

Councillor Martin - QoN - Chinese New Year Celebrations

Tuesday, 8 September 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration confirm if it has advised the organisers of Chinese New Year Event that the 2027 celebrations will not be able to be conducted in Gouger Street and, if so:

1. specifically why?
2. what impediments are there are to isolating any section of the street to enable the Chinese New Year celebrations to proceed in 2027 in the precinct in which they have always been held?'

REPLY

1. Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc are the organisers of the Lunar New Year Street Party, which is ordinarily held in Gouger Street and Moonta Street each year.
2. The Gouger Street Revitalisation project procurement process is in its final stages. Subject to Council approval and contract execution, construction is anticipated to commence in Q2 2026/27.
3. Staging of construction works will be finalised upon engagement of a contractor with a view to minimise disruption where practical, however safety is paramount and disruption is to be expected.
4. It is envisaged that works will commence at the Morphett Street section of Gouger Street working from West to East.
5. Holding a large public event in Gouger Street in February 2027, during the proposed works period, has not been considered feasible for public safety and event operation reasons. The works are expected to involve staged construction areas, traffic management, site fencing and changes to pedestrian, vehicle and servicing access. Administration does not wish for the event organisers to be compromised in what they are seeking to achieve through the Lunar New Year event, given the planned works on Gouger Street.
6. The organisers have been involved in the consultation process for the Gouger Street Revitalisation plans for some time. A meeting was held in February 2026 with Administration and the Lunar New Year event organisers to discuss the need for an alternate location to be considered in 2027, given the Gouger Street Revitalisation works are planned to commence in late 2026.
7. Subsequent meetings have since been held with the organisers and temporary alternate locations (such as Victoria Square/Tarantanyangga) have been presented to the organisers and Administration continues to work with them constructively on planning for their 2027 event.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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