create a large shelter suitable for Aboriginal people to gather that would recognise their culture and provide an opportunity for control by Aboriginal people.
- Dogs to be leashed on or within 5 metres of all sealed paths for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and dogs.
- Public transport connections around the outside and/or inside edges of the Park Lands, which would also enable connections with radial bus routes.
- Develop Pinky Flat as a tourist destination with cafes and public amenities, play spaces, beach volleyball court, a sustainable Adelaide Pavilion similar to the Pavilion in Melbourne, and a Ferris wheel.
- Create a garden maze.
- A 400m outdoor velodrome for track cycling.
- Lower the roads with park overpasses to better connect the parks.
- Create an adventure playground.
- Create more wetlands.
- A Sound Shell (like the Sidney Myer Music Bowl).
- Convert Rundle Street East into parklands to create one park from North Terrace to Bartels Road.
- Create a significant sculpture walk and sculpture competition.
- An architecturally designed pavilion, like M Pavilion in Melbourne or the annual Serpentine Pavilion in London.
- A wholesale rethink of what Park Lands are for in the 21st century.
- An extra location for bicycle racing.
- A continuous figure-of-8 bike loop around the Park Lands and through the Torrens area.
- Fast commuter cycle trails on all sides of the Park Lands.
- An iconic Nature Playground.
- A series of fountains.
- A dedicated 'learn to ride' and children's cycling park on eastern side of Park Lands.
- A new Eastern Parklands Skate Park.
- An open air community market.

Q5 How do you think the Adelaide Park Lands need to change in order to adapt to climate change?

A total of 334 comments were provided in response, a complete list of which can be viewed at this [LINK](#). The key themes of this commentary are summarised below.

Trees

- Plant more trees.
- Retain existing trees and do not permit removal of any existing.
- Increase canopy cover.
- Plant more drought tolerant species.
- Remove exotic trees.
- Pursue idea of reforestation.
- Create more shade.

Native vegetation

- Reduce lawn coverage.
- Reduce the extent of open areas (such as the golf course).
- Plant more native grasses and other native vegetation.
- Increase understory / groundcover vegetation.
- Make more diverse plantings.
- Mulching / composting.
- Create greater biodiversity.
- Re-wild areas.
- Plant arbours to shade walkers.
- Expand extent of Park Lands in general (i.e. infiltrate the CBD with areas of green).

More efficient water management

- Create wetlands in other Park Lands areas for flood mitigation and cooling effect.
- Use re-cycled water.
- Irrigate / water more areas of the Park Lands.
- Install smart watering systems.
- Capture and harvest all stormwater.
- Install more water features (e.g. fountains).

Infrastructure

- Provide more shelters for shade / rain events.
- Provide more drinking fountains.
- Use white roofs on toilet blocks and other structures.
- Follow water sensitive urban design (WSUD) principles.
- Reduce the extent of hard surfaces, for example, by removing bitumen.
- Do not allow any new developments.
- Reduce the number of existing of buildings.

Energy

- Provide e-charging stations.
- Transition to battery power for all maintenance equipment etc.
- Use solar power / LED for lighting.
- Utilise wind power.
- Undertake waste recovery.

Activities

- Ensure all Park Lands events are more sustainable.
- Reduce the number of Park Lands events.
- Only allow events with less destructive impact (e.g. soil compaction).
- Provide for community gardens.
- Provide good active transport and public transport options to reduce car use by visitors.
- Allow volunteers to assist with park clean-ups.
- Install a pool in the river.

No changes needed

- A small number of respondents believe the Park Lands is either already well equipped to cope with climate change or do not believe climate change is an issue so did not offer any adaptation ideas.

Q6 Do you think smart technology could improve the future of the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?

A total of 300 comments were provided in response, a complete list of which can be viewed at this [LINK](#). The key themes of this commentary are summarised below.

In favour of smart technology

More than 75% (230) of respondents agreed that smart technology could improve the future of the Park Lands. Selected comments are below:

- *Limited smart technology but Smart Management would be a great step forward. E.g., a SMART Government would not have returned street and Park Lands car racing.*
- *Smart lighting that gets brighter for cyclists riding through.*
- *Smart watering systems sound useful, collection storm water and recycled grey water if not done already.*
- *In particular for data collection to ensure a healthy ecology.*
- *If the results of any monitoring were to be applied for the good of the Park Lands as opposed to extra exploitation by humans, I'm all for it.*
- *Off grid renewable lighting systems that turns on and off when required.*
- *Sounds like a great idea but it may be cost prohibitive.*
- *Anything to enhance the ecosystem that exists without crossing the line of being intrusive to the ecosystem.*

- *Technologies improve efficiency in data collection, which seems important as conditions will continue to change with climate.*
- *Any technology that supports / protects / preserves the Park Lands for all time.*

Not in favour of smart technology

12% (36) respondents did not think that smart technology could improve the future of the Park Lands. Commentary in this regard is summarised below.

- *Unsure if the investment would be worth it. May be better to spend these funds on Park Lands infrastructure such as seating and path improvements.*
- *Not sure, except for surveillance outside toilet facilities for unsuitable behaviour.*
- *A waste of money and time.*
- *In terms of safety perhaps, but most solutions exist already so diverting limited budget toward faux innovations is unwise.*
- *Outside of grounds management and maintenance, what do we need?*
- *Technology requires maintenance and infrastructure. Park Lands is an escape from our built and tech environment.*
- *Sure, but don't over capitalise in gimmicks when impactful change is in utilising the existing Park Lands better by activating space that is presently wasted*
- *Needs more lighting before smart technology.*
- *Only if the data collected is actually going to be used for something helpful. I'd be more interested in seeing Indigenous practices and technologies used.*
- *SOME smart technologies could have beneficial uses in the Park Lands but only if its for the benefit of watering, wildlife etc and doesn't impact negatively on the essence of the Park Lands - its beautiful open spaces, trees and vegetation.*
- *Not really, the park-land are enjoyed because of not too much technology input.*
- *No, there a no valid examples of smart technology making much of a difference.*
- *Probably from a management and maintenance perspective yes. But not so much from a user (general public) perspective. Definitely smarter watering systems that don't water the Park Lands in the middle of the day in summer. So dumb.*
- *No, technology is not a factor unless it's used to keep the Park Lands green and natural.*
- *Generally I think 'high tech' solutions are ineffective and expensive fads used more as a tool to enhance brand image. I am sure some technology can be helpful, but not aware of any meaningful tech in relation to the Park Lands.*

Ideas / suggestions for smart technology applications

- *Motion sensitive solar powered lighting on walkways.*
- *Smart solar lighting, electronic counts of pedestrian and cycle traffic e.g. as on Frome Road.*
- *Watering systems that turn off sprinklers when there is already sufficient moisture in the soil.*
- *Soil moisture and GIS infrared mapping of canopies to determine water stress of plants in parks.*
- *Smart information systems to advertise where the Park Lands are being used and worked on. A Park Lands App that includes navigation information, facilities like water, toilets, problem reporting, emergency information.*

- *An App to list every building: the history of how it came to be there, when removal is planned and photos to share.*
- *Real time monitoring of irrigation need.*
- *Bat detectors attached to trees at various sites to monitor microbat species and numbers. Wildlife cameras could also yield some interesting results.*
- *"Felixer" machines could be used to kill foxes without harming native wildlife.*
- *More solar lighting in appropriate places.*
- *Invest in battery powered lawn mowers.*
- *Encourage the use of iNaturalist.*
- *Monitor wildlife.*
- *Monitor the Torrens so measures can be taken early to prevent algae blooms.*
- *Use cameras to record biodiversity.*
- *Use heat mapping to determine where to plant more trees to reduce temperatures in summer.*
- *Incorporate art and more improvements in regard to night life (lights).*
- *Hydroponic practices to manage water usage more efficiently.*
- *Devices to improve security of individuals traversing walkways through the Park Lands.*
- *Monitor impact of visitors.*
- *Soil data to inform water and nutrient management, smart sensors to improve lighting efficiency. Metering can track event/vendor utility responsibilities triggering frugality and reduced remediation.*
- *Technology to enable the public to engage with wildlife e.g. use QR codes to tell visitors about species present (as has been started in some areas).*
- *Temperature and water sensors to maximise irrigation efficiency and urban cooling benefits.*
- *Analysis of visitor numbers to specific areas of the Park Lands to determine what would encourage even greater usage.*
- *Use smart technology to provide information on the history of different areas. e.g. First Nation names and stories, [good and bad] and real time links to similar landscape in another country.*
- *Integration of QR codes into signage. Smart lighting.*
- *Talking signs for people with literacy or sensory impairment.*
- *Smart LED lighting that responds to motion to save power.*
- *Digital engagement, virtual tours and fitness programs accessible via phone apps.*
- *Notification boards or an app that indicates if a park has been booked by a group would be useful.*
- *Visitor counts to highlight areas of greatest use and to indicate those which may need improvement.*
- *Real time and historic heat maps of road vehicles (cars/buses etc) in the city and roads through the Park Lands to help Park Lands users identify better times to use/enjoy the Park Lands and quieter areas to commute/enjoy the Park Lands.*
- *Art installations based on virtual technology.*

- *Information via QR codes or similar, offering text, sound, and language options plus an historic pictorial overlay.*
- *Navigation (as trails aren't well recognised in Google maps, for example).*
- *Sprinklers that don't wet park visitors.*
- *Solar LED cat-eyes that give guidance without expensive lighting.*
- *Automated counting of trail users.*
- *Automated and integrated pedestrian crossings with inground loops to detect approaching users, prioritising pedestrians ahead of car traffic. (as used in many cities in the Netherlands and Europe).*
- *Inground lighting and active wayfinding / variable-message-signs to provide permanent and safe guidance around regular event spaces for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.*
- *Geocaching, augmented reality, QR codes for factoids/interpretive signage, scavenger hunts, walking trails, smart bins and smart scooters/bikes.*

Q7 Has the pandemic changed the way you use the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?

A total of 319 comments were provided in response, a complete list of which can be viewed at this [LINK](#). The key themes of this commentary are summarised below.

Use the Park Lands more often

A total of 121 respondents (38%) indicated that they use the Park Lands more often because of the pandemic.

- *Spend more time outside. It has become a popular spot to meet with friends and family, and to go bird-watching without having to commute on public transport.*
- *Use of the outdoors more for socialising – the Park Lands a popular meeting spot with friends and family.*
- *Have not even considered attending any massed events, but have found the Park Lands perfect for getting out in the natural environment and being totally socially distant.*
- *While the COVID-19 centre was there I felt safer using Victoria Park after work in winter.*
- *Yes - subsequent financial crisis and isolation requirements was the switch of lifestyle into using them more often.*
- *Greater appreciation of public green space (I don't have a garden).*
- *Encouraged to walk in the Park Lands rather than in busy streets.*
- *The Park Lands was a regular outlet to find space and nature without travelling far from home.*
- *more so, especially just to sit or walk around in away from people (it can be underutilised in many parts).*
- *Increased levels of informal exercise - walking, cycling and running on paths along the Torrens, within the Park Lands.*
- *More so, e.g. walking instead of using tram, getting out at lunchtime.*
- *Yes. I took much more advantage of the open spaces during the peak of the pandemic.*

- *Greater use of the Park Lands as a way to exercise and connect with community in a safe space.*
- *A haven and a way of exercising during the first year of the pandemic.*
- *More use of cycle tracks. Outdoor rather than indoor activities.*
- *Enjoyment of the quiet parks during high infection periods, and still continue to commute around the city rather than ride through the middle.*
- *Encouraged more active involvement with bike racing - helping with fitness, socialising and mental health.*
- *Park Lands use impacted by the COVID-19 testing station.*
- *Work from home arrangements have provided greater opportunity to visit the Park Lands during the day.*
- *Use the shared use path to transport kids to school and sporting activities by bike.*
- *Started cycling more.*
- *Use of the Park Lands as a retreat during lunch breaks.*
- *Increased use to avoid indoor areas.*
- *Use to connect with nature and escape the city.*
- *Cycle more often in the Park Lands.*
- *Commute less and spend more time cycling in the Park Lands for exercise.*
- *I walk in the Park Lands more. And I would like more outdoor defined areas for yoga and high intensity interval training - I do both in the Park Lands.*
- *Meet people for a walk instead of going to a bar.*
- *Walk home from work through the Park Lands more often to reduce time spent on public transport.*
- *Bought a bike and now enjoy the Park Lands Trail.*
- *Greater use, walking with grandchildren on loops of the various parks during the school holidays.*
- *I use the Park Lands more and appreciate their space and the large trees*
- *Large open-air spaces with fewer people have been a boon.*

Use the Park Lands less often

A total of 24 respondents (8%) indicated that they use the Park Lands less often because of the pandemic.

- *Didn't use the parks under city lock down.*
- *Life became more isolated and tend to stay home more and more. It feels like hard work to get out of the house and deal with all the issues that surround the Park Lands like traffic.*
- *Less festivals and events meant less visits to the Park Lands.*
- *I visit less frequently as I work from home a few days per week now.*
- *Visit the city less to avoid crowds.*
- *Unable to use the park due to COVID-19 testing site.*
- *Visit the Park Lands less as go to the city less often.*
- *The COVID-19 testing centre in Victoria Park curtailed the number of cycling events that were held on the Victoria Park circuit.*

- *It didn't change much for me but lockdowns forced people from the suburbs to the Park Lands as it gave them a larger area to access for their allocated exercise time.*
- *Our church was meeting in Veale gardens during lockdown. It was a great change of scenery.*
- *I have done more about encouraging others to recognise the value of the Park Lands.*
- *More appreciative of how lucky we are to live in Adelaide. Preserving and enhancing the Park Lands is crucial to Adelaide's status as a national park city.*
- *Have valued the open space and clean air even more.*
- *The pandemic has taught us how essential nature is for our wellbeing. The Park Lands have been a valuable place for people to connect with nature and great gathering space.*
- *Their value as a public green space is even more important in times of social distancing - hugely important for mental and physical wellbeing.*
- *Great to have green space where you can be, without having to have others close to you. Good for one's mental health to be able to get outside amongst nature.*
- *It has slowed down everything but has actually increased use of open space.*
- *It was great to enjoy Victoria Park all year round with the absence of that wretched car race. Sadly racing is returning and with it the environmental damage will resume.*
- *It is much busier which is great.*
- *Yes - more outdoor activity has introduced us to more of the beautiful Park Lands.*

Q8 Which is your favourite park within the Adelaide Park Lands? Why?

A total of 336 comments were provided in response, a complete list of which can be viewed at this [LINK](#). The most frequently named parks are listed below, noting that many respondents referred to more than one park in their answer.

Favourite Park	Number of times mentioned
Victoria Park/ Pakapakanthi (Park 16)	85
Botanic Garden /Park	47
Wetlands	43
Southern Park Lands	34
River edge	33
Rymill Park/ Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)	28
Bonython Park/ Tulya Wardli (park 27)	22
Himeji Garden	21
Veale Gardens / Walyu Yarta (Park 20)	15
Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6)	10
Northern Park Lands	9
East/ south-east Park Lands	9
Marshmallow Park	8
Carriageway Park	8
Pityarilla / Park 19	6
Whitmore, Hindmarsh, Wellington Squares	5
Kingston Park	5

Favourite Park	Number of times mentioned
No favourite / like all parks	20

Favourite Park

Reasons Given for Favourite Park	Number of times mentioned
Variety of activities offered	29
Natural environment	26
Proximity / close to home/ my local park	21
Cycling facilities available (esp. criterium track)	21
Walking paths / bike paths	18
Peaceful / calming location	17
Green / wild space	15
Playgrounds	8
Horses present	5
Dogs/ dog parks	4
Views & vistas	4
Shade	3
Heritage	2
Water features	1
Cafes	1
Safety	1
Indigenous	1
Sports facilities	1
Events	1
Comment unclear or irrelevant	11

Q9 Describe your desired vision if what the Adelaide Park Lands will look like in 2037, the bicentenary of their proclamation

A total of 313 comments were provided in response, a complete list of which can be viewed at this [LINK](#). The key themes of this commentary are summarised below

Some key words for a vision

Free, open, public
Recognised globally, promoted, celebrated, unique, iconic
Green, sustainable, healthy, thriving, green belt, a network of parks, lungs of the city, cool, green halo, water-wise
Greater activation, mix of uses, diverse, balanced
Protected, reclaimed, rehabilitated
Inclusive, a place for people, welcoming
Escape, wild spaces, peaceful, sanctuary, haven, retreat, respite
Free from permanent structures, not encroached upon
Individual parks with personality/ character, distinctive, defined 'rooms'

Suggested visions

Examples of vision statements suggested by respondents are provided below:

- *There will be respect for the Park Lands by all Council and Governments. Inspiring growing numbers of residents, workers and visitors, the 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. There will be a balanced approach to a diverse range of environmental, cultural, recreational and social values, activities and developments. All resources will be protected and enhanced.*
- *In 2037 the Adelaide Park Lands will set the benchmark for urban biodiversity. Cats, foxes, carp and honeybees will be a distant memory in our city. The River Torrens will run clear and be teeming with life. People will sit on the grassy banks to watch Platypus, Rakali and Eastern Long-necked Turtles go about their business. Understorey plantings will support a rich variety of birdlife, and the air will be filled with their songs. Sleepy lizards and Blue-tongued lizards will wander through the vegetation, occasionally using strategically placed tunnels and wildlife bridges to cross busy roads. Smaller skinks will be sunning themselves on rocks and logs. At dusk, the Grey-headed Flying-foxes will begin their nightly pilgrimage, with tourists stopping to see the spectacular fly-out. By nightfall the frogs will be in full-voice, their symphony echoing around the city. Boobooks and Tawny Frogmouths will perch motionless in the trees – their distinctive calls the only clue. Visitors from all over the world will be stunned by the beauty of the native flora and fauna in our Park Lands.*
- *As 2037 begins, the re-wilding of the Adelaide Park Lands is almost complete.... Native vegetation has taken over everything except dedicated gardens and recreation facilities. Kangaroos and koalas abound. Commuters park in new dedicated spaces on the edges and automated electric transport brings them further in. Service vehicles and residents have limited access to the city with land bridges ensuring wildlife can fully traverse the space. Internal roads are disappearing as the Park Lands begin to take over the city - the millions of road building savings being reinvested in greening. Adelaide has at last done something unique and special, that only it can do. People are flocking to live and work in this iconic city park.*
- *A valued refuge - the lungs to the heart of the state - that is beautified and protected, a global example of the importance of nature in city living*
- *A well-connected series of unique parks, with an overarching identity that are globally recognised.*
- *In 2037, the Adelaide Park Lands will be not only globally recognised but also respected, within Adelaide and importantly within both the City Council and the State Government as worthy of protection and restoration as the only Park in the world that garlands an entire city.*
- *Varied, safe and secure green and fun area immediately bordering the CBD.*
- *Maintain the beauty, vastness and uniqueness that the Adelaide Park Lands holds*
- *All existing open spaces would have been retained and open to the public free of charge, including along the river bank with no more of the Park Lands having been taken for buildings. The Park Lands would be well maintained with some areas of irrigated grass, some areas of un-irrigated grass that is dry in the summer and including native vegetation with information boards, areas of well tended garden with flowers and fountains, playgrounds, playing fields for public and amateur club use, seating (some in shade and some in sun), a net work of paths (both sealed and unsealed) for walking, running and cycling, conveniently located regularly emptied rubbish bins where they are most needed and clean toilets. The heritage grandstand*

in Victoria Park will have been retained, well maintained and open to the public. The Botanic Gardens and Veale Gardens will be at least as beautiful as they are now, if not better. There will be more trees that will have the potential to become large. There will be many birds. The trees in the avenue of elms (old carriageway) in the South Park Lands will have either been restored to health or been replaced with other deciduous trees. The Park Lands will be a place of beauty with many quiet, tranquil areas, but also some areas alive with amateur sport and community activities.

