

# Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

## Cricket Net Relocation – Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12)

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Board Meeting**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek the support of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority for the relocation of existing turf wicket cricket training nets in Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12), within the Licence Area.

The project will enable the Lessee, Adelaide University, to establish a new oval and make greater use of the playing fields by its sports clubs and the broader community, including Adelaide Botanic High School students, who utilise Park 12 for physical education.

The cricket training nets will be relocated to a site previously used for lawn tennis, which has not been utilised for this purpose since 2010. The relocation will also facilitate the replacement of the existing chain wire mesh fencing with a combination of post-and-rail fencing and new black chain wire mesh fencing around the training nets only.

The current training nets area will be returned to open Park Lands use, enabling unrestricted access when not in use by the Lessee.

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## Recommendation

THAT THE KADALTILLA / ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES COUNCIL:

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Supports the relocation of the existing cricket nets within Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12) as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 26 March 2026.

## Implications

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036	This project supports the following strategy and action: 1.8 – ‘Strengthen the role of the Adelaide Park Lands as a regional destination for competitive sport and a variety of active and passive forms of recreation’.
2023-2028 Strategic Plan	<a href="#">Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan</a> <a href="#">Strategic Plan Alignment – Expert Advice</a> 4.1 – Provide advice on plans, projects, and policies for the Adelaide Park Lands
City of Adelaide Strategies	This project aligns with the City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan; in particular, ‘Enable community-led services which increase wellbeing, social connections and participation in active lifestyles, leisure, recreation and sport’.
Policy	<u>Community Land Management Plan</u> A12.4 – Purpose for which the land is held: ‘Providing sporting fields and rowing sheds, and activities in accordance with the relevant lease / licence over the land.’
Consultation	Adelaide University sports clubs and the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) informed the location and design of the redeveloped cricket nets in Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12).
Resource	This project will be managed by Adelaide University.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	This project will require Development Approval and a City Works Permit.
Design	The siting and design of the redeveloped cricket training nets align with <a href="#">Cricket Australia Outdoor Training Facilities Guidelines</a> .
Opportunities	The relocation of the existing cricket nets will facilitate increased programming of the playing fields in Park 12 and improve community access to Park Lands by removing existing boundary fencing.
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	The assets associated with this project will be owned by the Lessee, Adelaide University, for the life of the Lease, which will end on 30 June 2055.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	As per the Lease Agreement, all ongoing maintenance and renewal costs will be borne by the Lessee.
Other Funding Sources	Adelaide University will fund the entire project.

# Discussion

## Background

1. The Adelaide University (AU) has a 42-year lease for facilities in Bullrush Park / Warnpangga (Park 10) and Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12), including a lease for the community buildings and a licence for the playing fields.
2. The playing fields in Park 12 include AFL and cricket ovals, a soccer pitch and two sets of cricket training nets (southern and central), as shown in **Attachment A**.
3. The southern cricket nets are hard-wicket training facilities and are to be retained in situ.
4. The central cricket nets are turf-wicket training facilities and are proposed to be relocated by AU to the south-western corner of their licensed area. The relocation of these facilities will allow for the existing soccer pitch in Park 12 to be converted to an AFL/cricket oval. This would facilitate AFL and cricket programming across three playing fields in Park 12, with soccer training and matches consolidated into Park 10.
5. The relocation of the central cricket nets will enable increased use of the playing fields in Park 12 by AU's sports clubs and the broader community, including Adelaide Botanic High School students, who utilise Park 12 for physical education.

## Site Context

6. The proposed relocation site is within AU's licensed area and includes an area formerly used for lawn tennis. The lawn tennis courts have not been used since early 2010, and access is currently restricted by 3.6 metre high chain wire mesh fencing.
7. Beyond the fenced lawn tennis area, the site is bordered by a community building (grandstand) with adjacent car parking to the north, a mature Moreton Bay Fig tree to the west, and War Memorial Drive to the south.

## Facility Design

8. The proposed new turf-wicket training nets have been designed in accordance with Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Facility Guidelines, as shown in **Attachment A**.
9. The training nets are oriented north-south, with the turf wickets located at the northern end. This ensures the turf wickets are away from existing trees, providing optimal growing and maintenance conditions.
10. The training nets will comprise black chain wire mesh fencing that is 3.6 metres high on the western, northern and eastern sides, 4.5 metres high on the southern boundary, and black netting placed over the top. The training nets are 36m wide and 41m long.
11. When in use, retractable fencing on the western and eastern sides will extend to the southern boundary, to ensure cricket balls remain within the enclosure.
12. The existing tennis court fencing will be removed and replaced with low post-and-rail fencing to the west of the new training nets.
13. The area to the west will be an open lawn area, with seating positioned to utilise shade from the Moreton Bay Fig tree.
14. AU originally proposed that both the turf wicket and hard wicket training nets be co-located in this southwest corner of the park. Council Administration was not supportive due to the extent of construction planned for the area adjacent to the Moreton Bay Fig tree. The hard-wicket training nets will remain in situ and accessible to the community.

## Access

15. The new training nets will be utilised by AU sports clubs and sub-lessees, predominantly during the summer season. The turf wickets are not publicly accessible.

## Next Steps

16. Subject to Kadaltilla's support, this proposal will be presented to Council in April 2026 for consent to progress with a Development Approval application.

# Attachments

**Attachment A** – Adelaide University Cricket Net Relocation and Redevelopment Concept Plan

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