

Confidential Recommendation of the City Community Services and Culture Committee – 1 April 2025

Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation

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Tuesday, 8 April 2025
Council

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Approving Officer:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Community Services and Culture Committee considered the following Item at its meeting held on 1 April 2025 and resolved to present to Council the following for Council determination in confidence:

- Item 10.1 – Arts and Culture Music Festival 2025, Bartels Road Closure

RECOMMENDATION

- Recommendation 1** – Item 10.1 – Arts and Culture Music Festival 2025, Bartels Road Closure

THAT COUNCIL:

- Receives the outcomes of the public consultation for an 'Arts and Cultural Music Festival' as contained in Attachment A to Item 10.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee on 1 April 2025.
- Approves the closure of Bartels Road from Dequetteville Terrace to East Terrace pursuant to section 33(1) of the Road Traffic Act (1961) from 5:00am on Wednesday 22 October 2025 until 11:59pm on Monday 27 October 2025; or from 5:00am on Wednesday 29 October 2025 until 11:59pm on Monday 3 November 2025, subject to the final date selected, for the event Harvest Rock 2025.
- Approves those persons taking part in Harvest Rock 2025 to be exempted, in relation to Bartels Road, from all Australian Road Rules relating to pedestrian behaviour on roads.
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- Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 21 [Recommendation 1 – Item 10.1 - Arts and Culture Music Festival 2025, Bartels Road Closure] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council on 8 April 2025 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council do order that:
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 - The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed once the event date and artists are publicly announced by Harvest Rock Pty Ltd.
 - The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

DISCUSSION

1. The City Community Services and Culture Committee met on Tuesday 1 April 2025. The Agenda with confidential reports for the meeting can be viewed [here](#).
2. Where the resolution of the Committee differs from the recommendation published in the Committee agenda, the Committee's recommendation to the Council is listed first, with the original recommendation provided in grey and italics.
3. The following matter was the subject of deliberation in confidence:
 - 3.1. Item 10.1 – Arts and Culture Music Festival 2025, Bartels Road Closure

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

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For ease, Attachment A relating to Recommendation 1, Item 10.1, has been included at the end of this recommendation report.

Original Recommendation as Printed in the CCSC Committee Agenda

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DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Confidential City Community Services and Culture Committee Agenda

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- END OF REPORT -

Do Not Support			
33 Opposed			
Level of support to close Bartels Road		Are there any considerations you would seek addressed by the proposed road closure?	Respondent
1.	Opposed	NIL	Anonymous
2.	Opposed	Why does the event have to close Bartels Road? Adelaide is blessed with multiple suitable sites e.g. Victoria Park, Botanic Park	City Resident
3.	Opposed	Please find another place for this event. Bartels Rd is a vital road for all leaving the city for the east.	City Resident
4.	Opposed	Controlled crossing with flag/stop sign person only needed, Bartels Rd working ok without closure during the Adel fringe.. Also to close to the mandatory Bartels Rd closure Adel 500 car race	City User
5.	Opposed	It should not occur	City Resident
6.	Opposed	This is a busy link to the eastern suburbs and should not be closed.	City Resident
7.	Opposed	The PROLONGED INCONVENIENCE and disruption to traffic caused by road closures and restrictions relating to the Vailo car race and the Fringe Festival, is experienced by residents in eastern suburbs only. If the Adelaide Council (and SA Government) perceive the economic benefits & surge in tourism to be beneficial to, and shared by, all taxpayer residents then OTHER parkland sites should be considered so that the accompanying penalties are not imposed on the same Adelaide households, year after year. Ellis Park and Bonython Park have hosted events and provide alternative venues. Does the Council consider the environmental effect of idling cars and exhaust fumes as drivers are forced to sit in choked traffic on clogged alternative feeder roads?	City User
8.	Opposed	NIL	Anonymous
9.	Opposed	NIL	Anonymous
10.	Opposed	Shutting it for 4 business days seems extreme for a 2 day event. I understand the need for closure for setup but think they should structure the festival such that it does not require such a long closure. E.g. putting the stalls/markets elsewhere in the parklands such that they closure is for 1-2 business days at most.	City User

