

Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report 2019 – 2020

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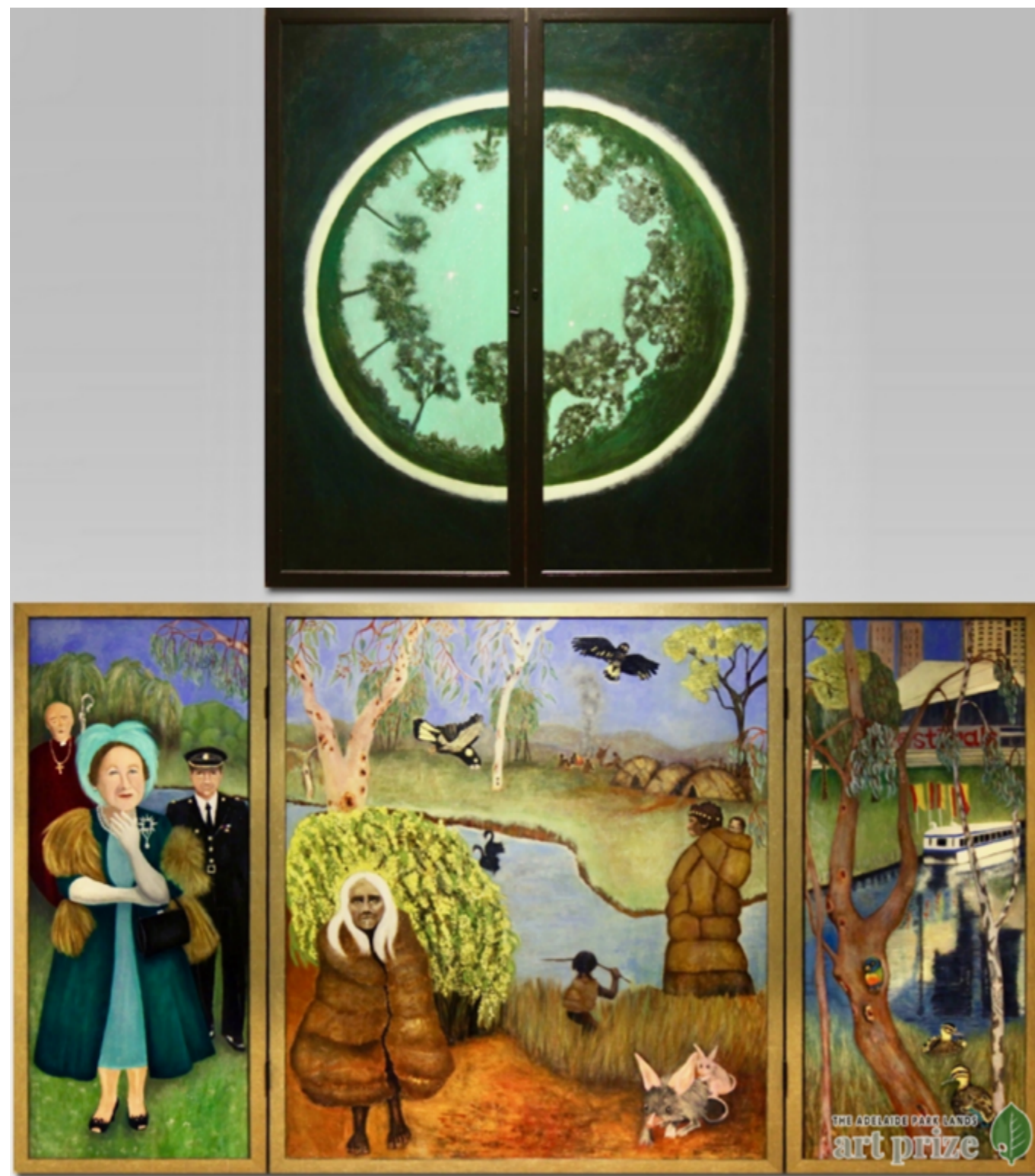
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'It Was All Park Lands Once' by Susan Chenery, Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize Finalist 2020

Message from the Presiding Member



The Adelaide Park Lands are the City's defining feature and a treasured community asset of which I am incredibly proud. In a time of limited travel, this essential resource plays an even more important role in supporting our physical and mental health. In fact, the travel restrictions provide an opportunity to rediscover the more than 700 hectares of wetlands, picnic grounds, sports fields, playgrounds and native vegetation, trees and green open spaces right on our doorstep.

We sometimes forget the diversity of offerings in the Park Lands, whether they be the expansive spaces of Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi, the birdlife on the Torrens Lake, the horses running free in Lefevre Park/Nantu Wama, the beautiful Veale Gardens or the majestic Elm Carriageway in Tuthangga.

Simply venturing out into the Park Lands is something I often do and allows us to appreciate their scale and offerings. A leisurely cycle around the Park Lands Trail

will take you the best part of an afternoon or morning and take you through a rich tapestry of landscapes.

In June this year, the Board spent time in the southern Park Lands contemplating where the new wetlands and detention basins are to be created, understanding the impacts on the landscape and making sure that as few trees as possible are affected.