- *A true forest surrounding the city with spaces for play and sport but mainly bush land, wetlands and recognising Kaurua history and connection to Country.*

Q10 Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the future of the Adelaide Park Lands?

A total of 272 further comments were provided in response, a complete list of which can be viewed at this [LINK](#). Many of the respondents used this as an opportunity to repeat their main concern or issue. The key themes of this commentary are summarised below.

No further development

Approximately 65 respondents (24%) stated that they did not want any further development or buildings on the Park Lands and an end to encroachments and incursions by State Government or other agencies. Protect the Park Lands as a valuable asset was a sub-theme in this commentary.

This is reflected in statements such as:

- *Secure the parklands so they are legally protected from any further development.*
- *Please maintain as a green belt around Adelaide, its priceless. No further building developments!!*
- *The Parklands must be protected by legislation that stops the "developers" attacks (including by governments and councils) and continued loss of our public Parklands.*
- *Just the wish to keep them free of commercial/government development.*
- *No more stealing of the Park Lands by State Government and developers.*
- *Unless there is effective legislative protection put in place as soon as possible to ensure there is no more erosion of the Park Lands by development, none of the ideas collected by this consultation from responders will have any surety of being implemented.*
- *They are a common heritage, not a bank of cheaply accessible land in the absence of proper State and City planning.*

Looking to the future

There was some commentary about the idea of taking a forward looking or more modern approach to the future of the Park Lands.

This reflected in comments such as:

- *Be bold, imaginative and push the envelope when creating the plan for the Park Lands for Adelaide bicentenary. State and Federal governments may be more willing to provide funds if projects leave a bicentenary "legacy".*
- *The park lands should be developed the way that the New York High Line was developed. Internationally recognised landscape architects created a beautiful, biologically diverse park which now attracts millions of visitors. The parklands need*

this kind of active approach. It is not enough just to advocate 'preserving' large swathes of unplanned, unstructured and undeveloped parkland.

- *It is long overdue for the parklands to join Adelaide in the 21st century, and a solid development strategy unhindered by residents and unhinged councillors, while at the same time refusing a poisonous partnership with "private interests", is a necessity.*
- *Let's let go of the obsession with Light's vision of what the parklands were required for in the 19th century. We need a master plan for the 21st century and beyond which will retain the best aspects of this tremendous asset but also allow and encourage a wider range of uses to make the Park Lands a true destination as opposed to an under-utilised green belt for the CBD.*
- *Don't be afraid to commercialise. The cafe in Rundle park, tree climb, zoo, the botanic gardens as well as events like light cycles are great examples of how it can be done.*

Free, open and public

Ensuring the Park Lands remain open, free and public was a further theme as reflected in comments such as:

- *They are unique and command our respect, keep them for free public use.*
- *Keep our parklands open, green and public!*
- *It must remain in the public hands & not be sold off to private developers.*
- *I strongly believe the parklands should forever be public space, with limited to no permanent private businesses.*
- *Minimise development, should be maintained as public space with minimal commercial activity aside from existing festivals such as Fringe Festival.*

No change

Several comments indicated satisfaction with the current Park Lands situation and did not want to see any changes:

- *Basically keep them as they are.*
- *Keep up the good work!*
- *They are great. Doing well, keep it up."*
- *The parklands are great as they are and need no changes other than not being blocked off to the public so often. Change for just changes sake does not need to occur when something is already beautiful and doesn't need alteration or upgrade.*

Governance

Other comments focussed on issues of governance or management:

- *The area of the Parklands is too big to be managed successfully by the ACC. It's like an overcoat that's too big.*
- *The Adelaide Park Lands have no future as open, green and public parks unless the management structure changes to a trust and there is honest endeavour by politicians to preserve their uniqueness.*
- *The main issue with the Park Lands and the Management Strategy itself is that neither the State Government nor the City Council is bound by it. The Park Lands are continually plundered for public buildings that could have been built on other CBD or near-city sites. The Park Lands need much more effective legal protection. It is far too easy for the Government of the day to ransack desired sites, as if the Park Lands*

were merely vacant building allotments. There is no effective protection within the Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 and no effective limit to the continued erosion.

[Video](#) on the Park Lands responses

Themes:

- An asset to Adelaide CBD.
- Great for mental health and improves quality of life.
- Close to travel to.

Verbatim comments:

How do you use, or what do you like about the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	I use the Park Lands recreationally. I play for some sporting teams like the CBC Old Collegians. So we, that's our home ground there so basically, we play there once a fortnight and we train there as well.	Sporting and recreational use
2	Luckily, I live in the CBD, so I have plenty of options, like all around so that's beautiful. I think that's one of the most beautiful things of Adelaide.	CBD asset
3	It's definitely events like the Illumination stuff that they did for a while. Like that was amazing.	Events
4	They're beautiful and I can use them they're just an amenity that improves my quality of life and my mental health	Health and wellbeing benefits

Do the Park Lands make Adelaide more liveable?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Yes absolutely.	
2	I grew up in the country, and it's there's aspects of living in the country that you can have in Adelaide very easily.	Health and wellbeing benefits
3	I think it's great that we've actually got them. We need them.	CBD asset
4	I think this is one of the biggest good points of Adelaide	CBD asset
5	What's really great about Adelaide is that we do have the Park Lands which surrounds the city. So if you kind of want to get some fresh air or go for a walk, you really don't have to travel too far.	Proximity from the CBD
6	Well I think it's very important for like I don't know mental health to have parks around.	Health and wellbeing benefits

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Written submissions

Seven written submissions were received via email.

Email Submission 1: North Adelaide Society

The North Adelaide Society submitted the following correspondence. This includes the advice that the attached copy of their submission to the Park Lands Leases and Licences Policy (dated 14 June 2022) formed part of and should be read in conjunction with their current submission.



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Dear Alison Ackland

SUBMISSION – Consultation – City of Adelaide
Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS)

Please accept this letter as the submission of The North Adelaide Society Inc. (TNAS) concerning the "Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS)"

TNAS notes that:

- Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority is the principal advisor to Adelaide City Council and the State Government on the protection, management, enhancement, and promotion of the Adelaide Park Lands.
- The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) identifies the actions, projects and 'big moves' that set the future direction of the Park Lands. The management of the APLMS is one of Kadaltilla's key responsibilities under the Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005.
- The current APLMS is a 104 page document with 29 strategies and 165 actions covering a broad range of technical planning content.
- The APLMS must in its intent, expression and operation in all respects be committed to the protection and enhancement of the Park Land as a globally recognised park system which surrounds and permeates the city and remains central to its identity for all time.

TNAS makes some general comments about the future of the Park Lands and the impact of the Park Lands on North Adelaide.

Activation

There appears to be an assumption in the consultation process, including questions in the survey, that the Park Lands primarily have value if they are used. There is a strong focus in the current strategy on activities in the Park Lands and visitor numbers.

TNAS support a view that is touched on in the current strategy, that the primary value of the Park Lands is as protected open green space, and therefore the Park Lands value exists whether they are actively used. TNAS submits that they are 'actively always used'. Indeed everyday tens of thousands of people move through the Park Land while travelling to and from the City Centre, which provides an uplifting natural vista and landscape that would not otherwise be available.

This value includes:

- Reducing heat by protecting trees, helping to mitigate the Urban Heat Island effect of surrounding urban areas due to increased urbanisation and density within the Adelaide CBD and North Adelaide in the last few years
- Supporting biodiversity of plants and animals, and ensuring ongoing planting to replace trees and land lost to development
- Ensuring there is open space for residents of nearby high density developments which increasingly have less private open space.

Development

As the Park Lands have value as open space for the outdoor and active use and enjoyment of the public, they should not be carved up into lots by further development including buildings, fencing, physical structures or barriers, and car parking.

The Park Lands should always be accessible to the public and any amendments to the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) should restrict the Council or State Government from closing off Park Lands to public access.

Future structures should be of short-term temporary duration, and only to be considered in extremely limited exceptional circumstances of overwhelming and unarguably established public and community benefit and interest (as opposed to a private or commercial interest), and if there is no other reasonably available option.

All cases of eligibility and activity sought to be permitted through leases and licences should be the subject of independent objectively assessed criteria related to public and parklands benefit, commensurate with the extent, nature, and impact of the proposed activity.

Lead times for construction of temporary structures and return of Park Lands to their previous state should be minimalised where possible.

No increase in footprint

Generally, there is little or no issue with encouraging (non-profit) community and sporting events that take place on Park Land space where that is conducive to the Park Land setting and is generally of an ad hoc or temporary nature.

Commercial activities of a nature and scope that requires exclusion from public access or an Act of Parliament are quite a different matter. For example, in an increasingly carbon and environmentally sensitive world, the exclusive Clipsal 500 Event cannot reasonably be deemed to be sensitive to the Park Lands as parklands.

The choice of 3 sites on Park Land space for the re-build/new build of the Adelaide Aquatic Centre needs to be questioned, reviewed and rejected. Construction on Park Land space involves the destruction of trees and the natural environment and destroys the 'balance with nature, to nurture' which is role of the Park Lands. This is a major construction on Park Land space which should not be permitted to proceed.

Low impact compatible design

This is a very contentious issue. Every proposed structure ought to be the subject of third-party objective consideration in combination with community consultation. There ought to be an appropriate accountability process, eg., a plebiscite or accessible rights of review, to ensure that the 'suitable scale' applicable to the location can be assessed and, if applicable, conciliated to ensure any such structure is both compatible with settings and of suitable scale and location.

Often it is government that seeks to make use of Park Land for non-parklands purposes. Without wishing to condone such use, any such use ought to be conditional on design demonstrating world leading ecological architecture; and the government ought to be required to pay an equivalence annual leasehold amount (based on land value of adjacent commercial zone land) into a Park Land fund to support rehabilitation and expansion parkland use.

Health and Wellbeing

The COVID-19 Pandemic demonstrated the value of open space in urbanised environments, enabling people to spread out through social distancing and still enjoy the health, including mental health, benefits of being outdoors, in nature, walking or exercising.

Also, the many thousands of people who drive through the Park Lands every day gain benefit from the view of green, open space and natural environments of trees and plants which is enriching and beneficial to wellbeing.

The push by Council to increase density within the CBD and North Adelaide is short sighted and shows a lack of imagination regarding sustainable population and economic growth, ignoring the potential for infill and growth across metropolitan and regional areas.

If Council continue to force greater density on the residents of North Adelaide and other low density residential parts of the city, then the Park Lands become even more vital for residents' health and wellbeing.

Identity

The current APLMS indicates how the Park Lands are unique and part of the Adelaide and South Australian identity.

It therefore beggars belief that there should be a constant threat to this most valuable asset.

Most recently parts of the Park Lands were excised for expansion of the Botanic Park High School even though land or buildings within commercial or built form precincts is available.

Stronger protections must be put in place to ensure further Park Lands are not lost to development.

Retain natural and ecologically diverse environment

To retain an eco-friendly environment, it is important to keep the natural landscape of the Park Lands intact and to return degraded areas to parkland. To keep our Park Lands healthy and sustainable we should limit the disturbances to them and provide a place for them to thrive.

- To achieve and maintain that we should prohibit building/construction within the Parklands.
- Granting leases or licences to enterprises that involve building/construction on Park Lands should not be granted – this will also eliminate the removal of trees within Park Land areas to make way for construction/buildings. To do otherwise is to diminish the Park Lands.
- The following is espoused but is too often honoured in the breach by the ACC which is supposed to be the guardian of the Park Land.¹

"Designed in balance with nature, to nurture. The Adelaide Park Lands are the largest inner urban park system in Australia. Nationally Heritage listed for their unique design which cocoons the city and creates the world's only 'city in a Park', they are the city's lungs, backyard, playground, meeting space and more. A big backyard. Spanning over 760 hectares, the Adelaide Park Lands provide a space where residents and visitors alike can enjoy healthy and balanced living through sport and exercise, recreation, and relaxation. A total of 29 Parks and 6 city squares all with an array of different features, facilities and biodiverse ecosystems combine to form the people's Park Lands."

Leases and Licences

TNAS recently (14/6/22) made a submission about proposed changes to the Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy which is attached. While it addresses that Policy, it also includes other substantive considerations that are pertinent to the policy and implementation matters central to consideration of the APLMS. The **attachment** thus forms part of and is to be read with this submission.

In summary our comments on the lease and licence policy included:

- Lack of a strategic objective for the policy
- Concern about significant parts of the Park Lands being closed off to the public because of leases and licences, including some long term in duration

¹ Governments too often use 'public good' and 'public interest' to alienate Park Land (less so in the 1980s when alienated land was returned), which devalues the generational and cultural public good and public interest in retaining Park Land as parklands.

- Concern about car parking on Park Lands (grass areas)
- The Park Lands should exist as a natural and ecologically diverse environment
- Concern about granting of liquor licences adjacent to residential areas
- There should be no increase in the footprint of development on the Park Lands.

Lease Duration

The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) should limit the maximum term of leases to not exceed 5 years, with a right of renewal of not more than up to a further 5 years. The maximum term of any lease or licence granted by the City of Adelaide should not exceed 10 years in all instances. The maximum term consequent on an Act of Parliament ought not exceed a maximum of 20 years.

Renewal of any lease should be subject to 'fit and proper' lease / licensee tests related to ecological, park land and local residential and business community sensitivity assessment by a disinterested independent third party.

The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) should ensure that in no instance should any unsolicited expression of interest for a lease or licence over Park Land be considered under any circumstances.

- The Park Lands should always be accessible to the South Australian public ...and belong in perpetuity not to any single generation but rather to the future generations of the people of Adelaide and South Australia. Each generation should leave the Park Lands better as parklands than the generation before.
- State governments and their agencies have been amongst the most alienating of entities, with some notable exceptions when significant tracts of Park Land were returned to public access and use. The Park Lands are a scarce and limited resource; they do not belong to the government and their agencies. Private land ought to be acquired by governments for public infrastructure and services in preference to leases or licences that will shrink the Park Lands or alienate land from publicly accessible parklands.

Other

TNAS also remarks about two other matters.

- The map provided on the YourSay webpage. While the map is useful, we respectfully suggest that it is misleading in its presentation. The Park Lands are coloured 'green' yet much of what is 'green' is not in fact greenery or natural form, it is built form or hard surfaces. A more factual representation of what is 'green' and of natural form that is available for free public access and use as parklands within the area delineated as "Park Land" and what is not would be a more realistic and, we say, honest representation of the reality of what is called the Adelaide Park Land. To do otherwise is to put form over substance.
- TNAS notes and commends to your consideration the InDaily report (1/09/2022, 'Environmental challenge': Govt concern over trees axed for housing. Again, TNAS notes the considerable inconsistency between the verbiage and conduct when it comes to

retaining, regaining, and rejuvenating Park Land vegetation and canopy in place of built form and hard surfaces. TNAS urges that all concerned 'walk the talk', which would be a welcome change in local and state governance.

Please note that TNAS does not have the resources to address the full extent of minutiae of the draft policy and consequential matters. Unlike Precinct Groups that are funded by the City Council, local community based groups such as TNAS regrettably do not receive that level of support. This submission is to be read in that light. The absence of comment on a topic or aspect of the APLMS is not to be read as condonation.

TNAS reserves the right to clarify or address any misapprehension that might arise from this submission and reserves its copyright of the content of this submission.

Please note that many members of TNAS who would otherwise make an individual submission instead rely on a submission being made by TNAS.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Please kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

The North Adelaide Society Inc. (est. 1970)

(electronic signature)

Attached: TNAS 14/6/2022 submission re Proposed Changes to the Parklands Lease and Licence Policy



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Dear Mr Scheuboeck

SUBMISSION – Consultation – City of Adelaide
Proposed Changes to the Parklands Lease and Licence Policy

Please accept this letter as the submission of The North Adelaide Society Inc. (TNAS) concerning the “Draft City of Adelaide Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy”.

