

PAE Christmas Parade

Access and Inclusion Guide

Sunday 7 December 2025

At the City of PAE, we believe everyone has the right to have access to our event program. This document outlines access information for the New Year's Eve at Semaphore 2025 event.

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WHAT

The Christmas Parade is a community celebration for the festive season, now in its 35th year. Community floats, including people walking and using trailers and vehicles, will travel down Commercial Road towards the Lighthouse. Following the parade, a community street party will happen at the end of Commercial Road.

The street party includes rides, performances and food stalls.

WHEN

The Christmas Parade commences at 10am on Sunday 7 December 2025. The street party runs from 11am to 3pm.

WHERE

The parade will move down Commercial Road, Port Adelaide. The street party site footprint includes the river front.

COST

This is a free event for the community to attend, and tickets are not required to view the parade. At the street party, the rides are free but there are costs for food and beverages, and some carnival games.

WEATHER

The Christmas Parade is an all-weather event. The event will run rain or shine – unless weather conditions become extreme and pose a dangerous risk to safety.

We recommend wearing appropriate clothing and footwear suited to the time of year and an outdoor event and suggest monitoring weather conditions on the day. You can be Sunsmart by bringing your own hat and sunscreen.

ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS

The parade will be visible from either side of St Vincent Street, from behind the blue line. Access to these viewing points can be undertaken along existing footpaths and road cross-over points.

Navigation around the site is mostly accessible via paved walkways.

ACCESSIBLE SEATING AND VIEWING AREAS

Commercial Road has limited existing seating available. You can bring your own portable chair to set up and use, and bringing your own blanket is another option.

Event staff and security will assist people with mobility issues to facilitate access to suitable viewing areas.

CAR PARKING

General public are encouraged to park at Hart's Mill. Parking will be free of charge across the event date, unless otherwise sign posted. Accessible parks are also shown on the above map.

MAP



ROAD CLOSURES

Road closures will be in place to help ensure everyone's safety at the event.

Between 7am on Saturday 6 December 2025 and 6pm on Sunday 7 December 2025:

- North Parade, Port Adelaide between Robe Street and Commercial Street
- Nile Street, Port Adelaide between Robe Street and Commercial Street
- McLaren Parade, Port Adelaide from Commercial Road for 50 metres east
- Commercial Road, Port Adelaide between McLaren Parade and St Vincent Street

Between 5pm on Saturday 6 December 2025 and 3pm on Sunday 7 December 2025:

- Baynes Place, Port Adelaide from 25 metres west of College Street to the western end

Between 5am and 3pm on Sunday 7 December 2025:

- Commercial Road, Port Adelaide between St Vincent Street and Providence Place (northbound carriageway only)
- Lipson Street, Port Adelaide from St Vincent Street for 20 metres south
- St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide between Robe Street and Thompson Place
- Baynes Place, Port Adelaide from 25 metres west of College Street and Commercial Road

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO THE EVENT

Train

Catch either the new Port Dock line the Outer Harbor line to the Port Adelaide or Glanville train station– Plan your journey [here](#).

Bus

There are many public busses that drop off in the centre of Port Adelaide, and routes 117, 118, 150, 230, 232, 252, 254, and 254X stop in Port Adelaide. Find the best route plan your journey [here](#).

Taxi

You may also wish to consider a taxi, rideshare or drop off. A taxi drop-off zone is available Port Adelaide Plaza - Arrive or depart by taxi located in the eastern car park, outside the dining precinct forecourt and in the Northern car park at the Church Street entry.

Trip planner

Weekend routes may change, please check all information with Adelaide Metro before departing. To plan your journey, refer to Adelaide Metro **Plan a Trip** www.adelaidemetro.com.au/plan-a-trip/plan-my-journey

In the sidebar of Google maps you'll see 'Route options'. You can choose routes that are wheelchair accessible, have less walking or fewer transfers.