I want to thank the members of the Authority for their input over the last twelve months. They have done a tremendous job in advising both the City of Adelaide and the State Government on a variety of projects and plans for the Adelaide Park Lands. I particularly want to thank Matt Davis who resigned from the Board in October 2019 to take up a position interstate and Rob Brookman AM who joined the Board as Matt's replacement in May 2020.

I encourage you to continue to enjoy the Adelaide Park Lands.

Sandy Verschoor

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide
Presiding Member, Adelaide Park Lands Authority

The Board of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority visiting Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20) in the Southern Park Lands in June 2020.

From left: Jessica Davies-Huynh; Kirsteen Mackay (Deputy Presiding Member); Rob Brookman AM; Stephen Forbes; The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide and Presiding Member, Sandy Verschoor; Allison Bretones; Craig Wilkins; Stephanie Johnston and Ben Willmsmore.



Purpose of the Annual Report

This Annual Report details the work and operations of the Authority against its Business Plan and Budget and incorporates the audited financial statements of the Authority.

In its principal role as an advisory body, the matters considered by the Authority have been reported against the following five Outcomes of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy:

Dynamic, active and tranquil places

Places of activity, creativity and tranquillity for everyone that support our changing lifestyles, health and wellbeing, addressing:

- Facilities and infrastructure that encourage outdoor recreation and sport
- Destinations and attractions in the Park Lands
- Creation of activity hubs to support a diverse range of recreational needs
- The Park Lands as a visitor and tourist attraction
- Management of activities and events
- Enhancement of buildings.

Connected places and spaces

A system of connected and legible places and spaces enabling safe movement via paths and trails linking the city to the suburbs, hills and coast, addressing:

- Greater connection of places and spaces through a network of shared paths for walking, cycling and running
- A hierarchy of path networks which link all parks, places and spaces within parks
- Connections linking the city and suburbs with the Park Lands
- Lighting of pathways, ovals and key recreational hubs to improve safety and increase use

- Improved wayfinding and interpretive signage
- Management of car parking on and around the Park Lands.

Welcoming and attractive places

Places of diverse landscapes and natural beauty providing a range of recreational, sensory and stimulating experiences of discovery, addressing:

- Establishment of a cohesive Park Lands identity
- Landscaped entry points and edges to welcome and draw people into the Park Lands
- Enhancement of natural, ornamental and cultural landscapes.

Sustainable and enduring places

Places that thrive in the face of a changing climate, addressing:

- Management of biodiversity
- Improved management of water and watercourses in the Park Lands
- Sustainable use of water
- Resilience in the face of changing climate
- Role of Park Lands in broader city carbon neutral targets and in managing Urban Heat Island effect.



Memorable and distinctive places

Places celebrating Adelaide's unique natural and cultural heritage, addressing:

- Protection and preservation of the Park Lands
- World Heritage nomination for the Park Lands
- Identification, protection and interpretation of Kaurna cultural and heritage sites
- Protection and interpretation of the cultural and environmental values of the Park Lands

- Protection and preservation of the National Heritage-listed Park Lands
- Protection and interpretation of the cultural and environmental values of the Park Lands and their cultural landscapes.

An unusual map of the City and Park Lands dated 1853-55



The year in summary

The Adelaide Park Lands are a living, breathing system which changes daily and over the course of the seasons. Remnant native plants which have managed to survive the intrusion of European settlement bloom in spring while the Magpies swoop unsuspecting visitors.

In April and May, the autumn rains breathe new life into parched landscapes and revitalise areas used by events over the summer. Over time, the Park Lands continue to grow and adapt to the changing needs of the community through new facilities and revitalised landscapes.

The Adelaide Park Lands Authority has a role to play throughout the year to safeguard the values we place on the Park Lands and ensure they continue to provide for future generations.

Indicative of the range of issues considered by the Authority are:

- A Master Plan for Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) in the eastern Park Lands, which included design considerations for the new Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace
- A Cultural Burn proposal for an area of the southern Park Lands, a project led by Kurna
- The State Government’s Planning and Design Code
- The wetlands and stormwater detention basins proposed for the southern Park Lands as part of the Brownhill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Management Plan

Deliberations by the Board

Matters affecting the Park Lands can be complex in nature. Consideration of these matters requires preparation by Board Members and often involves robust discussion.

When deliberating on proposals and policies for the Park Lands, Board Members must consider and

balance the many competing interests facing the Park Lands identified in the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, including, in no particular order:

- Meeting the needs of modern day recreational and sporting activity while minimising built form on the Park Lands
- Enhancing the liveability of a growing and diversifying city
- Balancing sporting use, event activity, general recreation needs and access rights for the general community
- Accommodating biodiversity and other natural values
- Enhancing the landscape amenity of the Park Lands
- Ensuring sustainable practices are followed and climate change is addressed
- Preserving the heritage and integrity of the Park Lands and protecting the Values which underpin their National Heritage Listing.

Meeting procedures

The Authority’s Charter requires meetings of the Board to adhere to the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013. This is a requirement usually reserved for Councils and Council committees and not usually imposed on expertise-based Boards.

