

Adelaide Park
Lands Authority

2020 2021 Annual Report



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Acknowledgement of Country

The Adelaide Park Lands Authority acknowledges the Kurna people as the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. The Authority recognises and respects the cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship which the Kurna people have with the land and acknowledges that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

The Authority extends that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations.

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

The Authority was established by the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* as a subsidiary of the City of Adelaide under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The inaugural meeting of the Authority was held on 7 February 2007 and its first full financial year of operation occurred during 2007–08.

This document reports on the work undertaken by the Authority during its fourteenth financial year from 1 July 2020 through 30 June 2021.

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Message from the Presiding Member

The Adelaide Park Lands are the jewel in the crown of the City of Adelaide. They are a much-loved and iconic feature of Adelaide as the world's only city within a park.

Our unique 760 hectares of Park Lands surround our city in a leafy figure of eight and form part of Colonel William Light's vision to design a city that enriched its people's wellbeing and quality of life.

During the past couple of years, we have seen more than ever just how important the Park Lands are for our community's physical and mental health. In a time of travel restrictions, social distancing and intermittent lockdowns, the Park Lands remain a constant safe and nurturing place.

I regularly visit the Park Lands and continue to appreciate their diversity, whether it be the expansive spaces of Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi, the serenity along the River Torrens/Karrawirra Pari, the horses grazing in Lefevre Park/Nantu Wama or the beautiful Himeji Gardens.

The Park Lands are home to 150 kilometres of paths and picturesque trails including the 20km dedicated Park Lands Trail, which loops around the city, and takes in forests, Kaurna heritage, wetlands, public art, play spaces, a golf course and sports ovals. There is truly something for everyone.

This year we celebrated our Kaurna heritage with the first Kardla Parranthi bio-cultural burn in the Adelaide Park Lands in more than two hundred years.

The creation of the Adelaide Park Lands Foundation to protect and maintain the Park Lands for future generations by enabling philanthropic donations got underway.

And our bids for global recognition of the Adelaide Park Lands through World Heritage listing and becoming the world's second National Park City progressed.

I want to thank my deputy Kirsteen McKay and the members of the Authority for their much valued input over the past twelve months. You continue to be the voice of the Adelaide Park Lands and have



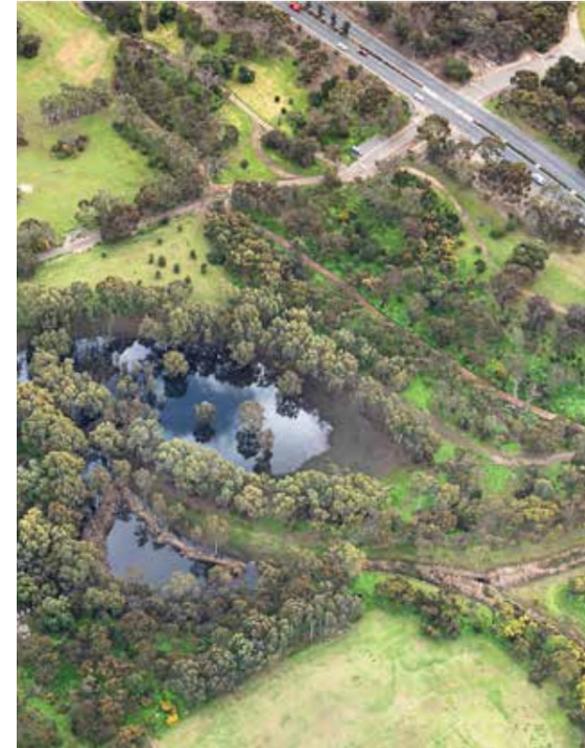
done an extraordinary job in advising both the City of Adelaide and the State Government on a variety of projects and plans.

I encourage all South Australians to support the protection of our iconic Park Lands and, above all, enjoy them!

