

South Australian Motor Sport Board

VAILO Adelaide 500 Event Consultation - Declared Area and Period Amendment

Strategic Alignment - Dynamic City Culture

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**City Community Services and
Culture Committee**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 VAILO Adelaide 500 (Adelaide 500) will be held 23-26 November 2023. The event is managed by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB).

On 7 September 2023 the Lord Mayor, in their capacity as Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide (CoA) and as the Presiding Member of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Land Authority (Kadaltilla), received a letter requesting consultation on a change to the Declared Area and Declared Period for the 2023 Adelaide 500 event.

Under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984*, the Premier of South Australia (the Premier), through the SAMSB must consult with Kadaltilla and the CoA on the proposed area used for the Adelaide 500 event and the proposed period of time that works for the event will occur.

The advice of Kadaltilla and the CoA will be considered by the Premier in the declaration of the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the Adelaide 500.

An initial declaration was considered by Council at the meeting on 11 April 2023, and the feedback provided by the Council was supplied to the SAMSB. That declaration was finalised in the South Australian Government Gazette number 57, dated 20 July 2023.

Feedback is now being sought on:

- The additional Park Lands area to be declared within Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14), being an increase of approximately 16,000 sqm, and
- The amended Declared Period to include times along with the dates, which changes the Declared Period to be later by seven hours than originally declared.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on Tuesday 10 October 2023 for consideration

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

1. Notes the Declaration of the amended Declared Area within Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) and the change of the Declared Period to include start and finish times for the purpose of conducting the 2023 VAILO Adelaide 500 event.
2. Authorises the Lord Mayor to write to the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Motor Sport Board on behalf of Council noting the consultation on the changes to the Declared Area and the Declared Period for the 2023 VAILO Adelaide 500 event, noting that we do not support the use of the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace.
3. Notes the advice of Kadaltilla at its meeting of 28 September 2023 and that Kadaltilla will be providing a submission to the consultation.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Dynamic City Culture The City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan supports expanding Adelaide’s global reputation as a ‘magnet city’ through world class events, festivals and activation (Strategy 3.11).
Policy	The Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) recognises the Adelaide 500 event and the powers provided to SAMSB under the <i>South Australian Motor Sports Act, 1984</i> . It also recognises the restrictions on public use and movement imposed by this Act and associated event.
Consultation	There is a legislative obligation for the Premier, through the SAMSB to consult with Kadaltilla and Council regarding the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the Adelaide 500 event. SAMSB consulted with Kadaltilla on 28 September 2023 and advice is provided in item 18 of this report. The SAMSB consultation period concludes Friday 13 October 2023.
Resource	This activity will be facilitated within existing resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Pursuant to powers provided under the <i>South Australian Motor Sports Act, 1984</i> , section 20 (1), the Premier may declare a Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the Adelaide 500 event each year.
Opportunities	Administration will continue to work with the SAMSB to identify opportunities for greater public access within the Declared Area for the benefit of all users.
23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The Declarations referred to in this report are in reference to the Adelaide 500 2023 event only, with the end of the Prescribed works Period proposed to be 28 January 2024.
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The VAILO Adelaide 500 (Adelaide 500) event is staged by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) each year pursuant to powers provided under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984 (the Act)*. Detailed in section 20 (1) of *the Act*, the Premier of South Australia (the Premier) may declare:
 - a) A specified area (whether in or outside of Adelaide, and whether or not consisting of or including public roads or parkland or both), to be a declared area under the Act for the purposes of the event, and
 - b) A specified period (not exceeding five days) to be a declared period under this Act for the purposes of the event; and
 - c) A specified period or periods (prescribed works periods) under this Act during which the Board may have access to land within a declared area for the purposes of carrying out works in the manner contemplated by section 22 (and different periods may be specified in respect of different categories of work).
2. A declaration for the 2023 event was finalised in the South Australian Government Gazette number 57, dated 20 July 2023 on the Declared Area after consultation with Kadaltilla at the meeting on 30 March 2023.
3. On behalf of the Minister responsible for the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984*, the Chief Executive, South Australian Motor Sport Board subsequently wrote to the Lord Mayor on 7 September 2023.
 - 3.1. The letter [Link 1 view [here](#)] outlines some amendments to the Declarations for the 2023 Adelaide 500 event and was addressed to the Lord Mayor in their capacity as Lord Mayor of the CoA and as the Presiding Member of Kadaltilla.
4. The amended Declared Area [Link 2 view [here](#)] includes an extended event area within Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14), with the remainder of the Declared Area remaining the same as the initial declaration.
5. The Declared Period covers the event days as well as the day immediately prior to the event.
 - 5.1. The Adelaide 500 event dates are 23-26 November 2023, therefore the proposed Declared Period is 22-26 November 2023. The amendment is changing the declaration by including times within the Declared Period to declare the maximum 120 hours (five days) permitted under *the Act*.
6. Feedback is being sought on the amendments to the Declared Area and Declared Period.