During the course of this financial year, Board Members agreed with the Presiding Member’s view that the inflexible arrangements imposed by the constraints of the meeting regulations unnecessarily hindered effective discussions and interchange between Board Members at meetings.

As a result, the Presiding Member initiated a review of the Authority’s Charter by Council to remove the requirement and allow the Board to determine its own meeting procedures, which must be fair and contribute to free and open decision making.

The *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* requires the Authority (Board) to meet in public, which would continue, along with the ability to receive public deputations. This matter is on-going and requires consultation with State Government Ministers.

Enhancements Projects

Design considerations for the new Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace in Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) were presented to the Authority. This project, funded by the State Government and delivered by the City of Adelaide, will provide a wonderful play opportunity for children of all abilities. Quentin was a disability advocate, actor, film maker, movie reviewer, radio host and writer born with the bone disease osteogenesis imperfecta.

Master Planning

The Authority reviewed the newly developed City Dirt Master Plan for the BMX facility in Blue Gum Park/ Kurangga (Park 20). The Master Plan was finalised with

considerable public consultation input and establishes a Vision and Principles to guide the enhancement of the precinct, incorporating the City TreeClimb adventure high ropes course and Park Lands Trail.

Park Lands Management

The Authority received a progress report on the Adelaide Park Lands Event Management Plan 2016–2020, which provides a very comprehensive framework for the management of the many events which take place in the Park Lands. It was noted the Plan would undergo a comprehensive review in 2020/2021.

The Authority recommended that the City of Adelaide endorse the draft Adelaide Park Lands Building Design Guidelines, a comprehensive guide for all building development in the Park Lands which establishes a set of expectations for the standard of design quality.



The year in review

During 2019/20 the Authority considered a range of matters relating to its core responsibility of providing advice to Council and the State Government on Park Lands policy, management and projects.

The following matters considered by the Authority demonstrate the breadth of its activity and are grouped under the five key outcomes from the Park Lands Strategy.

- Dynamic, Active and Tranquil Places
- Connected Places and Spaces
- Welcoming and Attractive Places
- Sustainable and Enduring Places
- Memorable and Distinctive Places

Dynamic, Active and Tranquil Places

City Dirt (BMX) Master Plan

In July 2019, the Board was updated on the community engagement feedback received prior to the development of the City Dirt Master Plan. The Board supported the Dirt Master Plan, which integrates improved BMX tracks, the Park Lands Trail, picnic facilities and the City TreeClimb facility.

Adelaide Park Land Events Management Plan 2016–2020

In July 2019, the Board considered minor amendments to the Adelaide Park Lands Events Management Plan 2016–2020 (APLEMP) and supported the proposed improvements to the way in which events in the Adelaide Park Lands are managed. Improvements included site management and remediation and public access and sustainability measures.

In June 2020, the Board noted the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Events Management Plan 2016–2020.

Superloop Adelaide 500

In August 2019, through the required consultation, the Board supported the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the Superloop Adelaide 500 2020 event.

The Board noted the following matters would be addressed:

- Further information in relation to risk management for the protection of the native grass area and habitat
- Confirmation sought in relation to the allocation of monies for extra contractors to reduce time
- Cost/benefit analysis undertaken by the State Government on the event sought
- Data in relation to benefit/loss to the city and who benefits in the city.



'Between the Flags' by Christopher Meadows, Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize Finalist 2020

Sports Lighting in Gladys Elphick Park

In September 2019, the Board supported the South Australian Crickets Association's proposal to install sports lighting on the main oval in Gladys Elphick Park/Narnungga (Park 25), taking into consideration the needs of the adjacent Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Adelaide Football Club's Unsolicited Proposal for Denise Norton Park/Pardipardinyilla (Park 2)

In December 2019, the City of Adelaide's Associate Director Property & Commercial, Consultant Community Property and David Cooke, Director of City Collective on behalf of Adelaide Football Club, provided an overview of an 'Unsolicited Proposal' by the Adelaide Football Club for a new sporting facility, headquarters and aquatic facility to replace the current Aquatic Centre and an outline of the process followed to date.



A small gathering in Botanic Park

In February 2020, the Board was addressed on this proposal by:

- Mr John Underwood on behalf of South-East Residents Association Inc
- Mr Valdis Dunis as Convener of the Friends and Residents of North Adelaide.

In March 2020, the Board supported a Motion on Notice that 'APLA notes and supports the motion approved by Council on 11 February 2020 requesting the Lord Mayor writes to the Premier, the Prime

Minister and Mayors of neighbouring Councils as identified through the Needs Analysis to ascertain the nature of any programs and the level of any associated funding which could be used to upgrade the Adelaide Aquatic Centre in order to provide a modern, fit for purpose facility for this state's capital city'.

