



COUNCIL

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 14 July 2026

in the Council Chamber, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – Acting Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon (Presiding)

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Davis, Freeman, Giles, Maher, Martin and Snape

1 Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council meeting, the Acting Lord Mayor stated:

‘The City of Adelaide acknowledges the Kaurna People of the Adelaide Plains as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today.

We acknowledge and honour their spiritual and cultural stewardship of this Country and recognise their deep and enduring relationship with its lands, waters, the sky, and all living things.

We pay our respects to Kaurna Elders past and present and recognise the important role of emerging leaders in sustaining and strengthening culture.’

2 Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

The Acting Lord Mayor stated:

‘The Council acknowledges the vision of Colonel William Light in determining the site for Adelaide and the design of the City with its six squares and surrounding belt of continuous Park Lands which is recognised on the National Heritage List as one of the greatest examples of Australia’s planning heritage.’

3 Prayer

The Acting Lord Mayor stated:

‘We pray for wisdom, courage, empathy, understanding and guidance in the decisions that we make, whilst seeking and respecting the opinions of others.’

4 Pledge

The Acting Lord Mayor stated:

‘May we in this meeting speak honestly, listen attentively, think clearly and decide wisely for the good governance of the City of Adelaide and the wellbeing of those we serve.’

5 Memorial Silence

The Acting Lord Mayor asked all present stand in silence in memory of those who gave their lives in defence of their Country, at sea, on land and in the air.

6 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillor Martin entered the Council Chamber at 6.34 pm.

Leave of Absence:

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

7 Confirmation of Minutes - 23/6/2026

Moved by Councillor Davis -
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 June 2026, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

8 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

9 Deputations

Councillor Abrahamzadeh entered the Council Chamber at 6.34 pm.

The Acting Lord Mayor advised the meeting that 7 deputation requests had been received. In accordance with section 79 of the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures, the Presiding Member may only approve 3 deputation requests. 3 have been approved and 3 declined. A further request from Ms Georgia Thain had also been declined as the matters were operational in nature, and some beyond the authority of the Council.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Cabada -

That the remaining 3 deputations be heard.

Carried

Mr David Wang addressed the Council:

- In relation to the condition of Moonta Street and investing in its assets

The Acting Lord Mayor thanked Mr Wang for his deputation.

Mrs Heidi Senior addressed the Council:

- In relation to traffic safety regarding St Mary's College and in relation to Item 17.5 - Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety Recommendations.

The Acting Lord Mayor thanked Mrs Senior for her deputation.

Mr John Theodorakakos addressed the Council:

- In relation to Safety in Hutt Street.

During the discussion, Councillor Cabada called a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Snape's questions around rate rises being improper.

The Acting Lord Mayor ruled in favour of the Point of Order.

Councillor Maher moved dissent on the Acting Lord Mayor's ruling, which was lost.

The Acting Lord Mayor thanked Mr Theodorakakos for his deputation and response to questions.

Mr Steven Fisher addressed the Council:

- In relation to traffic safety regarding St Mary's College and in relation to Item 17.5 - Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety Recommendations.

The Acting Lord Mayor thanked Mr Fisher for his deputation.

Mrs Julia Anderson addressed the Council:

- In relation to traffic safety regarding St Mary's College and in relation to Item 17.5 - Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety Recommendations.

The Acting Lord Mayor thanked Mrs Anderson for her deputation.

Ms Cathryn Rava addressed the Council:

- In relation to traffic safety regarding St Mary's College and in relation to Item 17.5 - Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety Recommendations.

The Acting Lord Mayor thanked Ms Rava for her deputation.

10 Petitions

Nil

The Acting Lord Mayor sought leave of the meeting to bring forward Items 17.3, 17.4 and 17.5 for consideration.

Leave was granted

17.3 Councillor Cabada - MoN - Chinatown Precinct Asset Renewal Timing

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Davis -

That Council:

1. Notes Chinatown's importance as a cultural, hospitality, tourism and small business precinct within the City of Adelaide.
2. Notes that key public realm assets within the Chinatown precinct, including Moonta Street, California Street North, California Street South and adjoining laneways, are showing signs of ageing and require clear asset renewal planning.
3. Requests that Administration present a report to Council by August 18th 2026, outlining the current asset condition and planned renewal timing for Moonta Street, California Street North, California Street South and adjoining Chinatown laneways.
4. Requests that the report include:
 - a) the current condition rating of road, footpath, kerbing, drainage, lighting, paving, signage and other relevant public realm assets;
 - b) the programmed renewal timing for each street or laneway;
 - c) whether the works are currently included in Council's Asset Management Plans, Capital Works Program, Long-Term Financial Plan or future budget forecasts;
 - d) any interim renewal, maintenance or safety works planned before full renewal;
 - e) the estimated scope and cost of any required renewal works; and
 - f) options to bring forward asset renewal works where asset condition, safety, accessibility, precinct amenity or business impact warrants earlier action.
 - g) the steps required to target construction of California Street North and California Street South in the 2027/28 financial year, including coordination with the Gouger Street Revitalisation Project and the Central Market redevelopment.

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That the matter lie on the table.

Carried

Councillor Davis requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (5):

Councillors Freeman, Giles, Maher, Martin and Snape

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros and Davis

The division was declared in favour of the motion

17.4 Councillor Cabada - MoN - State Government Immediate Action Support

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Davis -

That Council:

1. Notes the increasing visibility and impact of homelessness and rough sleeping within the City of Adelaide, including impacts on vulnerable people, public safety, amenity, businesses, residents, visitors and city confidence.
2. Notes that homelessness is a complex social issue requiring coordinated responses across housing, crisis accommodation, health, mental health, alcohol and drug support, family and domestic violence services, policing and specialist outreach.
3. Recognises that Council has an important role in city management, public realm amenity, local coordination and advocacy, but that the primary levers to address homelessness sit with the State Government.
4. Requests that the Lord Mayor on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of South Australia requesting urgent State Government support for a coordinated response to homelessness and rough sleeping in the City of Adelaide.
5. Requests that the letter be copied to the Minister for Human Services, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Police, Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Minister for the City of Adelaide, and any other relevant Ministers.
6. Requests that the letter seek State Government to:
 - a) increased crisis and transitional accommodation options for people sleeping rough in and around the city;
 - b) expanded specialist outreach services, including after-hours and weekend responses;
 - c) improved coordination between State agencies, Council, SAPOL, homelessness service providers, health services and community organisations;
 - d) targeted support for people experiencing complex needs, including mental health, alcohol and drug dependency, trauma and family violence;
 - e) practical measures to improve public safety, amenity and cleanliness in affected city areas; and
 - f) a clear State Government plan for reducing rough sleeping in the City of Adelaide, including timeframes, responsibilities and reporting.
7. Requests that a copy of the letter and any State Government response be provided to Council Members.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh declared a general conflict of interest in Item 17.4 [Councillor Cabada - MoN - State Government Immediate Action Support], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as his employer provides housing and homelessness services, but that he would stay in the room, participate in the discussion and vote on the matter.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Davis left the Council Chamber at 7.31 pm and re-entered at 7.32 pm.
- With the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting, part 4 of the motion was varied

to read as follows:

4. Requests that the Lord Mayor, following the scheduled 6 August 2026 Homelessness Roundtable, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of South Australia requesting urgent State Government support for a coordinated response to homelessness and rough sleeping in the City of Adelaide.

