MARKET QUARTERLY

Summer GROTE BUSINESS PRECINCT 2026/27



Pictured at the unveiling are, l-r, Barry's widow Lizzie Spender, his close theatre friend Andrew Wallis and the Hon. Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax Smith

Barry Humpries honoured at Her Majesty's Theatre

On 16 November a life-sized bronze statue of the late Barry Humphries was unveiled outside Her Majesty's Theatre, the place where he made his stage debut in 1953 and which he described as his favourite theatre in the world to perform.

Created by renowned South Australian artist Robert Hannaford AM, in collaboration with Karl Meyer and Exhibition Studios, the statue depicts Barry in a trademark pose, doffing his hat in welcome to theatre patrons.

"Barry brought us Dame Edna Everage, Sir Les Paterson and Sandy Stone, but his connection with Adelaide went well beyond the stage. It is wonderful to see that connection recognised in bronze, in a place he loved so dearly", the Honourable Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Dr Jane Lomax Smith said at the unveiling.

The project was a partnership of the City of Adelaide and Adelaide Festival Centre, supported by donations from the Government of South Australia and generous private philanthropists.

Membership of Grote Business Precinct offers benefits, including:

- A direct voice to Council
- Free mini profile on MarketQuarter.com.au
- Invitations to free networking and community events
- Free training and business development
- Having a say on street safety, lighting and streetscaping

Visit *Contact Us* on MarketQuarter.com.au to learn more.

From the President



We were formed in 2000 with the objects and purposes to:

- Focus and support economic and community growth in the precinct
- Represent businesses and residents in the area, and
- Promote safety for businesses and residents.

In pursuing our goals we engage with the City of Adelaide, Adelaide Economic Development Agency, other precinct groups, state government and other organisations to promote the area.

I believe we have achieved these objectives very well, particularly through the turbulent pandemic years.

Our precinct is now experiencing some of the most dynamic economic development in the state. With the Market Square development nearing completion (early 2027) and several other major projects planned across the precinct, the future is exciting.

Looking ahead, I hope we can strengthen our collaboration with the many organisations with which we have built close working relationships.

SAPOL continues to provide regular feedback and reports on safety issues in our area.

In May this year, Grote Business Precinct conducted a safety and security audit with Constable Shawn Mcgregor, City of Adelaide Elected Members and staff. We walked the around precinct identifying shortcomings with security cameras and lighting, and the potential problem hot spots – a response to community perceptions of being and feeling unsafe. The group has suggested that a nighttime audit also be conducted to complement the daylight one.

The Grote Business Precinct will continue to hold safety and security workshops in conjunction with SAPOL and share information on issues affecting business operations.

Your committee meets regularly with Central Market management, a key stakeholder in the precinct.

Our precinct is at the centre of much of South Australia's significant development activity, including Market Square and Franklin Tower.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and our precinct has a high concentration of these particularly hospitality businesses and the performance arts, e.g. Her Majesty's Theatre and Diverse-City.

We know that with the substantial changes in tax laws coming into effect from 1 July 2028, small businesses are extremely busy reviewing their business structures with assistance from their accountants and solicitors.

My thanks to our Central Ward Councillors, Carmel Noon, Eleanor Freeman, Patrick Maher and Alfredo Cabada together with Lord Mayor, the Right Hon. Dr Jane Lomax Smith AM, for their unstinting support throughout the years.

We finally have an update on the proposed Franklin Street wombat crossing – an engineering consultant has been engaged to undertake the design work and this is expected to complete by January or February next year. After that we will see construction!

The Gouger Street revitalisation is progressing – be it slowly as some work needs to wait for the Market Square development to be completed. Consultants are in conversation with Grote Business Precinct and the Gouger Street Traders Association to keep us abreast of progress.

Networking with other precincts and decision makers are also important to meeting our objectives.

We will run sessions based on feedback from our regular newsletter and visits to businesses from our coordinator. To this end, we hope that AEDA's representation will provide feedback to the precincts.

It was my pleasure at our 2026 Annual General Meeting to publicly thank Committee Member Peter Veld and his business Kwik Kopy (Adelaide) for their generous support. They have printed our newsletter at no charge for about 20 years and recently printed our new Market Quarter banner.

If you haven't already done so, I encourage anyone who is passionate about the Precinct to consider joining our association.

Cathy

Cathy Chong AM JP



Peter Veld of Kwik Kopy Adelaide was recognised for his longterm support of the Association. He is pictured with President Cathy Chong.



AGM guest speakers (l-r) Fabienne Reilly, GM, Adelaide Central Market, and Tom McCready, City Infrastructure and Mike Philippou, Strategic Property & Commercial, City of Adelaide.



Committee members and Councillors with the new Market Quarter banner.

Visit: www.MarketQuarter.com.au/contact-us to meet our Committee and read the President's full report to the AGM.

Christmas is Coming to Town!

The decorations are up, Big Santa has returned to Grote Street, Adelaide Central Market is looking its festive best and there are lots of fun activities and Christmas cheer to enjoy.

Look out for four prominent shopfront windows along Grote Street as they will be transformed by talented local artist Elle Dawson Scott, also known as Saskia and Shadow. These colourful activations will celebrate local artistry while adding some festive sparkle during the holiday season.

Spectacular light and sound shows are happening every night from 8.30pm in Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga.



The Square will also be the venue for the Adelady Christmas Village on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th December from noon till 3pm both days.

In Adelaide Central Market children can post their letters to Santa and enjoy free facepainting every Saturday.



There's free live music on Friday nights and shoppers will be entertained by school and community choirs from Friday 27th November to Tuesday 15th December. And there'll be more!

Activities will include:

- **Table wreath-making** workshops, Saturday 5th December,
- **Cheese After Dark** – A Broadway Christmas, Wednesday 9th December,
- **The Art of Seafood** – Christmas from the Sea, Thursday 10th December
- **Free Tarot** readings, Friday 11th December.

You'll find the Market's full festive program and holiday trading hours at adelaidecentralmarket.com.au



Lunar New Year

Time is running out to visit the interactive Year of the Fire Horse installation at the Grote Street entrance to Chinatown.



Next February we'll be celebrating the Lunar New Year of the Fire Goat with another colourful street art installation.

The Fire Goat symbolises the very positive qualities of kindness, creativity and harmony.

One for the diary:
2027 Lunar New Year Street Party
Organised by Chinatown Adelaide SA Inc.
Moonta & Gouger Streets
Saturday 13th February, 1pm till late

Homeless Connect SA

This free, 24/7 statewide telephone service provides information, assessment and referrals for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The service helps with immediate needs and short-term assistance while connecting people to longer-term housing options.

If you come across someone sleeping rough share this phone number with them:

1800 003 308







Wednesday 16th December
Join us for our Members' 2026*

Christmas Party

GROTE Business Precinct

* Not a member? Contact the Coordinator or join on the night.

Enjoy networking & light refreshments from 5-7pm in the lounge
@ Zero Latency VR Adelaide, 162 Grote Street

RSVP By 14 December to Coordinator@GrotePrecinct.com.au or SMS 0413 381 728

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(River Torrens)



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