Sandy Verschoor

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

Purpose of the Annual Report



This Annual Report details the work and operations of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority (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.



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 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:

- Tennis SA upgrade of facilities at the Memorial Drive Tennis Centre in Tarntanya Wama (Park 26), including the replacement of the existing northern stand and a new eastern stand.
- Review and update of the Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for the Adelaide Oval Precinct/part of Tarntanya Wama (Park 26) to reflect changes that had occurred since the last review in 2009 and to provide consistency with the *Adelaide Oval Redevelopment and Management – 2011*.
- Development of an updated CLMP for Bunday's Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9), a new lease agreement and proposal by Prince Alfred College to establish a new sports building in this park.
- Historic, inaugural Bio-Cultural burn event, Kaurna Kardla Parranthi, held in Carriageway Park/Tuthangga (Park 17).

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 impacts are minimised and addressed
- Preserving the heritage and integrity of the Park Lands and protecting the Values which underpin their National Heritage Listing.

The Board requested further information regarding the State Government's proposals for the Riverbank Master Plan, Riverbank Arena and Women and Children's hospital and carpark.

Governance Review

In February 2021, the Board adopted their Code of Practice which included a Code of Conduct and Board proceedings (including informal gatherings).

Code of Conduct

Aside from the statutory requirements and adherence to the Functions of the Authority, the Code of Conduct also covers the below:

- Behaviour of Board Members
- Conflicts of interest – noting the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999* apply and are detailed in the Board Proceedings section of the Code of Practice
- Confidentiality and fiduciary duties
- Gifts and benefits (including sitting fees)
- Breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Board Proceedings

The Board Proceedings section of the Code of Practice covers the following:

- Committees and delegations – while not currently used by the Board, this section provides some guidance should it be needed.
- Conflicts of interest – as stipulated in section 75B(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the provisions of Chapter 5, Part 4, Division 3 of the Local Government Act apply to Board Members of APLA.
- Meetings – this section covers all key elements of meetings of APLA while referencing the various legislative provisions and the optional proceedings to support the presiding of the meeting to facilitate the discussion to achieve good outcomes and clear decision making.
- Informal Gatherings – in accordance with section 90(8) of the Local Government Act, it is a requirement for APLA to adopt a policy and procedure for the holding of informal gatherings and discussions. This section meets that requirement and is consistent with similar policy and procedure adopted by the City of Adelaide.
- Annual Community Forum – as per clause 4.10 of the Charter, the Annual Community Forum is required to be held each year. This section of the Code of Practice provides guidance to the Board

and City of Adelaide staff supporting APLA, in the preparation and conduct of this Forum.

Charter review

In addition, a review was undertaken of the APLA Charter following the significant reshaping of the City of Adelaide. The review focused on clarity for clear lines of communication for the business and operation of the Board.

Key changes arising from the review were the clarification of the support and role of City of Adelaide, clarification of the Annual Community Forum and a tidy up of language to reflect the current and future operations of the APLA Board.

The Board discussed the updated Charter at a strategic planning session on 13 May 2021 and in June voted to support the updated Charter which was subsequently approved by Council in July 2021.

Final approval from the Minister and notice of change gazettal will be arranged in the near future.

Legislative Review

At its meeting in May 2021, the Board provided advice to the Attorney General regarding a review of the Adelaide Park Lands Regulations 2006. The Board recommended one change in relation to the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, which was to allow the inclusion of sub-leases in the list of lease arrangements in the Adelaide Park Lands recorded in the Strategy. This recommendation was also supported by Council and subsequently included in the revised Regulations.

Park Lands Management Review

Review of the Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management Plan

The Community Land Management Plans for all parks within the Adelaide Park Lands are being reviewed and updated in stages in line with legislative requirements under the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* and *Local Government Act 1999* and to ensure they are consistent with the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy and current plans and policies. Further detail is provided below.