Undertakings - Councillor Cabada - MoN - State Government Immediate Action Support

In response to a query from Councillor Davis, an undertaking was given to request the Lord Mayor suggest the matter be added to the Capital City Committee agenda.

In response to a query from Councillor Couros, an undertaking was given to clarify if the matter is on the agenda of GAROC.

In response to a query from Councillor Martin, an undertaking was given to include in the letter to the State Government, outcomes from the Lord Mayor's Homelessness Roundtable and comments on the recently released State Government report on homelessness.

The motion, as varied, was then put and carried unanimously

17.5 Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety Recommendations

Councillor Freeman declared a general conflict of interest in Item 17.5 [Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety Recommendations], pursuant to Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) as it relates to operations of her employer Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), but that she would stay in the room, participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Davis -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the 2024 School Travel Safety Review for St Mary's College, completed under Council's resolution of 26 March 2024, identified serious traffic and pedestrian safety issues in Franklin Street and Grote Street and recommended specific improvements, and that the Review was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee in June 2025.
2. Requests that Administration report to Council within 30 days on the funding, approvals and delivery pathway to implement the Review's recommendations, with priority given to:
 - a. kerb buildouts at the signalised crossing in Grote Street to stop vehicles using the cycle lane and shoulder as a turning lane to West Terrace;
 - b. a solid white line in Franklin Street to prevent unsafe U-turns;
 - c. a 25 km/h school zone in Franklin Street, and pursuing its extension to Grote Street with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport; and
 - d. pursuing red light cameras at both signalised crossings with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and SAPOL.
3. Requests the report include indicative costs, timeframes, and which actions require external agency approval.
4. Requests that Administration implement any immediate low-cost measures within existing authority in the interim, including installing advisory signage indicating the area is a school zone (noting Committee members' comments in June 2025 that such signage should be installed as a priority), refreshing faded line marking and kerb markings, clearing vegetation obstructing visibility or signage, and enforcement of current parking and stopping controls in Franklin Street and Grote Street.
5. Requests that Administration advise Council Members on the status of implementation of the St Mary's College recommendations since the Review's presentation to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, including any actions delivered under the School Safety Implementation Project funded in the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget.

Discussion ensued, during which:

Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the meeting at 7.59 pm

Councillor Couros left the Council Chamber at 8.01 pm and re-entered at 8.04 pm.

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

That Council defer consideration of the following motion to the Council meeting of 28 July 2026, that:

1. Notes the 2024 School Travel Safety Review for St Mary's College, completed under Council's resolution of 26 March 2024, identified serious traffic and pedestrian safety issues in Franklin Street and Grote Street and recommended specific improvements, and that the Review was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee in June 2025.
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5. Requests that Administration advise Council Members on the status of implementation of the St Mary's College recommendations since the Review's presentation to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, including any actions delivered under the School Safety Implementation Project funded in the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget.

Discussion ensued

Councillor Maher called a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Davis casting aspersions on the motives of other Council Members.

The Acting Lord Mayor ruled in favour of the Point of Order and asked Councillor Davis to address the item.

The Acting Lord Mayor sought leave of the meeting to continue the meeting past 8.30 pm until items had been considered.

Leave was granted

The amendment was then put and carried

Councillor Davis requested that a division be taken on the amendment.

Division

For (5):

Councillors Freeman, Giles, Maher, Martin and Snape

Against (3):

Councillors Cabada, Couros and Davis

The division was declared in favour of the amendment

Undertaking - Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety Recommendations

In response to queries from Councillor Freeman, the CEO gave an undertaking to provide Council Members with information on what is proposed for the existing pedestrian crossings under the State Government funding and a description of 'immediate low cost measures' as per part 4 of the motion.

Discussion continued

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried

Councillor Davis requested that a division be taken on the motion as amended.

Division

For (5):

Councillors Freeman, Giles, Maher, Martin and Snape

Against (3):

Councillors Cabada, Couros and Davis

The division was declared in favour of the motion as amended

Councillors Cabada, Couros and Davis left the Council Chamber at 8.40 pm, which collapsed the quorum.

Councillor Couros re-entered the Council Chamber at 8.41 pm, at which point the meeting regained quorum and continued.

11 Advice of the Kadaltilla/ Adelaide Park Lands Authority - 24 June 2026

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority met on 24 June 2026.
2. Notes the advice of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority from the meeting of the Board held on 24 June 2026, contained in Item 11 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 14 July 2026 in relation to:
 - 2.1. Mary Lee Park (Park 27B) – Community Building Detailed Design
 - 2.2. Park Lands Expressions of Interest (Multiple Sites)

Carried unanimously

12 Recommendations of the City Community Services and Culture Committee - 7 July 2026

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

12.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Park Lands Expressions of Interest (Multiple Sites)

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Expression of Interest submissions received for the eight Adelaide Park Lands community sporting facilities.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to grant the following applicants Park Lands Lease Agreements:
 - 2.1. Christian Brothers College (Edmund Rice Colleges Ltd T/A Christian Brothers College Adelaide) – Portion of Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12) – five years

- 2.2. St Peter's College (The Anglican Church of Australia Collegiate School of Saint Peter) – Portion of Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12) – five years
- 2.3. Torrens Rowing Club Inc – Portion of Red Gum Park / Karrawirra (Park 12) – five years
- 2.4. Pembroke School Inc – Portion of Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17) – five years
- 2.5. South Terrace Croquet Club Inc – Portion of Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17) – five years
- 2.6. Adelaide Harriers Athletics Club Inc – Portion of Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Park 20) – five years
- 2.7. Club De Petanque d'Adelaide Inc – Portion of Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Park 20) – five years.

