

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2026 INFORMATION BRIEF

New Year's Eve Celebration at Semaphore Foreshore Thursday, 31 December 2026 (6pm – 12.30am)

The City of Port Adelaide is proud to present a night of family-friendly celebrations for New Year's Eve 2026. Taking place on the Semaphore foreshore, this New Year's Eve event will be a fun, free, beachside celebration featuring a variety of live performances and entertainment, with fireworks and music.

As the sun goes down on 2026, the first fireworks will light up the sky at 9.30pm for the kids and families, followed by a second display at midnight for those who want to stay on longer and welcome the new year in.

Celebrations include:

- Two displays of fireworks with choreographed accompanying music
- A live performance program with a small stage for live music and DJ and roving entertainment throughout the evening
- Delicious food available from local businesses and pop-up food stalls/trucks
- A dry zone from midday on 31 December 2026 through till midday the following day

The New Year's Eve event is a great opportunity for local community organisations and businesses to participate, and we encourage traders to get involved.

Business Activation Grants:

To assist local operators to drive visitation to your business, we are offering grants of up to \$1,000.

The Business Activation Grant program supports local businesses and venues within the event precinct to activate their space in alignment with the New Year's Eve event.

Grants will be available from Monday, 2 November through to Monday, 30 November 2026 or until the total budget allocation has been exhausted. Please note that late applications will not be considered.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to applications that:

- Activate local places and spaces with creative programming, supporting the development of our region as a destination for arts and culture
- Demonstrate collaboration between business, arts, community and Council
- Enable businesses to deliver activities that drive visitation, connect community and showcase the City of PAE
- Support creative practitioners to deliver arts-based performances or workshops
- Be accessible, inclusive and open to the public. Activation that offers free or low-cost attendance will be viewed favourably.

Council's Place Activation & Events team is keen to support you with connections to other sectors - this may be in helping connect you with a musician, food provider or artist - reach out to us.

Further information is available within the [Business Activation Grant Information Sheet](#).

Please also review the [PAE Event Permit Guidelines](#) for compliance requirements as relevant. Event permits can take up to 6 weeks.

We would love to hear from you.

Please contact:

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