The year in review

During 2020–21 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

Events in the Park Lands

At the September 2020 meeting, the Board received a presentation regarding upcoming events in the Park Lands.

Golden Wattle Park/Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W)

At the September 2020 meeting, the Board received the community consultation results for the Community Land Management Plan for Golden Wattle Park/Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W), which incorporated a draft concept plan for the park. The Board provided conditional support for the finalised document and preliminary building concept subject to conditions related to the proposed building footprint, rainwater tanks and undercroft.

King Rodney Park/Ityamai-itpina (Park 15)

In August 2020, the Board supported, with conditions, the replacement of a maintenance and storage facility in King Rodney Park/Ityamai-itpina (Park 15).

Superloop Adelaide 500

In August 2020, the Board supported the proposed Declared Area, Event Period and Prescribed Works Period for the Superloop Adelaide 500, 2021 event, which was later abandoned by the State Government.

Illuminate Adelaide

At a Special Meeting held on 30 November 2020, the Board supported the application from Illuminate Adelaide Foundation Ltd. to hold a Digital Arts and Culture Exhibition in Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga (South) from 23 June 2021 to 29 August 2021, with bump-in and bump-out from 24 May 2021 to 10 September 2021, as part of the inaugural Illuminate Adelaide festival in 2021, and:

Recommended that the footprint of the event be limited to a single zone entirely contained within the south west corner of Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga, and not infringe upon the south east section of the square.

Recommended that Illuminate Adelaide explore options for significantly reducing the amount and impact of fencing being proposed, given a pavilion is being built to house the event.

Recommended that Illuminate Adelaide explore options to reduce bump in and bump out times.

Subsequent to that meeting, the Illuminate organisers decided it wasn't possible to hold it in that location and shifted it to the '88 O'Connell' site which is not part of the Park Lands.

Rowing Club Building – Red Gum Park/Karrawirra (Park 12)

At its February 2021 meeting, the Board dealt with this matter in confidence.

Tennis SA – Court Development Stage 2

At its January 2021 meeting, the Board supported the upgrade of facilities at the Memorial Drive Tennis Centre in Tarntanya Wama (Park 26), including the replacement of the existing northern stand and a new eastern stand.

The Board requested that further consideration be given to the greening of internal and external areas as part of the proposed enhancements.

As part of Council approving the project, the Board's advice was incorporated into Council's Decision on 9 February 2021.

Tennis SA – Sunken Show Court Roofing

At its April 2021 meeting, the Board supported the establishment of a new free standing roof over the sunken show court at the Memorial Drive Tennis Centre in Tarntanya Wama (Park 26).

Council approved this project on 11 May 2021.

Volleyball SA – Site for City Beach

At its April 2021 meeting, the Board supported a section of the former netball courts in Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27) being repurposed into a beach volleyball facility, subject to Volleyball SA receiving sufficient funding from the State Government and further consideration of the existing and proposed amenities to service use of the entire park.

The Board also requested that a significant portion of the former netball courts be returned to greenspace and the beach volleyball facility be integrated into the landscape.

As part of Council approving the project, the Board's advice was incorporated into Council's Decision on 11 May 2021.

Connected places and spaces

'Adelaide Rainbow Circuit'

In July 2020, the Board received a presentation regarding the 'Adelaide Rainbow Circuit', a proposal for an uninterrupted walking, running and cycling circuit around the Adelaide Park Lands.

Gladys Elphick Park/Narnungga (Park 25) Car Park

In August 2020, the Board received the results of a six-month consultation exercise for the parking controls in the car park in Gladys Elphick Park/Narnungga (Park 25). The Board then supported the continuation of the existing parking controls.

City Skate Park in Gladys Elphick Park/ Narnungga (Park 25)

In October 2020, the Board received a presentation regarding the construction of the new City Skate Park in Gladys Elphick Park/Narnungga (Park 25).