12.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Mary Lee Park (Park 27B) - Community Building Detailed Design

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Detailed Design of the Park Lands Community Building at Mary Lee Park (Park 27B), as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Service and Cultural Committee held on 7 July 2026.

Carried unanimously

13 Recommendations of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee - 7 July 2026

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

13.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - TreeClimb SA Lease Outcomes of Community Consultation

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the findings of the Community Consultation outcomes, as contained in Attachment A, on the draft Key Lease Terms as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 7 July 2026.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Lease Agreement with Adelaide TreeClimb SA Pty Ltd for a term not exceeding ten years.
3. Authorises the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix as necessary the Common Seal to the Lease Agreement and all associated documentation to give effect to the above-mentioned decision.

13.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Establishment of the Sustainability Design Prize in 2026/27

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves Option 2: Sustainability Innovation Design Competition for implementation in 2026/27 with an initial focus on the Greening category as the most suitable approach for the establishment of a Sustainability Innovation Design Competition noting timeline, budget, resourcing and implementation implications.
2. Notes a report will be presented to Council in early 2027/28 with the outcomes of the 2026/27 implementation of the Sustainability Innovation Design Competition, including consideration of a rolling annual or biennial program.

Carried unanimously

14 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

Nil

15 Acting Lord Mayor's Report

The Acting Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following:

- Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra
- Adelaide Festival Board meeting
- Australia Day Council of South Australia Board meeting
- Community celebration for the Adelaide Thunderbirds championship win in Rundle Mall
- NAIDOC Week events

During the discussion:

- Councillors Cabada and Davis re-entered the Council Chamber at 8.44 pm.
- Councillor Couros left the Council Chamber at 8.45 pm

Councillor Martin raised a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Davis breaching regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, due to Councillor Davis behaving in an improper and disorderly manner.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

That Councillor Davis has contravened regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, by behaving in an improper and disorderly manner.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Couros re-entered the Council Chamber at 8.49 pm.

Councillor Davis raised a Point of Order in relation to being bullied, intimidated and defamed by Councillor Martin.

The Acting Lord Mayor ruled against the Point of Order from Councillor Davis and asked Councillor Martin to continue.

The Acting Lord Mayor ruled in favour of the point of order, raised by Councillor Martin.

Councillor Davis made a personal explanation in relation to the Point of Order raised by Councillor Martin in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.

Councillor Davis apologised to the Acting Lord Mayor, who accepted his apology.

The Acting Lord Mayor asked Councillor Davis to leave the Council Chamber at 8.56 pm.

Councillor Couros left the Council Chamber at 8.58 pm.

The motion was then put and carried

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That Councillor Davis be excluded from the remainder of the Council meeting.

Carried

Councillors Davis and Couros re-entered the Council Chamber at 9.00pm.

The Acting Lord Mayor advised Councillor Davis that he had been excluded from the remainder of the Council meeting and asked him to leave the Council Chamber.

Councillor Davis left the meeting at 9.02 pm.

The Acting Lord Mayor continued her verbal report on the following activities:

- China Australia International Forum in Adelaide

- SAPOL initiative to establish a dedicated CBD Precinct

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Giles –

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

16 Councillors' Reports

Councillor Giles addressed the meeting on her attendance at NAIDOC week, including the Lord Mayor's NAIDOC Awards.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Cabada –

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

17 Motions on Notice

17.1 Councillor Freeman - MoN - Vacant and Underutilised Buildings

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes that the City of Adelaide's Economic Development Strategy 2024-2028 commits to the occupation, improvement, and adaptive reuse of vacant and underutilised buildings.
2. Requests that the Administration prepare a report back to Council by August 2026 outlining current approaches taken to mitigating building vacancy and underutilisation, including:
 - 2.1. Data collected and methods used to quantify building vacancy and underutilisation, including trends, locations, causes and resulting economic impact.
 - 2.2. Current and future funded initiatives that address building vacancy and underutilisation, such as Renew Adelaide, the Adaptive Reuse City Housing Initiative (ARCHI), and relevant Planning and Design Code Amendments.
 - 2.3. Opportunities for further action to encourage greater occupation, improvement and adaptive reuse, including further assessments, engagement processes, activations or funding mechanisms as recommended.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Giles left the Council Chamber at 9.14 pm and re-entered 9.18 pm.
- With the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting part 2 of the motion was varied to replace the word 'August' with 'September'.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

17.2 Councillor Cabada - MoN - Chinatown Adelaide Lunar New Year Street Party Funding Alignment

Councillor Cabada withdrew his motion from consideration.

17.6 Councillor Cabada - MoN - 24-Hour City Safety Patrol Pilot Program

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Couros -

That Council:

1. Notes the importance of maintaining the City of Adelaide and North Adelaide as safe, welcoming and well-managed places for residents, workers, businesses, students, visitors and tourists.
2. Notes ongoing concerns regarding public safety, antisocial behaviour, intoxication, vandalism, property damage and perceptions of safety within parts of the CBD and North Adelaide, including during night-time and early morning periods.
3. Investigates an establishment of a 12-month, 24-hour City Safety Patrol Pilot Program.
4. Requests that Administration prepare a report to Council by October 2026.
5. Confirms that the role of the City Safety Patrol works in conjunction with SAPOL's dedicated CBD 24/7 District Operation Inspectors.

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Martin –

That the motion be put.

The motion was then put and lost

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (3):

Councillors Cabada, Couros and Freeman

Against (4):

Councillors Giles, Maher, Martin and Snape

The division was declared against the motion

18 Motions without Notice

Nil

19 Questions on Notice

19.1 Councillor Freeman – QoN – Peacock Road Cycle Route

19.2 Councillor Davis – QoN – Hindley Street Precinct

19.3 Councillor Davis – QoN – Tree Martin Bird Droppings in Rundle Mall

19.4 Councillor Couros – QoN – External Consultants

19.5 Councillor Couros – QoN – Expenditure on Legal Services

19.6 Councillor Couros – QoN – Melbourne Street Revitalisation Grant Funding

19.7 Councillor Couros – QoN – 2026 Local Government Elections Timeline

19.8 Councillor Martin – QoN – City Data

19.9 Councillor Martin – QoN – AEDA Sponsorships

The Questions and Replies having been distributed and published prior to the meeting were taken as read.

The Replies for Item 19.1 – 19.9, are attached for reference at the end of the minutes of the meeting.

