

Community Consultation – Additional Motor Sports Event

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

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City Community Services and Culture Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement on a public consultation approach to motor sport events declared by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB), in addition to, and distinct from, the statutory consultation requirements of the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984* (the Act).

Section 23 of the Act requires the SAMSB to take reasonable steps to consult with and have regard to representations from specified persons affected by its operations, including relevant councils, persons occupying land within or immediately adjacent to a declared area, and persons whose business or financial interests may be adversely affected. The Act does not, however, establish a general community consultation process or provide a general right for members of the community to make representations directly to the SAMSB.

It is recommended that Council undertake community engagement, using its authority under Section 50 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and its Community Engagement Policy (2026), through the online Our Adelaide platform. This would provide a transparent mechanism to identify community experience, anticipated impacts, mitigation priorities and matters Council should consider and this feedback could inform Council's statutory representations to the SAMSB and State Government on motor sport events declared under the Act.

Based on discussion and feedback received during the 4 August 2026 City Community Services and Culture Committee workshop on the Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group, this report presents an alternative option to community engagement on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL

1. Authorises the Administration to undertake community engagement on the City of Adelaide's online Our Adelaide platform to inform future statutory representations to the South Australian Motor Sport Board and State Government on motor sport events declared under the South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984.
2. Revokes Part 10 of Item 15.1 of the resolution carried by Council at the Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026, titled 'Recommendation 1 - 7.1 - Consultation - 2026 bp Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motorsport Event - South Australian Motor Sport Board', that sought the establishment of the Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Community An interesting and engaging place to live, learn and visit. An inclusive, equitable and welcoming community where people feel a sense of belonging. Strategic Alignment – Our Economy Adelaide's unique experience and opportunities attract visitors to our City
Policy	Community Engagement Policy (2026) Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy
Consultation	Public consultation additional to the South Australian Motor Sport Board's engagement of Council through the <i>South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984</i> .
Resource	Not as a result of this report.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	<i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i> <i>South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984</i>
Opportunities	Enable Council to better understand and represent community interests regarding the local impacts of motor sport events.
26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report.
Proposed 27/28 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Ongoing
26/27 Budget Reconsideration	Not as a result of this report.
Ongoing Costs	Not as a result of this report.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report.

DISCUSSION

Background

1. On 27 May 2026, the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) presented to Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) on the 2026 bp Adelaide Grand Final (ADLGF) and new Associated Motor Sport Event, as part of the consultation required under Section 23 (4) of the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984* (the Act). The presentation ([Link 1](#)) was followed by a report on the SAMSB consultation presented by Administration.
2. On 2 June 2026, a CEO Briefing was held, at which the SAMSB presented on the 2026 ADLGF and new Associated Motor Sport Event. Following the CEO Briefing, Administration presented a report ([Link 2](#)) to the City Community Services and Culture Committee on the SAMSB's Consultation on the 2026 ADLGF and new Associated Motor Sport Event.
3. On 9 June 2026, Council noted the advice of the 27 May 2026 Kadaltilla meeting and approved the recommendations of the 2 June 2026 City Community Services and Culture Committee ([Link 3](#)).
4. Council's resolution of 9 June 2026 for Item 15.1 titled 'Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Consultation - 2026 bp Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motorsport Event - South Australian Motor Sport Board' was as follows:

15.1 THAT COUNCIL

1. *Notes the Declaration of the proposed Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport event as contained in this report.*
2. *Notes the Declared Area for the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final as shown in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 2 June 2026.*
3. *Notes the Declared Area for the 2026 Associated Motor Sport Event as shown in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 2 June 2026.*
4. *Notes that the South Australian Motor Sport Board advises that the increase in the Declared Area for the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final includes Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17) for event car parking facilities, as the existing area used along Fullarton Road will be unavailable due to 2027 Motorcycle Grand Prix of Australia (MotoGP) circuit redevelopment in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).*
5. *Authorises the Lord Mayor to write to the South Australian Motor Sport Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Motor Sport Board on behalf of Council with its feedback to the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport event consultation as follows:*
 - 5.1 *Seeks advice on what measurable ecological thresholds or triggers the Government is monitoring in relation to motorsport activities in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).*
 - 5.2 *Seeks the provision of independent, publicly released pre- and post-event ecological monitoring, including cumulative impact reporting over multiple years particularly in relation to the Grey Box Grassy Woodland threatened ecological community and associated biodiversity values.*
 - 5.3 *Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board remove the area identified as the Butterfly Conservation Zone from the Declared Area from any proposed motor sport activity in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).*
 - 5.4 *Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board remove areas identified as Revegetation Conservation Zones and Buffer Conservation Zones from any proposed motor sport activity in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) and the removal of Carriageway Park / Tuthangga (Park 17).*
 - 5.5 *Seeks advice on the role of independent ecological experts and Traditional Owners in determining acceptable use of Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi for motor sport purposes.*
 - 5.6 *Seeks from the South Australian Motor Sport Board, advice on an evidence-based limit on the number, duration or scale of motor sport events that Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) can sustainably accommodate each year in relation to its status as a Key Biodiversity Area.*

