



CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 4 November 2025

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – Councillor Giles (Deputy Chair)
Councillors Cabada, Couros, Davis, Freeman, Maher, Martin, Noon and Dr Siebentritt

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair stated:

‘Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.’

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies:

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillor Abrahamzadeh

Leave of Absence:

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

3 Confirmation of Minutes - 7/10/2025

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Davis -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 7 October 2025, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Martin declared a general conflict of interest in Confidential Item 6.1 [External Presentation - Safer Place to Gather - Department of Human Services], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as his daughter is employed by the Minister for Human Services, but he will stay in the room, participate in the discussion and vote on the matter.

5 Deputations

Nil

6 Workshops

6.1 External Presentation - Safer Place to Gather - Department of Human Services

Discussion Facilitators:

Sandy Pitcher, Chief Executive of the Department of Human Services

Alex Reid, Head of Community and Aboriginal Partnerships, Department of Human Services

Precis of Topic:

To update Council Members on Safer Place to Gather.

During the presentation, Councillor Davis left the Colonel Light Room at 6.21 pm and re-entered at 6.23 pm.

Undertaking – Street Lights on West Terrace

In response to a query from Councillor Maher, the CEO gave an undertaking to investigate reported streetlight outages on West Terrace near the crossing from Edwards Park.

The PowerPoint utilised during the presentation, is attached at the conclusion of the Minutes for information.

7 Reports for Recommendation to Council

7.1 Business Accessibility Support Program (Pilot) - Progress Report

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL
THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Business Accessibility Support Program – Pilot Report as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 4 November 2025.
2. Notes the Business Accessibility Support Program Pilot Report findings will be presented to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel at its meeting on 19 November 2025 and advice sought on proposed program enhancements.
3. Notes that the evaluation findings and feedback from the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel, will be used to inform a budget bid as part of the 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget process.

Carried

8 Reports for Noting

Nil

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.38 pm

Councillor Giles
City Community Services and Culture Committee Acting Chair

Documents Attached:

Item 6.1 - External Presentation - Safer Place to Gather - Department of Human Services - PowerPoint Slides

Safer Place to Gather

City Community Services and Culture Committee
4 November 2025



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Acknowledgement

*Marni Ngadlu Tampinhi Ngadlu Kurna Yartangka Inparrinhi
Ngadlurlu Iyangka Yaitya Miyurnaku Taikurtirna kuma Parnaku Pirkurna-Purrutyi
Karrpanthi, Parnaku Tapa-Purruna-itya
Kumartarna Yaitya Miyurna iyangka yalaka ngai tampinhi*

*It's good that we acknowledge that we are meeting on Kurna land
We are here to support Aboriginal families and their communities in their way of
life
I also acknowledge all other Aboriginal people here today*