Lot Fourteen Development Plan Amendment

In November 2019, the Board provided a response to the State Government on the development of the Lot Fourteen site. It was recommended the site reflects the aspirations and provisions of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy as follows:

- Provide for a greater component, at least 30% of the site, as open space Park Lands reflecting, and contributing to, the adjacent Adelaide Botanic Garden, to be retained in perpetuity
- Provide for urban park-like courtyards and treed avenues throughout
- Building heights on the site should be restricted to 53m (approximately 15 storeys) and transition down to zone boundaries in order to minimise impacts on the national heritage values and view shed to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens
- Include a combined cycle and pedestrian path along the eastern side of the site, adjacent the Adelaide Botanic Garden, for the Park Lands Trail to connect North Terrace and Frome Park
- Include strong east-west path connections and access points from Frome Road to the Adelaide Botanic Garden
- Recognise, promote and protect sites of Kaurna cultural heritage significance.

In December 2019, the Board supported a Motion on Notice that 'an assessment be undertaken by the Minister for Planning of the Lot Fourteen Innovation Area Development Plan Amendment building height policy and associated view shed impacts on the Adelaide Botanic Garden (as part of the National Heritage Listed Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout) as required by the EPBC Act (which includes potential external impacts on a listed site)'.

Golden Wattle Park/Mirnu Wirra Concept Plan and Community Land Management Plan

At its December 2019 meeting, the Board considered a draft Concept Plan and Community Land Management Plan for Golden Wattle Park. The City of Adelaide’s Senior Coordinator Recreation & Sport, provided an overview of the process

Discussions occurred in relation to:

- Consultation processes
- Roadside ‘Clearways’ and parking provisions
- Capacity for, and timing of, delivery of the project
- The management of the biodiversity area in the park.

The Vice Chairman of Adelaide Lutheran Sports Club addressed the Board as the leaseholder for the sporting facility in Park 21W.

City of Adelaide draft Strategic Plan 2020–2024

The Board supported the vision, outcome, strategies and key actions set out in the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2020–2024, as they relate to the Adelaide Park Lands.

Sports Master Plan for Bullrush Park/ Warnpangga (Park 10) and Red Gum Park/ Karrawirra (Park 12)

The City of Adelaide’s Senior Coordinator Recreation & Sport (City Wellbeing), and staff from the University of Adelaide, presented a draft sports master plan developed by the University for their facilities in these two parks.

New Stadium for Adelaide

At its March 2020 meeting, the Board supported a Motion on Notice that APLA requests a briefing from the State Government regarding sites under consideration in the Park Lands for a new sports stadium.

Lounders’ Boathouse Precinct Plan

In June 2020, the Board considered an enhancement plan for the Lounders’ Boathouse Precinct off Victoria Drive, adjacent the River Torrens/Karrawirra Pari, addressing:

- Stormwater management issues
- Cycling and pedestrian movement
- Parking and vehicle access
- Use of the State Heritage listed Water Police station

Connected Places and Spaces

Adelaide Park Lands Building Design Guidelines

At its September 2019 meeting, the Board endorsed the draft Adelaide Park Lands Building Design Guidelines, a comprehensive document to aid in the consideration of new and re-designed buildings for the Park Lands, in terms of siting, scale, form, design, materials and purpose.

In June 2020, following public consultation, the Board recommended the draft final guidelines for publication, which has since occurred.

Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace

At its October 2019 meeting, the City of Adelaide’s Manager Design presented the design considerations for the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace in Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14).

Discussion following the presentation centred on incorporation of Kaurna design elements, exeloo/ change room design, footprint and minimising visual impact.

Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Car Park

In November 2019, the Board was presented with the results from the 12-month trial of the proposed parking control changes undertaken for the public car park in Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14), following a request from the Adelaide Bowling Club (ABC) for a review. The car park sits adjacent to the ABC and provides limited permit parking.

The Board supported the continuation of 18 additional permits to the ABC during their Pennant Bowling season and noted this will be reviewed once the Quentin Kenihan Play Space is completed.



Cyclocross in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16)

Planning and Design Code

In December 2019, the Executive Director, Planning & Land Use Services, DPTI, presented an overview of how the proposed Planning and Design Code addresses the Adelaide Park Lands.

Discussion occurred around:

- Squares being zoned Park Lands not Capital City Zone
- Conservation Zones
- Restricted forms of development
- Aquatic Centre and other sites referenced in the Code
- APLA involvement in guidelines and assessment process.

At its meeting in February 2020, the Board made a detailed submission regarding, amongst other things:

- Self-assessment and referral process in relation to any possible effect the P&D Code may have on the values which underpin the National Heritage Listing of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout

- Recognition of the special attributes of the Adelaide Park Lands through inclusion of a dedicated Zone in the P&D Code
- Inclusion of the six Squares in the Adelaide Park Lands Zone
- Strengthening of policies to prevent inappropriate development
- Revision of the ‘Built-form and Character’ provisions to provide greater clarity regarding new buildings in the Adelaide Park Lands, including the incorporation of the City of Adelaide’s Park Lands Building Design Guidelines or being adopted as a Design Standard to further support high quality Park Lands building design
- Educational establishment, hotel and public infrastructure being Code Assessed (Performance Assessed) Development rather than Restricted Development.

Welcoming and Attractive Places

Public Art Guidelines and Memorials Guidelines

At its July 2019 meeting, following a presentation from the City of Adelaide’s Senior Coordinator Arts & Culture, the Board noted the draft Public Art Action Plan 2019–2022 goals and deliverables, and the draft Public Art Guidelines and draft Memorials Guidelines which were developed to replace existing documents.

