

Local government election timing and additional Reconciliation Committee meeting date

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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Wednesday, 9 September 2026
Reconciliation Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to advise that the date for the 2027 local government general election is Wednesday, 7 April 2027 and propose the Reconciliation Committee meet on Wednesday, 24 February 2027 per its quarterly meeting frequency as set out in its Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures ([Link 1](#)).

In June 2026, legislation was passed to move the South Australian local government general elections from November 2026 to April 2027. Nominations close for the local government general election on Tuesday, 9 February 2027. The caretaker period will start on Tuesday, 9 February 2027, with the City of Adelaide using Monday, 12 April 2027 as the indicative end of the election period, pending formal declaration of the results.

The Reconciliation Committee is delegated its responsibility until the end of the 2022-2026 Municipal term of office, with Wednesday, 9 December 2026 as the last agreed meeting date for the current council term.

The Reconciliation Committee has delegated authority of its meeting schedule and this report recommends it approve an additional meeting date on Wednesday, 24 February 2027 to accommodate the prolonged term of council office.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the 2027 local government general elections will be held on Wednesday, 7 April 2027 and that the current Reconciliation Committee term will remain in place until the end of the current term of Council on this date.
2. Approves a meeting of the Reconciliation Committee to be held in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall from 2:30 pm to 4:30pm on Wednesday, 24 February 2027 in accordance with the requirement under its Terms of Reference and Meeting procedures dated 24 September 2024 to meet quarterly.
3. Notes that the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 24 February 2027 will occur during the local government election caretaker period but does not impact on the ordinary business of the Reconciliation Committee.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation High performing, customer-centric and bold
Policy	<i>Local Government Act 1999</i> (SA) Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
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	Not as a result of this report
26/27 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Purpose

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Background

2. On 13 December 2022, Council approved the establishment of a City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee (Reconciliation Committee) for the period 2022-2026 in accordance with Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).
3. The Reconciliation Committee is delegated the responsibility to assist the Council by considering matters that relate to reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the city.
4. Council delegated to the Reconciliation Committee the responsibility to determine the time and place of its quarterly meetings. Section 44 to Section 46 of the Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures state:
 44. *Council has determined that the Reconciliation Committee will meet quarterly in the Colonel Light Room, Town Hall, King William Street, Adelaide, unless otherwise determined by Council or the Chief Executive Officer.*
 45. *The Reconciliation Committee will consider and determine its meeting dates and commencement times to support a quarterly meeting schedule.*
 46. *Each Reconciliation Committee meeting is scheduled for 2 ½ hours.*
5. On Wednesday, 22 March 2023 the Reconciliation Committee (the Committee) adopted its quarterly meeting schedule for the 2022-2026 Municipal term of office, which is outlined in the Reconciliation Committee Schedule of Meetings report ([Link 2](#)).
- 5.1. The table below lists the scheduled dates and provides the proposed date of 24 February 2027, noting the remainder of the 2027 dates will be determined as part of the next term of Council, following the 2027 local government general elections.

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
1 March	28 February	26 February	25 February	24 February
3 May	8 May	7 May	6 May	TBD
6 September	4 September	3 September	9 September	TBD
6 December	4 December	3 December	9 December	TBD

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6. The Committee's final meeting date for 2022-2026 Municipal term of office is scheduled for Wednesday, 9 December 2026.
7. In June 2026, legislation was passed to move the South Australian local government general elections from November 2026 to April 2027.
8. The Electoral Commission of South Australia confirmed that the caretaker period will start on Tuesday, 9 February 2027 and continue until the conclusion of the elections.
9. In response to the Electoral Commission of South Australia timetable the City of Adelaide announced that Monday, 12 April 2027 will serve as the indicative end of the election period, pending formal declaration of the results.
10. As a result of the prolonged term of office an additional Reconciliation Committee meeting is required to be scheduled to ensure that the Committee continues to operate and meet quarterly in accordance with its Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures.
11. The meeting can occur during the caretaker period so long as the meeting complies with the Caretaker Policy ([Link 3](#)), which requires that no designated or significant decisions are made.
12. Administration is seeking the Reconciliation Committee's endorsement to schedule an additional meeting date on Wednesday, 24 February 2027.

DATA AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Link 1 – [Reconciliation Committee Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures](#)

Link 2 – [Reconciliation Committee Agenda 22 March 2023: Item 6.2 Reconciliation Committee Schedule of Meetings](#)

Link 3 – [Caretaker Policy 2026](#)

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