Safer Place to Gather & CBD update

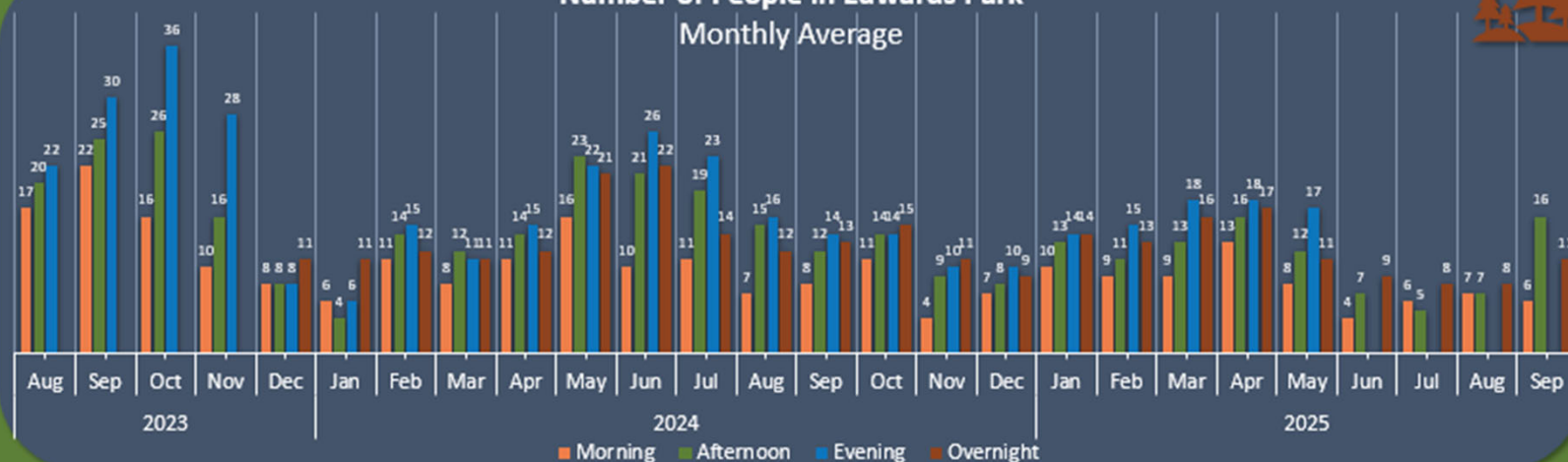
- New Parklands Licence Agreement to 30 June 2026.
- Strengthening coordinated service provision e.g. TB screening, shower service provided by One Voice and delivered by Puddle Jumpers.
- Recently requested updated environmental health assessment from the Chief Public Health Officer following earlier recommendations and implementation.
- Continue to improve amenities for people noting Safer Place to Gather is a light touch, temporary model.
- Collaborating with key stakeholders ahead of the summer period.
- Establishing a Night Patrol response for the Adelaide CBD in addition to MAPS.
- Promoting the use of Return to Country service.

SAFER PLACE TO GATHER EDWARDS PARK

Data Update – August 2023 to September 2025



Number of People in Edwards Park Monthly Average



Average Number of People at SPTG



Largest Group Per Month

| Year | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|------|------|------|------|
| Jan | 22 | 29 | |
| Feb | 31 | 19 | |
| Mar | 28 | 24 | |
| Apr | 34 | 30 | |
| May | 45 | 22 | |
| Jun | 40 | 16 | |
| Jul | 37 | 16 | |
| Aug | 40 | 31 | 14 |
| Sep | 43 | 28 | 41 |
| Oct | 56 | 22 | |
| Nov | 42 | 19 | |
| Dec | 24 | 22 | |

Individuals Engaged

22,364

Groups Engaged

1,667

H&W Bus Pick-ups

Jan-25 to Mar-25

260

Return to Country from Adelaide / Tarntanya



Options to support visitors from remote and regional Aboriginal communities

- Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce met again with Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation on 22 October 2025 to continue discussion re support for remote Anangu visitors.
- DHS has finalised the Terms of Reference for the Outline Business Case. Stakeholders, including the City of Adelaide, consulted.
- Procurement to engage consultants is underway. Areas of expertise include:
 - Financial modelling, risk assessment, and regulation/legislation.
 - Demonstrated Aboriginal cultural expertise to support culturally informed recommendations, strengthen community engagement, and ensure alignment with First Nations protocols and perspectives.
- Outline Business Case timeline – late January 2026.

Outline Business Case

- Engage Aboriginal leaders, communities, Elders, key stakeholders, and service providers throughout the modelling.
- Map current accommodation services and identify gaps.
- Assess up to three models including a 'do nothing' option (noting this could include cessation of SPTG), a full visitor park highlighted during the Short-Term Responses for Remote Visitors to Adelaide Forum in March 2025 and a hybrid model (could involve multiple, smaller sites), to be determined.
- Note options will include non-CBD locations as well as CBD where appropriate
- Evaluate financial, social, and cultural impacts of each option.
- Recommend preferred option for development and full business case.

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(Kurna - thank you)



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