



# CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

## Minutes

for the Special meeting on

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Our Adelaide.  
**Bold.**  
**Aspirational.**  
**Innovative.**

Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith  
Councillor Giles (Acting 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

**3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Nil

**4 Deputations**

Nil

**5 Reports for Recommendation to Council**

**5.1 Mary Lee Park (Park 27B) – Community Sports Building Concept Design and Exemption to Expression of Interest**

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Davis entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.32 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,  
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

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

1. Approves the draft concept design for the new Community Building at Mary Lee Park (Park 27B), as contained in Attachment A to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 2 December 2025.
2. Approves the exemption of the West Adelaide Soccer Club from the requirement to undertake an Expression of Interest process in accordance with section 13.1 of the Adelaide Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy 2016.
3. Authorises a draft 21-year Park Lands Community Lease Agreement between the City of Adelaide (Lessor) and the West Adelaide Soccer Club (Lessee) for community sports facilities at Mary Lee Park (Park 27B) as contained in Attachment B to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 2 December 2025, for the purpose of public consultation.
4. Notes that a public consultation report and a Detailed Design of the Community Building will be presented to Kadaltilla and Council in 2026.

Discussion continued, during which:

- Undertaking - Mary Lee Park (Park 27B) – Community Sports Building Concept Design and Exemption to Expression of Interest

In response to a query from Councillor Siebentritt, the CEO gave an undertaking to provide Council Members with a breakdown of the uplift in size for each area of the building before the meeting of Council on 9 December 2025.

- With the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting, the motion was varied to read as follows:

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

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the draft concept design for the new Community Building at Mary Lee Park (Park 27B), as contained in Attachment A to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 2 December 2025, subject to the following considerations:
  - 1.1. More specific design solutions responding to the Design Drivers presented.
  - 1.2. Presentation of the building to the public realm and within the natural landscape setting.’
2. Reinforces the importance of inclusion of renewable energy initiatives for Park Lands buildings and financial sustainability for lease holders as identified in City of Adelaide Integrated Climate Strategy and building design guidelines.
3. Approves the exemption of the West Adelaide Soccer Club from the requirement to undertake an Expression of Interest process in accordance with section 13.1 of the Adelaide Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy 2016.
4. Authorises a draft 21-year Park Lands Community Lease Agreement between the City of Adelaide (Lessor) and the West Adelaide Soccer Club (Lessee) for community sports facilities at Mary Lee Park (Park 27B) as contained in Attachment B to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 2 December 2025, for the purpose of public consultation.
5. Notes that a public consultation report and a Detailed Design of the Community Building will be presented to Kadaltilla and Council in 2026.’

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

## **5.2 Blackfriars Priory School – Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) Lease Exemption**

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the exemption of Blackfriars Priory School from the requirement to undertake an Expression of Interest process in accordance with section 13.1 of the Adelaide Park Lands Leasing and Licensing Policy.
2. Approves granting a five-year (1 July 2026 to 30 June 2031) Park Lands Community Lease Agreement to Blackfriars Priory School for the community building, playing fields and courts in Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2), as contained in Attachment A to Item 5.2 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 2 December 2025.

Discussion ensued

Undertaking - Blackfriars Priory School – Denise Norton Park / Pardipardinyilla (Park 2) Lease Exemption

In response to a query from Councillor Martin, an undertaking was given to discuss the possibility of a longer lease term with the lessee.

The motion was then put and carried

**6 Exclusion of the Public**

Moved by Councillor Maher,  
Seconded by Councillor Cabada -

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (o) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this Special meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee dated 2 December 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 7.1 [Citizen of the Year] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential as it contains information relating to recommended award recipients prior to the presentation of the awards at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony scheduled for Thursday 29 January 2026.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this Special meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee dated 2 December 2025 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 7.1 [Citizen of the Year Awards] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (o) of the Act.

Carried

Members of the public and corporation staff not involved with Item 7.1 left the Colonel Light Room at 5.58 pm.

- 7 Confidential Reports for Recommendation to Council**
- 7.1 Citizen of the Year Awards [S90(3) (o)]**

The meeting reopened to the public at 6.20 pm.

**Item 7.1 – Citizen of the Year Awards [s 90(3) [(o)]**

Confidentiality Order

Notes that in accordance with Section 91(7) & (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and on the grounds that Item 7.1 [Citizen of the Year Awards] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community and Culture Committee held on 2 December 2025 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (o) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), this meeting of Council, do order that:

1. The discussion in relation to this matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection.
2. The resolution, the report and any other associated information submitted to this meeting, excluding the discussion, and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until after the 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony.
3. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2026.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

**Closure**

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm

Councillor Giles  
**City Community Services and Culture Committee Acting Chair**

Documents Attached:

Nil