Welcoming and attractive places

Planning and Design Code

At a Special Meeting held on 30 November 2020, the Board provided feedback on the draft Planning and Design Code and recommended that a self-assessment and referral process is undertaken ahead of implementation of Phase 3 of the Planning and Design Code regarding any possible effect the Code may have on the values which underpin the National Heritage Listing of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout. Additionally, further refinements were suggested to the Planning and Design code to promote the special status, attributes and character of the Adelaide Park Lands as per the *Adelaide Park Lands Act, 2005 (SA)*.

Community Land Management Plans

The review of Community Land Management Plans (CLMPs) progressed throughout 2020/21 and the Board considered a number of presentations and reports including:

- An overview of the process for the review of the CLMPs for the Adelaide Park Lands
- The release of the draft General Provisions CLMP for public consultation
- The release of the CLMP for Bunday's Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9) for public consultation
- The release of the draft CLMP for Adelaide Oval Precinct/part of Tarntanya Wama (Park 26) for public consultation.

Adelaide Oval Precinct/part of Tarntanya Wama (Park 26)

The CLMP for the Adelaide Oval Precinct /part of Tarntanya Wama (Park 26) was updated during the early part of 2020 to take account of the changes that had occurred since the last review in 2009 and to provide consistency with the *Adelaide Oval Redevelopment and Management Act 2011*.

In September 2020, the Board supported the release of the draft CLMP for the Adelaide Oval Precinct, suggesting a number of amendments. The results of

this consultation were considered and the draft CLMP for the Adelaide Oval Precinct was supported by the Board at its March 2021 meeting.

Bunday's Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9) Building Concept and Community Land Management Plan and Sports Building

At its August 2020 meeting, the Board considered a draft CLMP for Bunday's Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9), a draft 21 year lease agreement and a proposal by Prince Alfred College (PAC) to demolish two existing buildings and establish a new sports building in this park.

The Board requested further investigations into the costs and implications of the proposed new sports building location and sought clarification on the permitted uses of the building.

The Board reconsidered this matter at its November 2020 meeting and supported the draft CLMP, draft lease agreement and building concept for the purpose of undertaking community engagement. The Board made specific reference to the building footprint, advising that the previously recommended footprint be increased to 410sqm (from 375sqm) to align with the concept developed by PAC.

The findings of the community engagement were considered by the Board at its June 2021 meeting. The Board supported the community informed amendments to the CLMP, lease agreement and building concept, with the exception of a proposed renewal clause at the tenth year of the lease agreement. The Board requested an unbroken 21 year lease agreement with five yearly performance reviews.

Adelaide Botanic Gardens Master Plan

In November 2020, the Board received a presentation from the Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia regarding the new Master Plan for the Adelaide Botanic Garden.

'Town Clerks Walk' in Red Gum Park/Karrawirra (Park 12)

The Board supported an irrigation renewal, turf remediation and tree succession plan for 'Town Clerks Walk' in Red Gum Park/Karrawirra (Park 12) Improvement Project. The Board also supported work to underground powerlines along the walk and the provision of lighting and other landscape improvements subject to future budget process.

Louder's Boatshed Café adjacent the River Torrens/Karrawirra Pari (Park 12)

In August 2020, the Board considered in confidence a lease matter pertaining to Louder's Boatshed Café adjacent the River Torrens/Karrawirra Pari (Park 12).

Edwards Park – G.S. Kingston Park/Wirrarinithi (Park 23) – Greening

At its February 2021 meeting, the Board considered a presentation from Shane Sody, President of the Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association, in relation to creating a pilot community project to re-green Edwards Park in G.S. Kingston Park/Wirrarinithi (Park 23).

City of Adelaide staff have continued to liaise with the Association and have supported them to form a community working group looking at re-greening a section of the former netball courts in Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27).



