

Our Environment

2025/26 Tree Martin Management Workshop

To provide an overview of the proposed management actions for the upcoming Tree Martin roosting season

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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

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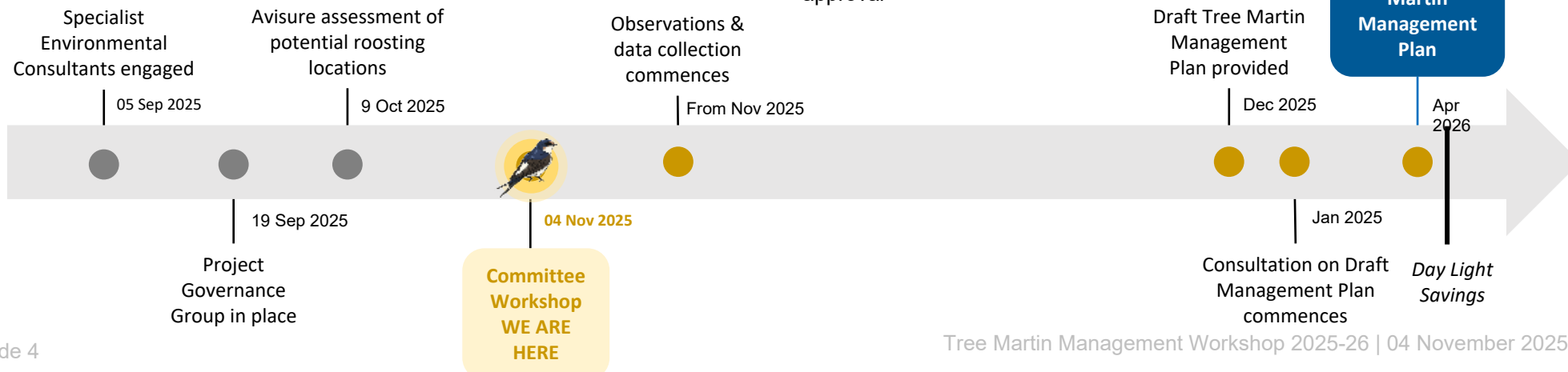
Phase Timeline