- 5.7 *Noting the expansion of the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final, Council seeks a briefing before 15 June 2026 from the South Australian Motor Sport Board on the proposed impacts, including environmental, of the 2027 Motorcycle Grand Prix of Australia (MotoGP) on the National Heritage Listed Adelaide Park Lands.*
- 5.8 *Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board advise on how obligations contained within the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), Natural Resources Management Act 2004, Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy, Management Agreements, Deeds of Agreement, Master Plan and biodiversity management plans are being monitored and enforced during event planning, the staging of the event, bump-in and bump-out, and remediation.*
- 5.9 *Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board advise on how obligations contained within the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988, Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016, National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 and other relevant Acts will be met.*
- 5.10 *Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board provides an environmental rehabilitation bond, bank guarantee or equivalent financial assurance, sufficient to cover the independent assessment, monitoring, restoration and rehabilitation of any biodiversity, habitat or natural capital impacts arising from the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport event, with the amount to be determined by an independent ecological assessment.*
- 5.11 *Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board confirm increased public access to the bikeways and pathways and further access considerations and advice for members of the public, during the Prescribed Works Period 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event.*
- 5.12 *Requests the South Australian Motor Sport Board ensure the use of or the reinstatement of permeable pathways throughout the Declared Area for the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event.*
- 5.13 *Request that the South Australian Motor Sport Board works with City of Adelaide and the Adelaide Economic Development Agency to support the visitor economy by promoting visitation to the City, with particular focus on Black Friday, 27 November 2026.*
- 5.14 *Request that the South Australian Motor Sport Board facilitates improvements to public transport into and out of the City during periods of road closure for the 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motor Sport Event.*
- 5.15 *Seeks advice on the extent to which the South Australian Motor Sport Board has contributed toward increasing canopy cover in Victoria Park as per previous Council requests.*
6. *Approves the South Australian Motor Sport Board request for the permanent removal of the central toilet block adjacent to the Criterium Track in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) as part their planned infrastructure works under the proposed 2026 Adelaide Grand Final Prescribed Works Period, on the condition that the South Australian Motor Sport Board provide Council the necessary funding for a new toilet block to be built in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).*
7. *Notes that, consistent with Adelaide Park Lands Act Section 9 (g) and the consultation provisions of the South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984, all feedback received by Council from the community, will be directed to the South Australian Motor Sport Board and the relevant Minister during the consultation period.*
8. *Notes that consistent with South Australia's biodiversity policy objectives, Australia's commitment to protect and restore biodiversity under the 30 by 30 framework, and the established Significant Environmental Benefit principle applied elsewhere in environmental regulation, major events within or adjacent to Key Biodiversity Areas should be required to demonstrate a measurable net positive biodiversity outcome and avoid any cumulative decline in ecological condition over time.*
9. *Notes Kadaltilla met on 27 May 2026 as part of the required consultation and will provide feedback to the State Government.*
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.*

11. *Determines in the event that the South Australian Motor Sport Board declines the request for removal of areas identified at 5.3 and 5.4 or provides unsatisfactory advice in relation to other requests, that the administration scope and cost proposals to inform Council's final decisions in relation to the final matter.*
 12. *Requests the administration through its marketing channels promotes the opportunity for the business and residential community to make submissions through the South Australian Motor Sport Board consultation process.*
5. On 12 June 2026, the Lord Mayor wrote to Mr Andrew Daniels, Chair of the SAMSB, providing feedback on the 2026 ADLGF and new Associated Motor Sport Event, consultation from Kadaltilla and Council, together with resolutions attached, seeking a written response.
 6. On 28 July 2026, a report ([Link 4](#)) was presented to Council to seek approval of draft Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group (CRG) Terms of Reference (ToR), to enable Administration to implement Part 10 of the Council decision of 9 June 2026:
 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.*
 7. At its meeting on 28 July 2026, Council deferred the report to the 11 August 2026 Council Meeting.
 8. On 29 July 2026, Mr Andrew Daniels responded to the Lord Mayor's 12 June 2026 letter, providing detailed responses.
 9. On 4 August 2026, a workshop was presented at the City Community Services and Culture Committee ([Link 5](#)) on a representative Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group.
 - 9.1. The discussion highlighted a range of views on the most effective approach to community engagement, including the need to provide opportunities for residents and stakeholders to be heard, ensure transparency and accessibility, avoid duplication with existing engagement channels, and consideration of Council Members roles.
 - 9.2. Based on discussion and feedback received during the workshop, this report presents an alternative option to the Eastern Park Lands Reference Group, in utilising the online Our Adelaide platform for community feedback.
 - 9.3. It is therefore recommended that the City Community Services and Culture Committee recommend to Council, that Council revokes Part 10 of Item 15.1 of the resolution carried by Council at the Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026, titled 'Recommendation 1 - 7.1 - Consultation - 2026 bp Adelaide Grand Final and Associated Motorsport Event - South Australian Motor Sport Board', that sought the establishment of the Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group.
 10. On 18 August 2026, Council held a confidential Special Meeting. At that meeting, a confidential report titled 'State Government's Proposal for MotoGP in Eastern Park Lands of Adelaide' was presented and included the 29 July 2026 letter and detailed responses as Attachment A.
 - 10.1. Subsequently, confidentiality was partially lifted, and the resolution of the meeting was published, including the following:
 - 10.1.1. *Notes the content of the letter from the South Australian Motor Sport Board, as contained in Attachment A to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 18 August 2026, in response to Council's submission to their consultation in relation to the Adelaide 2026 Grand Final and its implications for the MotoGP, as referenced by them.*
 - 10.2. On 21 August 2026, the Lord Mayor wrote to Mr Andrew Daniels, acknowledging his correspondence of 29 July 2026 and advising that a response will be sent in due course.
 - 10.2.1. The response will provide the City of Adelaide's terms and conditions for the relevant prescribed works period pursuant to Section 22 of the Act and seek agreement.

