



Adelaide Park Lands Authority

Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report 2024/2025

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) Annual Report 2024/25 (Annual Report) in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA), and the Kadaltilla Charter.

The Annual Report details the advice and operations of Kadaltilla against its Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 ([Link 1](#)) and its Strategic Plan 2023-2028 ([Link 2](#)).

The final Annual Report will incorporate the Audited Financial Statements of Kadaltilla from 1 July 2024 through 30 June 2025, subject to review by the Audit and Risk Committee on 24 September 2025.

Subject to Kadaltilla's consideration, the Annual Report will be included in the City of Adelaide's Annual Report and made available separately on the Kadaltilla web page.

In accordance with Kadaltilla's Charter, the annual review of the contents of the Strategic Plan 2023-2028 is complete and no changes are proposed.

Recommendation

THAT THE KADALTILLA / ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND COUNCIL:

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Approves the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report 2024/25 as contained in **Attachment A** to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 28 August 2025.
2. Approves the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, incorporating the Audited Financial Statements of Kadaltilla from 1 July 2024 through 30 June 2025 into the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report 2024/25 as contained in **Attachment A** to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 28 August 2025, subject to review by the Audit and Risk Committee on 24 September 2025.
3. Notes the requirement, under Clause 6.4.1(c) of the Kadaltilla Charter, to undertake an annual review of the Kadaltilla Strategic Plan in consultation with Council.
4. Approves that no amendments are required to be made to the Kadaltilla 2023–2028 Strategic Plan.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to provide a copy to Council and the Minister of Planning as the Minister responsible for the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA).
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to make minor, technical or typographical changes to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report for the 2024/25 financial year as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 28 August 2025.

Implications

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025	Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 The Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) Annual Report reviews performance measures and key achievements against the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) objectives to ensure that the APLMS aligns with the principles of the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> .
2023-2028 Strategic Plan	Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Expert Advice 4.1 Provide advice on plans, projects, and policies for the Adelaide Park Lands 4.2 Engage with City of Adelaide and State Government including input into State Government initiatives 4.3 Review leasing and licensing and event management policies together with other relevant Park Lands use policies
City of Adelaide Strategies	The Strategic Plan supports the City of Adelaide's Strategic Plan 2024 - 2028: <i>Our Environment: "The status, attributes and character of our green spaces and the Park Lands are protected and strengthened."</i> The Strategic Plan is also consistent with the City Plan, Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan and Integrated Climate Strategy.
Policy	The Annual Report is a requirement of the <i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i> , <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i> , and the Kadaltilla Charter. Kadaltilla's Charter requires the Authority to prepare an Annual Report and complete an annual review of its Strategic Plan 2024-2028.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Kadaltilla is required to prepare an Annual Report to meet its legislative obligations under Schedule 2 – Provisions applicable to subsidiaries, Clause 12 – Reporting, of the <i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i> and the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA)</i> .
Design	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	To promote Kadaltilla's achievement against the APLMS and its Strategic Plan, and to identify opportunities for performance improvement.
City of Adelaide Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Capital Infrastructure Projects	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

Discussion

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Background

2. In accordance with section 6.7 of the Kadaltilla Charter, Kadaltilla must, by 30 September in each financial year, submit to both Council and the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Nick Champion MP, who is responsible for the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA), an Annual Report on its work and operations during the preceding financial year.
3. The Annual Report must:
 - 3.1. Report on the work and operations of Kadaltilla for the preceding financial year (2024/25).
 - 3.2. Detail Kadaltilla's achievements against the aims and objectives of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, and its Annual Business Plan and Budget for that year.
 - 3.3. Incorporate the Audited Financial Statements of Kadaltilla.
 - 3.4. Incorporate any other reports required by the City of Adelaide (of which there are none).
4. The Kadaltilla Charter, under section 6.4, provides that Kadaltilla shall review the contents of its Strategic Plan annually in consultation with the Council.
5. Kadaltilla has previously received separate reports on:
 - 5.1. progress against its Annual Business Plan and Budget; and
 - 5.2. the annual review of its Strategic Plan.

In 2025/26 a consolidated Annual Report is presented for approval.

Annual Report

6. Kadaltilla's Annual Report 2024/25 (**Attachment A**) demonstrates the requirements of Kadaltilla's Charter and Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 have been addressed.
7. The Annual Report focusses on the Kadaltilla's:
 - 7.1. 'Core Responsibility' to provide advice to both Council and the State Government on matters pertaining to the Adelaide Park Lands.
 - 7.2. 'Supporting Responsibilities' including maintenance of appointments, review of its Charter and preparation of an Annual Business Plan and Budget.
8. Highlights for 2024/25 financial year include:
 - 8.1. Approved the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy - Towards 2036 (APLMS) on 24 October 2024.
 - 8.2. Support the provision of eight funding recommendations through the City of Adelaide and the State Government for initiatives in the Kadaltilla Strategic Plan 2023-28.
 - 8.3. Supported the preferred concept design options for Pelzer Park / Pityarilla (Park 19) and Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Park 20).
 - 8.4. Supported the 21-year Park Lands Community Lease Agreement with the Adelaide Community Sports and Recreation Association and the Detailed Design for the community sports facilities at Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West).
9. As part of its core responsibilities, Kadaltilla held 11 meetings between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025, received 37 reports and 12 presentations, and arranged three Adelaide Park Lands site tours. This included review of, support for, or advice regarding:
 - 9.1. Endorsed the City of Adelaide's Glen Osmond Road, Hutt Road and Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17) Improvements concept.

