

Kadaltilla

South Australian Motor Sport Board Adelaide 500 Event Consultation

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Purpose

The 2023 VALO Adelaide 500 (Adelaide 500) will be held 23-26 November 2023. The event is managed by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB).

Under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984*, the Premier of South Australia (the Premier), through the SAMSB must consult with Kadaltilla and the City of Adelaide on the proposed area used for the Adelaide 500 event and the proposed period of time that works for the event will cover. The consultation period concludes Friday 5 May 2023.

The advice of Kadaltilla and the City of Adelaide will be considered by the Premier in the declaration of the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the Adelaide 500.

The proposed area for the 2023 event is similar to the area used in 2022.

The total occupation period of the Park Lands has reduced by 39 days compared to 2022.

This report seeks Kadaltilla's advice, which will be provided to the Committee on 4 April 2023, on any feedback relating to:

- The Park Lands area proposed to be used as part of the event and prescribed works period.
- The proposed dates of occupation.

Recommendation

THAT KADALTILLA / PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES COUNCIL AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT:

That Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority:

1. Provides the following feedback and advice on the Adelaide 500 event consultation to Council and the State Government:
 - 1.1. _____
 2. Notes the Declaration of the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the Adelaide 500 event.
 3. Authorises the Presiding Member to write to the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Motor Sport Board on behalf of Kadaltilla with its feedback to the consultation on the proposed area for the Adelaide 500 event and the proposed period of time that works for the event will cover.
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Implications

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025	Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy supports promoting the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination (Strategy 1.3.1).
APLA 2020-2025 Strategic Plan	Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Culture
Policy	The Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) recognises the Adelaide 500 event and the powers provided to the SAMSB under the <i>South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984</i> .
Consultation	There is a legislative obligation for the Premier, through the SAMSB to consult with Kadaltilla and Council regarding the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the Adelaide 500 event. The SAMSB consultation period concludes Friday 5 May 2023.
Resource	This activity will be facilitated within existing resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Pursuant to powers provided under the <i>South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984, Section 20(1)</i> , the Premier may declare a Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the Adelaide 500 event each year.
Opportunities	Administration will continue to identify opportunities to enable greater public access to the Park Lands for as long as possible. Administration will work with the SAMSB to identify opportunities for greening (short term and long term) within the Declared Area for the benefit of the event, spectators and general Park visitors.
City of Adelaide 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
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	The Declarations referred to in this report are in reference to the Adelaide 500 2023 event only, with the end of the Prescribed Works Period proposed to be 28 January 2024.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

Discussion

Background

1. The Adelaide 500 event is staged by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) each year pursuant to powers provided under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984*. Detailed in Section 20(1) of the Act, the Premier of South Australia (the Premier) may declare:
 - 1.1. A specified area (consisting of public road or Park Land or both) in Adelaide, to be a declared area under the Act for the purposes of the event; and
 - 1.2. A specified period (not exceeding five days) to be a declared period under this Act for the purposes of the event; and
 - 1.3. A specified period or periods (prescribed works period) under the Act during which the SAMSB may have access to land within a declared area for the purposes of carrying out works in the manner contemplated by Section 22 (1a) (and different periods may be specified in respect of different categories of work).
2. On behalf of the Minister responsible for the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984*, the Chief Executive, South Australian Motor Sport Board wrote to the Lord Mayor on 9 March 2023.
 - 2.1. The letter in [Link 1](#) outlines the Declarations for the Adelaide 500 2023 event and was addressed to the Lord Mayor in their capacity as Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide and as the Presiding Member of Kadaltilla.
3. The Proposed Declared Area in [Link 2](#) includes Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16), King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15), Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) and public roads including Wakefield Road, East Terrace, Bartels Road, Hutt Street, Nil Street, Flinders Street, Dequetteville Terrace and Fullarton Road.
4. The Declared Period covers the event days as well as the day immediately prior to the event.
 - 4.1. Adelaide 500 event dates are 23-26 November 2023, therefore the proposed Declared Period is 22-26 November 2023.
5. Feedback is being sought on the Declared Area, Prescribed Works Period and Declared Period. Any feedback provided will be presented to the Committee on Tuesday 4 April 2023.
6. The deadline for feedback to the consultation on the proposed declarations is 5 May 2023.