TNAS notes that:

- *The Parklands Lease and Licence Policy review is being undertaken to inform the process for how leases and licences will be granted in the Park Lands and what can occur in the Adelaide Park Lands and where.*
- *The ACC “Your Say Adelaide” page dealing with this review includes elements of the draft Policy that, if adopted, will result in changes to the way existing lease and licence areas are managed.*
- *The Policy will also provide a starting point to commence lease negotiations by identifying what the high-level terms and conditions of a lease or licence should be (i.e., rent, permitted use, length of tenure, and other obligations relating to the building and or land).*
- *The proposed new policy does not change what is allowed on the Park Lands, it is confined only to the procedure for granting leases and licences.*

Please note that TNAS respectfully submits that to confine this policy to “procedure” is a non sequitur. A procedure is dependent on the clarity of intent in the management of the subject matter the subject of the procedure, which management is dependent on the clarity of the intent and objectives of the subject

matter being managed. They are, with all due respect, inter-dependent; to do otherwise is to 'put the cart before the horse' or indeed 'to have no cart'.

Without wishing to reflect on any individual/s within the Administration, TNAS respectfully conveys its fundamental concern that the Adelaide City Council lacks credibility in respect of its consultation and its lack of due consideration of consultation conducted. That is most obviously exemplified by its failure to discharge its endorsed approach to 62 – 100 O'Connell Street vis a vis maximum height limit; and more recently in relation to the representation review about which the Electoral Commissioner made adverse findings, including that the Corporation of the City of Adelaide did not complete the representation review in accordance with the requirements of section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Nonetheless, in the spirit of community concern about the failure of this City Council to conduct itself as a true custodian of the Park Lands, TNAS makes this brief submission in the hope that at least the staff of the Administration will take it into consideration.

Strategic objectives

The draft lease and licence policy does not identify its strategic objective. It is not sufficient or adequate to assert a procedure *sans* strategic objective.

- First and foremost, the strategic objective of a Park Lands lease and licence policy is to ensure that the permitted activities the subject of a lease or licence must accord – rather than merely be “consistent” – with the Park Lands as an ecology of open parklands for the passive, outdoor and active use, and enjoyment of the public without exclusion, fencing, physical structures, or barriers, and without degradation of the Park Lands as parklands.

A lease or licence policy that contemplates permitting a physical ecologically sensitive structure/s within the Park Lands ought to be explicit about exclusion of structures, and alternatively minimization or of short-term temporary duration, which is only to be considered in very limited exceptional circumstances of overwhelming and unarguably established public and community benefit and interest (as opposed to a private or commercial interest), and if there is no other reasonably available option. All cases of eligibility and activity sought to be permitted should be the subject of independent objectively assessed criteria related to public and parklands benefit, commensurate with the extent, nature, and impact of the proposed activity.

- Due to the number of licences and leases granted by the City of Adelaide a significant part of the Park Lands is closed off to the public.
- The Park Lands should always be accessible to the public and the changes to this Policy enable the Council to close off even more public access to Park Land space.
- The “eligibility” and “permitted activities” statement is weighted towards commercialisation and exclusion rather than emphasizing public and community benefit, non-exclusive use, and non-

duplication of services available in nearby main streets or service centres.

- The ever-growing lack of access by the public to their Park Lands by the granting of leases and licences without credible stringent public interest and overwhelming public benefit tests, is not acceptable.
 - Licensees have the first option to use a Park Lands site, and the public can only use the area when the licensee is not using it. (Many sports fields throughout the Park Lands are licensed in this way).
 - Leases are even more restrictive as they are typically granted over buildings or fenced grounds in the Park Lands, so that the lessee can always prohibit access to the building (or area), with fences and locked doors or gates.
 - Only paying members or customers are allowed entry.
 - Leases can also be granted over substantial areas to restrict public access. "... the Park Lands should..... 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. ...".

Parking

- The extent of current car parking in Leased and Licenced areas is problematic.
- Parking and demand for parking, should not be permitted or expanded to any extent on Leased and Licenced areas.
 - An increase in the number of sporting and other events on which existing parking areas are to be used, especially on grassed areas, is unacceptable.
 - Events held in Licensed and Leased areas within the Park Lands that enable parking on public land is not acceptable.

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visitors alike can enjoy healthy and balanced living through sport and exercise, recreation, and relaxation. A total of 29 Parks and 6 city squares all with an array of different features, facilities and biodiverse ecosystems combine to form the people's Park Lands."

No alcohol adjacent to residential

- There is currently consideration given to the granting of limited liquor licenses to support the activities of sporting organisations; this is not seen as a conducive use of Park Land and should be discouraged or proscribed. Alternatively, any permission should be strictly limited to single event use with limited hours and scope of operation.
 - *Impact of the consumption of alcohol by sporting bodies using licensed/leased areas within the Park Lands can have an impact on adjacent areas of residential land use and local business services. These impacts can include noise, vehicle impacts, and other negative impacts to residents and the loss of business to adjacent or nearby ratepayers.*

Low impact structures to be minimised & compatible with settings

- This matter is addressed through the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, which states that sports buildings must, in general, be of high design standards and complement the Park Lands setting (including suitable scale and location).
 - *This is a very contentious issue and ought to be the subject of third party objective consideration in combination with community consultation and plebiscite to ensure that the 'suitable scale' applicable to the location can be assessed and, if applicable, conciliated to ensure any such structure is both compatible with settings and of suitable scale and location.*

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No increase in footprint.

- Encouraging and balancing a wide variety of varying uses including sports, events, cultural activities, and informal recreation which are sensitive to the landscape.
 - *Generally, there is little or no issue with encouraging (non-profit) community and sporting events that take place on Park Land space where that is conducive to the Park Land setting and is generally of an ad hoc or temporary nature.*
 - *Commercial activities of a nature and scope that requires exclusion from public access or an Act of Parliament are quite a different matter. For example, in an increasingly carbon and environmentally sensitive world, the exclusive Clipsal 500 Event cannot reasonably be deemed to be sensitive to the Park Lands as parklands.*

Transparency

- One of the more significant changes to the Lease and Licencing Policy is intended to facilitate more community use of areas that are leased or licensed. However, the proposed changes ought not to be capable of being sidestepped, diminished, or avoided, which can occur if there is not sufficient transparency of policy and process.
 - *With all due respect, the credibility and objectivity of administrative assessment and decision-making has been severely diminished in recent times, so much so that there is increasingly an apparent opaqueness as between the respective roles and responsibilities as between the administration and council. That is regrettable and hopefully not irretrievable, but nonetheless a reality that impacts on the establishment and implementation of policy. It is unclear how the public would be assured that the Council administration was acting in accordance with this policy intent, nor whether any plans or proposals submitted to the Administration or City Council would be made public for consultation before any decision is made.*

Concluding Comments

The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy establishes many aspirational and appropriate objectives, which ought both to be expressly reflected in this draft policy and applied in decision-making in its implementation. That will not occur without it being elucidated as such.

The Park Lands as an iconic space and a unique city signature of immeasurable value for current and future generations of the people of Adelaide and South Australia ought not to be incrementally diminished or eroded by the exigencies of convenience and ad hoc decisions about leases or licences.

The freedom of the public to use and move through the Park Lands and benefit from its natural environment will remain under constant threat absent clarity of purpose, expressly stated strategic objectives and intent, and balanced criteria and process in considering the grant of leases and licences over Park Land.

The Park Lands, interested communities, and the public deserve more than what might be viewed as a discombobulated cursory consideration by a City Council whose focus might merely be reduced to fees and charges to be collected and vested commercial interests of the moment. Rather, a more holistic approach in the interests of the future of the Park Lands should both underpin and find form and effect in this revised draft Park Lands lease and licence policy.

Finally, please note that TNAS does not have the resources to address the full extent of minutiae of the draft policy and consequential matters. Unlike Precinct Groups that are funded by the City Council, local community based groups such as TNAS do not receive that level of support. This submission is to be read in that light and the absence of comment on a topic or aspect of the draft is not to be read as condonation.

TNAS reserves the right to correct any typo or omission, and to clarify or address any misapprehension that might arise from this submission. It reserves its copyright in the content of this submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Please kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

The North Adelaide Society Inc. (est. 1970)

(electronic signature)

Key themes from the above submission

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Value	Recognise the broader value of the Park Lands as protected open space, e.g. in reducing urban heat, supporting biodiversity and providing green space – i.e. not activation value alone.	Current APLMS recognises the value of the Park Lands however consideration could be given to ensuring it is emphasised in the vision	◆
Access	Limit any restrictions to public access to the Park Lands	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●
Development	Permit new structures only for community/ public benefit and if temporary/ short term in nature.	Aligns with strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park settings</i>	●
Footprint	Do not allow further commercial developments that increase the urban footprint in the Park Lands (e.g. Aquatic Centre & Clipsal 500 event)	Aligns with strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park settings</i> Includes action to undertake a program of building consolidation, enhancement and development to ensure that all buildings achieve (among other matters) the least possible footprint and floor area whilst ensuring facilities are fit for purpose Includes action to only permit commercial services to operate where they provide community benefit and support outdoor recreational use of the Park Lands	●
Development	Provide the opportunity for third party input into the design of proposed structures	Engagement on Park Lands matters is undertaken in accord with Council's Community Consultation Policy	●
Wellbeing	Role of the Park Lands in health, wellbeing and social activity	Aligns with strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i> Further consideration to additional context (contemporary) in the APLMS could be given	◆
Protection	Protect the Park Lands from development (e.g. Botanic High expansion)	The Park Lands is defined by the Park Lands Plan and afforded protections as per the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i> Further consideration to the protection of the Park Lands will be given	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Landscape	Retain the natural landscape and return degraded areas to Park Land	Aligns with actions included in Memorable and Distinctive Places and Welcoming and Attractive Places with respect to both landscape and return of alienated spaces to Park Lands.	◆
Leases & Licences	The draft Lease and Licence Policy and concerns in relation to access, car parking, biodiversity, liquor licences and extent of developments. Limit duration of leases in the Park Lands	Draft Leasing and Licensing Policy is yet to be endorsed by Council The maximum term for which Council may grant a lease or licence is governed by the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i>	◆

Email Submission 2: South West City Community Association Inc

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Help Shape the Future of the Adelaide Park Lands

Dear Alison,

Your Say: Help Shape the Future of the Park Lands Attachment to Submission due by 5pm Friday 2 September 2022

As we have indicated in our prior submissions to the City of Adelaide (CoA) on other subjects over time, South West City Community Association Inc (SWCCA) was formed in August 2012 to give a voice to the residents and community in the South West corner of the City of Adelaide. In this letter SWCCA will address the overall topic, with specific reference to the views of our community in the South West City.

As SWCCA represents the residents and community members in the South West City with whom we remain in continuous contact, this submission should not be viewed as one, but as many submissions from the concerned people we represent. **However, if CoA continues to view this as one submission, we at least wish that it to be counted as 6, being the number of the Committee of Management of SWCCA.**

The Your Say Consultation

SWCCA remains unhappy that CoA is relying on this antiquated and flawed consultation process. As we provide our feedback by letter, we are aware that our comments will not be recorded in the spreadsheets and flowcharts generated by the consultation form. Further, as our email address is used to send the response to Your Say for SWCCA, the system used by CoA will not allow other submissions from the same email address, and as a result we, as individuals, are not able to provide our comments online.

The Your Say Submission Form

In an effort to have our community's comments recorded in the survey information gathered by Your Say, below we have addressed the questions and recorded the results raised by the form. Please note that this information has been gathered from community members in the south west city during conversations about the Park Lands, and represents their views.

Q1 What are the main activities that you undertake in the Adelaide Park Lands?

- a) Informal recreation e.g. walk, run, bicycle, scooter, walk dog, visit dog park, visit playgrounds, or skate parks, operate drone or model aircraft, relax/ connect with nature
- b) Formal recreation e.g. participate in organised sport (games or training), take outdoor fitness classes such as boot camp, yoga, tai chi
- c) Attend events/ festivals / watch organised sporting events
- d) Socialise with family, friends, colleagues e.g. picnics, BBQs
- e) As part of commute to work/ study location

- f) I do not use the Park Lands
 g) Other (please specify) -

There were numerous responses, and they were diverse, for all of the questions except for: “f) I do not use the Park Lands”. However, there may be others not canvassed who do not use the Park Lands.

For responses to “g) Other (please specify)”: the following activities were mentioned.

- Volunteer gardening work/visiting at Walyo Yarta Community Garden and the verge garden around Whitmore Square (this includes volunteers and local schools). Our city squares are also Park Lands.
- Attending community events including Walyo Yarta Open Days, SWCCA’s Christmas picnic and others.
- Gatherings of special interest groups to practice Tai Chi or to play musical instruments together, or playing Petanque on the piste in Park 21W.
- People go into Park Lands to pick up litter, either as part of formal Program such as “Adopt a Park” or as individuals keen to keep Park Lands looking their best.

Q2 Compared to five years ago, do you visit the Adelaide Park Lands:

- a) More often
 b) Less often
 c) About as often
 d) I have been visiting the Park Lands for less than five years
 e) I do not visit the Park Lands
 f) Other (please specify)

Again, there were several responses, but on average the main response was “a) More often”. When investigated this was mainly due to:-

- Informal exercise and “outdoor time” during COVID restrictions, which have continued to today.
- Connections formed with like-minded people with similar interests, and meeting with them in the Park Lands to pursue those interests together.
- Recently, more people walking through the Park Lands to access their groceries in the surrounding suburbs due to the closure of Coles and the Central Market Arcade. (We have heard first-hand of the outrage from our South West Community at the loss of the mix of unique and small boutique shops which made up our Arcade, and in particular the recent closure of the Coles Supermarket on Grote Street – the busiest in the Coles stable in South Australia – and although there were a number of years planning this venture during which an alternative temporary venue could have been investigated, this was not addressed by CoA until too late.)

Q3 Describe one SMALL change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often.

Suggestions included:-

- More trees
- More seats under trees
- Picnic tables, BBQ facilities
- Pet bubblers
- More ‘natural’ pathways (no bitumen or enlarged entry points) to discover new areas of the Park Lands.

- Hire more gardeners

Q4 Describe one MAJOR change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often.

There were several responses from those canvassed including the following:-

- More lighting to make the Park Lands safer to visit or walk through at night.
- Return bitumen areas to grass and trees (for example the old disused netball courts in Edwards Park in Park 23).
- Provide a new free connector bus route using North, South, East and West Terraces to connect people to all areas of the Park Lands.

Q5 How do you think the Adelaide Park Lands need to change in order to adapt to climate change?

By and large when we talk to our people in the South West City, they tell us they are unaware of any direct measures affecting the Park Lands which would impact on Climate Change, so the feedback was that more should be done.

As the Park Lands are the lungs of the City, and becoming more important to people finding themselves in a high-density living environment, more trees were suggested often, and queries raised on whether the large grassed areas were being watered by standard or reclaimed water.

There was a push to leave some bushland to attract local fauna back to the Park Lands, with trees and under-storey which, by and large, did not require extensive watering and maintenance.

We note CoA's 2022/23 budget allowed for \$2.6M under the heading 'Environmental Sustainability', but as this amount was to cover many topics in the Budget document, it makes minimal provision for greening as the most basic of remedies. We also noted that the expenditure figure on Park Lands and Open Spaces has fallen from what was in the Budget from the prior year. This will not assist with sustainability measures.

Q6 Do you think smart technology could improve the future of the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?

The examples given in the Form found favour, however there were questions raised about the example of recording visitor numbers and how this would be relevant to improving the future of the Park Lands, except perhaps for bragging rights. For instance, one person asked "are the visitors on holiday from overseas? Why record them and ask them what they would like to see in the Adelaide Park Lands when they may never come back?" There was curiosity about how visitors would be recorded and, if electronically, there was an aversion to facial mapping devices.

One queried: Can technology help to identify which trees or parts of the Park Lands need watering; or where there are leaks in underground pipes? That would be useful.

Also: will technology be focused on studying the increase (or decrease) of biodiversity? Many would think this more important than counting how many people attended a sporting club.

Q7 Has the pandemic changed the way you use the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?

Refer to the response to Q2 a) above. We found a number of people discovered the Park Lands for the first time during the Pandemic and were pleasantly surprised, especially those who were living in high-

rise apartments with no access to gardens or open space. Others rediscovered it and made use of it during this time.

Families found that visiting the Park Lands during COVID was a good way to get their children into the fresh air and to allow them to run around and enjoy the open space. Several indicated they discovered the Princess Elizabeth Playground on South Terrace during their walks, and now groups of families meet there often to connect and socialize while their children play.

Q8 Which is your favourite park within the Adelaide Park Lands? Why?

There was no clear favourite, although some preferred the part of the Park Lands closest to their home.

One attribute of the Park Lands is the diverse nature of various parts of the Park Lands, so whatever their preference there would always be an opportunity to visit each of the parks making up the Park Lands, even those further away, to discover and enjoy the diversity.

One member of the community particularly mentioned and praised the bushland feel of the triangular section of Park 21 West adjacent to South Terrace, and also the area adjoining and immediately south of the Cemetery in Park 23, and others agreed. We were advised that to wander into these areas gives them a sense of appreciation that this environment is so easily available to city dwellers and visitors, and such a unique feature for a park in a city.

Q9. The vision of the 2015-25 Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy is:

The Adelaide Park Lands will be a globally recognised park system which surrounds and permeates our city and is central to our identity

Describe your desired vision of what the Adelaide Park Lands will look like in 2037, the bicentenary of their proclamation.

Some of our concerns and those of our community are as follows:-

Expansion of various developments into the Park Lands: We find this very worrying, when we are aware that CoA emphasizes the importance of the Park Lands to the City of Adelaide. From time to time, we hear that there has not been any net loss to the area of the Park Lands. However, we cannot remember when any redundant development or facility is returned to grassland with trees. It seems the World Heritage Listing as Adelaide City being "a city within a park" is under serious threat, and this continues each year as more of the Park Lands are whittled away.

For instance, we note that **Adelaide Botanic High School** is being expanded further into the Park Lands, with not a lot of fanfare. Also, the **Walker Tower**, a commercial enterprise and monstrous office tower, should never have been approved on Park Lands, but should have been located in the CBD.