20 Questions without Notice

Nil

Closure

The meeting closed at 9.33 pm

Councillor Carmel Noon

Acting Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation:

Documents Attached:

Items 19.1 – 19.2 - Question on Notice Replies – Distributed Separately

Councillor Freeman - QoN - Peacock Road Cycle Route

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Council Member
Councillor Eleanor Freeman

Public

Contact Officer:
Mike Philippou, Acting Director City Infrastructure

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Eleanor Freeman will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. Which City of Adelaide strategies identify Peacock Road as a strategic cycling route, and when were these strategies adopted by Council?
2. What strategic role and function is Peacock Road intended to perform within the City of Adelaide's cycling network, and what infrastructure treatments are identified as necessary to support that function?
3. Which organisations or stakeholders have been involved in determining the preferred design of the Peacock Road Cycle Route, and what preference was determined?
4. Which existing and planned cycling routes will the Peacock Road Cycle Route connect to, and have any of those routes been recently upgraded by Local or State Governments? If so, what was the combined value of those upgrades?
5. Have external funding partners made a financial contribution to the design and delivery of the Peacock Road Cycle Route?
6. Following the delivery of the Peacock Road Cycle Route, will free on-street car parking be retained for ongoing public use?

REPLY

1. Peacock Road is identified as a strategic cycling (micromobility) route in the Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS), which was endorsed by Council in July 2025. It had also been identified as a key cycling route in City of Adelaide's previous transport strategy, Smart Move. Peacock Road is part of the 'City Spine' in Strategy 3 of City Plan 2036, which identifies the north south corridor for increased development with integrated sustainable transport outcomes, with better public transport, walking/wheeling and cycling outcomes. City Plan 2036 was endorsed by Council in September 2024.
2. Peacock Road is classified as a C1 strategic cycling (micromobility) route and is part of the Mike Turtur Bikeway. For the volume (and speeds) of motorised vehicles, the suitable infrastructure needed to support this function is a protected cycle lane or cycle path (please refer to extract from the ITS below). The existing shared path and bicycle lanes (in the door zone and unprotected from adjacent vehicles) are unsuitable facilities, meaning that people who are 'interested but concerned' are unlikely to be comfortable using the route. It is also a key walking/wheeling route (W3) with desirable width 3m for people moving by, walking or wheeling unaided or using an aid to mobility. Census data indicates that over 10% of city workers come from Unley and Mitcham LGAs and could use this route, helping to reduce congestion associated with the commuter peak. Cordon counts and Super Tuesday counts indicate that the corridor is the second busiest cycle commuter route to/from the city.

Cycling (micromobility) - definitions

C1

Regional Cycling Routes

Description: High priority cycling routes that connect the capital city with Urban Activity Centres and other significant destinations.

Facility: Cycle path/ protected cycle lane. Cycle lane or mixed traffic eg cycle street may be suitable as per All Ages & Abilities Cycle Facility Selection Tool table - with high LOS outcome. Shared paths should be avoided.

C2

District Cycling Routes

Description: Routes that connect major activity centres with each other and with C-1 routes, creating a comprehensive high-quality network linking important destinations. Recreational trails of district significance are also part of C-2 level route network.

Facility: Cycle path/ protected cycle lane. Cycle lane or mixed traffic eg cycle street

An All Ages and Abilities Cycle Facility Selection Tool (Austroads)

Speed Limit*	Two-way traffic flow (peak hour pcus)	Off-road cycle track	Raised cycle track adjacent to kerb	On-road Protected Cycle Lane	Painted Cycle Lane	Mixed Traffic
20 km/h	< 200					
20 km/h	200-400					
20 km/h	> 400					
30 km/h	< 200					
30 km/h	200-400					
30 km/h	> 400					
40 km/h	< 200					
40 km/h	200-400					
40 km/h	> 400					
50 km/h	< 200					
50 km/h	200 - 400					
50 km/h	> 400					
60 km/h	Any					

*If the 85th percentile motor traffic speed data is recorded/available and is more than 10% above the speed limit, the next highest speed limit should be applied. Assumes adequate buffer from general traffic.

3. The Peacock Road route, including the expected suitable typology, was included in the draft ITS, that was approved by Council for the purposes of community engagement. Extensive engagement was completed and presented to Council prior to final endorsement in July 2025. DIT as a funding partner for the Peacock Road cycling project and adjacent road authority (Greenhill Road), has been involved extensively in the development of the detailed design. Consultation undertaken during the options development and assessment included DIT, City of Unley, Bus SA and a cross section of internal stakeholders.
4. In June 2026, surrounding community and businesses were notified of the final proposed design for the Peacock Road Cycle Route through the installation of signage, via letterbox drop and direct mail to Park Lands organisations, Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Parks 20) and Veale Park / Waylu Yarta (Park 21). As part of this engagement, community members were invited to view the final plans and find out more details on the necessary changes to parking via the City of Adelaide webpage. To date, feedback from community has been positive and generally related to cycling matters, including the retention of the shared use path on the western side of Peacock Road.
5. The award of National Road Safety Program funding was based on a 'quick to build' (lower cost) design concept for Peacock Road (eg rubber kerbs and flexi-posts on both sides of the road). As part of design development an option analysis was undertaken and the preferred the design was determined by CoA based on alignment with strategic outcomes including safety and user comfort (including pedestrian and cyclist conflict), and impacts to trees, parking and road operations. Stakeholder feedback has been considered in this assessment and in the detailed design.
6. The Peacock Road cycle route connects into:
 - 6.1. Mike Turtur Bikeway: shared path towards Glenelg
 - 6.2. King William Street, Adelaide (existing painted cycle lanes without buffer (and in door zone), with 50km/h speed limit)
 - 6.3. King William Road, Unley
 - 6.4. South Terrace (existing shared path – Park Lands Trail, which also links to north-south route 300m west of Peacock Road along Owen Street-Russell Street-Compton Street for the Adelaide Central Market).
 - 6.5. Future path along the south side of the Park Lands, which is at the planning phase (led of the City of Unley and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport).
7. The City of Unley King William Road Streetscape Upgrade is being completed. Works on the northern end of King William Road (adjacent to Peacock Road) include widening of the shared path to 4m and the southbound cycle lane to 1.5m with 0.5m buffer. The project cost is \$2.344m (based on Special Local Roads Program 25/26) and it is co-funded between the City of Unley and the State Government. [King William Road Streetscape Upgrade \(Stage 1 & 2\) | City of Unley](#)