Community Consultation

11. The background of this report outlines the consultation on the 2026 ADLGF and new Associated Motor Sport Event between the SAMSB, Kadaltilla and Council pursuant to Sections 20(4) and 23 of the Act.
12. In the 29 July 2026 letter sent by Mr Andrew Daniels to the Lord Mayor the SAMSB responded to the City of Adelaide's feedback that:

12.1. The SAMSB's feedback included a request that CoA remove the SAMSB executive email address from its website in relation to community consultation and any future correspondence unless otherwise agreed.

12.1.1. The email used was the email address publicly available on the home page of the SAMSB website under 'contact us'.

12.2. In the provision of feedback, SAMSB quoted Section 23 of the Act and stated that '*we encourage all other submissions from City of Adelaide constituents to be made directly to Council for their consideration*'.

Community Consultation under the South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984

13. The Act does not impose a general obligation on the SAMSB to undertake community consultation in relation to its functions or decisions.

14. Section 23 of the Act requires the SAMSB to take all reasonable steps to consult with, and have regard to representations made by, persons affected by its operations, including:

3.1. any relevant council or any person having a right of occupation of land within a declared area; or

3.2. any person occupying land immediately adjacent to a declared area; or

3.3. any other person whose business or financial interests might, in the opinion of the Board, be adversely affected by the operations of the Board.

15. While the Act does not provide a mechanism for broader community consultation, the Council may independently seek community feedback to inform its statutory submission to the SAMSB.

Proposed Community Consultation on Our Adelaide Platform

16. Council could seek community feedback on Motor Sport events as part of any formal consultation process pursuant to Section 23. To enable this, Council could use its authority under Section 50 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and its Community Engagement Policy (2026) to run a consultation on the online Our Adelaide platform.

16.1. The feedback may be collated, analysed and incorporated into Council's representations to the SAMSB under Section 23 of the Act.

16.2. It is proposed that the consultation would be open for two weeks upon the City of Adelaide receiving a letter of notification of consultation for any future motor sport event from the SAMSB.

17. Council has previously undertaken community consultation in relation to major events, including Harvest Rock, where the proposed event involved the closure of a public road, and Council was required to consider the impacts of the event in determining whether to approve the relevant road closure application.

18. The process demonstrates an established Council practice of engaging with the community about the local impacts of major events and using community feedback to inform Council's consideration and decision-making.

19. This approach would provide Council with an evidence-based understanding of community views and impacts to inform its ongoing representations to the SAMSB and State Government. It would also support Council's broader responsibility to represent community interests in relation to matters affecting the Adelaide Park Lands and local community, while providing a transparent mechanism through which those interests can be identified, considered and communicated.

20. Community consultation must be specific to the event the SAMSB is consulting Kadaltilla and Council on.

Next Steps

21. The consultation would be promoted through CoA owned social media channels.

22. Pending Council's approval, an Our Adelaide landing page will be set up in anticipation of the next SAMSB motor sport event declaration.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – [SAMSB Presentation to Kadaltilla – 27 May 2026](#)

Link 2 - [Consultation - 2026 Adelaide Grand Final and new Associated Motor Sport Event – South Australian Motor Sport Board Report to CCSC Committee – 2 June 2026](#)

Link 3 – [City of Adelaide Council Meeting Minutes – 9 June 2026](#)

Link 4 - [Eastern Park Lands Reference Group Report – Council – 28 July 2026](#)

Link 5 – [Eastern Park Lands Reference Group – Workshop – CCSC Committee – 4 August 2026](#)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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