

Tree Martin Management Workshop 2025–26 **Purpose**



The purpose of the workshop is to provide an overview of the proposed management actions for the upcoming Tree Martin roosting season which is approximately 5 months between December / January and April / May each year.

It outlines the City of Adelaide's coordinated approach to ensuring community amenity, public safety, business vitality and the welfare of wildlife during the 2026 migratory season.

Introductions

Prof. Chris Daniels - Chair of Green Adelaide Board

Dr Stuart Collard – Manager, Landscape Operations & Ms Liberty Olds, Wildlife Ecologist at Green Adelaide

Dr John Martin - Principal Ecologist - Ecosure Environmental Consultancy

Tree Martin Management Workshop 2025–26 **Key Questions**



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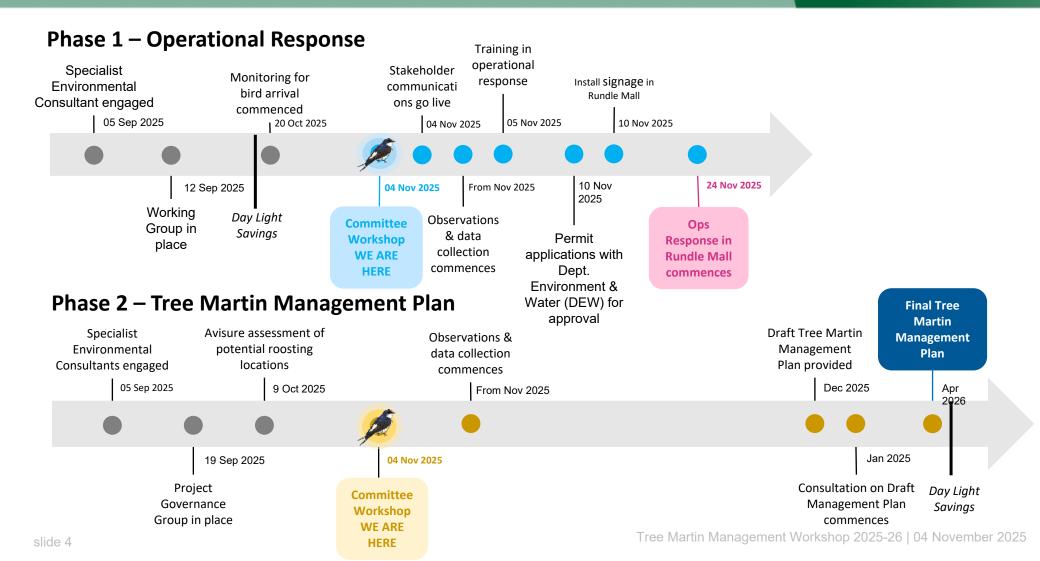
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Tree Martin Management Workshop 2025–26 Phase Timeline





Managed response in 2026



Phase 1 – 25/26 Operational Response

Guided by new Tree Martin Management Operating Guidelines

A coordinated approach to community amenity, public safety, business vitality and the welfare of wildlife for the 2026 migratory season (operational response)

- Pre-season Preparations, Monitoring and Early Detection of Tree Martin Arrivals
- Operational, Staff and Contractor Support During Peak Season
- Adjusting response strategies to reflect Daylight Savings and changing roosting times
- Volunteer and Veterinarian support
- · Communication and Community Engagement
- Evaluation and Continuous Improvement

Phase 2 – Develop Longer Term Management Approach

Key Focus Areas

- Development of medium and long-term strategies for managing the annual Tree Martin migratory season
- Review of previous challenges and lessons learned
- Behavioural analysis and field research to inform management
- Scenario planning for seasonal return and population management
- Consultation with key stakeholders
- Future management recommendations, including:
 - Roost site modifications and dispersal strategies
 - Use of alternative or preferred sites
 - Innovative deterrent and intervention techniques
 - Community and stakeholder education
 - Clear documentation of annual response actions for transparency and coordination

Final Tree Martin
Management Plan
& Operating
Guidelines



Continual Learning & Research

November 2026 - March 2026

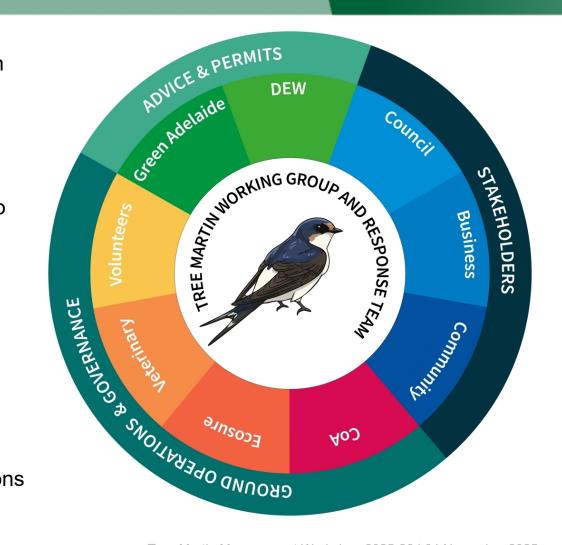
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Operational Plan



Planning for the upcoming roosting season includes:

- Monitoring return locations
- Undertaking training and permit applications
- Providing an on-the-ground response to monitor bird behaviour, respond to any injuries and collect data to inform response and future management strategies
- Assessing mitigation strategies to improve bird welfare
- Adapting response strategies in accordance with Daylight Savings and changes to nightly roosting period
- Increasing cleansing in roosting locations



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Communication Plan



Key messages will highlight:

- A proactive, research-led, partnership approach to Tree Martin management
- Anticipated Tree Martin arrival
- On-the-ground response and presence

Upcoming communication and engagement activities:



03 – 05 Nov 25 – in-person meetings with Rundle Mall businesses to discuss preventative and mitigation measures



07 Nov 25 - new Tree Martin web page as central location for information about Tree Martin management and 2026 operational response









10 Nov 25 – signage installed in Rundle Mall informing the public of Tree Martins' presence and QR code link to further information on City of Adelaide website

From 10 Nov 25 - postcards distributed to businesses in Rundle Mall and Leigh Street with QR code to webpage

19 Nov 25 – briefing to Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board

Tree Martin Management Workshop 2025–26 Tree Martin Management Plan





The Tree Martin Management Plan will include:

- Review of past issues and challenges associated with the Tree Martin roosting aggregation
- Tree Martin behavioural review and analysis, including observations and field research
- Scenario planning and options to manage roosting locations for the seasonal return of the Tree Martins
- Roost management recommendations to guide actions into the future
- Consultation with stakeholders

Tree Martin Management Workshop 2025–26 Role of Green Adelaide



Green Adelaide are integral in the planning and management of urban biodiversity through their regional approach to enhancing biodiversity and creating healthy places for everyone.

- Green Adelaide are a primary project advisor and are providing in kind expertise and advice, assistance with governance and legislative compliance pathways.
- Tree Martin management is directly linked to Green Adelaide's key priority "Fauna, flora and ecosystem health in the urban environment" to create more urban spaces for plants and animals to thrive in which in turn provides people a better quality of life.

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Tree Martin Management Workshop 2025–26 Next steps



- Implement the communications plan advising businesses, traders and the community about the responses in place for Tree Martin management
- Coordinate implementation with DEW, Green Adelaide, Ecosure, and animal care and rescue providers
- Conduct post-season review and update the Tree Martin Management Plan by June 2026