8. The Peacock Road Cycle Route project is jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian Governments as part of the National Road Safety Program. City of Adelaide received a \$500,000 grant. Final details of the total project cost will be confirmed following the completion of procurement, which is currently underway.
9. As there is finite street space, it will need to be shared differently to create a safer outcome for all street users, so depending on the time of day, car parking availability will change such that the safe cycle facility can be provided.
 - 9.1 Some parking changes are required to align with the 'clearway' parking restrictions on Greenhill Road and to help minimise the impact on congestion and road safety whilst balancing parking requirements for the Park Lands noting that some parking spaces have been removed.
 - 9.2 The remaining parking will be retained as free 4 hour parking with 'clearway' parking restrictions in the peak directions.
10. Parking surveys undertaken for the project indicated spaces have high occupancy on weekdays ([Link 1](#)) but by commuters who are staying for the day or rotating their vehicle to avoid overstaying the 4-hour parking zone. Commuter parking is not supported by policy, with parking on Park Lands roads usually primarily to serve Park Lands users. While the parking controls in relation to the on-street car parking will not change as part of the project, they will be subject to a separate review.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 8.5 hours.
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Councillor Davis - QoN - Hindley Street Precinct

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:

'For the purposes of these questions, "Hindley Street precinct" means Hindley Street and the surrounding streets that contribute to the night-time economy and entertainment precinct, including but not limited to Bank Street, Leigh Street and Peel Street (and those further in the West).

1. How many massage parlours are currently operating in the Hindley Street precinct?
2. How many convenience stores are currently operating in the Hindley Street precinct?
3. As at or around November 2022, how many massage parlours were operating in the Hindley Street precinct?
4. As at or around November 2022, how many convenience stores were operating in the Hindley Street precinct?

REPLY

1. Based on ground level visible shopfronts, there are 11 businesses offering massage services in the Hindley Street precinct (as defined above).
2. There are currently 17 convenience stores operating in the Hindley Street precinct.
3. There is no physical count of the number of massage parlours operating in the Hindley Street Precinct in November 2022. Based on Australian Business Register explorer data and historical imagery from Google Streetview, it is estimated that there were nine businesses offering massage services at around that time.
4. There is no physical count of the number of convenience stores operating in the Hindley Street Precinct in November 2022. Based on Australian Business Register explorer data, and historical imagery from Google Streetview, it is estimated that there were six convenience stores at around that time.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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Councillor Davis - QoN - Tree Martin
Bird Droppings in Rundle Mall

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

Contact Officer:
Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:

- 1. Is the Administration aware of the strong odour caused by the accumulation of Tree Martin bird droppings in parts of Rundle Mall?
- 2. Does the Administration consider it acceptable for South Australia's premier retail and shopping precinct to have areas that smell strongly of bird droppings?
- 3. Does the Administration consider the current mitigation measures for Tree Martin bird droppings to have been successful? If so, what objective criteria has been used to reach that conclusion?
- 4. Was the odour from Tree Martin bird droppings present during Gather Round 2026, and does the Administration expect the same issue to exist during Gather Round 2027 if no further action is taken?
- 5. If the Administration accepts that the current mitigation measures have not resolved the issue, what additional actions are proposed, and when are they expected to be implemented?

REPLY

- 1. The Administration first observed increased odour associated with Tree Martin roosting in Rundle Mall in early April 2026 following the season's first significant rain after an extended dry spell.
- 2. This was communicated to Council Members via E-news on 10 April 2026 ([Link 1](#)).
- 3. Gather Round 2026 was held in April 2026, during the peak Tree Martin roosting season, when the colony was actively roosting in Rundle Mall.
- 4. As part of its planned response for the 2025/26 roosting season and following arrival of the Tree Martins in December 2025, additional pressure cleaning has been undertaken in the affected areas.
- 5. In response to odour reports in April 2026, cleaning efforts increased further to include daytime deodorising and daily drain-cleaning to maintain amenity in Rundle Mall and surrounds.
- 6. No further complaints regarding odour have been received since April 2026.
- 7. Odour is influenced by variable factors such as rainfall, temperature and roost size at any given time.
- 8. A report on mitigation measures and proposed future actions is scheduled for the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee on 4 August 2026, pending conclusion of the Tree Martin roosting period.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours
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Councillor Couros - QoN - External Consultants

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can the Administration advise:

1. What is the total amount the City of Adelaide has spent on external consultants over the past 18 months?
2. Can this expenditure be broken down by consultant, project, purpose of the engagement and cost?
3. Which Council portfolio each engagement relates to?
4. What procurement process was used for each engagement (tender, quotation or direct appointment)?
5. Were any of the services provided by external consultants considered capable of being undertaken by existing Council staff, and if so, why was an external consultant engaged?
6. What opportunities have been identified to reduce expenditure on external consultants in future budgets?

REPLY

1. The terms "consultancy services" and "professional services" are often used interchangeably. In broad terms professional services refers to specialised services provided by qualified professionals who apply expertise, skills, or accreditation to perform work for a client. Examples would include Council's engagement of an independent auditor, legal services providers, and property valuation services. It would also include engaging planning, engineering, and urban design expertise engaged in support of specific capital projects of the City of Adelaide.
2. Consultancy (or consulting) services are a subset of professional services that focus on providing advice, recommendations, analysis, and strategic guidance. Examples might include business strategy reviews, process improvement assessments, technology roadmap development, organisational restructuring advice, financial modelling and business case development.
3. As the question is not clear exactly what is meant by "external consultant", and because the City of Adelaide uses the broader term "Professional services" in categorising services provided by external providers, information summarising use of professional services (which includes consulting services) is provided below:

City Community	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Public Art Action Plan; Future Libraries Business Case; Live Music Industry and Events; City of Adelaide website redevelopment; consulting services for Tree Martins; Compliance and Assessments of Buildings; Permit and Development Assessments.	\$1,239,869
City Infrastructure	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Condition audit and unit rate determination associated with asset revaluations; development of Integrated Transport Strategy; Property Development; actioning internal audit findings.	\$3,674,439
City Shaping	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Plant & Fleet Asset Management Plan; Cleansing service standards and service pilot; Tree Martin Management; World Heritage Bid; Design Code Amendment Program; Disability Access and Inclusion Plan; National Heritage Implementation Plan; Dry Areas Evaluation; City of Adelaide Housing Strategy Implementation; Key Biodiversity Area Management Plan; Adaptive Re-use Housing Initiative (ARCHI).	\$2,587,189
Corporate Services	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Adelaide Central Market Expansion Operational Preparedness; City Brand Development; Investment Attraction Program; Tourism and Business Attraction; AEDA Summit; Visitor Growth; Valuations for rating purposes; External Procurement services; Supplementary and General Election; ESCOSA review; Research and Community Engagement; External Recruitment; Safety and Wellbeing.	\$3,775,676
Office of the Chief Executive	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Council of Capital City Lord Mayors	\$800
Total Operational Spend		\$11,277,974
Capital	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Engineering, Design and Project Management services associated with the delivery of the capital program,	\$12,363,065
Total Professional Services		\$23,641,039