So many other commercial developments have been mooted over time. We have seen various projections for what to build on Park Lands over the years some of which included:-

- A Helicopter Pad/Terminal for joy-rides over the City and to the Barossa Valley;
- In addition to the 2 recent 5-star hotels built at the Casino and the Oval, another high-rise international hotel in Park 27;
- The concept of building residential apartments on Park Lands overlooking the Torrens;
- The Crows Football facility at the Aquatic Centre (at the moment now going to Thebarton Oval);

- Recently, near the new RAH, the proposed sport stadium and car park to service it and the new Women's and Children's Hospital site.

Aquatic centre: with reference to this land grab, the State Government (*reported in the Advertiser, 3 June 2022*) announced that:-

- It would be taking over the replacement of the Aquatic Centre;
- A working group had been established to investigate the construction of the new facility;
- It had met with CoA staff to "discuss the project";
- \$82.4M would be provided over the next 4 years; and
- Treasurer Stephen Millighan said "We will take it off the hands of the council, rebuild it and run it as a government facility".

Either the CoA is the custodian of the Park Lands or it is not. Again, the State Government is making a compulsory acquisition of another piece of the Park Lands on which to build a new Aquatic Centre, which it will run and enjoy the revenue it generates, and there is little or no guarantee that the site of the existing facility will be returned to Park Lands.

Car Parking on the Park Lands: the 2022/23 Budget allocated an expenditure of \$26.5M on parking and yet the spend on Park Lands and Open Spaces was less. In the Budget document there was a Business Activity described as "Deliver Park Land parking to support events in the Park Lands." We took this to mean temporary parking for temporary events, which is endorsed by most as a sensible thing to do. However, what we have observed when walking about in the various Parks there are now many permanent (bitumen) car parks appearing on the Park Lands, seemingly used by commuters to the City, and this is increasing almost on an annual basis. CoA and Kadaltilla should be making every effort to retain, preserve and enhance the Park Lands, not commit so much of it to bitumen.

Conclusion

We understand that this consultation has been undertaken to seek information from the general public about what directions should be pursued in updating the Adelaide Park Lands Strategy and to collect suggestions from them on what they would like to see in the Park Lands. To this end we have provided what we have found. However, as with other consultations, we believe that the messages will change to suit and fit in with the outcome originally sought by the protagonists.

CoA's recent Business Plan and Budget 2022/23 provided that a large expenditure amount was earmarked to go to sports and recreation. It would depend on what people believe "sports and recreation" actually means. For instance, those in a sport club would immediately convert this phrase into ovals/courts/playing fields/facilities/clubrooms and parking, whereas others would consider "sports" as just a part of "recreation", which in turn could mean pleasing solitary pursuits or gatherings to enjoy the company of their community and friends, or picnics, or celebrations, and generally the pursuit of non-sport activities.

There have been a number of times when our community members have lamented the fact that they feel excluded from Park Lands containing ovals or other sporting facilities, and as a result, they will not visit those areas.

The residents and our community in general have already been impacted heavily by the introduction of the Planning and Design Code, along with other legislation, for example that which allows for a loose definition of 'infrastructure' to mean "build anything on the Park Lands" and no-one will stop you. This

has allowed various State Governments to rezone vast tracts of the Park Lands on which developers can build.

By far the most urgent matter is providing proper effective protection of the Park Lands from eager developers working through the State Government of the day, and to change the presumption that the Park Lands offer land for development without having to pay for it. We feel the people of South Australia will be paying for it in years to come. Unless and until we can have firm and adequate legislative protection of the Park Lands, they will continue to be eaten away by the next brilliant idea.

Infrastructure, projects and 'activation' are eroding the Park Lands at an alarming rate. The consensus is that our community wants to see the Park Lands preserved and enhanced with increased vegetation.

Yours faithfully,
Susan Collins
Chair, South West City Community Association Inc

Key themes from the above submission

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Amenity	Improve amenity: more trees, seats, picnic facilities, pet bubblers, natural pathways	Facilities are comprehensively addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
Lighting	Improve lighting provision	Lighting is comprehensively addressed through a big move and multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
Landscape	Return hard surfaces to green space (e.g. Edwards Park)	Aligns with strategy 5.1 <i>Ensure the values of the National Heritage listing are protected and promoted</i> Includes the action to ensure no further alienation of the Park Lands and facilitate the return of alienated land back to Park Lands wherever possible	◆
Landscape	Retain areas of natural bushland	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●
Access	Provide a new, free connector bus to Park Lands	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.7 <i>Improve public transport services and supporting infrastructure in the Park Lands</i> Further consideration to Council operated services could be given	◆
Technology	Use technology to monitor watering regimes, changes in biodiversity	Further consideration will be given of the role of technology in maintenance	■
Protection	Threat of further developments and their incursions on the Park Lands	Further consideration to the protection of the Park Lands will be given	◆
Car Parking	Reduce the extent of permanent parking within the Park Lands	Aligns with strategy 2.8 <i>Provide car parking on and adjacent to the Park Lands only where need has been demonstrated and no reasonable alternative exists</i> APLMS aims to reduce car parking on the Park Lands by 5% in the period to 2025	●
Activities	Sports and recreation include passive as well as active pursuits	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes.</i> Further consideration of promoting the 'quieter' opportunities offered by the Park Lands	◆

Email Submission 3

“It would be far-sighted and practical to revive the plan to close Rundle Road and expand the park land, but it would need to be done in a sophisticated and considerate way.

Rundle Park and Rymill Park are now regular venues for various events, including Gluttony and the Garden of Unearthly Delights, which is great for the east end traders and getting people into the city but there are consequences to which the ACC and event organizers seem to be oblivious.

The most significant consequence is compromising the significance and value of the parks. Setting up structures, conducting the event, dismantling structures and restoring the park ground takes months and is totally antipathetic to the purpose of the parks. Not to mention the ugly alienating fences that surround the park and completely prevent any access or thoroughfare for the duration.

Another consequence is the detrimental impact on adjacent and nearby residents, most of whom moved to this location before the parks were converted to disrupting and noisy entertainment venues, and none of whom were ever consulted about the effect of these uses of the park lands.

But there is a solution! Close Rundle Road, convert its use to the larger venues which can be erected and dismantled without harm to the environment, set up noisy activities away from residential areas, keep the actual park open and accessible with markets, stalls, activities and shows that do not require huge fences, and create spaces full of friendly and engaging ambience.

Am I dreaming? What happens now is appalling – it could be so much better.

Oh, and convert the North Terrace intersection so that it is easy to for vehicles to turn right and access Dequetteville Terrace.”

Key theme from the above submission

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Events	Close Rundle Road to create a permanent space for larger events	Aligned with strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i> Consideration could be given to the design of a permanent event space in the Park Lands	◆

Email Submission 4

“I wonder why the Adelaide city council goes once more to the expense of spending money on a campaign to find out what people want to happen with the parklands, the answer is plain and simple. KEEP IT AS IT WAS INTENDED. DO NOT BUILD ON IT. DO NOT TREAT IT AS A FREE LAND RESOURCE. It is not 'spare' unused land on which to build schools, car parks, sports facilities, hotels, soccer ovals private school sports facilities, basket ball courts, and the like, these are all exclusive use facilities which EXCLUDE the majority of the population.

The public have seen these reviews come and go, one after another through the years. The problem is that the feedback the public provide is cherry picked in order to find the few people who agree with the views of the developers and the profit driven Councillors to provide them with the necessary information to go ahead with a project. The people who want to keep the parklands are ignored. They are treated as emotionally driven. The truth is most major decisions humans make are based on how the FEEL about something.

The true and accurate numbers of categorised opinions are never known except by those doing the counting.

We need to think in the long term The Parklands should be filled with shade trees walking paths, gardens, interesting decorative sculpture. Safe places for children and dogs, while at the same time ensuring safe corridors for birds insects and wildlife to cohabitate. Other cities manage it.

We have only 75% of the parklands left. By the time the babies of today are grown up and well matured they will not be able to enjoy the Park Lands because they would have gone. They will only be seen in history books. The developers and money centred people would have eaten away at them. All gone.

Save our parklands from commercial enterprises. Save it for South Australians

If in doubt refer to one of the many reviews done on the same question. Refer to the feedback and the impassioned views of the supporters of the Adelaide Parklands.”

Key themes from the above submission

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Buildings	Do not build on the Park Lands – this is not ‘available’ land	The Strategy envisages buildings and infrastructure that support use of the Park Lands for outdoor recreation, but does not support residential, commercial or entertainment facilities	●
Amenity	Plan for future use by enhancing amenity: provide shade, paths, gardens, public art, a biodiverse environment	Facilities are comprehensively addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●

Email Submission 5

“Q1. The Park Lands need to be protected for all South Australians who use the Park Lands, as I do, for individual and family active recreation, and for the flora and fauna that inhabit the Park Lands. We are seeing a worldwide yearning for quiet urban spaces where people can reconnect with nature, where they can enjoy silence, where they can escape the hustle and bustle of the city and feed the soul. The Adelaide Park Lands does meet such a need but the voices clamouring for ‘activation’ through large-scale events and sporting fixtures too often drown out those who ‘activate’ the Park Lands in quieter, less obvious but perhaps more essential (to mental health, for example) ways.

Q2. Compared to five years ago, residents and others are visiting the Park Lands, and in particular Victoria Park more often for informal recreation.

Working through the South East City Residents Association (SECRA) I have advocated for the retention of pre-European vegetation, the creation of the central garden area, the restoration of the heritage grandstand, the planting of trees along Fullarton Road, the recently-completed wetlands, and the relocation of the V8 car race to Taillem Bend.

Q3. One small change that would encourage people to walk in Victoria Park in summer would be increasing the tree canopy along walking paths.

Q4. The major change would be the relocation of the V8 car race out of the Park Lands, and in particular, out of Victoria Park. A five month occupation of Park Lands for a four day event is not a good use of vital open space. With the race gone, the northern section of the Park could be planted out with canopy trees, concrete and hard stand removed and biodiversity increased. There could also be the creation of a mini-wetlands to replace the unsightly concrete drains.

Q5. These changes (small and major) are needed to adapt Victoria Park to climate change.

Q6. If 'smart technology' creates a cooler Victoria Park with more biodiversity then I would support it.

Q7. During the pandemic many more people were using the Park Lands—this was very obvious in Victoria Park— and as a result, are continuing to use the Park Lands for outdoor recreation, catching up with friends in a safe environment, and connecting with nature.

Q8. As a resident in the south-east corner I have a special interest and connection with Victoria Park.

Q9. Desired vision of what the Adelaide Park Lands will look like in 2037:

- There will be no reduction in the area of open space in the Park Lands for individual and family recreation because there will be adequate protection for the Park Lands from government and others who want development or large scale events on what they see as 'free land'.
- A reduction in bitumen and hard stand.
- No car race in the Adelaide Park Lands. If it doesn't go to The Bend it should become a proper street event as is the case in other cities.
- An increase in tree canopy and plantings of Adelaide Plains plant species where needed (and, in particular, in Victoria Park) which will deliver a corresponding increase in small birds and other fauna.
- Better management of the Park Lands natural systems through more resources for City of Adelaide Council horticultural and biodiversity staff, and the creation of a Biodiversity Manager (with teeth) to oversee and regulate all activities in the Park Lands that affect the natural systems.

Q10. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the future of the Adelaide Park Lands?

I do not feel confident about the future of the Park Lands as free, accessible, open space. It seems that many parks are now treated as event spaces which are only accessible to the paying public for much of the year."

Key themes from the above submission

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Protection	Park Lands to be protected as a place for both activity and areas of peace and quiet	The Park Lands is defined by the Park Lands Plan and afforded protections as per the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> (SA)	●
Landscape	Retain pre-European vegetation; create a central garden and plant trees on Fullarton Road edge of Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)	Addressed under the current APLMS section on the Victoria Park Precinct	●
Heritage	Restore the heritage grandstand in Park 16	Addressed under the current APLMS section on Memorable and Distinctive Places	●
Activity	Re-locate the car race in Park 16 to Taillem Bend	The current APLMS refers to the motor race as one of the major events held in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)	●
Landscape	Create another smaller wetland at the northern end of Park 16	Consideration of the creation of further wetlands in other areas of the Park Lands could be given	◆

Email Submission 6

Firstly I need to apologise for missing the Friday deadline for submitting my feedback to you, and hope that you will accept this late submission. I spent the day of your Community Forum (20th August) filming "The Green Belt" - our short film entry into the Nature Festival Film competition. The past week has been madly preparing for "The Green Belt Project" - a community art/ flash mob project for Nature Festival, celebrating the green belt of Adelaide. September seemed a long way off!

My interest in the Park Lands was sparked when I realised how vulnerable and irreplaceable they are (I thank the Crows for that). Since then I have been involved in organising events to highlight how amazing this green belt is:

- 'The Intriguing Trail' Nature Festival 2020, a bike ride circumnavigating the park lands which also celebrated the centenary of the SA Forest League and saw the grandchildren of Hans Heysen and Douglas Mawson planting a gum tree in Park 17,
- 'The Park Lands Project' in 2021, where we showcased the 'Herding Caterpillars' performance, (inspired by Isabella Rossellini's performance of 'Green Porno' at the Adelaide Festival a number of years ago) which we have now turned into an augmented and virtual reality experience for this year's Nature Festival.

I live in Bowden and regularly walk and cycle through the North and Western Park Lands, so my suggestions are tied to this area.

Denise Norton Park/ Pardipardinyalla, Park 2

I understand the new aquatic centre will most likely be built on the SW corner.

I therefore propose that the NW corner be filled with shady walks and picnic spots, art/ sculpture/ mosaics and water features to cool people off. (ie. not to return to green turf).

My reasoning:

1. Demographics:
 - The population of apartment dwellers in the North West (both in Bowden and along Churchill Rd) is growing exponentially (easy walking distance to the Aquatic Centre.)
 - The Northern Expressway will continue to bring many more people into the city, with those coming up Torrens Rd potentially heading straight to the Aquatic Centre on hot days.
2. I understand the existing Aquatic Centre often needs to restrict entry at peak times when it reaches capacity - just when people need to cool off. Surrounding parks with water features/ paddling pools would be a good place to cool off while waiting.
3. The infrastructure of the existing pools could potentially be cleverly incorporated into a future sculpture park.
4. I believe we have enough open turf playing fields in the Park Lands, and need much more shady canopy to cope with rising temperatures and creative spaces to inspire.

Key themes from the above submission

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Activity Hub	Develop the site of the existing Aquatic Centre to Park Lands in Park 2 to a quality destination for residents of adjacent suburbs	Aligns with the key moves for the North Park Lands Precinct to create a large activity hub in Park 2	●
Landscape	Provide cooling elements such as water features and increased tree canopy	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●

Email Submission 7

"It was only by chance that I came across "Help shape the future of the Adelaide Park Lands" today on City of Adelaide Facebook page.

I am extremely disappointed that I was unaware of the recent survey that the City of Adelaide provided for residents to offer their ideas/comments about the Adelaide Parklands. I would greatly appreciate information about the recent survey that was completed regarding "Help shape the future of the Adelaide Park Lands" as I am hoping that the overall consensus was that there WILL NOT BE any trees removed or green space destroyed to make way for buildings! It is even more critical in 2022 that we protect our parklands and do not allow developers to destroy them by residential or commercial structures!, like the former government planned to do with the "Sports Arena" that no-one wanted! Humans are not the only species that live on this planet and it's extremely important to consider the very valuable flora and fauna that we have in this country. How can I stay informed about any future plans for the preservation of our wonderful parklands?"

Key themes from the above submission

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Trees	No loss of trees or green space	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●
Buildings	No commercial or residential structures	The Strategy envisages buildings and infrastructure that support use of the Park Lands for outdoor recreation, but does not support residential, commercial or entertainment facilities	●
Biodiversity	Importance of Park Lands flora and fauna	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places	●

APPENDIX N – WORKSHOP 1 WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Key information

- **Date:** Wednesday 5 October 2022
- **Time:** 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- **Location:** Adelaide Town Hall
- **Theme:** Future Directions for our Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To provide key partners with the opportunity to comment on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands
- **Attendees:**

Organisation	Sector	Name
State Planning Commission	Development	Craig Holden
Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium	Tourism	Leonie Scriven
Adelaide Convention Centre	Tourism	Martin Radcliffe
Green Adelaide	Environment	James Peters
Adelaide Cemeteries	Cultural	Michael Robertson
Office for Design and Architecture South Australia	Development	Mark Adams
Office of the Minister for Planning	Government	Gemma Wallace

Format

A workshop comprised of two sessions:

Session 1: What we have investigated and heard

The first session was divided into five key themes based on investigations being undertaken.

Session 2: Your organisation

The second section focused on the issues and opportunities for the Park Lands from the perspective of the participant's organisation.

Notes From Workshop

THEME 1: Smart Parks and Technology

What do you believe the role of technology should be in the Park Lands?

- Use of QR codes to provide information.
- Use technology to improve efficiency.
- Opportunities for feedback on maintenance requirements.
- Improve safety.
- Economic benefit in relation to booking of venues, events and activities.

- Balance. Consider the running costs of smart tech and asset renewal against the benefit of the technology.
- Need to ensure that smart tech can interface between stakeholders. Governance of the system and protection of data is critical.
- Smart tech has a significant role to play in education.
- Opportunities for the promotion of commercial ventures and venues.
- Using Optus data sets – They provide raw data on the location of individuals.
- Significant potential to use technology for marketing and selling.
- Important to use the data to understand ‘who uses the Park Lands’.
- Technology for benefit.
- Consider privacy an issue. Tracking of an individual.
- Use of technology will need to be carefully balanced. The conflict between sanctuary and tracking.
- Technology will produce significant volumes of metadata and big data. How is it stored, used and measured to deliver the best outcomes for the Park Lands? Would be good if this was stored in one place so more agencies could access it.
- Critical to ensure that technology is scalable. Can the technology be increased in size across large areas of the Park Lands, the City and the State?
- Embrace opportunities for sustainable transport using smart technology (Autonomous Cars).
- Can a ‘Park Lands’ App be produced to promote the Park Lands?
- Opportunities to enhance user experience e.g. educational QR code.
- Enhance management e.g. smart irrigation = less money spent.
- Addressing some questions of technology use in the Botanic Gardens.
- Managing the expectations of stakeholders – they expect a big outcome from the investment in tech.
- Also charging points are needed for eBike and others.
- There is a lot in the Park Lands that’s not known – such as the public artworks. Can technology help promote the unknown in the Park Lands?