Riverbank Arena for Adelaide

At its March 2021 meeting, the Board requested a briefing on the Riverbank Arena for Adelaide as follows:

"In order to fulfil its advisory role to the Minister as per Section 9(e) of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*, APLA requests a briefing from the Adelaide Venue Management at the earliest possible opportunity regarding the site under consideration. Noting that the Park Lands already hosts Adelaide Oval, Tennis Centre, two hotels, approximately 200 ha of licensed playing fields, a hospital, the Thebarton Police Barracks and the Road Safety Centre as well as other public infrastructure, the Authority is concerned about the impact of further built form on the publicly-accessible open space provided by the Adelaide Park Lands."

Draft Riverbank Masterplan

At its March 2021 meeting, the Board requested a briefing on the Draft Riverbank Masterplan as follows:

"In order to fulfil its advisory role to the Minister as per section 9(e) of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*, APLA requests a briefing from the Project Steering Committee at the earliest convenience".

Women and Children's Hospital

State Budget announcement and construction next to the Royal Adelaide Hospital

At its June 2021 meeting, the Board heard the State Government had announced funding in the 2021–2022 State Budget to progress the construction of the new Women and Children's Hospital.

The Board was provided with information available on the proposed facility which includes the construction of a new multi-level hospital and adjoining new multi-level car park to the west of the rail corridor in Park 27. The whole new facility is to be located within the Adelaide Park Lands.



Partnership between the Kurna Community and the City of Adelaide

Sustainable and Enduring Places

Bio-Cultural Burn

In May 2021 the Board attended the inaugural Bio-Cultural burn event, Kurna Kardla Parranthi, in Carriageway Park/Tuthangga (Park 17).

In a ground breaking and nationally significant project, the partnership between the Kurna community and the City of Adelaide demonstrated a strong commitment to meaningful reconciliation through the reintroduction of traditional fire management practices into the Adelaide Park Lands – for the first time in over 240 years – through the Kurna Kardla Parranthi bio-cultural burn.

The Bio-Cultural burn was an historic, moving, joyous occasion. It was the first time Kurna people were able to publicly practice cultural burning techniques since many of their customs were displaced following European colonisation. It is also the first time a Cultural burn has been undertaken in a capital city in Australia.

This project was initiated in response to outcomes from City of Adelaide's Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018–2023 and Stretch Reconciliation Plan 2018–2021 related to incorporating Kurna knowledge into management of the Park Lands.



Biodiverse Carbon Offset Demonstration site

At its April meeting, the Board supported the development of a biodiverse carbon offset demonstration site.

To demonstrate what a biodiverse carbon offset plantation may look like, the City of Adelaide converted ~3,000 sqm of Park Land from turf grass to what will become Mallee Box Woodland. A site was selected at the northern tip of Reservoir Park/ Kangatilla (Park 4) and includes an interpretive trail, a bench, four bird boxes and two interpretive signs.

The plantings will increase biodiversity and connectivity for native plants and wildlife in the Park Lands and the interpretive trail will inform visitors of biodiverse carbon offset plantings, biodiversity sensitive urban design and the cultural/natural heritage of the site.

In May 2021, students from North Adelaide Primary School helped the City of Adelaide's Biodiversity Team to plant approximately 575 tube stock. The site will be maintained by the Biodiversity Team and additional species will be planted to improve the quality of the woodland.



SA Water North Terrace – Trunk Main Replacement

At its March 2021 meeting, the Board received a presentation from SA Water on a range of options to replace a section of water supply pipeline which currently runs along North Terrace that has reached its end of life and has a high risk of water bursts.

The Board considered the options and noted the recommended solution to replace the current pipeline by installing a new pipeline running approximately 450 metres along Rundle Road and through the eastern end of the East Park Lands to connect into an existing water main at the Botanic Road/Hackney Road intersection.

The Board also supported the removal of 12 unregulated trees along with the replacement strategy and landscaping plan to be constructed as part of the pipeline works.

Wellington Square/Kudnartu

In October 2020, the Board considered and supported the proposed removal of a significant tree in Wellington Square and asked for climate change impacts and specific location conditions to be taken into account when replacing that tree.