4. The total amount expended on professional services from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2026 was \$23.641 million, of which \$11.278 million is operations-related, and \$12.363 million is capital project-related.
5. Professional services activity has been broken down by portfolio. Because the quantity and diversity of the professional services activities would require a significant body of work to create a complete list, an indicative summary of activities (purpose of the engagement) has been included.
6. The breakdown requested of individual services providers engaged during the period has not been provided, as these are matters of commercial confidentiality. The providers would each need to be consulted and approve release of details in relation to their engagement.
7. Information on the specific procurement method applied to each individual consultancy engagement is not readily available due to their diversity and frequency. However, all consultancy engagements were undertaken in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and Procurement Procedures, which require the procurement method to be determined based on factors such as the value, nature and complexity of the engagement. Procurement processes may have included quotations, public tenders or direct appointments, as permitted under Council's procurement framework.
8. External professional services were engaged where specialist independent expertise and advice, additional resourcing capacity, or specific technical skills were required that were not available within Council's existing workforce. In some cases, consultants were also engaged to meet project timelines, provide an independent assessment, or undertake short-term work that did not justify the recruitment of permanent staff.

9. Council continually reviews its use of external consultants and seeks to minimise expenditure wherever practical. Opportunities to reduce future consultancy expenditure include further developing internal capability and expertise, improving workforce planning, enhancing knowledge transfer from consultants to Council staff, and prioritising the use of existing resources where appropriate.
10. However, there will continue to be circumstances where engaging external consultants represents the most effective and efficient approach, particularly in relation to capital projects, where specialist expertise, independent advice, additional short-term capacity, or regulatory requirements require skills that are not available within Council's existing workforce, and which because of their project-based nature would not be added to the ongoing workforce.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 78.5 hours.
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Councillor Couros - QoN - Expenditure on Legal Services

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can the Administration provide a report outlining:

1. The total expenditure on legal services for the past 3 years
2. The amount separated and detailed by:-
 - o external legal advisers;
 - o barristers and senior counsel;
 - o litigation and court proceedings;
 - o employment and industrial relations matters;
 - o governance and general legal advice
 - o and any other advice provided with description for advice requested
3. Detail which legal firm provided advice on each item?'

REPLY

1. The total expenditure on legal services for the years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 are below. This includes costs of provision of legal services by external providers, and excludes costs which may flow from legal outcomes (for example payments from Council ordered by a court resulting from conclusion of a legal case).
 - 1.1. 2023/24 - \$1.167 million
 - 1.2. 2024/25 – \$0.886 million
 - 1.3. 2025/26 (preliminary) - \$1.020 million
2. A summary of Council's legal expenditure over the requested period has been provided below.

Type	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Aquatic Centre advice	61,245	14,191	10,800
Conflict of Interest Advice	5,315	-	-
Court of Disputed returns	26,497	23,698	-

Elected Member Behaviour / Complaint	73,323	64,830	38,072
Elected Member Training	3,890	-	1,030
Employment Relations	160,882	269,838	215,694
Freedom of Information advice	37,162	38,354	33,171
General Advice	637,986	265,851	467,873
Kadaltilla Trademark	800	-	-
Land Management Agreement	14,327	29,358	90,954
Land Management Agreement advice	-	795	-
Lease agreement advice	8,081	13,051	13,945
Legal representation for expiation dispute	11,311	500	6,393
MotoGP	-	-	4,578
North Adelaide Golf Course	-	16,717	39,117
Procurement contract advice	59,857	34,301	7,770
Rating Advice	17,258	5,525	25,750
Section 270 Review	23,903	72,253	25,515
Trademark	2,737	9,735	19,542
Legal Dispute	19,663	22,015	2,397
Voters Roll Advice	2,652	4,957	17,430
Grand Total	1,166,889	885,969	1,020,030

3. The breakdown requested of external legal advisers engaged during the period has not been provided, as these are matters of commercial confidentiality. The providers would each need to be consulted and approve release of details in relation to their engagement.
4. Council approved a panel of legal advisers on 24 June 2025, for a three year period with two possible two year extensions (3 + 2 + 2). Except where further ad hoc specialist legal advice is required beyond that defined in the panel agreement, firms listed in the City of Adelaide's legal services panel are used to provide all external legal advice, in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.
5. Legal services firms listed on the panel are Cowell Clarke; Minter Ellison; Norman Waterhouse; Mellor Olsson; Wallmans; and Kelliedy Jones.
6. Council's legal expenditure reflects the breadth, complexity and regulatory obligations associated with operating a large and diverse local government organisation.
7. Legal services are engaged across a wide range of functions, including governance, planning and development, property transactions, procurement, employment matters, behavioural matters, regulatory compliance, litigation, risk management and statutory decision-making.
8. Legal advice is obtained through two primary mechanisms:
 - 8.1. **Specialist legal advice** commissioned directly by individual business units where specific expertise is required to support operational or project outcomes; and
 - 8.2. **General legal services** managed through the corporate legal budget to support organisation-wide governance, compliance and advisory requirements.
9. As a result, legal expenditure is distributed across multiple cost centres, projects and operational areas, reflecting the varied nature of Council's activities. Providing a more detailed breakdown of legal costs by matter, subject area, legal practitioner or individual advisor is considerably more complex again.
10. Given the breadth and complexity of Council's operations, the volume and variety of legal invoices received over a three-year period is substantial. Many invoices relate to multiple matters and may include disbursements and third-party costs, such as barristers' fees, expert advice, court filing fees and other associated legal expenses, which are not always separately coded within Council's financial systems.
11. Producing a comprehensive analysis at a more granular level would therefore require a significant manual review of invoices, supporting documentation and financial records to accurately attribute costs to individual matters and service categories. This work would involve reviewing, interpreting and categorising historical records to ensure expenditure is appropriately allocated and reported.
12. It is estimated that this work would require the equivalent of approximately one full-time employee for a minimum period of two months to review, reconcile and categorise the relevant records.

