



Adelaide Park Lands Biodiversity Survey

The biodiversity of the Adelaide Park Lands is defined by rich landscapes of open woodlands, grasslands, creeks, wetlands and the River Torrens/Karrawirra Pari. Embedded within these landscapes are areas of remnant native vegetation and carefully selected revegetation that attract and host hundreds of species of wildlife including some with conservation significance.

The Biodiversity Survey of the Adelaide Park Lands 2023/24 (BioSurvey) is the most comprehensive analysis of Adelaide Park Lands biodiversity, closing a twenty-year gap in knowledge and reporting on aspects biodiversity that were previously not surveyed.

The Biodiversity Summary Report summarised the findings of the BioSurvey and provides a snapshot of biodiversity within the Adelaide Park Lands including habitat and vegetation condition assessments, and evaluation of plant and animal species diversity in the Adelaide Park Lands. The BioSurvey Technical Report provides detailed methodology and data on biodiversity assets in the Adelaide Park Lands to inform planning, management and conservation activities by the City of Adelaide. The reports and data created from the BioSurvey provides the evidence base for measuring actions to protect and restore biodiversity in our city. Our target is to achieve a net increase in biodiversity, habitats, and ecosystems health within the City of Adelaide by 2030.

At its meeting on 27 June 2024, Kadaltilla received the Biodiversity Summary Report and noted key new

species discovered by the field surveys include three species of microbat, one Short-finned Eel (*Anguilla australis*), 71 species of native bee, and a rare species of Jewel Beetle (*Diphucrania trimentula*).

Overall, the Adelaide Park Lands Biodiversity Survey indicates:

- an increase in knowledge of total species diversity and abundance in the Adelaide Park Lands
- an increase in the distribution of biodiversity in the Adelaide Park Lands
- the return of species to the Adelaide Park Lands through the creation of habitats (eg wetlands) and their associated resources.



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Multi-Year Major Event Licences

Events in the Park Lands contribute to the delivery of the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024–2028, and aligns with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, which aims to elevate the city's reputation for exceptional and unique arts and cultural experiences.

Major events in the Park Lands contribute significantly to economic growth and prosperity in the city making it an interesting and engaging place to live, learn and visit. The City of Adelaide works to ensure that event sites in the Park Lands are maintained and presented as globally recognised outdoor venues of choice, which includes educating event organisers on how best to care for the Park Lands, and to promote the value of the commitment to return the location to optimum condition post-event.

The festivals and events industries are currently facing a significant number of challenges, resulting in many event cancellations interstate. Supporting major events to secure their preferred location for a number of consecutive years is a mechanism by which the City of Adelaide can proactively assist the industry at this time.

On 27 June 2024, Kadaltilla endorsed multi-year event licences of up to five years to different major event organisers. All events endorsed have been held previously and have a history of operating successfully in the Park Lands. Over the next five years, 24 multi-year event licenses will support events presented across sixteen Park Lands locations annually.



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Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) – Towards 2036

One of Kadaltilla's principal responsibilities is to undertake a comprehensive review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) at least once every five years. The APLMS is a joint State Government and Council owned document, which is prepared and maintained on their behalf by Kadaltilla.

Kadaltilla has undertaken a review of the existing APLMS with a bold vision for the overall enhancement and protection of the Adelaide Park Lands. The draft APLMS, titled 'Towards 2036', sets out a long-term vision for our city's open space and guides us in ways to protect and manage them through the next decade.

In early 2022, a comprehensive mid-point review of the APLMS was commenced with engagement phases 1 and 2 completed in 2022–2023. The draft APLMS was informed by Phase 1 with over 2,500 community engagement participants over a nine-month consultation window. 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 was 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. Phase 2 of the APLMS strengthened the representation from under-represented stakeholders and groups and engaged with seven main stakeholder groups.

The last phase of engagement, phase 3, commenced in early 2024 and on 23 May 2024 Kadaltilla endorsed the public consultation on the draft APLMS – Towards 2036 for a period of eight weeks from, 17 June to 9 August 2024. The public consultation summary on the draft APLMS will be presented to Kadaltilla in late 2024 for consideration. Finalisation of the APLMS – Towards 2036, includes approval of Kadaltilla, the Council and the Minister for Planning, Parliamentary processes and publication.



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Draft Light Square/Wauwi Master Plan