City of Adelaide Lighting Strategy

At its August 2019 meeting, the Board was supportive of a draft Lighting Strategy for the city presented by the City of Adelaide’s Lighting Designer.

The high-level presentation outlined:

- Key Park Land considerations
- Principles and objectives
- Next steps

Adelaide Park Lands Leasing & Licensing Policy and Guidelines

In August 2019, the Board was presented with the range of factors influencing a review of the current policy for the granting of leases and licences in the Park Lands.

Dry Zone update

In March 2020, the Presiding Member, Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor, advised the Board that there had been a one-month extension of the dry zone in the South Park Lands to the end of March. Public consultation was conducted to understand the impact of that dry zone.

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy

In June 2020, the The Board’s Executive Officer commenced discussions with the Board to inform the upcoming review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy.



The Western Park Lands through time.

Sustainable and Enduring Places

Master Plan and Community Land Management Plan for Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)

In September 2019, the Board considered a proposed Master Plan and Community Land Management Plan for Rymill Park for the purposes of public consultation. The focus of the Master Plan was the potential future options for the lake as either an ornamental wetland or traditional lake, the incorporation of the Quentin Kenihan Playspace and the future design and setting of the kiosk.

Prospect Road Park Lands Entry Improvements and Tree Removal

At its November 2019 meeting, the Board supported the new design for the Denise Norton Park/ Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) and Yam Daisy Park/Kantarilla (Park 3), frontages of Prospect Road, including replacement tree planting, creation of a small picnic hub and an upgrade of the existing tennis courts.

The Board noted that targeted engagement with the Kurna community as to how some of the design can incorporate Kurna culture and heritage would be further explored.

Kurna Cultural Mapping and Management of Biodiversity in the Park Lands

At the meeting in March 2020, staff from the City of Adelaide’s City Wellbeing team presented an update on the Kurna Cultural Mapping project. The project provides a systematic tool to identify and record the cultural assets and knowledge to inform Council’s strategies and planning processes, with the additional benefit of building capacity amongst young Kurna people.

An update was also provided on partnerships with the Kurna community in the management of biodiversity in the south Park Lands, focussing on a planned cultural burn to revitalise remnant native vegetation.

Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Management Project (South Park Lands)

In June 2020, the Board conducted a very successful field trip to the South Park Lands where, in addition to the broad scope of the works, individual trees were assessed for possible retention as part of the creation of wetlands and detention basins. Following this field trip, the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board’s Project Management and Design Team provided a brief presentation on the project.

As a result, the APLA Board:

- Supported the general intent of the design proposal for the stormwater management works
- Supported the removal of two regulated trees, 31 unregulated or exempt trees and a grove of White Poplar trees in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16)
- Recommended the project team re-look at the design proposal for Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20) (noting that tree 96 is no longer proposed for removal and tree 108 was incorrectly classified as significant) with the aim of reducing the impact on established trees, in particular two regulated trees – trees (19) and (95) by shifting the works as part of a possible modification of the existing Tree Climb infrastructure.
- Commended the design team for reconfiguring the design to ensure the retention of tree (96)
- Noted the proposed planting of over 120 new trees in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) and 40 in Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20) as part of the project.
- Supported the use of part of Victoria Park/ Pakapakanthi (Park 16) as a temporary soil stockpile and soil sorting facility for the duration of the works.
- Recommended the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater project team works with Kurna community representatives to ensure that Kurna cultural heritage for the Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) and Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20) site is clearly recognised and incorporated in the native vegetation, interpretative signage and any artworks associated with the project.



A wetland in GS Kingston Park/Wirrarninithi (Park 23)

Memorable and Distinctive Places

Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize

Through a \$15k grant from the City of Adelaide, the Authority again supported the Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association’s Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize. The biennial Art Prize is a very positive and valuable form of promotion for the Park Lands. The Art Prize is ‘non-acquisitive’ and open to artists of any age, working in any media or style, with the aim of making a statement or capturing the essence of the Park Lands. The Art Prize has a combined prize value of \$38,500, including a \$20,000 first prize. Images of three of the 2020 finalists are included in this report.

State Heritage Listing

At its December 2019 meeting, the Board supported a Motion on Notice that the Adelaide Park Lands Authority writes to the Minister for Planning to provide a response to the initiative recommended in December 2018, that the Adelaide Park Lands, Squares and City Layout be considered for State Heritage.

Kaurna Community Hub in the Adelaide Park Lands

At its February 2020 meeting, the Board supported the use by the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Incorporated (KYAC) of the North Adelaide Railway Station Building as a Kaurna Community Hub to provide a base to deliver cultural, economic and social development activities.

World Heritage Listing

The Authority’s sub-committee, established to explore the feasibility of World Heritage Listing of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout, met in August and October 2019. The meetings discussed the research to date, State Government support and the possible synergies to be found in the potential for a joint bid with the Mt Lofty Ranges Settlement Landscapes. It was agreed at the October meeting that an expert review should be undertaken to further inform the feasibility of a separate or joint bid. Experts were subsequently engaged to undertake the review and a first draft was received in June 2020.