13. Undertaking this work would require the reprioritisation of existing work programs and resources to accommodate the request, and Council should therefore consider the additional value of the information sought relative to the organisational resources required to produce it.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 15.5 hours.
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Councillor Couros - QoN - Melbourne Street Revitalisation Grant Funding

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Mike Philippou, Acting Director City Infrastructure

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration provide a report detailing the expenditure of the \$1 million State Government grant provided for the revitalisation and activation of Melbourne Street, including:

1. A detailed breakdown of all expenditure to date, identifying each individual project, item or activity funded, the supplier (where applicable), and the amount spent on each item.
2. The total amount of the grant that has been expended, the amount that remains unspent, and any commitments against the remaining funds.
3. The anticipated timeline for expenditure of the remaining balance, including the projects or works it is proposed to fund.
4. The current status of the proposed Dunn Street Car Park wayfinding/real-time parking signage, including:
 - a. the reason for the delay in its installation;
 - b. the expected installation date?

REPLY

1. The \$1.0 million State Government grant was provided to support the revitalisation and activation of Melbourne Street in line with the Melbourne Street Master Plan. The grant funds the following project elements:
 - 1.1. Rationalisation of street furniture
 - 1.2. Temporary footpath extensions
 - 1.3. Entry statement banners and brackets
 - 1.4. Under-veranda festoon lighting
 - 1.5. Suspended and on-street planter boxes
 - 1.6. Dunn Street electronic car park sign (currently in progress).
2. These works support the Melbourne Street Master Plan by refreshing the public realm, improving accessibility, promoting the Dunn Street Car Park, and enhancing the overall visitor experience.

3. As at 30 June 2026, expenditure from the Melbourne Street Revitalisation State Government grant valued at \$1.0m is as follows:

Scope Element	Actuals	Remaining commitments	Total incl. commitments
Rationalisation of street furniture	\$312,924.67	\$204.80	\$313,129.47
Temporary footpath extensions	\$35,155.22	\$0.00	\$35,155.22
Entry statement banners and brackets	\$5,995.68	\$0.00	\$5,995.68
Under-veranda festoon lighting	\$15,695.32	\$0.00	\$15,695.32
Suspended / light-pole planter boxes	\$95,150.00	\$0.00	\$95,150.00
Dunn Street electronic car park sign	\$7,700.00	\$143,235.00	\$150,935.00
Prelims / project-wide costs	\$44,125.88	\$0.00	\$44,125.88
Total	\$516,746.77	\$143,439.80	\$660,186.57

4. The current forecast total project cost is estimated at **\$775,000**, which includes the remainder of the work for the Dunn Street electronic signage and the proposed expansion of suspended planter boxes if endorsed by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).
5. A funding period extension has been approved by DIT to enable completion of the Dunn Street electronic car park sign and associated works.
6. Council has also requested that any remaining grant underspend be reallocated towards the Melbourne Street wombat crossings and additional suspended planter boxes. These requests were submitted to DIT and discussions have occurred. Council is awaiting formal advice from DIT regarding the proposed suspended planter box expansion.
7. The remaining Melbourne Street Revitalisation grant funding is expected to be spent during the 2026/27 financial year. A detailed outline of the remaining works is provided below:
- 7.1. completion of the Dunn Street electronic car park sign, including fabrication, installation, power connection, testing and commissioning;
 - 7.2. installation of the electrical conduit and SA Power Networks connection works;
 - 7.3. removal of redundant parking and wayfinding signage, including associated pavement reinstatement; and
 - 7.4. if approved by DIT, installation of additional suspended planter boxes along Melbourne Street.
8. The current status of the proposed Dunn Street car park wayfinding/real-time parking signage is as follows:
- 8.1. The Dunn Street electronic car park sign has taken longer than originally anticipated due to the complexity of the project. During delivery, SA Power Networks advised that the sign would require a metered electrical supply, requiring additional design work and approvals. The project also required Development Approval, contractor procurement, and coordination of power supply arrangements.
 - 8.2. These additional requirements delayed fabrication, installation and commissioning of the sign.
 - 8.3. Fabrication of the Dunn Street electronic car park sign is underway, with the footing completed and installation expected to occur during July 2026.
9. Following installation, the remaining works include electrical conduit installation, SA Power Networks connection works, testing and commissioning of the sign, and removal of redundant parking and wayfinding signage before the system becomes operational.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 6 hours.
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Councillor Couros - QoN - 2026 Local Government Elections Timeline

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Due to the postponement of the 2026 local government elections to April 2027, will the Administration advise:

1. Whether the timeline for enrolment on the Council voters roll, including enrolment for non-resident property owners, businesses and other eligible electors, will be revised to reflect the new election date;
2. When the revised enrolment period is expected to commence and close;
3. How and when eligible electors will be notified of the revised enrolment deadlines; and
4. Whether the City of Adelaide intends to undertake any additional communication or awareness campaign to maximise voter enrolment ahead of the April 2027 election?'
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REPLY

1. The *Local Government (Elections) (Periodic Elections) Amendment Act 2026* (the Amendment Act) ([Link 1](#)) was passed by Parliament on Thursday 25 June 2026 and received royal assent on Thursday 2 July 2026.
2. By virtue of the Amendment Act, the date for the periodic election has been changed on the basis that voting at the elections will close at 5 pm on the third to last business day before the second Saturday of April in 2027, being Wednesday 7 April 2027.
3. The Amendment Act also changes subsequent periodic elections on the basis that voting at the elections will close at 5 pm on the third to last business day before the second Saturday of November in 2031, and then such elections will be held at intervals of 4 years on the basis that voting at the subsequent elections will close at 5 pm on the third to last business day before the second Saturday of November in 2035, at 5 pm on the third to last business day before the second Saturday of November in 2039, and so on.
4. Transitional Provisions contained within the Amendment Act provide that the periodic elections that would, but for the Amendment Act, have been held in 2026 will be held in 2027 (the 2027 periodic elections) in accordance with section 5(1) of the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999* (as amended).
5. The effect of the Transitional Provisions is that the relevant dates for enrolment, nomination as a candidate and voting in 2027 will be adjusted to align with the new date for the close of voting.
6. The Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) has released the official timetable for the 2027 periodic elections, and key dates include:
 - Roll close: Monday 4 January 2027