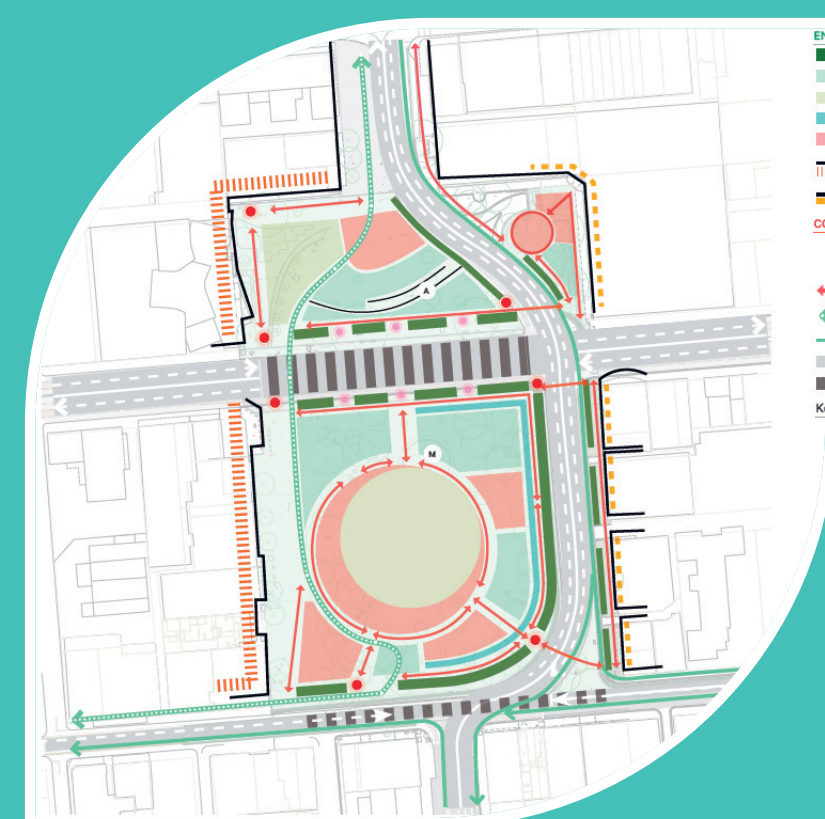
Light Square/Wauwi was named after Colonel William Light who was the first Surveyor-General of Adelaide responsible for its planning and layout. Its Kurna name is in honour of Wauwi, who was the wife of Kurna Elder, Kadlitpina. Kadlitpina was one of three key Kurna Elders who provided language and cultural information to first colonists.

The City of Adelaide is developing a Master Plan for Light Square/Wauwi. Targeted stakeholder and community consultation is occurring in two phases as part of the development of the draft Master Plan, with phase 1 consultation listening and exploring issues and opportunities for Light Square, and phase 2 engagement providing review and feedback on the draft Master Plan.

The Master Plan aims to transform the Square through a holistic approach to create a distinct character as a greener, safer and inclusive urban area. The Master Plan acknowledges the colonial history of Light Square/Wauwi in the context of reconciliation, which means acknowledging Kurna in the design and landscape of the Square and embedding Kurna history and current living culture. The Master Plan also responds to the three goals of the draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 to provide a range of experiences, landscapes and attractive places that enhance health and wellbeing, that are connected and safe to move around, address

climate change, and celebrate Adelaide's unique natural and cultural heritage.

At its meeting on 28 March 2024, Kadaltilla provided input on design and planning principles to guide the development of the draft Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan, and on 27 June 2024 Kadaltilla endorsed the draft Light Square/Wauwi Master Plan for the purposes of community consultation and approved the Light Square/Wauwi Engagement Plan.



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Kadaltilla Strategic Plan 2023–2028

In 2023, a new Strategic Plan was created to align with Kadaltilla’s new vision and priorities over the next term. At its meeting held on 26 October 2023, Kadaltilla approved the draft Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority’s Strategic Plan 2023–2028, with the final copy approved by Kadaltilla on 23 November 2023.

The 2023–2028 Strategic Plan has a new date in line with the revised actions and key measures over the next six years. It has been formatted to be consistent with the City of Adelaide 2020–2024 Strategic Plan, the other City of Adelaide subsidiaries, and in line with the other State Government Strategic Plans.

The ‘Purpose’ has been expanded to include reference to the promotion of, and the economic values of, the Park Lands. The ‘Guiding Principles’ have been expanded to strengthen engagement with the State Government, and the ‘Governance’ has been revised to ensure better alignment with the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* and engagement with the State Government.

Whilst the themes of the four pillars remain similar to the previous Strategic Plan, the ‘Cultural Value’ pillar has expanded the promotion of the Park Lands and removed mention of the annual Community Forum as its undertaking is already a legislative requirement. The ‘Environmental Performance’ pillar

has been revised to encourage the promotion of ecologically sustainable initiatives and further research into the impact of climate change on the Park Lands. The ‘Management and Protection’ pillar advocates for the creation of more funding opportunities and seeks the assessment of the landscape value of the Adelaide Park Lands including economic, environmental and cultural significance. The ‘Expert Advice’ pillar seeks greater advocacy in State Government projects and increases the profile of Kadaltilla.





Draft City Plan – Adelaide 2036

The City Plan delivers the City of Adelaide’s spatial plan for the development of our city. The draft City Plan achieves this by providing an urban design framework to guide planning for sustainable growth within the City of Adelaide, which also supports achievement of the Council’s target population of 50,000 residents by 2036.

The four priorities contained in the draft City Plan are a Greener and Cooler City, Transit Diversity, a City of Neighbourhoods, and Housing Diversity for a Growing Population.