11.	Opposed	Traffic management - traffic is diabolical when a major thoroughfare into the city is closed. If there was a way that the road could be open for peak hour traffic, then I would support. When roads are closed, I work from home and don't go into the city (and therefore don't buy my lunch from city stores or do my shopping in the city). The number of road closures of either Wakefield or Bartels is now becoming a joke.	Anonymous
12.	Opposed	Having this road closed creates chaos getting into the city especially as it's the start of the lead up to Xmas trading. It's already closed for the car racing which is a nightmare in itself... the parklands and roads into the city are meant for the public to utilise but are often closed for the minority not the majority...	City User
13.	Opposed	NILL	City User
14.	Opposed	Consider the plight of business in the CBD. Consider how closing access to the city impacts on those businesses that rely on customers travelling into the city. Consider that convenience is the main driver for shoppers and diners alike and that if it is more convenient to go somewhere else, that's what they'll do.	City User
15.	Opposed	There are plenty of other areas in or around the Adelaide CBD that can be used for a music festival, rather than having to close a major road that traffic use to exit the city. This is just another issue where the City of Adelaide decision makers need to get in the 'real world' AND STOP MAKING STUPID DECISIONS THAT AFFECT MANY PEOPLE FOR NO REASON.	City User
16.	Opposed	I am very supportive of such a music festival and feel it is an appropriate function to be held in our Parklands. However, I believe it is inappropriate to close Bartels Road and incorporate it into the festival as envisaged. I think all infrastructure should be in the parks and the organisers can decide where. If they wish to straddle Bartels Rd then I would accept closing Bartels Road when required, on the Saturday and Sunday, only during the opening hours of the festival, and that there be no infrastructure on Bartels Road except for temporary traffic barriers on the East and West sides and that these are placed to allow for both pedestrians to cross and also for as much parking as possible.	Anonymous
17-31	Opposed	Letter is submitted on behalf of fifteen (15) Strata and Community Corporations in Adelaide's East End. Access roads, like Bartels Road, are different. Access roads are essential transport infrastructure, not "optional extras" – they are there for a reason, and that's to provide access into and out of the city for a wide range of stakeholders, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commuters, who the Council and Government are trying to attract back into the city after the work-from-home Covid era; • shoppers, who are the lifeblood of the daytime economy; 	City Resident

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emergency services, whose ability to attend emergency situations is potentially compromised by road closures (perhaps one day with catastrophic results); and • residents, who are reasonably entitled to expect access into and out of their own homes. <p>We welcome and enjoy events of all types throughout the year so; to be clear, the event is not the issue – the issue is the road closure. Put simply, there is no reason why the road needs to be closed. While we are opposed to this road closure and would prefer that it doesn't go ahead at all, there is a possible compromise proposal: to only close the road during the actual opening hours of the Festival (e.g. midday to midnight on the Saturday and Sunday, or whatever the actual hours are).</p>	
32.	Opposed	<p>We would like to post our opposition to the closure of Bartels Road for the event planned for the period of 6 days. We are residents living on East Terrace and use that road daily. The idea that we have to put up with the inconvenience, plus the extra noise these events bring is preposterous. Please post our objection to the appropriate committee.</p>	City Resident
33.	Opposed	<p>I am not happy with the closure of this important road – again! Not long after this event, roads in the East will be closed for the Adelaide 500 car race. Would you please consider placing this event elsewhere so that residents of the Eastern suburbs are not more inconvenienced. There must be other suitable sites. As a nearby resident, I am tired of the feeder roads into the city being closed off for whatever reason. It does appear that there are closures along Dequetteville Tce. Shortly – I have seen signs at bus stops, but unable to read whilst driving.</p>	City User
Support			
42 in Support			
Level of support to close Bartels Road		Are there any considerations you would seek addressed by the proposed road closure?	Respondent
1.	Support	NIL	City Resident
2.	Support	Ensure promotion of public/active transport to festival.	City User
3.	Support	NIL	Anonymous
4.	Support	NIL	City User
5.	Support	Safe pedestrian access across the road - similar to when it is closed for the fringe.	City User