THEME 2: Access and Movement

How do the Park Lands need to respond to Access and Movement?

- Continue to develop and enhance the edges of the Park Lands.
- Data question again – do we know where people are accessing the Park Lands?
- Crossing points over the arterial roads around the Park Lands is critical. Minister’s office receives a good deal of correspondence about access to the Park Lands.
- Improve ‘safe’ off-road pathways. Improve access to destinations in the Park Lands.
- Safe cycle paths.
- Improve connections with adjoining council footpaths and cycle path networks.
- Improve access to Park Lands hubs.
- Undertake continuous investment in footpaths and access.
- Lighting infrastructure is critical. How to activate a space that might otherwise be dangerous – Illuminate in the Botanic Gardens an example of this.

- Maintain access to activity spaces, including cemetery.
- Autonomous vehicle parking. Future planning for access loops.
- The Cemeteries Authority are looking at the use of autonomous vehicles to traverse in West Terrace to help make visitation easier.
- Hop off hop on.
- Think about parking differently – consider innovation in parking design/use. Multi-functional uses, multideck paving and bike parking, timed parking. Design in such a way that are less intrusive/look less like car parks.
- Need to understand the demand for access in the Park Lands (refer to technology comments).
- Review of the hierarchy of paths.
- Improve bike connection to Prospect.
- The ring road remains a major barrier.
- Need to think about destinations. Bike racks, showers, refreshments.
- Improvements to wayfinding, safety, and night usage.
- Major impacts of sports parking. Park 22 carpark during club matches and events. Typical to other areas.
- Vehicular access is important and will remain important. While discussions consider removal, access to parking will remain important.
- Ensure Universal Access to all event and Park Lands spaces.

THEME 3: Climate Change

How do the Park Lands need to respond to climate change?

- Consider the resilience of Park Lands and the ongoing need for the replacement of Park Lands landscape.
- Identify future 'trees'. Which trees will be suitable in the future? Need to be commercially growing these trees now.
- Climate is changing. How does the Park Lands adapt?
- Audit of tree stock and replacement of trees over the next 100 years.
- Change the conversation about tree placement. Cannot be just heritage and cultural decisions. The Park Lands are 'living entities'.
- Develop new conversations about ownership and the impacts of climate change.
- Need to review cultural overlays (World Heritage Listing) and planting of trees in the future.
- There must be increased capture of water and water harvesting infrastructure. Wetlands.
- Programme and mapping of cool areas. Consider how different areas of the Park Lands can perform different landscape functions. The creation of a landscape mosaic with dense tree canopies creating cool spaces, open dryland grasses, wetlands, sports pitches and amenity areas. Stronger focus on precincts rather than each park containing a bit of everything.
- Needs to be a focus on the squares and the ecological services provided by these spaces as population growth continues.
- Replacement of trees – can't be 'same for same' as before – have to change thinking.

- Work is being done across the metro area on this: identifying future trees that will/ will not survive.
- Links back to water -timing and intensity of rain events.
- Capturing water in place will help tree survival.
- Also, urban heat – Green Adelaide is undertaking urban heat and tree canopy mapping as an ongoing exercise.
- Need a good review of use of water and Park Lands use – e.g. Veale Gardens – irrigated but believes less used by people.

THEME 4: Connection to Country

How can Kaurna's connection be strengthened in the Park Lands?

- Continue to develop and promote the RAP.
- Include Kaurna in the planning and conversations that affect the Park Lands.
- Continue to develop Kaurna naming and mapping.
- Increase awareness of the Park Lands as Kaurna Country.
- Increase representation.
- Potential for truth-telling.
- Returning Park Lands to country.
- Rewilding the Park Lands 'what, where and how'.
- Expanding the sensitive habitats. The cemetery contains several endangered species.
- Expanding cultural maintenance practices.
- Collecting local seeds (local provenance). Botanic Gardens – could collect and store seeds etc using local species to rewild.
- Enable Kaurna to rewild.
- Develop pilot projects and interpretation.

THEME 5: Societal Changes and Population Growth Post-COVID

How will societal changes and population growth post-COVID-19 change the use and enjoyment of the Park Lands?

- Park Lands provide a respite during COVID. Incredibly important.
- Important in supporting social interaction.
- Need to retain the open space of the Park Lands to meet future demands.
- Park Lands is critical in helping the adjoining Councils meet their demands.
- Providing shade.
- Consider the massive cultural changes. Increase unstructured, informal recreation. Ad hoc community groups.
- Use buildings to manage future growth.
- Consider future demand for cemeteries. As the city's population increases and people live their entire life in the city, is there room for future burials? 27,000 per year in SA.
- Local grown food. Food security.

- Need to address homelessness. How can it be accommodated?
- Addressing social issues.
- Community gardens.
- Bush food.
- Notes informal use of the Park Lands for large gatherings.
- Could tackle both by allowing community groups to grow food, flowers (native) – assisting social issues and providing commercial opportunities.

Issues

Are there any issues or challenges that detract from your organisation's use or ability to use the Park Lands?

- Creating vibrancy all year round. Supporting small/medium businesses.
- Hard to get things started and get gravity going particularly along the Riverbank.
- Focus on small operators – small bars examples in Melbourne.
- Develop an agreement for what happens in the Park Lands and Riverbank. Needs to be consistent.
- Needs to be coherent approaches for Riverbank.
- Manage competing needs – canopy cover, dryland grasslands, ecological value and amenity.
- Funding is important.
- Develop a Riverbank activation task group.
- How is the Park Lands funded? Consider asset depreciation and appropriate renewal of assets.
- Seems to be an unreasonable cost is on Adelaide rate payers – needs a business plan / sinking fund.
- Karrawirra Pari (River Torrens) management across all councils top to bottom.

Opportunities

What changes/investments would your organisation like to see in the Park Lands to meet your future needs or plans?

- Riverbank. Major opportunities. Bring connection together.
- Define and create zones and understand the degree of change that is required for each zone.
- Create visions for the Park Lands that focus on governance and operation.
- Consider different cultural usages and visions for different areas. Not just one vision.
- Park Lands is a state asset. Needs funding.
- Develop marketing focus for specific groups.
- Importance of connections to different zones.
- Crossing ring road is critical.
- Potential to increase undergrounding of roads to increase access, and new open space.
- Need a business plan and an asset management plan to determine true maintenance and replacement costs.

- Minister is hearing about issues that relate to getting into the Park Lands.

Summary of Engagement

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Technology	Use of smart technology for information, education and promotional purposes	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.3 <i>Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination</i> Opportunity to use latest technology in future promotional activity	◆
Technology	Data collection – monitor wildlife activity and park visitation (mindful of privacy issues)	Further consideration will be given to the potential monitoring role of technology	■
Technology	Use of smart technology in efficient park maintenance	Further consideration will be given of the role of technology in maintenance	■
Access	Provide infrastructure that supports for sustainable transport modes (e.g. re-charging points)	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.7 <i>Improve public transport services and supporting infrastructure in the Park Lands</i> Further consideration will be given of the role of technology	■
Access	Improve and maintain internal path networks (signage, hierarchy)	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces The Park Lands Trial is identified in the APLMS as a big move Further consideration could be given to further development of the Park Lands Trail and a hierarchy of trails-paths in the Park Lands	◆
Safety	Increase lighting to enhance activation and safety	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●
Access	Improve park edges, connections and crossing points from adjacent suburbs	Aligns with strategy 2.2 <i>Establish shared walking and cycling paths with safe connections and crossing points linking the City and inner suburbs</i>	●
Parking	Alternate approaches to car park design: multi-use / less intrusive appearance	APLMS aims to reduce the overall presence of car parking in the Park Lands by 5%	◆
Access	Universal access to all events and areas of the Park Lands	Addressed by the Adelaide Events Guidelines Consider all access issues to other areas of Park Lands	◆
Facilities	Provide facilities at destinations (bike racks, showers)	Aligns with strategy 1.1 <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and</i>	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
		<i>supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and culture</i>	
Trees	Audit existing stock, review approach to replacement planting, identify resilient species for the future	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Sustainable and Enduring Places Further consideration could be given to a future tree plan	◆
Water	Increase water harvesting infrastructure. Review irrigated areas against visitation	Aligns with strategy 4.3 <i>Ensure sustainable water use across the Park Lands</i> Further consideration to water in the landscape could be given	◆
Landscape	Create zones of different landscape types (cool shade, open grasslands)	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Welcoming and Attractive Places	●
Squares	There will be an increased reliance on the squares as the population grows	Future population growth anticipated under the current APLMS section on Squares and Gardens	●
Kaurna	Acknowledgement of Kaurna heritage and cultural practices and recognition of Park Lands as Kaurna Country	Kaurna cultural heritage and interpretation of cultural significance are addressed through multiple existing APLMS strategies and actions	●
Kaurna	Increase Kaurna representation in Park Lands management Kaurna involvement in projects such as re-wilding, seed collection	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance</i> Further consideration could be given to Kaurna land management	◆
Wellbeing	Role of the Park Lands in health, wellbeing and social activity	Aligns with strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i> Further consideration to additional context (contemporary) in the APLMS could be given	◆
Population Growth	Plan for future population demand: community gardens, food security, cemeteries	Population growth anticipated in the APLMS	◆
Commercial operators	Support small business to help create activation especially in Riverbank area	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Active and Tranquil Places. Consider within the context of the Riverbank Precinct	◆
Funding	Park Lands as a State asset should be funded more equitably	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of funding models for the Park Lands	■
River	Share management of the River; recognise opportunities	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
		Further consideration to the importance of Karrawirra Pari could be given	
Vision	Vision to include cultural as well as governance and operational dimensions	The vision in the current APLMS mentions cultural values but no direct reference to more operational aspects	◆
Access	Enhance access and connections for example, by undergrounding ring roads	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●

APPENDIX O – WORKSHOP 2 WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Key information

- **Date:** Monday 17 October 2022
- **Time:** 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- **Location:** Adelaide Town Hall
- **Theme:** Future Directions for our Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To provide key partners with the opportunity to comment on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands
- **Attendees:**

Organisation	Sector	Name
The University of Adelaide	Education	Jeremy Kwan
The University of South Australia	Education	Stefanie Dühr
The University of South Australia	Education	Damien Lawson
Adelaide Zoo	Tourism	Dr Phil Ainsley
Business SA	Business	Jordan Smith
Renewal SA	Development	Matt Hunt
Department for Infrastructure and Transport	Transport	Lexi Schwarz

Format

A workshop comprised of two sessions:

Session 1: What we have investigated and heard

The first session was divided into five key themes based on investigations being undertaken.

Session 2: Your organisation

The second section focused on the issues and opportunities for the Park Lands from the perspective of the participant's organisation.

Notes From Workshop

THEME 1: Smart Parks and Technology

What do you believe the role of technology should be in the Park Lands?

- Digital tours to add information.
- Renewal SA experience is that Smart Tech has not been successful to date – difficult to capture information and use data.
- Opportunities for Smart Tech to be used to create responsive event lighting. Reduced impacts of neighbours and wildlife.
- The story of Park Lands is not being told well. Potential to use technology.
- Use of smart meters to control and monitor water usage.
- Zoo has been using self-guided tours.
- Pokémon Go brought people into the Zoo. Unexpected benefit of technology.

- Smart tech is being used by University of Adelaide for irrigation.
- Potential to use technology for lighting for sports ovals.
- Key role of technology in the monitoring of environmental factors.
- Technology needs to be visible (CCTV) to improve safety and security, but not intrusive. Balance ever-present technology with the natural character of the Park Lands.
- Access to technology should be equitable for all users. Think about how technology is delivered and who technology benefits.
- Increase lighting to improve access and connectivity in the Park Lands.
- Sporting venues often require WIFI connections for operation of events. Use sporting venues as 'smart tech' hubs.
- Usage of data needs to be improved. Opportunities to improve sharing of information. Need to use information that is available. Strava and Google analytics.
- Citizen science (frog watch). Opportunity to promote monitoring of the Park Lands through open source technology.
- Invest in lighting rather than WIFI connectivity. Safety and security is more important than digital connectivity.
- Implement directional lighting to avoid impacts on fauna.
- How do you encourage people to disconnect from their devices and connect with their Park Lands?
- Universities use smart technology to create safety links and escorts from campus through Park Lands. Consider opportunities to apply a similar approach for the rest of the Park Lands.
- Using smart technology to drive economic benefits.
- Improve and upgrade lighting between Botanic High School, the Zoo and Botanic Park.

Theme 2: Access

How do the Park Lands need to respond to Access and Movement?

- Connect the Riverbank to the city. There are no connections from the city east to the hills and west to the beach.
- Cycle and footpath links need to be joined up. Apply a network planning approach.
- No hierarchy to the Park Lands Trail and associated footpath connections.
- The creation of shared paths causes impacts with users. Consider separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians, particularly commuting cyclists.
- The review of the footpath network should also consider potential rationalisation.
- Improve the amenity of connections (pram ramps, accessibility, shade and shelter, end-of-trip facilities).
- Micro mobility causing issues (scooters being dumped). Need to regulate.
- E Bikes are increasing demand for cycle paths. Opportunities to promote e-bikes. Need for secure parking due to the increased value of e-bikes.
- Improve signage and footpath hierarchy. Too many dead ends as part of the network.
- Need to review, integrate and link strategic plans to understand the demands and destinations.

- Need to promote modal shifts in transport usage. Improving connections and link to the public realm.
- Increase legibility and access to the footpath/cycle path network.
- Needs to be an easy connection from WCH to Park Lands. The regenerative capacity of the Park Lands should not be underestimated. Royal Adelaide Hospital is difficult to connect.
- Improve connections to and from adjoining councils.
- Change the way we do business and explore how the Park Lands can be an enabler.
- Developers could contribute to the cycle path network as part of their contribution.

Theme 3: Climate Change

How do the Park Lands need to respond to climate change?

- The Park Lands is a key feature that will enable Adelaide to respond to climate change.
- Enable multifunctional landscapes that are adaptive and resilient.
- Increase native vegetation.
- Educate people about the changes that will be required over the next few decades. What does climate change look like?
- There needs to be an alignment of the events to the sustainability and resilience vision for the Park Lands. Impacts of motor racing and replacement of turf.
- Explore species selection. Make intelligent plant selections and consider multiple benefits.
- What is the usage envelope of the Park Lands? How do the Park Lands and City of Adelaide encourage people into the Park Lands during the evening?
- River Torrens is not well managed. Impacts of climate change. Who is responsible for the river? How is it cared for?
- Understanding the impacts of plant species selections. Whether to use Mediterranean or natives.
- Understanding the life expectancy of vegetation. Climate change succession planning.

Theme 4: Connection to Country

How can Kurna's connection be strengthened in the Park Lands?

- Reviewing the various Reconciliation Action Plans associated with stakeholders who live and work with the Park Lands and consolidate into a 'Vision for Country'. Develop a Park Lands Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Undertake authentic discussions.
- Need to embed cultural practice into the planning system.
- Need for cultural mapping. How does this guide the planning and management of the Park Lands?
- Increase the importance of culture in the Park Lands.
- Increase co-design opportunities with Kurna.

- Engage with Kurna to assist with managing visitors in the Park Land. Kurna Rangers. ALOC program – running at Monarto by the Zoo, possibility for the Park Lands. <https://www.zoossa.com.au/conservation-programs/aloc/>
- Not just culture interpretation. Recognise Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property <https://www.artslaw.com.au/information-sheet/indigenous-cultural-intellectual-property-icip-aitb/> <https://www.terrijanke.com.au/post/2018/01/29/rights-to-culture-indigenous-cultural-and-intellectual-property-icip-copyright-and-protoc>
- Promote Kurna culture and economic benefits and use the Park Lands to enable these outcomes.

Theme 5: Societal Changes and Population Growth Post-COVID

How will societal changes and population growth post-COVID-19 change the use and enjoyment of the Park Lands?

- Continuing demand for open space.
- Demographic changes will continue, particularly ageing and diversity. Planning needs to reflect these societal changes.
- Recognition that we are not yet Post-COVID-19 and planning to continue to consider the impacts of the pandemic.
- Increase accessibility for older aged people.
- Improve wayfinding and access. Equitable for all.
- Consider the benefits of open space during crises and maintain access and function of outdoor spaces.
- Park Lands supports a lifestyle proposition that is unique to Adelaide and South Australia. Travelling through the Park Lands to the city. The Park Lands is an important part of the commute, lifestyle, and workspace.
- Increase urban density will put more pressure on Park Lands. The Park Lands will replace your garden.
- Need to restrict development to enhance the Park Lands value.
- Park Lands should be preserved.
- Use the Park Lands to focus on wellbeing and connections to nature.
- Post COVID increasing homelessness. How do we deal with this?
- Small-scale activation to increase usage.
- Better planning decisions to support societal change.

Opportunities

What changes/investments would your organisation like to see in the Park Lands to meet your future needs or plans?

- Park Lands can be an economic driver for Adelaide. Important to preserve the Park Lands.
- Focus of funding needs to come from the State government. The Park Lands is a state asset.
- Management plan is important, strategies need to be part of the status documents.
- Better connections from the city to the Riverbank are needed. Significant opportunity.

- Increase cycling to Botanic High. Focus on behavioural changes as new precincts are developed. Botanic High, Royal Adelaide Hospital redevelopment, new Women's and Children's Hospital. Encourage travel mode changes.
- Breaking down Victoria Drive as a boundary. Bring the University to the river.

Issues

Are there any issues or challenges that detract from your organisation's use or ability to use the Park Lands?

