

# Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon - QoN - Fringe Festival Public Toilet Facilities

Tuesday, 10 February 2026  
**Council**

**Council Member**  
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor  
Carmel Noon

Public

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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Carmel Noon will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'In acknowledging that Council will be piloting additional public toilet facilities during the Fringe Festival period, can the Administration please advise:

1. How many additional temporary public toilet facilities will be provided as part of the pilot, and at which specific locations will they be installed?
2. What criteria were used to determine the location of these additional facilities, including consideration of:
  - o Pedestrian volumes
  - o Event clustering
  - o Night-time activity
  - o Residential amenity impacts
3. What arrangements are in place for monitoring, servicing and cleaning of these facilities, including:
  - o Frequency of cleaning
  - o Hours of operation
  - o Responsible contractor or service provider
  - o Response times for issues such as vandalism or overflow
4. What permanent or existing public toilet facilities will also be available to the public during the Fringe period, including:
  - o Locations
  - o Hours of access
  - o Whether any normally restricted facilities will have extended public access during Fringe
5. How information about the availability and location of public toilets will be communicated to:
  - o Fringe patrons
  - o Residents
  - o Visitors and tourists
6. Whether signage will be installed to clearly inform patrons of the location of all available public toilets, including:
  - o Temporary and permanent facilities
  - o Directional signage in high-traffic areas

- o Consistency with Council's wayfinding standards
7. How the success of the pilot will be evaluated, including:
- o Usage data
  - o Complaints or incident reporting
  - o Impact on surrounding streets and properties
  - o Whether the pilot will inform longer-term vision of public amenities during major events
8. In recognition of the scale of the Fringe Festival and evening patronage, what measures are being implemented to ensure adequate late-night public toilet provision to:
- o Reduce inappropriate use of residential streets, laneways and doorways
  - o Protect residential amenity during evening and night-time hours?
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## REPLY

1. As part of a City of Adelaide (CoA) initiative, focused on the Adelaide Fringe (Fringe) period and led through the East End Unleashed (EEU) operating activity, a total of five portable public toilets will be piloted in the East End in 2026.
    - 1.1 Two toilets will be located between Vardon Avenue and Charlick Circuit next to the Harcourts Real Estate Business.
    - 1.2 Three toilets will be located on the exterior of the Gluttony event, on East Terrace opposite Vardon Avenue.
  2. The criteria used to determine the location included:
    - 2.1 Feedback from residents in prior years and recent meetings with local residents and businesses
    - 2.2 Patronage of the precinct during EEU and Fringe and patron movement when Fringe venues close.
  3. The arrangements in place for servicing, cleaning and monitoring of these temporary facilities include:
    - 3.1 The two toilets located between Vardon Avenue and Charlick Circuit will align with EEU and will be open to the public from 5:00pm until 12:30am on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the Fringe (from 20 February until 22 March 2026).
    - 3.2 Professional cleaning will be carried out during the event opening hours and the servicing associated with temporary toilets will occur on Saturday and Monday mornings.
    - 3.3 The three toilets located on East Terrace will be open on Tuesdays to Sundays from 5:00pm until 12:30am. This aligns with the opening hours of Gluttony during the Fringe.
    - 3.4 All toilets will be closed and locked when not in operation.
    - 3.5 A contractor will provide the toilets and provide cleaning and removal services.
    - 3.6 The toilets will be monitored by CoA, Gluttony event staff and security during opening hours. The CoA customer centre will be the public contact point outside of these hours.
  4. Existing CoA public toilet facilities which are in the precinct and open 24 hours are located at the following locations:
    - 4.1 Rundle Park/Kadlitpina near East Terrace
    - 4.2 Victoria Drive, adjacent to Jolley's Boathouse
    - 4.3 North Terrace near Kintore Avenue
    - 4.4 Rundle UPark
    - 4.5 Pirie Flinders UPark
    - 4.6 Hindmarsh Square/Mukata
    - 4.7 Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka
  5. During the Fringe, with the additional volume of visitors, the CoA Waste and Cleansing Team extend their hours of operation to respond to issues promptly. The above toilets will have increased monitoring and
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cleaning extended up to 8:00pm, with the toilet located at Rundle Park/East Terrace being a known priority due to its immediate proximity to the Fringe.

6. Information about the availability and location of the current and new temporary public toilets will be communicated through:
  - 6.1 Wayfinding signage installed on site.
  - 6.2 The use of digital messaging platforms as part of the broader EEU marketing strategy.
  - 6.3 CoA website updates.
  - 6.4 Email communication to local East End residents, the East End Precinct Group and businesses.
7. Signage will be installed in the vicinity of the temporary toilet facilities on Vardon Avenue and East Terrace, to inform patrons of the location of these facilities while they are in operation.
8. The success of the trial will be evaluated using:
  - 8.1 Qualitative data monitoring by event staff and Fringe staff.
  - 8.2 Communications to the CoA Customer Centre or staff.
  - 8.3 Feedback received during planned debriefs with key local stakeholders, including the East End Precinct Group, residents and businesses.
9. Other measures implemented during the Fringe period in the East End with the aim to limit late-night anti-social behaviour in residential areas include:
  - 9.1 Increased plantings in the Charlick Circuit area.
  - 9.2 Temporary picket fencing and public signage at residential access locations to limit public access.
  - 9.3 Increased security staff.
  - 9.4 Continued coordination with SA Police.

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