6.	Support	It's not school holidays nor are there any public holidays during the proposed periods. The only other considerations is.... are there any other festivals, street parties or proposed use of the parklands in question or nearby?	City User
7.	Support	NIL	Anonymous
8.	Support	NIL	City User
9.	Support	All for it. We need more support for local arts and artists	City User
10.	Support	Please hold the festival in October as I will be in Melbourne for Oasis on the 1st of November. I attended both Harvest Rock festivals and was so disappointed when it was cancelled last year. I'm excited for this announcement but please don't have it on the 1st and 2nd of November!!	City User
11.	Support	NIL	Anonymous
12.	Support	More support for original live music in Adelaide can only be a good thing!	City Resident
13.	Support	NIL	City Resident
14.	Support	Yes, bring more arts and culture events to Adelaide. We have enough bloke events that close the roads	City User
15.	Support	More music, more festivals	City User
16.	Support	Weekday traffic. Hope Harvest Rock makes a return!!	City User
17.	Support	NIL	Anonymous
18.	Support	I would love 'harvest rock' to return!	City User
19.	Support	It is great to try and encourage more arts and culture festivals, there are plenty of other exit and entry roads into Adelaide from the east end, so closing the road is not an issue	City Resident
20.	Support	Ensure there is broad knowledge of the road closures given the proximity to the Adelaide 500 (i.e. people may assume that roads around the city are all open until the closures for the 500 take place).	City User
21.	Support	It is excellent that an arts and culture music festival is being proposed for this time in Adelaide. It was disappointing a festival didn't occur last year.	City User
22.	Support	Just clear signage	Anonymous

23.	Support	We missed this last year!	City User
24.	Support	Would much prefer this festival to be on Oct 25/26 as the next weekend will clash with Oasis playing in Melbourne. I know many people who won't be able to attend who otherwise would because of this.	City User
25.	Support	NIL	City User
26.	Support	Good advertising so locals and tourists know	City Resident
27.	Support	NIL	City User
28.	Support	NIL	Anonymous
29.	Support	Please keep the cycle paths open as much as possible.	City Resident
30.	Support	NIL	City Resident
31.	Support	It would good to make sure that any road closure signs aren't put in continuing bike lanes, forcing cyclists into traffic.	City Resident
32.	Support	just public notice	Anonymous
33.	Support	NIL	City User
34.	Support	NIL	City Resident
35.	Support	NIL	City User
36.	Support	Temporary Road closures are just that, temporary. The more events and festivals we bring to the city the greater the benefits to the residents and city	City Resident
37.	Support	NIL	City Resident
38.	Support	NIL	City User
39.	Support	NIL	City Resident
40.	Support	Think about cycling movements	City Resident

41.	Support	I would propose this festival runs the week prior ideally as i saw there are two options - we're trying to build the first wknd of Nov as the pride wknd here - it was successful last year!	City User
42.	Support	The proposal to stage a two-day Arts & Culture Music Festival is a welcome return to hosting a high-profile live music event in the city, following previous successes of a similar event Harvest Rock, which was welcomed and embraced as a fixture in the South Australian live music and music festival calendar. High profile live music festivals such as these contribute to the cultural vibrancy and profile of South Australia as a national and international festival and event destination and leverages Adelaide's designation as Australia's only UNESCO City of Music.	Music SA
Neutral			
2 are Neutral			
Level of support to close Bartels Road		Are there any considerations you would seek addressed by the proposed road closure?	Respondent
1.	Neutral	Either weekend will take out sport for the whole term when combined with the Adelaide 500. As I advised them on site however it is better to get as much time between them and the Adelaide 500 as possible.	CBC
2.	Neutral	Our preferred dates are the earlier weekend. Bartels Road will be closed from either 5am on Wednesday 22 October 2025 until 11:59pm on Monday 27 October 2025	PAC

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**21 Confidential Recommendation of the City Community Services and Culture Committee –
1 April 2025 [S90(3) (d)]**

**21.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 10.1 - Arts and Culture Music Festival 2025, Bartels Road
Closure [S90(3) (d)]**

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Elliott,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

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Discussion ensued

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

'That the motion be amended by the inclusion of an additional part to read as follows:

5. The CEO write to the event organiser strongly requesting an alternative location for the event be considered in the future.'

Discussion ensued

The amendment was then put and carried

Discussion continued, during which the Lord Mayor advised the meeting that the motion would be taken in parts. Councillor Davis called a point of order against Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Elliott, referring to his work in parliament. The Lord Mayor ruled against the point of order.

Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the motion, as amended,
were then put and carried on the casting vote of the Lord Mayor

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the motion, as amended

Division

For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Elliott and Councillors Giles, Hou, Martin and Siebentritt.

Against (5):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Noon and Snape.

The Lord Mayor cast in favour of the motion

The division was declared in favour of Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the motion, as amended

Parts 4 and 5 of the motion, as amended, were then put and carried

Part 6 of the motion, as amended, was then put and carried
on the casting vote of the Lord Mayor

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on Part 6 of the motion, as amended

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For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Elliott and Councillors Giles, Hou, Martin and Siebentritt.

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Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Noon and Snape.

The Lord Mayor cast in favour of the motion

The division was declared in favour of Part 6 of the motion, as amended

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