The draft City Plan includes eight City-Wide Strategies that recognise the significant contribution the Adelaide Park Lands and Squares will play in supporting the continued growth of the city’s resident, business and visitor populations. Strategies seek to strengthen and reinforce the existing city grid through tree planting and other greening opportunities and reinforce the role of the Adelaide Park Lands and Squares as local open space for city residents by seeking diversification of recreational uses with these open spaces supplemented with additional open space in various forms such as green roofs, courtyards and plazas.

The priorities and City-Wide Strategies contained in the draft City Plan are supported by a Local Area Framework. The thirteen local areas are based on the form and function of the city, key main streets, city squares, and current planning zoning and policy. The City Plan is targeting implementation from the 2024/25 financial year.





Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka Kiosk

Rymill Kiosk is ideally located in one of Adelaide's premier parks within walking distance to the City and major attractions. The Kiosk will act as a catalyst for short and long-term change in the park, through events and activations as well as championing upgrades to the surrounding public realm. This change will promote social activities that connect people with each other, while simultaneously driving economic growth through partnerships with businesses. The objective was to create a distinctive place in the Adelaide Park Lands that is open and welcome to everyone, a favourite of locals and a must visit for tourists. The success of the kiosk will add to the success of the greater area.

On 26 October 2023, Kadaltilla worked with Creative Place Hospitality Group to ensure the Kaurna history and storytelling are appropriately represented and to strengthen the sense of place through sensitive design that acknowledges its history and acts as a focal point for community engagement and events that encompass the whole park.

The upgrade to Rymill Park Lake provides an opportunity for the community to enjoy fun and safe

water-based activities, as well increases the biodiversity within the park.



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Victoria Park Master Plan Endorsement

The purpose of the Master Plan for Victoria Park/ Pakapakanthi (Park 16) is to provide an aspirational, inspiring and sustainable blueprint for the future development of the park that balances multiple user needs and ensures the park continues to perform as a key events and recreation space within the city. The Master Plan provides a clear vision to reinforce the Park's important strategic links to the city and addresses:

1. Additional tree canopy, shade and greening particularly, but not exclusively, at the northern end of the Park.
2. Planning for a hospitable and landscaped environment to address a future, hotter climate.
3. The cultural and social values of the park.
4. Remnant native plant and animal habitat and original vegetation.
5. Many informal and formal uses of the park.
6. The desire for an inspiring and sustainable landscape.

The Master Plan sets a framework for a series of site-responsive interventions, with particular emphasis on preserving and enhancing the park's much-loved structured and unstructured recreational activities and tree-stretched landscape character while ensuring universal access to the park. Victoria Park/ Pakapakanthi (Park 16) will be a cooler, greener, more biodiverse, and climate resilient park that

positively contributes to people's physical and mental health, provides for programmed and unprogrammed community sports and recreation, attracts and supports diverse events and activities, while celebrating cultural and social values.

Following its endorsement by Kadaltilla on 27 June 2024, the Master Plan was presented to the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee and Council for decision in July 2024, with the detailed design phase scheduled to occur in the 2024/25 financial year.



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Returning Platypus to the River Torrens/ Karrawirra Pari

At a special meeting of 6 June 2024, Kadaltilla received a presentation from Chris Daniels, Chair Green Adelaide, discussing opportunities for water management in the Park Lands and how to partner on the return of the platypus to the River Torrens/
Karrawirra Pari.

The last 20 years have seen a massive improvement* in an extra-ordinarily difficult ecosystem to manage, made worse by 150 years of damaging human actions. The aim is to achieve a river with a high provision of ecosystem services to the region, a high amenity value for the community, a reliable water source for the community, a biodiversity hotspot and green-link between ecosystems, and a quality estuary and limited impact on marine ecosystems. The ultimate goal is reintroduction of platypus in by 2026.

***[greenadelaide.sa.gov.au/discover/
river-torrens-karrawirra-pari](https://greenadelaide.sa.gov.au/discover/river-torrens-karrawirra-pari)**



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Kurna Voices – Cultural Mapping

The City of Adelaide has worked in partnership with the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation and Kurna community members to complete a Cultural Mapping Project, entitled Kurna Voices.

The interactive webpage was launched in May 2024 during Reconciliation Week and hosted on the City of Adelaide website. The webpage incorporates a map of the city showing sites of cultural and social significance supported by historical text, archived images, and oral history and video recordings featuring Kurna Elders and Community leaders.

The project has gathered stories relating to the cultural significance of the Adelaide Park Lands and City to Kurna people, focusing on places of cultural significance and social interest and acknowledges the Kurna Community as the Traditional Owners and Native Title Holders, the first over a capital city in Australia.

The research conducted for this project has aimed to incorporate Tiati, or Truth-telling, to ensure an authentic Kurna story is told. There are rare descriptions of traditional Kurna rites around death and accounts of the spiritual connection to Country. The stories tell of the destruction of Dreaming tracks and important cultural sites-especially along the River Torrens/Karrawirra Pari.

The project also incorporates oral history interviews with Kurna elders including Dr Lewis Yarlupurka O'Brien and Aunty Lynette Crocker. The oral histories accounts explore themes of Kurna culture and history and language.



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