- 9.2. Endorsed Council to enter lease negotiations for the sports buildings, playing fields and courts located in Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17) with Touch Football South Australia, and in Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Park 20) with Pulteney Grammar School.
- 9.3. Received regular updates from the City of Adelaide on the World Heritage Tentative List Submission for the Adelaide Park Lands and Rural Settlement Landscapes
- 9.4. Provided feedback to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport on the Tram Grade Separation Project.
- 9.5. Provided feedback to the State Planning Commission on the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan Consultation.
- 9.6. Reviewed the City of Adelaide's Adelaide Park Lands Biodiversity Digital Reporting Framework.
- 9.7. Provided the City of Adelaide with feedback on the Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy.
- 9.8. Drafted a submission on the Festival Plaza Code Amendment Consultation.
- 9.9. Noted the progress updates provided for financial year 2023/24 of the Kadaltilla 2023-2028 Strategic Plan.
- 9.10. Noted the tenancy status of the North Adelaide Railway Station in Possum Park / Pirltawardli (Park 1) and proposed approaches to activating the premises in the short and long term.
- 9.11. Endorsed the lease negotiations for a five-year Park Lands Community Lease Agreement with the Adelaide Archery Club for the community building and playing fields located in Bullrush Park / Warnpangga (Park 10).
- 9.12. Endorsed the concept designs for the sports ground lighting upgrade at Gladys Elphick Park / Narnungga (Park 25).
- 9.13. Provided feedback on the City of Adelaide's Cultural Policy Discussion Paper – Culture: The Life of Our City.
- 9.14. Noted the outcomes of phase 2 consultation on the draft Light Square / Wauwi Master Plan and the high level of stakeholder support for draft Option 1.
- 9.15. Endorsed the City of Adelaide progressing negotiations and executing a revised Royal Adelaide Show Parking – Executed Deed of Agreement.
- 9.16. Endorsed lease negotiations with Christian Brothers College for five-year Park Lands Community Lease Agreements for the sports buildings, playing fields and sports courts located in King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15) and Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17).
- 9.17. Noted the Adelaide Park Lands Dry Area Regulation Evaluation report and the prioritisation of the development of a plan for implementing the recommended actions.
- 9.18. Provided the City of Adelaide with feedback on the Botanic Creek Rehabilitation project.
- 9.19. Provided feedback to the South Australian Motor Sport Board on the proposed area for the World Solar Challenge event and the proposed period of time that works for the event will cover.
- 9.20. Provided feedback to the Premier and the Minister of Planning to express the Board's concerns regarding the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Bill 2025 (SA)*.
- 9.21. Provided feedback to the South Australian Motor Sport Board on the 2025 bp Adelaide Grand Final consultation.
- 9.22. Provided feedback to the Adelaide City Football Club on the Lessee's proposed redevelopment of the community buildings located in Peppermint Park / Wita Wirra (Park 18) and Pelzer Park / Pityarilla (Park 19).
- 9.23. Adopted the Kadaltilla Annual Report for the 2023/24 financial year.
- 9.24. Noted the Adelaide Aquatic Centre Redevelopment Update.
10. As part of its supporting responsibilities, Kadaltilla:
 - 10.1. Undertook three field trips in August 2024, February 2025 and June 2025 to Carriageway Park/Tuthangga (Park 17), Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16), and Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14).

- 10.2. Held a Community Forum across four days in August to October 2024 in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16), Hindmarsh Square / Mukata, Mistletoe Park / Tainmuntilla (Park 11), and Lefevre Park / Nantu Wama (Park 6).
- 10.3. Approved the date and theme of the 2025 Annual Community Forum.
- 10.4. Approved the Kadaltilla 2025 meeting dates.
- 10.5. Endorsed the Kadaltilla Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025/26.
- 10.6. Launched a Facebook and LinkedIn Kadaltilla social media page in September 2024.
- 10.7. Redesigned its website in 2025 to identify its responsibilities, membership, and provide access to important documents such as Annual Reports.
- 10.8. Provided Quarterly Financial Reports to the City of Adelaide's Audit and Risk Committee as part of its quarterly budget review process.

Annual Review of the Strategic Plan 2023-2028

11. In accordance with section 6.4 of the Kadaltilla Charter, an annual review of the contents of the Strategic Plan 2023-2028 is complete. The review identifies:
 - 11.1. Messages from the Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member remain relevant.
 - 11.2. The role of Kadaltilla in the Governance of the Adelaide Park Lands remains unchanged.
 - 11.3. The strategy content remains consistent with Kadaltilla's strategic priorities and objectives.
12. Noting the finalisation of the APLMS – Towards 2036 is scheduled for August 2025, it is proposed that the Strategic Plan 2023-2028 priority projects are revisited as part of the annual review for 2025/26.
13. Accordingly, no amendments are recommended as a consequence of the 2024/25 annual review process.

Next Steps

14. The Annual Report will incorporate the Audited Financial Statements of Kadaltilla for 2024/25, subject to review by the Audit and Risk Committee on 24 September 2025.
15. These statements will be circulated to Board Members for their reference, and a copy of the Annual Report (incorporating the Audited Financial Statements) will be furnished to both the Council and the Minister for Planning in accordance with the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA).
16. In accordance with section 6.4.1.c) of the Kadaltilla Charter, Council will be consulted on the contents of the current Strategic Plan 2023-2028 through consideration of the Annual Report. Council's feedback will be circulated to Board Members through the portal for their reference.
17. The finalised version of the Annual Report will be:
 - 17.1. Included in the City of Adelaide's Annual Report 2024/25 as required under the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).
 - 17.2. Made available on the City of Adelaide's Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority web page.

Data and Supporting Information

Link 1 – [Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25](#)

Link 2 – [Kadaltilla Strategic Plan 2023-2028](#)

Attachments

Attachment A – Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2024/25 Annual Report

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