South Australian Motorsport Board

7. Following the appointment of the current State Government in 2022, a decision was made to reform the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) to oversee the management of the Adelaide 500 event, as well as other motor sport events in South Australia.
8. Mr Mark Warren, Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Motorsport Board will be presenting to Kadaltilla on 30 March 2023.

Declared Area

9. The Declared Area is shown in [Link 2](#).
10. The Declared Area for the Adelaide 500 event in 2023 is similar to the area used in 2022. Small changes include:
 - 10.1. Fence lines relocated around the Victoria Park Social Club (VPSC) to take garden beds into the Adelaide 500 site, and to leave open access to Fullarton Road for the VPSC.
 - 10.2. Expansion of the south-eastern boundary but remaining east of the Butterfly Habitat area.
 - 10.3. Removal of an area to the west of the site at the end of Pirie Street. This area was taken into the 2022 Declared Area to allow for possible additional grandstands but was not used, so has been removed for the 2023 event.
 - 10.4. Realignment of event boundary in Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) to exclude the Kiosk and Lake areas in preparation for the Rymill Park lake works proposed to be occurring during this time.
 - 10.5. Removal of Little Flinders Street from the Declared Area.
11. The SAMSB advise that the size and scale of the Declared Area is required to enable the safe and successful delivery of the Adelaide 500 event.
12. Public access to the Declared Area, in particular the main pathways, will be provided for as long as possible during the Prescribed Works Period, with restrictions to specific areas being managed in a staged approach.

Prescribed Works Period

13. The Prescribed Works Period is proposed to commence on 28 August 2023 and conclude on 28 January 2024. This is a reduction of 39 days compared to the 2022 event, to a total 153 days.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

14. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the City of Adelaide (CoA) and the SAMSB has been in place since November 2013. This MoU sets out the principles and shared objectives between the CoA and the SAMSB.
15. The CoA and the SAMSB have worked together since 2012 to develop a set of operational attachments to assist in the delivery of the MoU's primary principles and shared objectives. These attachments were signed by both the CoA and the SAMSB on 10 July 2014.
16. With the reformation of the SAMSB the MOU is currently under review by Administration and any changes or updates will be negotiated with the new SAMSB.

Management Agreement Area and Native Grass Restoration Site

17. In 2012 Council and the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation entered into a management agreement under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 for an area of native vegetation in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
18. The location of the Native Vegetation Management Area, enclosed by a low lying fence which restricts vehicle access but allows pedestrian access, is shown in [Link 3](#).
19. Council and the then Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation considered that the vegetation of this site fits within the definition of Grey Box Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of south-eastern Australia – an endangered community under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.
20. In 2013 an additional Native Grass Restoration Site was established immediately south of the Native Vegetation Management Area. The location of this area is also shown in [Link 3](#).
21. Clause 5.1.4 of the Native Vegetation Management Agreement obliges Council to make third parties aware of the agreement.
22. The Native Vegetation Area and Native Grass Restoration Site are also protected as a Key Biodiversity Area under the City of Adelaide's Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018-2023.
23. The SAMSB stay well clear of these southern areas as part of the Adelaide 500 and there have been no previous problems relating to the management of these particular areas.

Sensitive Fauna Habitat Area

24. The Chequered Copper Butterfly and its caterpillar food plant were found in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) in 2011. This butterfly species is not formally protected or listed as threatened under State or Federal legislation however it is considered rare and of biological significance by butterfly experts and ecologists.
25. Since 2011 Council has taken steps to protect this habitat from the impacts of the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) redevelopment and the Adelaide 500 event. The extent of the primary habitat for the Chequered Copper Butterfly has been mapped and is shown in [Link 3](#).
26. The Chequered Copper Butterfly and many plant species found in its habitat are recognised as species of conservation significance under the City of Adelaide's Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018-2025.
27. Due to the event not utilising the southern end of Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) during the Prescribed Works Period, the Adelaide 500 does not pose any risk to the Chequered Copper Butterfly area.