- Improve and increase change facilities. Need for gender and accessibility compliance.
- Access across the rail track is required.
- Linking of the Park Lands.
- North and west connections over the rail line from the Royal Adelaide Hospital are needed.
- Understanding the impacts of heritage listings and how these listings impact planning and future land uses.
- Improving safety.
- Car parking is still important. Needs to be additional focus on other modes of transport to reduce the dependency on parking in the Park Lands. Improved cycle paths and footpaths.
- Karrawirra Pari (River Torrens) management across all councils from top to bottom.
- Riverbanks. Major opportunities. Bring connection together.

Summary of Engagement

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Technology	Use of smart technology for information, education and promotional purposes	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.3 <i>Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination</i> Opportunity to use latest technology in future promotional activity	◆
Technology	Opportunities to use smart technology in lighting, irrigation and environmental monitoring Technology use should not impact on Park Lands character; consider data sharing; provide equitable access to the benefits	Further consideration will be given to the role of technology in park infrastructure	■
Access / Connections	Improve connections: adjoining Council areas, Riverbank to city, new Women's and Children's Hospital to Park Lands	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	◆
Access	Improve signage, hierarchy and legibility of path networks. Consider separated paths for greater safety.	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Access	Micro-mobility: manage the use of E Bikes and scooters in the Park Lands	Aligns with strategy 2.7 <i>Improve public transport services and supporting infrastructure in the Park Land</i> Micro-mobility is a new issue to consider within the context of the Park Lands	■
Facilities	Improve facilities (pram ramps, shade and shelter, end-of-trip facilities)	Aligns with strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park settings</i>	●
Climate Change	Create landscapes that are adaptive and resilient. Increase native vegetation and educate community about potential changes in replacement species in future	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i>	●
Climate Change	Align events with sustainability goals – e.g. motor racing not well aligned	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i>	●
River	Improve management of River Torrens	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i> Further consideration to the importance of Karrawirra Pari could be given	◆
Activation	Encourage evening activation	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.1 <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and culture</i> Includes action to create a network of activity hubs and meeting places of varying scales across the Park Lands which can be used day and night	●
Kaurna	Develop a Vision for Country and a Park Lands Reconciliation Plan. Continue cultural mapping.	The acknowledgement and celebration of Kaurna culture are addressed through a number of existing APLMS actions Further consideration could be given to a Park Lands focussed Reconciliation Plan.	◆
Kaurna	Opportunities to involve more closely in Park Lands: co-design, active promotion of culture, employ Kaurna Rangers	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.4 <i>Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance</i>	◆

APPENDIX P – DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET 2022-2023 CONSULTATION

Key information

- **Date:** 13 May 2022 to 06 June 2022
- **Location:** Online and hardcopy
- **Theme:** Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-2023 Consultation
- **Purpose:** To provide community opportunity to comment on the City of Adelaide (CoA) Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-2023

Format

The Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-2023 webpage on Your Say Adelaide included a survey and a quick poll for the community to provide their feedback. The community could also have their say by providing a written submission to Council.

Individual Questions

The quick poll on Your Say Adelaide had one question as follows:

Overall, how satisfied are you with the services delivered by Council?

The online survey on Your Say Adelaide included the following open text box questions:

- Do you support the proposed Strategic Annual Priorities for 2022-2023?
- Do you support the proposed Strategic Projects for 2022-2023?
- Do you support the New and Significant Upgrades that are starting in 2022-2023 as part of Capital Projects?
- What are your thoughts on the contribution of the project opportunities towards Council's Strategic Plan outcomes?
- What are your thoughts on Council's approach to holding Rates in 2022/23?
- Overall, how satisfied are you with the services delivered by Council?
- Please indicate the extent to which [Council] services meet your expectations. If you are not familiar with the service, please choose "no expectation".
- Please provide any further feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022 to 2023

The quick poll and some questions in the survey were in a multiple-choice or interval scale format. Respondents were encouraged to provide additional comments to clarify their responses to the questions in the survey, including multiple-choice and interval scale questions.

Summary of Engagement

A total of 72 survey responses were received, along with 17 responses to the quick poll. 20 written submissions were also received separate to the surveys completed.

The feedback relating to the Adelaide Park Lands was extracted from the survey and written submissions and is summarised below.

Quick Poll and Survey

The quick poll included a question about the community’s overall satisfaction with the services delivered by Council. The responses to the quick poll were not specifically related to the Park Lands.

In regards to the survey, only feedback related to the Adelaide Park Lands is summarised in this section. The responses to the following questions in the survey were not directly related to the Park Lands and are not included in this report:

- What are your thoughts on Council’s approach to holding Rates in 2022/23?
- Overall, how satisfied are you with the services delivered by Council?

Do you support the Strategic Annual Priorities for 2022-2023?

There were 12 responses to this question in the survey that specifically mentioned the Park Lands.

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	More specific emphasis on protection and enhancement of Park Lands, particularly the south-western Park Lands	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i>	●
Access and connections	Mobility focus directed to walking and cycling	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i>	●
Governance	Transparency of governance, promotion of an arts culture, encourage healthier lifestyle through use of open space	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Land</i>	●
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Perennial planting to create habitat for native birds, increase establishment of ‘grand’ trees in Park Lands and Squares	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i>	●
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Should be an Adelaide icon, improve water quality through vegetation, and increase native flora and fauna	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Heritage / Culture	Support heritage listing of the Park Lands, no adjustment to Park Lands Community Land Management Plan (PLCLMP) if it makes it easier for development to slip through, review PLCLMP if it makes it easier to activate the Park Lands, not happy with some of the decisions made for the Park Lands	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.2 <i>Consider World Heritage listing of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout</i>	●
Building, facilities, infrastructure	No parking or permanent structures in the Park Lands, development of Park 20 and 21W should be priority	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Governance	Support of the review and streamlining of the Park Lands Community Land Management Plan to help Park Lands' activation	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●

Do you support the proposed Strategic Projects for 2022-2023?

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	Careful consideration of development in Park Lands – private developments, building footprints, small user groups	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	Beach volleyball facility to replace the City Beach	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	◆
Vision / Use of the Park Lands	Leave the Park Lands as they are	Aligns with APLMS strategy 3.2 <i>Create a strong, cohesive overall Park Lands identity</i>	●
Access and connections	Improve integration and connection of the Mike Turner Bikeway through the Park Lands to the City as a key commuter route. City of Unley has significantly upgraded this bikeway and there is a missing link across Greenhill Rd and through the Park Lands	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	◆

Do you support the new and significant upgrades that are starting in 2022 - 2023 as part of Capital Projects?

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Small wetland in Park 20	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i>	◆
Governance	Budget for Park Lands and open space seems huge and a waste of money, Whitmore Square master plan implementation should be a priority, it is the heart of the south-western community	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	No parking or permanent structures in the Park Lands, concern that new sports facilities involve 'alienation' of Park Lands, excited for development of Park 15 and Park 21W, sports facilities in Park 21W are very poor especially with how many people use the facility	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	River Torrens underutilised and underfunded, so much potential to create as a destination for outdoor dining, play, draw card	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.3 <i>Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i>	◆
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	The Park Lands are a huge opportunity with increase of new people into the area, the Park Lands and Squares are key open space for city residents and any investment in facilities appreciated	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i>	◆
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Interest in smart irrigation to help maintain green areas	Further consideration of the role of technology will be given	◆

What are your thoughts on the contribution of the project opportunities towards Council's Strategic Plan Outcomes?

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Development	Commitment to completing the Victoria Square masterplan	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Development	The exclusion of Whitmore Square raises a concern	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.1 <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and cultures</i>	◆
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	In support of fast tracking the implementation Park 21W Concept Plan, which will result in significantly more usage and visitation to the city and Park Lands	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●

Additional comments

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Vision / Use of the Park Lands	No more attempts at re-zoning the Park Lands	Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.1 <i>Ensure the values of the National Heritage listing are protected and promoted</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 5.3 <i>Demonstrate best practice in managing heritage assets</i>	●
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Whitmore Square has a large concrete intrusion on the park and a few inappropriate trees not effective to attract native birds	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	◆
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Congratulations on the Victoria Wetland project	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i> Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	●
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Further greening of the western side of the city	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.1 <i>Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i>	◆
Development	In disagreement with the proposal to give away further section of the Park Lands for further development of Botanic High	Further consideration to the protection of the Park Lands will be given	◆

The following projects were identified by respondents as key priorities for implementation

- Victoria Square master plan (1)
- Whitmore Square master plan (1)
- Fast track the implementation of Park 21W concept plan (18).

General comments included:

- The Park Lands are a great facility for families
- Congratulations on the Victoria Wetland project.

Please provide any further feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022 - 2023

There were five responses to this question which specifically mentioned the Park Lands. There following were the **key themes and comments** related to this question:

- **Use of Park Lands:** No more attempts to re-zone the Park Lands.
- **Greening:** Increase greening on western side of city, increase cooling and beautification.
- **Master Plans:** Whitmore Square is waste of money – inappropriate trees and no native birds, Victoria Park wetlands are great.
- **Development:** don't support additional development of Botanic High in Park Lands.

Written Submissions

There were 19 written submissions that specifically mentioned the Park Lands. There following were the **key themes and comments**:

Response to Climate Change

- Small scale developments in the Park Lands (e.g. playgrounds) do not adequately provide shading including tree planting and constructed shade.
- Green corridor approach is too slow and climate change is rapid, also does not take into consideration the number of commuters that walk across the Park Lands to access the city.
- Increase tree canopy cover in hot spots.

Natural Areas / Biodiversity

- Victoria Park wetlands makes good sense for flood mitigation, increased biodiversity and relaxation opportunities.
- Advocate for the proper protection for the Adelaide Park Lands as a managed natural system. Too often it is treated as a series of sporting fields and event spaces with little concern for the flora and fauna which make their home in the Park Lands and which allow people to connect with nature.
- Enhance biodiversity, and remediation of damaged and degraded areas in the Park Lands and through increased mid and low-level planting.
- Support Park Lands tree and other species audit.

Recreation Facilities / Walking / Cycling

- Green corridors limit the benefits of encouraging walking and cycling as the preferred option for getting around the city.
- Increase shade trees over walking and cycling tracks.
- Allocate fund to develop proposed 'Adelaide Recreation Circuit' an illuminated uninterrupted walking/running/cycling pathway to circumnavigate the Park Lands.
- Include bike path under Port Road.

Development

- Major developments (sporting clubs and schools) cover the Park Lands in concrete and strain the Park Lands ability to cool the city, maintain biodiversity and provide outdoor relaxation in nature.
- Development of schools in the Park Lands should not be allowed when there is city land available.
- Commitment to the protection of the Park Lands is not demonstrated – inadequate funds to restore degraded or neglected parts of the Park Lands. Edwards Park, Helen Mayo Park and Kate Cox Park need urgent attention.
- The CoA should object to the expansion of the Adelaide Botanic High School into the Park Lands and the government's compulsory acquisition of the Adelaide Aquatic Centre.
- The development of Park 21W should be completed, the sporting facilities are substandard, surprised at the lack of suitable and modern facilities for people in the CoA council area.
- Propose that the Aquatic Centre built on land outside the Park Lands and return this land to open space.

Governance / Funding

- Concern that the funding for the Adelaide Park Lands and Open Spaces has fallen from the previous year – this does not align with the City of Adelaide emphasising the importance of the Park Lands to the CoA.
- Concern over the funding allocation for Sports and Recreation – the compulsory acquisition of the Aquatic Centre should have reduced this budget.
- Support and enhance the Park Lands, in particular horticultural and biodiversity services.
- Support for the World Heritage listing bid for the Park Lands.
- Allocate additional resources to more frequent clearing of rubbish in the River Torrens Lake especially adjacent to Elder Park and the Weir.

Heritage / Restoration of Memorial Parks

- Include funds for restoration of Helen Mayo Park and Kate Cocks Park.
- Helen Mayo Park – should not be a council storage depot, enormous potential for decontamination, re-greening, transforming to community recreation space, outdoor entertainment venue.
- Kate Cocks Park – should not be a dump or storage site, undermines the pursuit of UNESCO World Heritage and send poor message to the community, should not be a car park either.
- Remove all street names, plaques and statues which have socially unacceptable historic significance such as Charles Cameron Kingston QC and George Fife Angas.

Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments are provided to each question below:

Do you support the Strategic Annual Priorities for 2022-2023?

There were 12 responses to this question in the survey that specifically mentioned the Park Lands.

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	More specific emphasis on protection and enhancement of parklands	Biodiversity
2	Transparency of governance, promotion of an arts culture	Governance
3	Perennial planting to create habitat for native birds	Biodiversity
4	Protection of Park Lands and heritage	Heritage / Biodiversity
5	Improvements of plants to reduce water pollution in the water	Biodiversity
6	Emphasis on a beach volley facility	Improved use of facilities
7	Heritage listing of the Park Lands. No bitumen in the Park Lands	Heritage / Development
8	Increase establishment of 'grand' trees in Park Lands and Squares	Biodiversity
9	Developing Park 20 and 21W should be a priority	Development
10	Review and streamline PCLMP to help activate the Park Lands	Governance
11	Support the constant evolution of the city	Vision
12	Not happy with some of the decision made by Council in relation to the Park Lands	

Do you support the proposed Strategic Projects for 2022-2023?

There were 4 responses to this question in the survey that specifically mentioned the Park Lands.

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Careful consideration of development in Park Lands – private developments, building footprints, small user groups	Development
2	Beach volleyball facility to replace the City Beach	Improved use of facilities
3	Nothing for Park Lands	
4	Improve integration and connection of the Mike Turner Bikeway through the Park Lands to the City as a key commuter route	Development

Do you support the new and significant upgrades that are starting in 2022-2023 as part of Capital Projects?

There were 12 responses to this question in the survey that specifically mentioned the Park Lands.

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	I would like to see a small wetland in park 20	Biodiversity, Wetlands
2	Budget for Park Lands and open space seems huge and a waste of money	Governance
3	No parking or permanent structures in the Park Lands	Car parks
4	River Torrens underutilised and underfunded	Biodiversity, Wetlands
5	The residential southwest of the city has long been ignored	
6	Concerned that new sports infrastructure involves alienation of the Park Lands	Protection
7	Positive about the developments of Park 15 and 21W	Development
8	Currently huge potential with many people in the area	
9	Interest in smart irrigation to help maintain green areas	Future planning
10	The club rooms in Park 21W need attention	Improved use of facilities
11	Appreciated any improvements of facilities for sport and recreation	Improved use of facilities
12	Deliver Park 21W Concept Plan	Development

What are your thoughts on the contribution of the project opportunities towards Council's Strategic Plan Outcomes?

There were 23 responses to this question in the survey that specifically mentioned the Park Lands.

No.	Verbatim comment	Themes
1	Commitment completing the Victoria Square masterplan	Development
2	The exclusion of Whitmore Square raises a concern	Safety-Access
3	In support of fast tracking the implementation Park 21W Concept Plan, which will result in significantly more usage and visitation to the city and Park Lands	Development
4	In support for council to co-deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan	Development
5	In support for council to co-deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan	Development
6	Wonderful wetland development in Victoria Park	Biodiversity, Wetlands
7	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan	Developments
8	Supportive of the work proposed in the Lutheran sport fields	Improved use of facilities
9	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan will result in significantly more usage and visitation to the city and the Park Lands	Development
10	I strongly encourage that the Council fast tracks the delivery of the Park 21W Concept Plan	Development
11	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan should be priority	Development
12	Park 21W to be activated and draw more users in the Park Lands	Development

No.	Verbatim comment	Themes
13	The kids love coming to play sport at the park, but the facilities are very poor	Improved use of facilities
14	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan	Development
15	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan will result in significantly more usage and visitation to the city and the Park Lands	Development
16	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan	Development
17	The club rooms in the Adelaide Junior Bulldogs are very old and inadequate	Improved use of facilities
18	Adelaide football club fast tracked	Improved use of facilities
19	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan	Development
20	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan strongly encouraged	Development
21	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan	Development
22	Priority that extra funding goes towards these projects	Improved use of facilities
23	Co-Deliver the Park 21W Concept Plan	Development

Additional Comments

There were 5 additional comments that specifically mentioned the Park Lands.

No.	Verbatim comment	Themes
1	No more attempts at re-zoning the Park Lands	Development
2	Whitmore Square has a large concrete intrusion on the park and a few inappropriate trees not effective to attract native birds	Biodiversity protection
3	Congratulations on the Victoria Wetland project	Biodiversity, Wetlands
4	Further greening of the western side of the city	Biodiversity
5	In disagreement with the proposal to give away further section of the Park Lands for further development of Botanic High	Development

APPENDIX Q – VOLUNTEER AND CITY OF ADELAIDE STAFF SURVEY

Key information

- **Date:** Closing date Friday 30 September 2022
- **Time:** n/a
- **Location:** online
- **Theme:** Future Directions for our Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To provide opportunity for volunteers and City of Adelaide (CoA) staff to comment on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy community engagement.

Format

Summary

The City of Adelaide Your Say page included an internal staff survey and an external survey, which allowed staff and volunteers to provide feedback.

Individual questions

The internal staff survey included the following questions:

- What's missing from the current APLMS?
- What elements of the current APLMS do you think should be removed or changed?
- From your perspective, what should be the main focus of the revised APLMS?
- What would the final product need to look like to make it easier to use / refer to?
- Further comments.

The external survey included the following questions:

- Describe one SMALL change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often.
- Describe one MAJOR change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often.
- How do you think the Adelaide Park Lands need to change in order to adapt to climate change?
- Do you think smart technology could improve the future of the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?
- Has the pandemic changed the way you use the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?
- Which is your favourite park and why?
- Describe your desired vision of what the Adelaide Park Lands will look like in 2037, the bicentenary of their proclamation.

Summary of Engagement

There were four responses, including two survey responses from City of Adelaide volunteers, and one survey response and one quick comment from staff.

Responses from City of Adelaide staff

The following is a summary of the staff responses.

What's missing from the current APLMS?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Governance	Park types, park quality standards (hierarchy)	Park types and their associated landscape and facilities are comprehensively addressed through a number of components of the APLMS, including the big moves, landscape types, hub types, Park Lands precincts, and squares + gardens.	●

What elements of the current APLMS do you think should be removed or changed?