APLA Board Members on a field trip to the Adelaide Oval precinct from left: Rob Brookman AM, Craig Wilkins, The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide and Presiding Member, Sandy Verschoor, Allison Bretones, Ben Willsmore, Deputy Lord Mayor Alexander Hyde and Stephen Forbes

Performance against the objectives of the 2019/20 Business Plan and Budget

Performance Target	Performance Measures	Achievements	Review Opportunities
Provide advice as required to Council and the State Government on key matters relating to the Adelaide Park Lands.	At least 12 ordinary meetings of the Authority held per year. Advice provided to Council and State Government in a timely manner. Receive at least two presentations on Park Lands planning and management related matters per year. Undertake at least one Park Lands field trip per year to facilitate greater understanding of Park Lands projects, facilities and landscapes.	The Authority held 11 meetings in the 2019/20 Financial Year. Meetings were not held in January and April 2020. Two meetings were held in June 2020. Advice is provided to Council at the meeting of Council held immediately after the meeting of the Authority. The Authority received 23 reports and nine presentations throughout the year. The Authority undertook one Park Lands field trip.	An opportunity exists for the Board to also include items in future agendas which it wishes to consider. A further opportunity exists to undertake additional field trips.
Promotion of the Park Lands which focuses on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Raising public awareness of their values and importanceIncreased, appropriate useResponsible managementPromotion of the work of the Authority.	Review existing marketing activities. Support for the (biennial) Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize. The public can explore the work of the Authority through a website.	The promotion of the Park Lands was discussed at a planning session on 4 June. The Authority renewed its support for the Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize and was provided by the City of Adelaide with \$15k in its budget to donate to the Art Prize. The Authority has a website presence identifying its responsibilities, membership and Annual Reports.	An opportunity exists for the Board to be more active in the promotion of the Park Lands.
A feasibility study is conducted by the Authority's sub-committee established to explore World Heritage Listing opportunities for the Adelaide Park Lands and city layout.	The feasibility study is conducted by a qualified and experienced person or team.	The prospects of a World Heritage Listing bid were discussed with key stakeholders and an expert review was commissioned with a first draft received in mid-June 2020.	The project is on-going.
Business Plan and Budget is in place.	New Business Plan is adopted prior to the expiry of that currently in operation.	The Authority adopted its annual Business Plan and Budget in April 2019.	Reviewed annually.
Operation of General Purpose Accounts.	Council's accounting procedures met.	The Authority's General Purpose Accounts are managed by the Executive Officer and the City of Adelaide Finance Team.	
Quarterly Financial Reports	Reports adopted and presented to Council.	Quarterly Financial Reports are provided through the City of Adelaide's quarterly budget review process.	
Operation of the Adelaide Park Lands Fund which currently contains \$1.4k	Monies are received and expended according to the provisions of the Authority's Charter.	The Adelaide Park Lands Fund operates and contains \$1.4k	
Auditing required by the Authority's Charter.	Council's external auditor and Audit Committee is satisfied the requirements are met.	The Authority's accounts are audited annually by Council's external auditor and Audit Committee.	
Preparation of Annual Report.	Annual Report is submitted to Council each financial year.	Annual report for 2018/19 was submitted to Council in November 2019.	
Insurance Requirements.	The Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme insures the Authority.	Quarterly payments ensure insurance cover is in place.	

Membership and meeting attendances

Membership

Pursuant to section 6 of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*, membership of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority comprises:

- The Lord Mayor (as Presiding Member) or, if the Lord Mayor chooses not to be a member of the Authority, a person appointed by the City of Adelaide (as the Presiding Member)
- Four other members appointed by the City of Adelaide
- Five members appointed by the Minister (one of whom will be the Deputy Presiding Member).

Current Appointments

In addition to the Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor as Presiding Member, the City of Adelaide appointees (expiring 31 December 2020) are:

- Deputy Lord Mayor Alex Hyde (with Councillor Anne Moran as Deputy)
- Ms Jessica Davies-Huynh
- Ms Allison Bretones
- Mr Rob Brookman AM

Current Ministerial appointees to the Board (expiring 31 December 2021) are:

- Ms Kirsteen Mackay (Deputy Presiding Member)
- Mr Stephen Forbes
- Mr Craig Wilkins
- Ms Stephanie Johnston (with Professor Emeritus Damien Mugavin as Deputy)
- Mr Ben Willsmore

Change in Membership

In October 2019, the City of Adelaide appointee to the Authority, Mr Matt Davis, resigned as a Board Member due to relocating interstate.

In March 2020, Council appointed Mr Rob Brookman AM to the Adelaide Park Lands Authority for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020.

Meetings

The Authority held 10 ordinary meetings and one special during the 2019/20 financial year.

The scheduled meeting in April was cancelled due to the restrictions on gatherings imposed by the State Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meetings held on 7 May and 4 and 18 June were conducted remotely by telecommunications.

