

Councillor Maher - QoN - Walkable Live Music Circuit project

Tuesday, 13 October 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Patrick Maher

Public

Contact Officer:
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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Patrick Maher will ask the following Question on Notice:

'What is the status of the development of the Walkable Live Music Circuit project?'

REPLY

1. The resolution of Council's meeting on 23 June 2026, for Agenda Item 7.1 - Live Music Circuit, was:
THAT COUNCIL
Endorses the delivery of an integrated Live Music Circuit combining physical, digital and promotional elements, subject to stakeholder permissions for rollout as part of the 2026/27 Annual Business Plan.
Endorses Option 2 – Partnered Program, as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 June 2026, as the preferred delivery model for a venue recognition scheme, noting that the detailed implementation approach, budget requirements, governance considerations and concept design will be subsequently approved by Council.
2. The first phase of the Live Music Circuit is on schedule for completion by June 2027 and will include printed and digital trail content, heritage plaques and venue recognition elements.
 - 2.1. The *Adelaide Live Music Circuit: Your Guide to our City of Music* has been produced with 7,500 copies printed.
 - 2.1.1. These guides will be distributed from mid-October 2026 at City of Adelaide and partner events, music venues and related businesses, visitor services and City of Adelaide community and public-facing facilities.
 - 2.1.2. The initiative will be supported by promotional activities to raise awareness of Adelaide's live music history, contemporary venue network, and available music resources throughout November, timed with the celebration of Good Music Month in South Australia and Ausmusic Month nationally.
 - 2.2. Research for the heritage plaque (Blue Plaques) component of the project is complete.
 - 2.2.1. Discussions with venue and property owners commence this month, to obtain the necessary approvals for installation.
 - 2.2.2. Subject to approvals, the first plaques are expected to be installed from late 2026 with all plaques installed by the end of the financial year.

- 2.3. A Live Music Circuit Venue Recognition Scheme report will be included on the agenda of the City Community Services and Culture Committee for 3 November 2026.
- 2.3.1. The report will outline the proposed strategic purpose, principles and governance framework for Council's consideration.
- 2.3.2. The proposal adheres to the partnered program approach endorsed by Council on 23 June 2026, by recommending that Council draws and benefits from specialist music sector expertise through the UNESCO Adelaide City of Music Office.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4 hours.
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