

Safer Place to Gather

City Community Services and Culture Committee
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Acknowledgement

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Ngadlurlu Iyangka Yaitya Miyurnaku Taikurtirna kuma Parnaku Pirkurna-Purrutyi
Karrpanthi, Parnaku Tapa-Purruna-itya
Kumartarna Yaitya Miyurna iyangka yalaka ngai tampinhi*

*It's good that we acknowledge that we are meeting on Kurna land
We are here to support Aboriginal families and their communities in their way of
life
I also acknowledge all other Aboriginal people here today*



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Safer Place to Gather & CBD update

- New Parklands Licence Agreement to 30 June 2026.
- Strengthening coordinated service provision e.g. TB screening, shower service provided by One Voice and delivered by Puddle Jumpers.
- Recently requested updated environmental health assessment from the Chief Public Health Officer following earlier recommendations and implementation.
- Continue to improve amenities for people noting Safer Place to Gather is a light touch, temporary model.
- Collaborating with key stakeholders ahead of the summer period.
- Establishing a Night Patrol response for the Adelaide CBD in addition to MAPS.
- Promoting the use of Return to Country service.

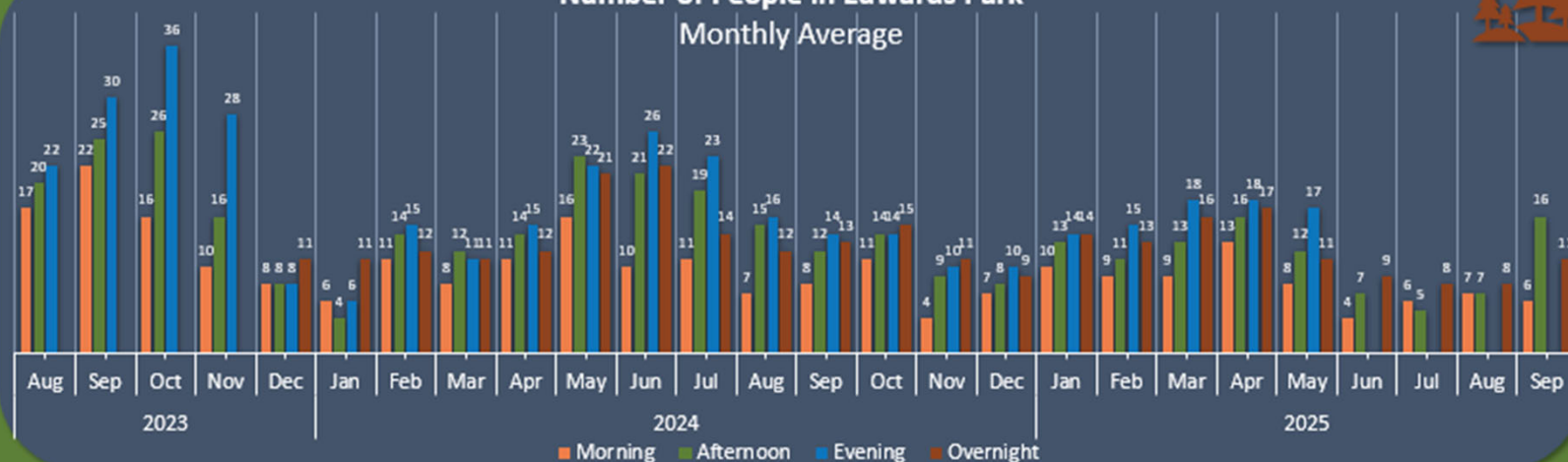


SAFER PLACE TO GATHER EDWARDS PARK

Data Update – August 2023 to September 2025



Number of People in Edwards Park Monthly Average



Average Number of People at SPTG



Largest Group Per Month

Year	2023	2024	2025
Jan	22	29	
Feb	31	19	
Mar	28	24	
Apr	34	30	
May	45	22	
Jun	40	16	
Jul	37	16	
Aug	40	31	14
Sep	43	28	41
Oct	56	22	
Nov	42	19	
Dec	24	22	

Individuals Engaged

22,364

Groups Engaged

1,667

H&W Bus Pick-ups

Jan-25 to Mar-25

260

Return to Country from Adelaide / Tarntanya



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Options to support visitors from remote and regional Aboriginal communities

- Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce met again with Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation on 22 October 2025 to continue discussion re support for remote Anangu visitors.
- DHS has finalised the Terms of Reference for the Outline Business Case. Stakeholders, including the City of Adelaide, consulted.
- Procurement to engage consultants is underway. Areas of expertise include:
 - Financial modelling, risk assessment, and regulation/legislation.
 - Demonstrated Aboriginal cultural expertise to support culturally informed recommendations, strengthen community engagement, and ensure alignment with First Nations protocols and perspectives.
- Outline Business Case timeline – late January 2026.

Outline Business Case

- Engage Aboriginal leaders, communities, Elders, key stakeholders, and service providers throughout the modelling.
- Map current accommodation services and identify gaps.
- Assess up to three models including a 'do nothing' option (noting this could include cessation of SPTG), a full visitor park highlighted during the Short-Term Responses for Remote Visitors to Adelaide Forum in March 2025 and a hybrid model (could involve multiple, smaller sites), to be determined.
- Note options will include non-CBD locations as well as CBD where appropriate
- Evaluate financial, social, and cultural impacts of each option.
- Recommend preferred option for development and full business case.

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(Kurna - thank you)



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