Attendances at meetings were recorded as follows:

	Meetings attended
The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor	10
Ms Kirsteen Mackay	7
Ms Stephanie Johnston	8
Mr Stephen Forbes	10
Mr Ben Willsmore	10
Mr Craig Wilkins	11
Professor Emeritus Damien Mugavin (for Ms Stephanie Johnston)	2
Councillor Alexander Hyde	10
Ms Allison Bretones	10
Ms Jessica Davies-Huynh	11
Mr Matt Davis	3
Mr Rob Brookman AM	2

The role of the Authority in the governance of the Park Lands

The Adelaide Park Lands Authority was established by the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* as a subsidiary of the City of Adelaide under the *Local Government Act 1999*. The Governance Framework for the Adelaide Park Lands within which the Authority operates is shown on the following page.

The Authority and its Board are the same entity.

The City of Adelaide manages about 75% of the Adelaide Park Lands. The State Government manages the remaining 25% which is predominantly composed of the Educational, Institutional and Biomedical precinct along North Terrace, but also includes the Botanic Garden (and Park) of Adelaide.

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

Within the Governance and Planning Framework, the Authority was established to undertake the following Functions, as set out in the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*;

1. To undertake a key policy role with respect to the management and protection of the Adelaide Park Lands;
2. To prepare, and as appropriate, to revise the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy in accordance with the requirements of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*;
3. To provide comments and advice on any management plan prepared by the Adelaide City Council or a State Authority under the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* or the *Local Government Act 1999* that relates to any part of the Adelaide Park Lands; and to monitor and, as appropriate, to provide comments, advice or reports in relation to the implementation or operation of any such plan;

4. To provide comments or advice in relation to the operation of any lease, licence or other form of grant of occupation of land within the Adelaide Park Lands;
5. On the basis of any request or on its own initiative, to provide advice to the Adelaide City Council or to the Minister on policy, development, heritage or management issues affecting the Adelaide Park Lands;
6. To promote public awareness of the importance of the Adelaide Park Lands and the need to ensure that they are managed and used responsibly;
7. 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;
8. To administer the Adelaide Park Lands Fund; and
9. To undertake or support other activities that will protect or enhance the Adelaide Park Lands, or in any other way promote or advance the objects of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*.



‘Under a Sunlit Canopy in Angas Gardens’ by Neil Huggett, Adelaide Park Lands Art Prize Finalist 2020

Governing Legislation

SA Motor Sport Act 1984

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988

Development Act 1993

Heritage Places Act 1993

Environment Protection and Biodiversity
Conservation Act 1999

Local Government Act 1999

Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005

- Statutory Principles
- Adelaide Park Lands Plan

Adelaide Oval Redevelopment and
Management Act 2011

National Heritage Listing of Park Lands
and City Layout (Values)

Governing Bodies

City of Adelaide
Strategic Plan

City of Adelaide
(75% of Park Lands)

Adelaide Park Lands
Authority (Advisory)
established by *Adelaide
Park Lands Act 2005*
as a subsidiary of
City of Adelaide

State Government of SA
(25% of Park Lands)

South Australian Strategic
Plan (30 Year Plan for
Greater Adelaide)

Park Lands Planning

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy
(prepared by APLA and adopted by SA
Government and City of Adelaide)

National Heritage Management Plan

Community Land Management Plans

State Government Management Plans

Development Plan

Derivative Policies, Master Plans

Cultural Heritage and
Landscape Assessments

A man in a black tank top and shorts is jogging on a paved path in a park. The path is lined with large, mature trees with thick trunks. The background shows a grassy field and more trees under a clear sky. The top half of the image has a dark green overlay with white text.

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

Audited

Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

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General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

Certification of Financial Statements

We have been authorised by the Authority to certify the financial statements in their final form.

In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards,
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Authority's financial position at 30 June 2020 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year,
- internal controls implemented by the Authority provide a reasonable assurance that the Authority's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year,
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Authority's accounting and other records.



Mark Goldstome
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Sandy Verschoor
LORD MAYOR

Date: 9/10/2020

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Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2020

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
Income			
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2a	215	187
Total Income		215	187
Expenses			
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	3a	215	187
Total Expenses		215	187
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		-	-

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2020

\$ '000	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-
Trade & Other Receivables	-	-
Other Financial Assets	-	-
Inventories	-	-
Other Current Assets	-	-
Subtotal	-	-
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	-	-
Total Current Assets	-	-
Non-Current Assets		
Financial Assets	-	-
Equity Accounted Investments in Council Businesses	-	-
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	-	-
Investment Property	-	-
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	-	-
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	-	-
Borrowings	-	-
Provisions	-	-
Other Current Liabilities	-	-
Subtotal	-	-
Liabilities relating to Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-
Non-Current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	-	-
Borrowings	-	-
Provisions	-	-
Liability - Equity Accounted Council Businesses	-	-
Other Non-Current Liabilities	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-
Net Assets	-	-
EQUITY		
Accumulated Surplus	-	-
Asset Revaluation Reserves	-	-
Other Reserves	-	-
Total Equity	-	-

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes and Significant Accounting Policies.