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Governance	Landscape types should be changed to park types	Park types and their associated landscape and facilities are comprehensively addressed through a number of components of the APLMS, including the big moves, landscape types, hub types, Park Lands precincts, and squares and gardens.	●

What should be the main focus of the revised APLMS?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Governance	Focus on what assets should be included in what park types and the quality standards (hierarchy)	Park types and their associated landscape and facilities are comprehensively addressed through a number of components of the APLMS, including the big moves, landscape types, hub types, Park Lands precincts, and squares and gardens.	●

What would the final product need to look like to make it easier to use / refer to?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Governance	Differentiating parks into park types, based on the experience sought by the visitor – for example, sports parks, biodiversity parks, linear parks etc. – that articulate the experience (and suite of assets, facilities, and landscape) the community can expect and plan for on an outing.	Park types and their associated landscape and facilities are comprehensively addressed through a number of components of the APLMS, including the big moves, landscape types, hub types, Park Lands precincts, and squares and gardens.	●

Further comments and quick comments

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Governance	Further classification of parks into quality standards based on actual levels of utilisation, that in essence translates the regional, district and local terminology into high-, moderate- and low-use sites that everyone can understand, particularly the community.	Park types and their associated landscape and facilities are comprehensively addressed through a number of components of the APLMS, including the big moves, landscape types, hub types, Park Lands precincts, and squares and gardens.	●
		The APLMS aims to enhance the values of the Park Lands and encourage their greater use by residents, workers, and visitors. Further considerations will be undertaken in terms of classification of parks to facilitate a better understanding of the Park Lands in the community	◆
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	Temporary smart pod-like co-working type spaces which provide the means to work individually (i.e. 3-4). This would be point of difference to work in the city and who provide great branding opportunities.	Further consideration to the role of technology and working facilities will be given	■
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	There is a short supply of Squash courts / all weather buildings which can be booked by the public. Lift the standard of club rooms and sporting facilities which also can support the attraction of major national sporting carnivals.	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.6 and 1.7 Strategy 1.6 <i>Strengthen the role of the Park Lands as a regional destination for competitive sport and a variety of active and passive forms of recreation</i> Strategy 1.7 <i>Optimise the use of sport and recreation areas outside game and training times</i>	◆

Responses from City of Adelaide volunteers

Below is a summary of the feedback received from volunteers.

Describe one SMALL change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	Online park walking guide	Further consideration about integrated smart technology and online resources about the Park Lands will be given	■

Describe one MAJOR change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	Remove living tents Access to public toilets including accessible	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	◆

How do you think the Adelaide Park Lands need to change in order to adapt to climate change?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Open space, environmental sustainability and climate change	Vegetation should align with climate change Comprehensive rehabilitation / regeneration through community engagement	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i> Further consideration to a future tree planting plan could be given	◆
Heritage, culture, events, and social sustainability	Encourage visitation of the Park Lands (of both local residents and others) through participation – nature walks, citizen science, First Nation Cultural experiences etc)	The APLMS aims to enhance the values of the Park Lands and encourage their greater use by residents, workers, and visitors. Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i>	●

Do you think smart technology could improve the future of the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Smart technology / wayfinding	Integrated technology to provide information for visitors on areas not to visit e.g. wildlife mating/nesting, new planting Monitoring vegetation and wildlife, collection of data to identify trends and increase efficiency	Aligns with APLMS strategy 2.5 <i>Install wayfinding signage enhancing the legibility of paths and connections across the Park Lands</i> Further consideration of the role of technology will be given	■

Has the pandemic changed the way you use the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Heritage, culture, events, and social sustainability	Outdoor community engagement activities such as Bush for Life/Bushcare continued through most of 2020-21, outdoor activities seen as safe activity	Further consideration to additional context (contemporary) in the APLMS could be given	◆

Which is your favourite park and why?

The volunteers suggest that all parks provide interesting vegetation and wildlife. Carriageway Park / Tuthangga is a preferred park due to its diversity of plants, history and easy access.

Describe your desired vision of what the Adelaide Park Lands will look like in 2037, the bicentenary of their proclamation.

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Vision / Use of the Park Lands	Intact, understood, valued (historically, culturally, environmentally), similar to the existing Park Lands except some technologies	Further consideration to the role of technology will be given	■

Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments from CoA staff are provided to each question below:

What's missing from the current APLMS?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Park types; park quality standards (hierarchy)	Governance

What elements of the current APLMS do you think should be removed or changed?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Landscape types should be changed to park types	Governance

What should be the main focus of the revised APLMS?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Focus on what assets should be included in what park types and the quality standards (hierarchy).	Governance

What would the final product need to look like to make it easier to use / refer to?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Differentiating parks into park types, based on the experience sought by the visitor – for example, sports parks, biodiversity parks, linear parks etc. – that articulate the experience (and suite of assets and facilities) the community can expect and plan for on an outing.	Governance

Further comments and quick comments

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Temporary smart pod-like co-working type spaces	Buildings, facilities, infrastructure
2	We are also in short supply of Squash courts/All weather buildings which be booked by the public.	Buildings, facilities, infrastructure
3	Maybe the Aquatic Centre building could have multipurpose rec centre also attached to it.	Buildings, facilities, infrastructure
4	Council could also take a more active approach to helping lift the standard of club rooms and sporting facilities which also can support the attraction of major national sporting carnivals etc.	Buildings, facilities, infrastructure
5	Further classification into quality standards based on actual levels of utilisation, that in essence translates the regional, district and local terminology into high-, moderate- and low-use sites that everyone can understand, particularly the community.	Governance

Describe one SMALL change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Online park walking guide	Buildings, facilities, infrastructure

Describe one MAJOR change that would encourage you to visit the Adelaide Park Lands more often

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Remove the living tents.	Buildings, facilities, infrastructure
2	Access to public toilets (an issue for volunteers especially older ones) This is probably a major change?	Buildings, facilities, infrastructure

How do you think the Adelaide Park Lands need to change in order to adapt to climate change?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Review the vegetation to align with the climate change.	Open space, environmental sustainability and climate change
2	Comprehensive rehabilitation / regeneration through community engagement. Encourage visitation of the Park Lands (of both local residents & others) through participation – nature walks, citizen science, First Nation Cultural experiences etc)	Open space, environmental sustainability and climate change

Do you think smart technology could improve the future of the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	An app that enables the visitor to augmented reality with visual cues of what to look out, and for them to be warned not to approach certain areas where there may be wildlife mating or where new vegetation has been planted. Use of monitoring on wildlife and vegetation can assist with this.	Buildings, facilities, infrastructure
2	Data can be knowledge/ insight into new information, trends, efficiency	Buildings, facilities, infrastructure

Has the pandemic changed the way you use the Adelaide Park Lands? If so, how?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Botanic gardens. Safe, clean and convenient with café.	Societal shift
2	Community engagement activities (such as Regenerate and Bushcare/ Bush for Life) continued through most of 2020/21 apart from a couple of months. Being outside in nature with the ability to distance enabled continued participation in what was a difficult time for social gatherings. People see TFL activities as a safe activity.	Societal shift

Which is your favourite park and why?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	All parks have merit – they all provide interesting vegetation and wildlife. Thuthangga probably is a preferred park with diversity of plants/ history & easy access (although no toilets close by!)	Biodiversity

Describe your desired vision of what the Adelaide Park Lands will look like in 2037, the bicentenary of their proclamation.

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Similar environment to what it is now except some technologies.	Future planning
2	Intact. Understood. Valued – culturally, historically, environmentally	Future planning

APPENDIX R – YOUTH CIVIC LEADERS

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 13 October 2022
- **Time:** 1 pm
- **Location:** City of Adelaide (CoA) – Colonel Light Centre
- **Theme:** LeFevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6) Revitalisation project

Format

Summary

This was the presentation of a university project to revitalise Park 6. It was undertaken by students and youth representatives of Civic Leaders (Ripple). It was presented to City of Adelaide staff on Thursday 13 October 2022.

Notes from the report and presentation

Aim

Critically assess Park 6 and present options for revitalising the park.

What potential changes or investments would you like to see happen in the Park Lands?

Below is a summary of the revitalisation report and presentation.

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	Create a community hub and related facilities that attract diverse use at different times (e.g. teen / adult adventure play Glover North Playspace, bird watching, star gazing). Capitalise on hill and city view Park 6	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i> Outlined in the Precinct plan for Park 6	●
Heritage, culture, and social sustainability	Add storytelling and truth telling through QR codes to reveal cultural history – especially Kaurna and biodiversity stories	Aligns with APLMS strategies: <i>4.1 Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i> <i>5.4 Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance</i> <i>5.5 Provide a positive visitor experience of sites of cultural significance</i>	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Access and connections	Increase signage and walkability of Park 6 to accommodate more diverse use, including increased accessibility of the bridle track. Consider usability for people living with disabilities	Outlined in the Precinct plan for Park 6 and aligns with APLMS strategies: <i>2.4 Create a path network within each park.</i> <i>2.5 Install wayfinding signage enhancing the legibility of paths and connections across the Park Lands.</i>	●
	Increase connectivity with neighbouring councils, in particular between Main North Road and Mann Road	<i>2.2 Establish shared walking and cycling paths with safe connections and crossing points linking the City and inner suburbs.</i>	◆
Heritage, culture, social sustainability	Create attractions for a diverse range of experiences. These include horse riding, horse therapy, picnic spaces, horse care, training and education	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i>	◆
	Restrict size/number of paddocks to make way for community hub outlined in Precinct plan	Outlined in the Precinct plan for Park 6	◆
	Increase use of paddocks for use by retired police horses, racehorses etc. Invest in horse interaction / education opportunities	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a nature education opportunities and support/promotion of volunteers	◆
Heritage, culture, social sustainability	Capitalise on the education opportunity of the Park Lands. Emphasis on educational programs (vocational / school holiday) in community hub and horse related activities	Education is generally linked with biodiversity and cultural interpretation in the APLMS. Further consideration to educational opportunities could be given	◆
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	More native vegetation is needed in horse paddocks to cool the park Explore establishing additional biodiversity areas or extending KBA 4 for fauna protection	Outlined in the Precinct plan for Park 6 and aligns with APLMS strategy: <i>4.1 Enhance biodiversity in the Park Lands</i> <i>4.4 Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i>	●
	Use the biodiversity sites as nature education classrooms. The volunteer efforts should be celebrated and promoted	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate nature education opportunities, support/promotion of volunteers, and diverse land management practices	◆
Governance	Build on partnerships with horse related organisations, nature-based volunteer groups, and neighbouring councils to invest	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
	in facilities and related infrastructure		

Are there issues, impacts or anything that detracts from the Park Lands? Does this impact on how you use the Park Lands?

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Retain horses but change paddock management to attract other park users. The paddocks also add to the urban heat island effect Paddocks and management of horses present as excellent opportunities	Further consideration to enhancing the cooling, greening and activation of the paddocks could be given	◆
Buildings, facilities, infrastructure	The facilities to Wilderness School, requires renovation and care	Aligns with APLMS Strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	◆

What should stay the same in the Park Lands?

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Natural feel and open space should be retained and enhanced	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Maintain unique feature as a horse paddock	Outlined in the Precinct plan for Park 6	●
Vision / Use of the Park Lands	The Park Lands should support a diverse range of activities including free access facilities, sporting facilities and events	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i>	●
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Retain the extent of the Park Lands, protect the size of the open space	The Park Lands is defined by the Park Lands Plan and afforded protections as per the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i>	●

What are the main challenges for the Park Lands?

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Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Governance	Managing the needs of Local residents and current owners of the horses in Park 6	Park Lands character and desired use is addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●
Vision / Use of the Park Lands	Managing overuse of some areas and promoting increased use of other areas, providing diverse range of activities, retaining free access to facilities, marketing the Park Lands	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.3 <i>Promote the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination</i>	●
Governance	Long term security for lease holders, more proactive approach, support with securing funding, improved communication with council, equitable treatment for lease holders	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆
Open space, climate change, environmental sustainability	Long term strategy to improve water quality of the River Torrens	Aligns with APLMS strategy 4.2 <i>Enhance the ecological health of Park Lands watercourses</i>	●
		Further consideration to the importance of Karrawirra Pari could be given	◆

Other comments

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Governance	Uncertainty in rules around subleases makes it difficult to operate Need more long-term certainty and collaboration with council on leases	The APLMS could more specifically contemplate a range of governance arrangements and communications	◆
Vision / Use of the Park Lands	Spread the use of the Park Lands out, there are high concentration activity areas. Use of large areas of land by small number of people – is this fair?	Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●
Access and connections	Park Lands should be for everyone, signage and pathways needed to clear access around the Park Lands	Addressed under the current APLMS theme for Connected Places and Spaces	●

APPENDIX S – ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY PANEL

Key information

- **Date:** Tuesday 11 October 2022 – Monday 31 October 2022
- **Theme:** Shaping the Park Lands
- **Purpose:** To provide Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel members with the opportunity to comment on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands

Format

Summary

Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel members and their proxies were invited to complete the survey on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands as an out-of-session item. The survey, available online in a screen reader accessible format, was identical to that offered to the broader community via Your Say Adelaide, but with simplified language.

Summary of Engagement

Two members of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel completed the survey.

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Facilities	More public toilets, seating	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.4 <i>Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting</i>	●
Events / Activities	More year-round events; mix of programmed and self-driven activities; pop-up activations	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i>	●
Destinations	Playgrounds with water play, small lakes, a city beach at Elder Park; a space like the Tivoli Gardens (Copenhagen) Improve offerings of Riverbank area Create a 'Park Pass' linked to environmental benefits to encourage visitation	Aligns with APLMS strategy 1.1 <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and cultures</i> Park Lands character and desired use is generally addressed in the section of the APLMS on Park Lands Precincts	●
Environment	Interactive educational opportunities about natural resources, climate change Responsible waste recycling	Education is generally linked with biodiversity and cultural interpretation in the APLMS Further consideration to educational opportunities could be given	◆

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
	More native plants; reduce reliance on fuel driven power sources i.e., more solar		

What activities do you do in the Park Lands?

Organised recreation, such as sport, fitness classes	2
Informal recreation, such as walks, playgrounds, observing nature	2
Go to events and festivals or to watch organised sports	2
Social groups with family and friends, like a picnic	1
Go through the park as part of my commute to work or study	
I do not use the Park Lands	
Other	

Thinking back to five years ago, do you now visit the Park Lands:

More often than I did 5 years ago	2
Less often than I did 5 years ago	
About the same as I did 5 years ago	
I do not visit the Park Lands anymore	
I was not living in Adelaide 5 years ago	
Other	

Tell us one small change that would make you want to visit the Park Lands more often.

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	More year-round events, public toilets, outdoor sitting and eating areas	Improved of facilities
2	More small pop up activations e.g. coffee festival	Destination activities

Tell us one big change that would make you want to visit the Park Lands more often

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Children's playgrounds, outdoor wet areas. More small lakes, City beach at elder park Development of the riverbank with more walkways and dining	Destination activities
2	An interesting blend of individual (self driven) activities as well as scheduled activities and events for different age groups. not everything has to be indoors. A placemaking space that encourages greater visitation e.g. Tivoli gardens. "Park Pass" – an environmentally linked solution to encourage visitation e.g. doing x in the park offsets the carbon emissions in driving there (for example).	Destination activities

How do you think the Park Lands needs to change to adapt to climate change?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Environment responsible waste recycling	Waste management
2	A better balance of native plants to help natural biodiversity; reduced reliance on fuel driven power sources e.g. more solar;	Biodiversity Education

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
	Increased interactive opportunities to learn more about how natural resources can help climate change	

Do you think smart technologies can improve the Park Lands? For example, acoustic monitoring of wildlife.

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Yes - Access, information, advert what's on	Promotion
2	I'm sure there are hundreds of things but I have no specific idea.	

Has the COVID-19 pandemic changed how you use the Park Lands?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	No	
2	No	

Which Park is your favourite in the Park Lands? Why is it your favourite?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	Elder Park - Open space, river	Landscape
2	Botanic park - Flat. Great natural shade. Convenient parking. Amazing for small children.	Landscape Car parking

What is your vision for what the Adelaide Park Lands will be in 2037?

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	A Vibrant exciting safe location to visit, relax with exciting range of eating options, activities, and entertainment on offer, suitable, accommodating, and inclusive for all people.	Diverse activities
2	An iconic series of unique and discrete destinations that are natural haven for residents and visitors, in which something new, immersive and experientially based is happening – passively or actively. A zone which contributes better than 1:1 in zero carbon emissions for every visitor and resident to the city.	Diverse destinations

Please share any other thoughts and ideas you have about the future of the Adelaide Park Lands.

No.	Verbatim comment	Theme
1	-	
2	That's about it.	

APPENDIX T – CITY FARM PRESENTATION

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 27 October 2022
- **Time:** 5.30pm
- **Location:** Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall
- **Theme:** Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Purpose:** To present to Kadaltilla Board Members on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy review
- **Presenter:** Andrew Costello
- **Format:** Kadaltilla Board meeting

Summary of Engagement

Presentation to Kadaltilla by a member of the community suggesting a City Farm in the Park Lands.