Updated Declared Area

7. The amended Declared Area is shown in [Link 2 view [here](#)].
8. The amendment to the Declared Area for the Adelaide 500 event in 2023 takes in a larger area within Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) than originally proposed. A map showing the changes within Park 14 are attached as [Link 3 view [here](#)]. The reasons provided by the SAMSB for these changes include:
 - 8.1. Impacts of the Rymill Lake Renewal Works project on the Adelaide 500 event site requiring the movement of some infrastructure away from the impacted areas. SAMSB have been involved in consultation with CoA regarding the Lake project and the changes made by SAMSB are in response to this consultation.
 - 8.2. The inclusion of the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace within the event boundary to service the event patrons using the nearby accessible viewing areas, which includes families.
 - 8.3. The creation of an additional gate specifically for patrons' egress after the evening concerts. A large number of patrons stay for the post-race concerts, and the creation of an additional gate will spread patron dispersal and provide safer egress from the site.
 - 8.4. The SAMSB advise that the enlarged size and scale of the Declared Area is required to enable the safe and successful delivery of the Adelaide 500 event.
9. The declared area has increased in the Northeast section of Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) by approximately 19,000sqm and concurrently has decreased by 3,000m² to the south. This reflects a total increase of approximately 16,000sqm compared to the original 2023 event declaration.
10. As a result of Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority previous feedback during the initial consultation period in March 2023, the SAMSB reduced their proposed declared area by approximately 18,000m² in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16), in the area adjacent to the Wetlands.

11. SAMSB advise that the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace will be inaccessible to the greater public during the five event days, from 23-26 November 2023. It will remain open to the public up until the Declared Period (the event days) and will re-open immediately after the Declared Period.
12. This amended Declared Area may impact access to the Rymill Lake Renewal project area and this access will be further discussed with SAMSB, Council and the appointed works contractor.
13. Public access to the Declared Area, in particular the main pathways, will be provided for as long as possible during the Prescribed Works Period, with restrictions to specific areas being managed in a staged approach.

Updated Declared Period

14. The change to the Declared Period for the 2023 event is to maximise the available 120 hours (five days) that is available to the event.
15. This amendment will change the Declared Period from Wednesday 22 November – Sunday 26 November 2023 to now be 7:00am Wednesday 22 November – 7:00am Monday 27 November 2023.
16. SAMSB have advised that the change to the Declared Period is to align the timings with the confirmed schedule of events and there is no expectation that there will be extended use of the event site for event proceedings after 11:59pm on 26 November.

Impact on other Park Land Users

17. It is expected that the amendment to the Declared Area will impact other Park Lands users seeking access to the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace. Whilst projected usage of this space during the event dates would be considerably less than normal due to increased traffic and lack of available parking within the area as a result of the event and associated road closures, closure of the Playspace removes public access entirely for the event days.
18. The Adelaide Bowling Club, including the adjacent Council car park, remains outside of the Declared Area to enable business operations to continue as normal. The Adelaide Bowling Club has been notified regarding the proposed change to the Declared Area.

Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority

19. Kadaltilla met on 28 September 2023 to consider the declarations as part of the consultation, and resolved to advise the following to Council and State Government:
 - 19.1. Notes the Declaration of the amended Declared Area within Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) and the change of the Declared Period to include start and finish times for the purpose of conducting the 2023 VAILO Adelaide 500 event.
 - 19.2. Authorises the Presiding Member to write to the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Motor Sport Board on behalf of Kadaltilla noting the consultation on the changes to the Declared Area and the Declared Period for the 2023 VAILO Adelaide 500 event, and strongly objecting to the removal of public access to the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace.
 - 19.3. Notes that no reasonable justification has been provided to the Board for the declaration change and 16,000sqm increase to the Declared Area.

Next Steps

20. Administration continues to work with SAMSB on:
 - 20.1. Continuing to consider greening and tree canopy increase as part of the legacy of the event.
 - 20.2. Meeting the standards sought for improvements within the Park 16.
 - 20.3. Encouraging further exploration to increase access to the bikeways during the Prescribed Works Period, and
 - 20.4. Continuing to focus on the post event 'make good' and rehabilitation of the Park Lands.
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DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - Letter from Chief Executive, SA Motor Sport, Department of the Premier and Cabinet to the Lord Mayor

Link 2 - Map of the Proposed Declared Area

Link 3 - Comparison map of previously Declared Area and proposed changes to Declared Area

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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