PUBLIC TOILETS, ACCESSIBLE TOILETS AND CHANGE FACILITIES

You will find toilets at:

Visitor Information Centre: 66 Commercial Road, Port Adelaide

- Two female
- One male / One urinal
- One Access with baby change area

Corner of Nth Parade & Commercial Rodd Nth, Port Adelaide

- Six Single– temporary units (portaloo)
- One Access– temporary unit (portaloo)

Black Diamond Square, T-junction Commercial Road Nth, Nth & McLaren Parade, Port Adelaide

- Exeloo: One Unisex Access Toilet with baby change area

Harts Mill – Mundy Street, Port Adelaide

- Exeloo: One Unisex Access Toilet

Further Public toilet information can be found at [National Public Toilet Map](#)

ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Assistance animals are welcome and encouraged for anyone who needs them.

All animals must be on a lead, with their owner at all times while on the event site, and we ask that you clean up after your animal and dispose of waste in the appropriate bins located onsite.

Loud music and vehicle noise may cause animal distress.

WATER

Free water is available at the SA Water Station on Commercial Road North (in front of the Visitor Information Centre (Dog bowl, bubbler and water bottle refuel station)

FOOD

You are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks (no alcohol as the entire area is a declared Dry Zone). Many food businesses along Commercial Road and in the Port area will be open for business. There will be food vendors at the street party, with food and drinks for sale. These vendors include:

- Chocolate and Co
- Golden North Ice-creams
- Miss Dagwood Dog Adelaide
- Regency Rotary Club BBQ
- Sky Doodles Fairy Floss
- Slushies
- Taco Cartel
- The Grilled Cheeserie

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

The City of PAE takes public safety very seriously and in the event of an emergency we ask that you follow the directions of event staff, security and SAPOL.

SECURITY STAFF

SRS Security have been hired as security for the event; they can be found at the entrance and exits of the event as well as roaming throughout the venue and within the road closures. The security team will be wearing high vis vests with SRS branding. Please see them for any security concerns.



STAFF ASSISTANCE

Event staff, marshals, and security will be available to assist with questions or information during the event, they will be easily identified with their hi vis vest.

FIRST AID

St Johns have been engaged to provide medical coverage at the event with a dedicated triage marquee located near the Town Hall at 34 Nile St, Port Adelaide. In the event of a medical emergency during the event, call 000 and seek assistance.

SENSORY GUIDE

This guide may assist with understanding the sensory impact of this event and what patrons might feel, hear, see and smell. This may be useful for people who are sensitive to sensory experiences, such as those with autism or sensory processing disorder. This guide can be helpful with new or challenging situations.

At the Christmas Parade and after party you might.....

Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Change in temperature and weather conditions
- Cool or warm air
- Flying insects
- Shared personal space
- Receiving by hand give aways or lollies

Smell

- Air Freshener (toilets)
- Animals
- Bathroom smells (toilets)
- Cooking and BBQ
- Disinfectants (toilets)
- Exhaust fumes (vehicles)
- Food
- Sunscreen

Hear

- Amplified voices
- Announcements
- Birds
- Children playing
- Car horns
- Crowds
- Fan (toilets)
- Flying insects
- Hand dryer (toilets)
- Heating/ cooling fans or exhausts
- Live music
- People talking or calling out
- Radio music

See

- Active people
- Birds
- Bright lights on rides or toilets
- Clowns
- Crowds
- Dark or low lighting
- Flashing lights
- Flying insects
- Glare
- Mirror/Reflection (toilets)
- Movement of people
- Movement of shade sails
- Movement of rides
- Toilet flushing (toilets)
- Vehicles including cars, trucks and bikes
- Water running (toilets)

SOCIAL STORY

A Social Story, which may be helpful in supporting people with special educational needs to feel safe and included at the parade is available on our website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

We encourage you to chat to one of the team in advance of your attendance by emailing us: events@cityofpae.sa.gov.au or calling us at the event on 0436 467 474.

We're available for any pre-event or on-site accessibility assistance.