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Destinations / Activities	<p>Create a city farm in Reservoir Park/ Kangatilla (Park 4) as a unique family/child-focussed destination offering animal interactions and diverse play spaces</p> <p>A city farm at this location would enrich the northern Park Lands</p> <p>This would offer educational and recreational opportunities as well as sustainability benefits</p>	<p>Aligns with strategy 1.2</p> <p><i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i></p> <p>Includes the action to create a number of high quality and distinctive places across the Park Lands which provide a point of difference from suburban open space</p> <p>The current APLMS identified development of a small community farm in Lefevre Park/ Nantu Wama (Park 6) as a potential project for further investigation</p>	◆

APPENDIX U – AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (AILA)

Key information

- **Date:** Thursday 27 October 2022
- **Time:** 5.30pm
- **Location:** Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall
- **Theme:** Shaping the Park Lands
- **Purpose:** Presentation to Kadaltilla outlining AILA’s views on the future of the Adelaide Park Lands

Summary of Engagement

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Climate Resilience	Equip the Park Lands for climate resilience Address increasing tree canopy loss	Aligns with strategy 4.4 <i>Design and manage the Park Lands to be resilient to the impacts of climate change</i> Consider future climate conditions in the selection, design and renewal of parks used for sport, recreation and events	●
Equitable & Safe Access	Provide equitable and safe access to quality, local, green parks Highlight and capitalise on their value	That the Park Lands be inclusive, accessible and diverse are three of the key objectives of the current APLMS	●
Access	Support active transport by encouraging walking and cycling in the Park Lands for both recreation and commuting purposes	Aligns with strategy 2.1 <i>Improve the Park Lands Trail linking all parks and providing a pleasant and convenient cycling and walking route</i> The creation of shared paths for walking and cycling is a central theme of the APLMS	●
Kaurna / First Nations	Authentic and effective reconciliation with First Nations people	Kaurna and other First Nations groups are being consulted as part of the development of the APLMS review	●
New APLMS	Suggests a concise strategy and vision with a clear hierarchy and measurable objectives and actions A ‘strategy on a page’ that is an outward-facing community document	Further consideration to the format and presentation of the strategy will be given	■
Case Studies	Successful projects referenced: play spaces of Pelzer Park/ Pityarilla (Park 19), New York Central Park’s volunteer program, Gardens by the Bay, Singapore and	Further consideration to world’s best practice will be given	■

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
	acknowledgement of Country within Wangayarta – Kaurna Yerta.		

Presentation

The presentation by AILA may be viewed at this [LINK](#).

Correspondence – 31 August 2022

The following correspondence was also received from AILA.



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The Lord Mayor - Ms Sandy Verschoor
PRESIDING MEMBER
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31 August 2022

The Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority: Review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy

Dear Lord Mayor,

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, South Australian Chapter (AILA SA) extends its appreciation to Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority for the opportunity to provide feedback and our expertise to inform the review and revision of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (the Strategy).

About AILA

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) leads a dynamic and respected profession: creating great places to support healthy communities and a sustainable planet.

We work together to create healthy communities, connected urban green infrastructure, and liveable, sustainable cities and regions. Our 2,800+ members are driven by AILA's values and our advocacy, driven by our Strategic Plan core values of Connection to Country, Climate Change and AILA SA is committed to creating '**A greener, healthier, inclusive and climate resilient South Australia**' which is further embedded in our advocacy approach and highlighted in our Election Manifesto, attached for your information.

The work of South Australian landscape architects is recognised for creating more liveable cities, healthy active spaces, and sustainable design outcomes for everyone. It is fair to say many of our members have helped shape the Adelaide Park Lands, creating the vibrant community spaces for all members of the public.

Feedback on the Strategy

AILA SA supports of the overarching vision of the current 2015-2025 Strategy that "the Adelaide Park Lands will be a globally recognised park system which surrounds and permeates our city and is central to our identity."

We recommend that the first part of any review is an analysis of the objectives and targets outlined in the current Strategy and how the Strategy has performed. This should form part of establishing the next Strategy and to learn from the current successes and issues.

We support and highlight the successful outcomes achieved as a direct result of the current Strategy including the City Skate Park, 'Newmarket' Urban Park, Central Park in the South (Pelzer Park/ Pityarilla), Victoria Park - Final stages and Wayfinding + interpretive signage and many other initiatives completed over the life of the current Strategy.



Our feedback on the current Strategy is that there is a heavy emphasis placed on the objectives, and we question the relevance of the remaining big moves.

We also note there are a range of issues that have become heightened during the recent worldwide pandemic, and these include:

- Increasing tree canopy loss in our cities
- equitable and safe access to quality, local, and green parks and open spaces
- equipping our cities, towns, and regions to be climate resilient in a warming, dry climate
- supporting more people walking and cycling
- authentic and effective reconciliation with First Nations people

In response to these key issues, AILA SA has identified the following four strategic recommendations:

1. Recommendation 1: Develop a concise Strategy

We recommend the revised Strategy includes a more concise summary to highlight and strengthen the impact of the strategic objectives and actions.

We also recommend a simplified structure so there is a clearer hierarchy within the strategy from Vision to Strategic Objectives (ideally measurable) to Actions. A 'strategy on a page' approach will enable simpler messages as an outward-facing community document, reaffirming the strong advocacy role the Strategy will have.

The hierarchy of the Strategy extends to this positioning of the Strategy amongst other City of Adelaide Strategic documents such as the Community Land Management Plans. These documents should present a united overarching vision for the future of the Park Lands.

2. Recommendation 2: Develop a clear and concise Vision for the future of the Adelaide Park Lands

We recommend that two key questions are posed to commence the process – and these include "what is the future of the Park Lands?" and "who are the Park Lands for"? These questions are a critical starting point and should guide the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy post 2025.

3. Recommendation 3: Acknowledgement of First Nations

We recommend an authentic and inclusive acknowledgement of traditional owners throughout the Strategy, advancing respectful and authentic reconciliation through the design of our places, links to the cities and connection to the regions.

We also recommend a new approach to designing on Country to provide genuine and meaningful partnerships with First Nations, highlighting the cultural history and relevance within our green publicly accessible open spaces.

4. Recommendation 4: Highlighting and capitalising on the value of green public accessible places

The value of green publicly accessible places for all should be strengthened within the vision for the Strategy.



To capture the value, we recommend including metrics to measure the usage, activity, and modes of access to determine appropriate service levels, amenity provided and create diversity within the Park Lands offering. We question if a review of the current strategy has been undertaken and recommend that an analysis of use and access be undertaken before considering the addition of smart technology, approval of new buildings (public, civic or private) or events (free or ticketed) and locations for new publicly accessible amenities.

We note that the question around smart technology is a granular and detailed question, given the importance of the 10-year plan. Our view is that the use of smart technology is an outcome not a strategic objective nor a good starting point.

Summary

Our four strategic and important recommendations are based on many years of advocacy from AILA and our members across Adelaide and South Australia.

We are very keen to see the next Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy enable even greater appreciation of the Adelaide Park Lands, foster greater use, encourage greater First Nations acknowledgement and inclusion, and the role of the Park Lands in shaping a more climate resilient and greener Adelaide.

We look forward to presenting and answering any questions on our recommendations to Kadaltilla on 22 September. Thank you again for the opportunity to be involved with this consultation process.

Sincerely,

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'A greener, healthier, inclusive, and climate resilient South Australia.'

Landscape Architects live and work on the lands of Kurna people, Peramangk people, Ngarrindjeri people, Nukunu people, Narangga people and for all First Nations people across South Australia.

We care deeply and recognise their connection to Country.

We value walking side-by-side with all First Nations people and we acknowledge our role in advancing respectful and authentic reconciliation through the design of our places, cities and regions.



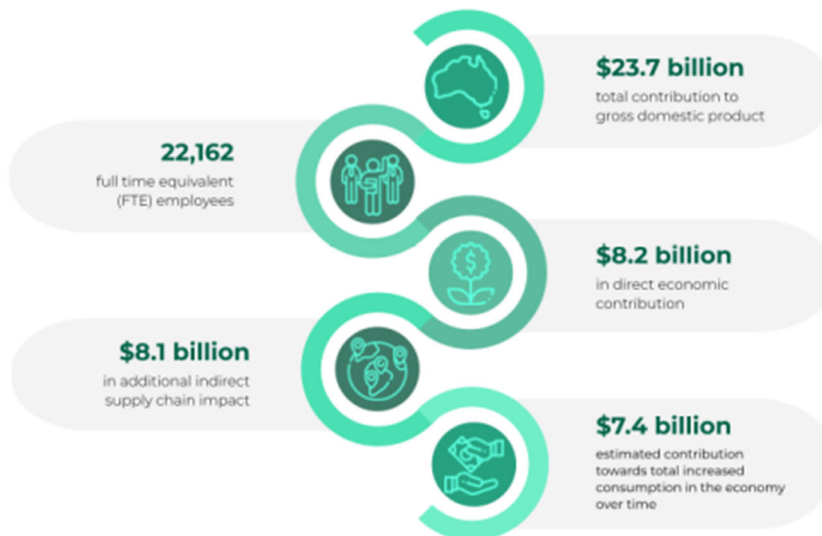
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Shaping better places: the contribution* of the profession of landscape architecture to Australia's economy:



Additional benefits of

WELL DESIGNED SPACES

Landscape architects generate additional economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits as a result of their work in the design, construction and maintenance of private and public use spaces.



*Draft Economic contribution of landscape architecture industry report; AILA, 2022 (soon to be released).



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We work together to create healthy communities, connected urban green infrastructure, and liveable, sustainable cities and regions.

Our 2,800+ members are driven by AILA's values and our advocacy, driven by our [Strategic Plan](#).

Our Values

- 1. Climate Positive Design**
AILA is committed to supporting our members to achieve Climate Positive Design outcomes. **We adapt with our planet.**
- 2. Connection to Country**
AILA is committed to creating an inclusive and knowledge-diverse profession by encouraging cultural awareness of First Nations people across Australia. **We believe in authentic, practical, and genuine reconciliation.**
- 3. Gender Equity**
AILA is committed to lead a profession that is inclusive, diverse, and equitable for all. **We believe in equal opportunities.**

Our Advocacy

- 1. Healthy Communities**
We advocate for the role parks and open spaces to support people's physical and mental well-being.
- 2. Urban Green Infrastructure**
We advocate for connected open and green places and spaces to improve social, cultural, economic, and environmental outcomes across Australia.
- 3. Liveable Cities and Regions**
We advocate for the critical role open and green spaces play creating culture, belonging, safety, identity, and liveability in our increasingly dense and globalised cities and regions.



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The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, South Australia (AILA SA), has been advocating and working with South Australian Governments for over 20 years.

We support positive policies, strategies, and projects that achieve our values and advocacy to create greener, healthier, and climate resilient places for all.

AILA SA calls for the adoption of a range of measures to achieve better lives for all South Australians.

Our state-building priorities are a summary of our advocacy over the last two years on a range of issues.

We are seeking support for four positive priorities:

- 1. Creating a new, single, government agency to coordinate the planning, design, and delivery of South Australia's green infrastructure.**
- 2. Protecting South Australia's Trees**
- 3. Improving South Australia's connectivity by creating better streets for people.**
- 4. A new approach to Designing on Country.**



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1. Creating a new, single, government agency to coordinate the planning, design, and delivery of South Australia's green infrastructure.

1.1. New Green Infrastructure Office

A new single agency with the responsibility to plan, manage, and monitor the design of South Australia's green spaces.

It will have oversight of green aspects of all state-funded infrastructure, health, and education projects to ensure greening targets are initiated, delivered, managed, measured, reported and protected over time.

1.2. New State Green Infrastructure Policy

A cohesive green infrastructure policy is developed and owned by the new Green Infrastructure Office with targets and reporting, supporting Green Adelaide and South Australia's Climate Change Action Plan.

1.3. Defined, agreed, and measurable targets

- Minimum tree canopy cover targets - currently 20% in the State's 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide
- Minimum tree canopy retention targets
- Minimum targets for new areas of quality green open space
- Minimum targets for stormwater retention, reuse and treatment
- Minimum targets for biodiversity and habitat increase
- All new State Government-funded capital projects must include these targets, form part of their project briefs, and be mandated for delivery
- Builds on the recently announced 'Green Infrastructure Commitment' by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

South Australia's leadership in climate change and mitigation must ensure state-funded projects pull their weight - in many instances there is confusion, value management and only passing acknowledgement of state greening targets.

The new agency will positively work with infrastructure, health and education departments to better shape greening outcomes.

2. Protecting South Australia's Trees

2.1. Law reform

Bringing South Australia into line with similar jurisdictions (as outlined in [this report](#)) in Victoria and New South Wales by changing the definition of a Regulated tree to one that:

- has a trunk circumference of 1m or more measured 1m above the ground, or
- has a height of 6m or more, or
- has canopy of over 9sqm.

2.2. Remove current exemptions

Remove the series of exemptions to planning regulations introduced in 2011 that allow the removal of mature trees without approval, including the 10m rule and the 20m rule.

2.3. Restore requirements for consultation on Government funded projects

Restore the requirement for the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and the Department for Education (and other relevant government agencies) to conduct consultation and planning approval before the removal of regulated and significant trees.

2.4. Mandate the Tree Offset Scheme to reflect the true value of trees

Mandate and increase the tree offset scheme fees to match the costs that are consequently passed on to Councils to plant, establish and maintain replacement trees, benchmarked against the City of Melbourne's [Tree Retention and Removal Policy](#).

2.5. Improve the Planning and Design Code

Increase the number and size of trees required by the Planning and Design Code to be planted in new developments, with penalties or higher offset costs as outlined in 2.4 above.



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3. Improving South Australia's connectivity by creating better streets for people.

3.1. Create a new Active Transport Plan

We recommend the creation of an integrated active transport plan, that sets agreed and measurable targets across South Australia, to provide connected, easy to access, and easy to use walking and cycling alternatives to private vehicle use.

This will build on the current State Cycling Plan and Walking Strategy, which are not coordinated and lack clear, cohesive, and agreed strategic and local outcomes.

The active transport plan is to be used as a key input to all state-funded infrastructure, health, and education projects to ensure walking and cycling connectivity is integrated and aligned with more effective public transport.

3.2. Ensure integrated streets

For all state-funded infrastructure, health, and education projects, ensure all project planning and scoping of projects creates better streets for people, habitat and biodiversity, as well as their new and existing communities.

This must be more than simply 'making good' - it means integrating active transport, greening targets, water sensitive urban design, habitat, biodiversity, and develop projects to become 'good neighbours'.

Moving beyond minimum requirements is the aim - ensuring universally accessible and enjoyable journeys for all are achieved.

For example, using the Transport for London 'Pedestrian Comfort Level Guidance' for all state-funded infrastructure, health, and education projects places pedestrian comfort at the centre of decision making, to encourage greater walking across our cities and regions.

4. A new approach to Designing on Country.

4.1. Authentic, genuine and meaningful partnerships with First Nations

Develop a new and collaborative design approach to First Nations involvement on all state-funded infrastructure, health, and education projects.

This must be a process that is funded, and acknowledges the difficulty in making time to meaningfully engage with First Nations.

We recommend new pathways and targets for First Nations Landscape Architects to be employed to help shape better projects and advance reconciliation in South Australia are included.



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We would be pleased to discuss any aspect of our positive ideas for a better South Australia.

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Relevant Documents

The following South Australian documents are relevant to the priorities outlined in this manifesto:

- [South Australia Climate Change Action Plan](#)
- [Green Adelaide Regional Landscape Plan](#)
- [South Australia Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan](#)
- [Principles of Good Design, Office of Design and Architecture South Australia](#)
- [Creating Greener Places for Healthy and Sustainable Communities: Ideas for Quality Green Public Space in South Australia, Healthy Parks Healthy People, Government of South Australia](#)
- [Green Infrastructure Commitment, Department for Infrastructure and Transport](#)
- [Walking Strategy for South Australia](#)
- [South Australia Cycling Strategy](#)
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APPENDIX V – LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Key information

- **Date:** Tuesday 21 June 2022
- **Time:** 9:00am -11:00am
- **Location:** Helen Mayo Park (Park 27)
- **Theme:** Shaping the Park Lands
- **Purpose:** Engage with future users in a design workshop on Helen Mayo Park.

Format

Summary

Loxton High School Senior Students conducted a site visit 21 June 2022 to develop concepts for Helen Mayo Park.

Summary of Engagement

Responses have been symbolised and colour-coded for further follow-up (grey circle – no further action required; yellow triangle – refinement of current approach; green square – new idea for consideration).

Key Theme	Key Issue-Feedback	Response	
Gateways	Create a gateway or entrance statement	Aligns with strategy 3.1 <i>Develop an identifiable landscape character for each Park Lands edge</i> Includes action to create distinctive gateways at key entry points across the Park Lands	●
Car Parking	Reduce or remove car parking	Aligns with strategy 2.8 <i>Provide car parking on and adjacent to the Park Lands only where need has been demonstrated and no reasonable alternative exists</i> APLMS aims to reduce car parking on the Park Lands by 5% in the period to 2025.	●
Visitor facilities	Provide basic facilities to enhance visitor experience	Aligns with strategy 1.1 <i>Create a network of activity hubs attracting visitors and tourists and supporting the recreational needs of people of all ages, abilities and cultures</i> Provide a basic level of facilities in each park to support their ongoing use and enjoyment, such as play equipment, barbeques, shelters, seats, bins, drinking fountains, toilets, and wayfinding and interpretive signage.	●

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Greening	Create formal gardens and enhance the tree canopy to create a more attractive environment	Aligns with strategy 3.3 <i>Establish a range of natural, ornamental, and cultural landscapes celebrating the diversity of the Park Lands</i> Includes the action to establish a range of different landscapes, including themed gardens, avenue plantings, pocket orchards and wetlands and dedicated cultural spaces.	●
Sporting fields/ courts	Provide sports facilities such as tennis courts and irrigated playing fields for casual community use.	Aligns with strategy 1.5 <i>Create spaces to accommodate cultural, sporting, artistic and recreational events of varying types and sizes</i>	●
Wi-Fi	Free Wi-Fi to enhance visitor experience	Aligns with strategy 2.9 <i>Provide free Wi-Fi access in priority locations across the Park Lands</i> Enable Wi-Fi access in priority locations across the Park Lands	●
Linkages / Access	Provide easier access to the River edge (e.g. terracing, boardwalks) Consider a bridge over the rail lines for better access from North Terrace	Consider ways of providing closer access to the River for recreational purposes	◆
Activities	Provide more varied and interesting activities and destinations such as frisbee golf, a boardwalk over the River, butterfly enclosure, nature play space/ nature walk, tree top walk and public art murals	Aligns with strategy 1.2 <i>Create places and attractions that set the Park Lands apart</i> Includes the action to create a number of high quality and distinctive places across the Park Lands which provide a point of difference from suburban open space	●