- Nominations open: Tuesday 26 January 2027
 - Nominations close: Tuesday 9 February 2027
 - Close of voting (Polling Day): 5pm, Wednesday 7 April 2027
 - Scrutiny and count: 9am, Saturday 10 April 2027
7. The caretaker period will commence no later than Tuesday 9 February 2027 and continue until the conclusion of the elections.
 8. The Office of Local Government (OLG) the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA) and ECSA have each updated the relevant dates on their websites and will commence disseminating information relating to the 2027 periodic elections dates in due course.
 9. At the City of Adelaide, a fulsome campaign had already commenced seeking enrolments from owners and occupiers of property within the City and North Adelaide.
 10. A significant driver of this campaign is linked to the amendments that commenced on 1 January 2026, relating to bodies corporate, groups and State electors. This has included, amongst other things, a significant mailout as required under Schedule 1, Part 2 of the *City of Adelaide Act 1988* (the CoA Act).
 11. The timing of the marketing and communications plan is based on the latest information received from ECSA. Once finalised, Council Members will receive an update, which will clearly outline who, how and when we will notify electors and prospective nominees.
 12. As provided in the CEO briefing, *Elections 2026: Make it Your Business – Enrol to Vote*, held on 19 May 2026, the City of Adelaide marketing and communications plan for the now cancelled elections included:
 - Dedicated website pages
 - Election Navigator tool
 - Social Media Tiles
 - Vox Pop videos
 - Newsletters
 - Presentations
 - Dedicated Election Team.
 13. The Election Team is presently working with the Marketing and Communications Team to update or amend collateral as necessary including:
 - Website updates completed, including a review of readability and realignment of content.
 - Nomination forms updated to reflect the revised electoral timetable.
 - Email signature blocks updated (completed).
 - Review of existing video content underway to identify required updates to enrolment closing dates.
 - Mandarin-language video being finalised.
 - New informational flyers being developed for distribution to all owners and occupiers of property within the City of Adelaide and North Adelaide.
 - New marketing campaign being finalised, including social media scheduling (CoA and Lord Mayor), release of the vox pop video, flyer and letter mail-outs, and key messaging.
 - Draft correspondence being finalised, including the timing and content of follow-up enrolment reminder letters.
 14. Collectively, these initiatives will form a sustained and significant enrolment and engagement campaign aimed at increasing enrolment nominations and strengthening voter participation in the 2027 periodic elections.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply

To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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Councillor Martin - QoN - City Data

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating
Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

‘With the recent conclusion of the previous financial year, is AEDA able to provide any preliminary advice about the year’s percentage increases or decreases throughout the City’s main streets in relation to;

- 1. Retail shopfront tenancies
- 2. Activity levels
- 3. Visitation and foot traffic
- 4. Hotel performance indicators?’

REPLY

- 1. Retail shopfront tenancies.
 - 1.1. Based on the Adelaide Economic Development Agency’s (AEDA) main street tenancy audit, the average shop front vacancy rate declined from 9.9% in Q1 2025 (March 2025) to 9.0% in Q1 2026 (March 2026). The figures for individual main streets are:

Main street	Q1 2025 vacancy	Q1 2026 vacancy	Change
Hindley Street	17%	15%	↓ 2 pts
Hutt Street	12%	9%	↓ 3 pts
Rundle Street	9%	7%	↓ 2 pts
King William Street	16%	14%	↓ 2 pts
Melbourne Street	3%	2%	↓ 1 pt
O’Connell Street	8%	9%	↑ 1 pt
Gouger Street	11%	10%	↓ 1 pt
Grote Street	8%	12%	↑ 4 pts
Halifax Street	0%	5%	↑ 5 pts

2. Activity levels.

- 2.1. According to the Activity Level Barometer which provides an overall indication of city activity by combining key indicators such as footfall, nominal expenditure, public transport validations and parking transactions, overall activity levels remained broadly stable in April 2026, with the activity score broadly on par with April 2025, holding at 86. April 2026 activity was around 2% below the 12-month mean, although this was a slightly stronger position than April 2025, when activity was 2.7% below the 12-month mean.
- 2.2. Activity level data is available at a city-wide level only, as not all data sources used in this model provide street level information. Activity level information is available only until April, as the parking transaction data provider is currently undertaking methodological changes.

3. Visitation and foot traffic

- 3.1. Visitation and foot traffic data is provided through Council's sensor network. Most main streets recorded an increase with Gouger and Hindley Streets registering a decline in visitation.

Visitation/foot traffic throughout the City's main streets				
	FY 2025-26	FY 2024-25	Difference	Diff as %
East End	15,402,255	14,354,703	1,047,552	7.3%
Hutt Street	2,578,594	2,461,747	116,847	4.7%
O'Connell St	2,816,936	2,596,022	220,914	8.5%
Gouger St	1,169,442	1,275,949	-106,507	-8.3%
Market Precinct	7,652,191	7,299,947	352,244	4.8%
Hindley Precinct	21,353,211	21,459,331	-106,120	-0.5%

4. Hotel performance indicators

- 4.1. Hotel performance for the City of Adelaide strengthened over the rolling 12 months to May 2026, supported by higher demand, improved occupancy and stronger room revenue outcomes.

Rolling 12-month hotel performance to May 2026		
Key Indicators	12-month result to May 2026	12-month change (%)
Occupancy	76.20%	6.20%
Supply (number of rooms available for sale)	2.8 million	-1% (approx.)
Demand (number of rooms sold)	2.1 million	5.90%
ADR (Average daily rate)	\$151	6.90%
RevPAR (Revenue per available room)	\$115	13.50%

- 4.2. Hotel performance indicators are available at a city-wide level and not at the street-level.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours
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Councillor Martin - QoN - AEDA Sponsorships

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration advise;

1. What is the policy of AEDA in relation to staff or contractors receiving goods and/or services (apart from event tickets and hospitality) as part of agreements related to sponsorship of external events or of AEDA events or as a result of the sponsorships
2. Have staff or contractors received goods and/or services (apart from event tickets and hospitality) as part of agreements related to sponsorship of external events or of AEDA events or as a result of the sponsorships and, if so, on how many occasions and what has been the approximate dollar value, and
3. If the provision of goods and/or services provided to staff or contractors has been agreed as part of sponsorship agreements or as a result of sponsorship arrangements, where and how has it been reported?'

REPLY

1. The Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) works within the City of Adelaide's policy framework. Staff do not receive any goods and/or services (apart from event tickets and hospitality) as part of agreements related to sponsorship of external events or of AEDA events or as a result of the sponsorships.
2. No - staff or contractors have not received goods and/or services (apart from event tickets and hospitality) as part of agreements related to sponsorship of external events or of AEDA events or as a result of the sponsorships.
3. Should goods and/or services be received they would be recorded on Council's Gifts and Benefits Register consistent with the obligations in Council's policies.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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