Memorable and Distinctive Places

Draft Heritage Strategy and Action Plan 2021–2035

At its November 2020 meeting, the Board received a presentation regarding the City of Adelaide's draft Heritage Strategy and Action Plan for 2021–2035.



Kaurna guided cultural walk and Festival of Nature

In September 2020, the Board discussed participating in a Kaurna guided cultural walk and a Festival of Nature event.



World Heritage Listing

At the June 2021 meeting, the Board and the City of Adelaide Council Members jointly received a presentation from Duncan Marshall on progressing a World Heritage Listing bid covering the Park Lands, City Layout and the Mt Lofty Ranges. This was on the basis that a combined nomination would enable a clearer understanding and opportunity for storytelling and truth telling associated with the European settlement of Adelaide on Kaurna land. Such an approach would likely have a stronger chance of success.

A World Heritage Nomination Workshop with key experts is set for late 2021 to assist with the nomination and test and seek suggestions on progressing the bid.

Work to date has focussed on understanding if there is potential to meet the criteria for World Heritage Listing.

The next steps will work towards enabling a tentative list submission to be lodged for World Heritage Listing.

The Place of Courage Location

At its meeting on 24 June 2021, the Board considered its advice to Council about the establishment of a major public artwork within the Adelaide Park Lands to acknowledge and raise awareness about the impact of domestic and family violence in our society. The Board provided support for The Place of Courage artwork within Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27), adjacent to the model boat lake. The Board also supported the inclusion of the Catherine House Rose as planting incorporated into the artwork design.

Performance against the objectives of the 2020–2021 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 10 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 10 ordinary meetings and two special meetings. Advice is provided to Council at the meeting of Council held immediately after the meeting of the Authority, and to the State Government as required. The Authority received 30 reports and 10 presentations, including four by non-City of Adelaide organisations throughout the year. The Authority undertake one Park Lands field trip – to Red Gum Park Karrawirra (Park 12) and the area around Adelaide Oval.	An opportunity exists for the Board to request the inclusion of items in future agendas which it wishes to consider. There is also an opportunity to undertake additional field trips.
Promotion of the Park Lands which focuses on: • Raising public awareness of their values and importance • Increased, appropriate use • Responsible management. Promotion of the work of the Authority.	Review existing marketing activities. The public can explore the work of the Authority through a website.	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.
Conduct of a Community Forum	The Community Forum meets its requirements as stated in the Charter.	The Community Forum was not held due to COVID-19 restrictions	An opportunity exists to build more flexibility into the requirements for a Community Forum
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 July 2021.	Reviewed annually.
Operation of General Purpose Accounts.	Council's accounting procedures met.	The Authority's General Purpose Accounts are managed by 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 2019/20 was submitted to Council in November 2020.	
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 2022) 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

There was no change in membership during 2020/21.

Meetings

The Authority held 12 meetings between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, comprising of 10 ordinary meetings and two special meetings.

Attendances at meetings were recorded as follows:

	Meetings Attended
Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor (Presiding Member)	12
Ms Kirsteen Mackay (Deputy Presiding Member)	10
Ms Alison Bretones	11
Mr Rob Brookman AM	11
Ms Jessica Davies-Huynh	8
Mr Stephen Forbes	10
Councillor Alexander Hyde	11
Ms Stephanie Johnston	12
Mr Craig Wilkins	11
Mr Ben Willsmore	10
Councillor Anne Moran (proxy for Councillor Alex Hyde to 31 December 2020)	0
Councillor Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM (proxy for Councillor Alex Hyde from 1 January 2021)	1
Professor Emeritus Damien Mugavin (proxy for Ms Stephanie Johnston)	0

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 (SA)*. 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 (SA)* 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*.

10. Adelaide Park Lands Authority

Audited Financial Statements

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Attachment B