

Our Community

Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group

City Community Services and Culture Committee
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Workshop Purpose

To seek feedback from Council Members on the proposed formation and facilitation of an Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group, in response to the 9 June 2026 Council Decision:

On 9 June 2026, Council resolved:

THAT COUNCIL:

10. *Approves, in addition to the legislative consultation requirements of the South Australian Motor Sport Board, the City of Adelaide facilitate and support a representative Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group, to bring together a diverse range of community perspectives and articulate key community concerns and views on the impacts of motor sport events in the Adelaide Park Lands to the South Australian Motor Sport Board and the State Government.*

On 28 July 2026 a report was presented to Council to seek approval of draft Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group (CRG) Terms of Reference (ToR), to enable Administration to enact the Council decision of 9 June 2026. Council deferred the report to the 11 August 2026 Council Meeting.

Background

- The Eastern Park Lands are a public civic space with competing interests to be balanced, particularly where recurring activities affect local amenity, access, environmental outcomes, cultural identity and perceptions of fairness in the allocation and use of public space.
- In response to community concerns and feedback about consultation opportunities on the impacts of motor sport events in the Adelaide Park Lands, Council sought the development of an Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group (CRG).
- The CRG provides Council with a mechanism to hear from the Eastern Park Lands community on concerns and views on the impacts of activities in the Park Lands.
- CRG advice will be provided to Council and to relevant organisations such as the South Australian Motorsport Board as part of any formal consultation processes.

What We Heard

- Council Members would like to have the opportunity to discuss and shape the ToR.
- CRG should be time-limited in a trial for 12 months.
- CRG should focus on grass-roots, community-level input.
- The participation of local businesses should be clear (eg CRG membership should include Hutt Street traders).
- CRG community input should not be limited to views on the impacts of motor sport events in the Park Lands and should broadly include the impacts of various modes of activities.
- Council needs to be regularly updated on the CRG including provision of agendas and minutes.
- Administration should avoid duplication of State Government initiated reference groups, which have arisen since the 9 June 2026 decision.

ToR Guiding Principles

Guiding principles of the proposed ToR:

- Receive and respond to ongoing feedback from our community.
- Provide a forum for community representatives to gain insight and information, and provide input into various aspects of events held in the Eastern Park Lands:
 - create an opportunity for open, two-way communication about key topics of interest related to the staging of Motor Sport events in the City, with focus on the Eastern Park Lands and roads
 - provide local advice and knowledge to the CoA project team
 - provide advice to the SAMSB and the State Government
 - ensure communities have up-to-date and accurate information about events
 - provide a forum for shared learning and continuous improvement.
- The CRG is not a decision-making group. Its feedback can be an effective conduit for community insight, enabling more equitable, transparent, and well-informed decision-making.
- Membership from nominations received on the basis of achieving a broad community representation. Maximum of 12-15 members.
- Proposed as a trial for 12 months (time-limited).
- Council will be informed of outcomes following CRG meetings via E-News.

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What feedback do Council Members have on the Guiding Principles for the Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group, to enable Administration to meet Council's objectives in its decision of 9 June 2026?