Criterion Track and Cycling Events

28. The Criterion Track is a purpose built offroad cycling facility and the only one of its kind servicing metropolitan Adelaide. Criterion racing is traditionally held in the summer months, on weeknights, taking advantage of daylight savings.
29. SafeWork SA undertook a review of site safety as part of the 2011 event and as result of that review, worksites within the Declared Area are now fenced during intensive activity to ensure public safety and compliance with Work Health Safety requirements.
30. In 2012 a new section of Criterion Track was completed which again enabled cycling events to occur during the majority of the Adelaide 500 Prescribed Works Period.
31. A meeting will be held between AusCycling and the SAMSB (and/or its representatives) before the prescribed works period commences to set timeframes for usage of the Criterion Track pre and post-event. Where possible the SAMSB will accommodate use of the Criterion Track for night racing up until it is no longer safe to do so, which for the 2022 event was a period of three weeks that the track was unavailable during the normal works period.

32. This event will have an impact on the ability of cycling organisations to hold a full criterium season with over three weeks (including the actual event) not being available.
33. Outside of the three-week period during the normal track bump-in and out, 2022 saw an extended time that the track was unavailable due to necessary event resurfacing works. This will not be repeated in 2023, so the impact on cycling should be less than it was in 2022.

Impact on other Park Land Users

34. The event has short term impacts on other Park Land users during the Prescribed Works Period, including:
 - 34.1. Community use of the skate park and 3-on-3 basketball courts in Park 15.
 - 34.2. Community use of the Glover East Play space.
 - 34.3. Use of the three playing fields in Park 15 used for school and community sport, including post-event impacts due to playing surface remediation required.
 - 34.4. Impacts on existing lessees of the Velo Precinct (Victoria Park Heritage Grandstand) and Victoria Park Social Club.
 - 34.5. Community use of the disc golf facility in Park 15.
 - 34.6. Significant number of visitors and casual users who recreate in Victoria Park every day.

Other Impacts

35. It should also be noted that Adelaide 500 event dates of Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 November 2023, result in a clash with the annual Black Friday sales on Friday 24 November. This is the biggest retail trading day of the year and is of great importance to retail traders across the City.

Path Access Restrictions

36. Since 2014 the Adelaide 500 event build has been staged including the erection of fencing, and the closing of sections left as late as possible to maintain public access to the Park Lands. These measures have assisted in keeping pedestrian and cyclist access open for longer periods.
37. The two east-west footpaths through Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) between Fullarton Road and Halifax Street will remain open for as long as possible during the Prescribed Works Period. To facilitate the safe and timely delivery of the Adelaide 500, there will be a requirement to periodically close one of these paths. There will come a point in time that both paths will need to be closed to finalise the delivery of the infrastructure required to stage the event.
38. Seven days post-event, the bike paths will be reopened and public access will be available on the southern pathway. Whilst one path will sought to be kept open at all times, there will be exceptions for:
 - 38.1. a period starting seven days before the Declared Period days and finishing seven days after the declared period,
 - 38.2. short periods during high-risk construction works undertaken adjacent to the track.
39. The SAMSB develop an event signage plan that informs users of the Park Lands of access changes, path closure dates and times, and alternative access routes.

Master Plan for Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)

40. A master plan for the park is currently being developed by external consultants, in response to Kadaltilla advice to develop a landscape concept plan.
41. A key consideration is exploring opportunities for short term and long-term greening in the northern section of the park, which falls within the Declared Area. This would help with addressing the lack of trees and shade in the park to provide a hospitable and attractively landscaped environment for a future, hotter climate.
42. Advice from consultants regarding temporary and permanent opportunities for greening and shading can assist in discussions with the SAMSB for the Adelaide 500 in 2023 and future years, to provide a more attractive and cooler environment for the event, spectators and general park visitors.

Remediation

43. Assessment and remediation (at the cost of the SAMSB) of the area impacted by the Adelaide 500 event occurs in a staged approach as infrastructure is removed.
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Attachments

Nil