Phase 1 – Operational Response

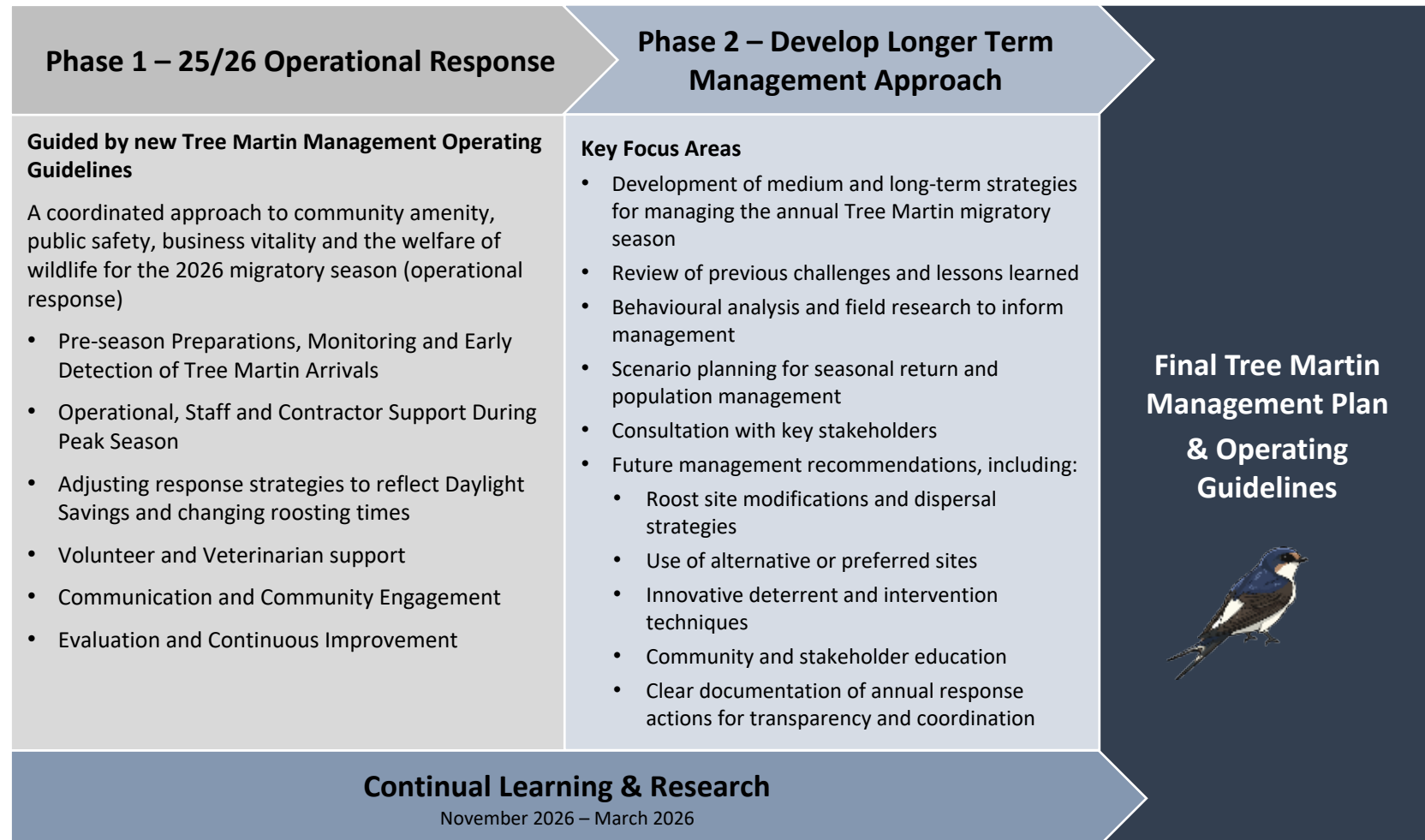


Phase 2 – Tree Martin Management Plan



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Managed response in 2026

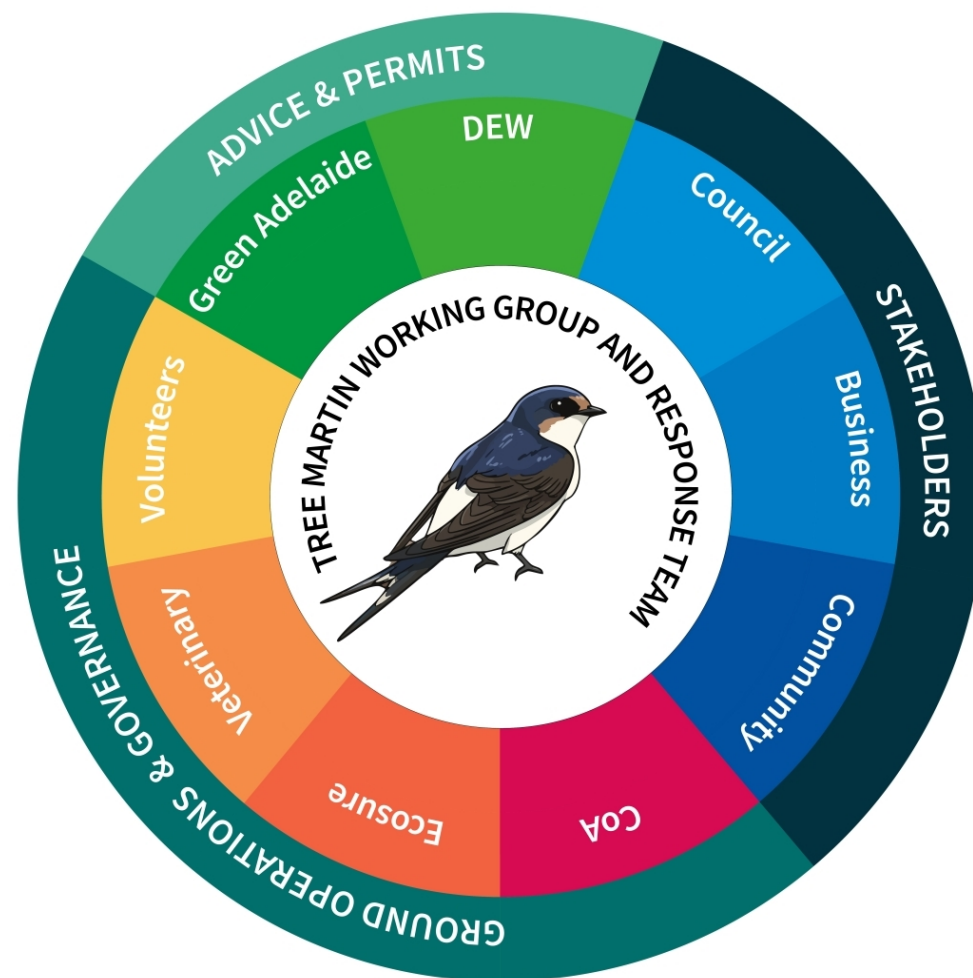


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Operational Plan

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:



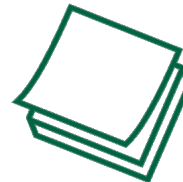
03 – 05 Nov 25 – in-person meetings with Rundle Mall businesses to discuss preventative and mitigation measures



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



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

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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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