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2020

\$ '000	Accumulated Surplus	Total Equity
2020		
Balance at the end of previous reporting period	-	-
Restated Opening Balance	-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-
Balance at the end of period	-	-
2019		
Balance at the end of previous reporting period	1	1
Adjustments (Correction of Prior Period Errors)	(1)	(1)
Restated Opening Balance	-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-
Balance at the end of period	-	-

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2020

\$ '000	2020	2019
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Operating Receipts	215	187
<u>Payments</u>		
Operating Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(215)	(187)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	-	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	-	-
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	-	-
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	-	-

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Adelaide Park Lands Authority (the Authority) in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost convention (except as stated below) in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

1.2 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

2 Income Recognition

The Authority recognises revenue under *AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* (AASB 1058) or *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Authority expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when the Authority enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable

the Authority to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the Authority to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the Authority. In this case, the Authority recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the Authority satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

Income of the Authority was not impacted as a result of AASB 15 or AASB 1015 during the reporting period.

3 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at the Authority's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition.

4 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

The Authority did not procure any non-current assets during the reporting period and does not hold any non-current assets as at the reporting date.

5 Employee Benefits

The Authority does not have any employees. All employees are engaged through the parent entity, the City of Adelaide

6 GST Implications

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

7 New and amended accounting standards and interpretations

In the current year, the Authority adopted all new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period. The adoption of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in any material changes to the Authority's accounting policies.

Adelaide Park Lands Authority has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

Adoption of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

The Authority applied AASB 15 and AASB 1058, for the first time from 1 July 2019. AASB 1058 clarifies and simplifies the income recognition requirements that apply to not-for-profit (NFP) entities, in conjunction with AASB 15. These Standards supersede the NFP income recognition requirements previously in AASB 1004 Contributions (except for certain matters relating to public sector NFP entities) as well as current revenue recognition guidance including AASB 118 Revenue, AASB 111 Construction Contracts and the related Interpretations. The timing of income recognition depends on whether such a transaction gives rise to a liability or other performance obligation (a promise to transfer a good or service). The Authority has elected to adopt the modified retrospective method on transition to the new standards with an initial application date of 1 July 2019. The cumulative effect of initially applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058 is recognised at the date of initial application as an adjustment to the opening balance of Accumulated Surplus. Therefore, the comparative information was not restated and continues to be reported under

AASB 111, AASB 118, AASB 1004 and related Interpretations.

AASB 16 Leases

The Authority does not have any leases as at the reporting date.

The Authority will apply AASB 16 Leases to all future leases.

8 Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2020.

The Authority does not anticipate that new and amended Australian Accounting Standards, and Interpretations, issued but not yet effective at the time of compiling these illustrative statements will apply to the Authority's future reporting periods.

9 Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

10 Disclaimer

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 2. Income

\$ '000	2020	2019
(a). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions		
Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	215	187
Total Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	215	187
Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	215	187
(i) Sources of grants		
City of Adelaide	215	187
Total	215	187

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 3. Expenses

\$ '000	2020	2019
(a). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses		
(i) Prescribed Expenses		
Auditor's Remuneration	1	1
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	1	1
(ii) Other Materials, Contracts and Expenses		
Contractors	143	145
Legal Expenses	6	-
Sundry	-	1
Advertising and Promotion	-	12
Catering	-	3
External Plant Hire	-	2
Insurance	14	14
Sponsorships, Contributions and Donations	15	-
Sitting Fees	36	9
Subtotal - Other Material, Contracts & Expenses	214	186
Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	215	187

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 4. Uniform Presentation of Finances

\$ '000	2020	2019
<p>The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.</p> <p>All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.</p> <p>The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.</p>		
Income	215	187
less Expenses	(215)	(187)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	-	-
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	-	-

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 5. Related Party Transactions

\$ '000

2020

2019

Key Management Personnel

Transactions with Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Adelaide Park lands Authority include the Board Members. In all, 11 persons were paid the following total cumulative compensation:

The compensation paid to Key Management Personnel comprises:

Short-Term Employee Benefits	36	9
Total	36	9

Other Related party Transactions

The Adelaide Parklands Authority contracts staff from the City of Adelaide. The cost of these services was \$137,113 for the year (2019 \$136,860).

The City of Adelaide provides an annual contribution to APLA matching the total expenditure incurred during the financial year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF THE ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority (the Authority), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the certification of the financial statements.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, financial position of the Authority as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act 1999*, and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Authority in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Local Government Act 1999*, which has been given to the Authority, would be in the same terms if given to the Authority as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The Authority's responsibility for the Financial Report

The Authority's officers are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and for such internal control as the Authority's officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Authority's officers are responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authority's officers either intend to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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BDO Audit (SA) Pty Ltd

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Tickle'.

Andrew Tickle
Director

Adelaide, 9 October 2020

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Certification of Auditor Independence

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Adelaide Park Lands Authority for the year ended 30 June 2020, the Council's Auditor, BDO Audit (SA) Pty Ltd has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



Mark Goldstome
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



David Powell
PRESIDING MEMBER, AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 9/10/2020



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CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority for the year ended 30 June 2020, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code), Part 4A, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Tickle', is written over a faint, light blue grid background.

Andrew Tickle
Director

BDO Audit (SA) Pty Ltd

Adelaide, 10 September 2020