

Addressing Adelaide's Growing Pigeon Population and Associated Risks

Tom's Pest Control Adelaide outlines how increasing pigeon numbers are impacting public health, property maintenance and local businesses.

ADELAIDE, SA, AUSTRALIA, November 26, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Pigeons are a familiar sight in Adelaide's parks and laneways, but experts warn that their increasing numbers are creating serious problems for businesses, public spaces, and homes. Tom's [Pest Control Adelaide](#) says uncontrolled pigeon populations are now causing health concerns, property damage, and high cleaning costs across the city.



A Growing Urban Issue

Adelaide's mild weather and abundance of food sources have made it ideal for pigeon breeding. The birds nest in roof cavities, signage, and air-conditioning units, leaving droppings that corrode surfaces and clog drains. In commercial areas, flocks have become large enough to disrupt foot traffic and dining spaces.

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A spokesperson from Tom's said, “We're seeing a sharp rise in pigeon-related callouts, especially around shopping centres and heritage buildings. Droppings are not only unsightly but also carry bacteria and parasites. When left untreated, they create both health and maintenance issues.”

The Health Risks

Pigeon droppings can contain pathogens such as *Histoplasma capsulatum* and *Cryptococcus neoformans*, which can cause respiratory illnesses in humans. Dried droppings become airborne dust that spreads through ventilation systems.

“Many businesses don't realise the hidden risks,” the spokesperson explained. “Staff in warehouses or maintenance teams working near droppings are often exposed. Cleaning without

proper protection can lead to infection.”

The problem extends to homes. Nesting pigeons attract mites and other parasites that spread to ceilings and furniture. Their constant presence also creates noise and odour issues, especially in apartment complexes.

Property Damage and Financial Loss

Pigeon droppings are acidic and eat through paint, metal, and concrete.

Over time, this corrosion leads to expensive repairs. Blocked drains and gutters can cause roof leaks, while nesting materials increase fire hazards in air-conditioning systems.

For businesses, the damage is often visible. Outdoor dining areas, balconies, and entryways stained by droppings deter customers and violate health regulations.

“We’ve helped restaurants that were losing business because pigeons roosted above their signs,” the spokesperson said. “After installing deterrents, their outdoor seating became usable again.”

Local Testimonial

Adelaide business owner Emily Harper from Rundle Street shared her experience. “We run a café with outdoor seating. The pigeons became a nightmare. They nested on the awning, and staff had to clean every morning. Tom’s Pest Control Adelaide installed bird spikes and netting discreetly. Within a week, the pigeons left. Our customers noticed the difference immediately.”

Professional Control vs DIY

Many property owners try temporary fixes such as fake owls or reflective tape, but pigeons adapt quickly. Tom’s bird control service uses proven deterrents like stainless-steel spikes, bird netting, and wire systems that prevent roosting without harming the birds.

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Pest Control Experts in Adelaide

Cleaning and Maintenance

Before installing deterrents, professional cleaning is essential. Tom's provides specialised decontamination services that remove droppings safely and disinfect affected areas. Their technicians use industrial-grade cleaning products and protective equipment to eliminate health hazards.

"Sanitation is the first step," the spokesperson said. "If you install deterrents on dirty surfaces, pigeons come back. A clean site tells them the area is no longer suitable for nesting."

Broader City Impact

The growing pigeon population affects more than private properties. Council buildings, transport hubs, and historic landmarks face the same problem. Bird droppings accelerate the deterioration of stone and metal, threatening Adelaide's architectural heritage.

Tom's works with local councils to provide long-term control strategies for public infrastructure. "Prevention protects the city's image and reduces maintenance costs," the spokesperson said. "Pigeon management should be treated like any other essential service."

Preventive Steps for Residents

The company recommends simple actions to discourage pigeons around homes and businesses:

- Keep outdoor eating areas clean and free of food waste.
- Seal gaps or openings under roofs where birds can nest.
- Remove standing water and fix leaks that attract pigeons.
- Avoid feeding wild birds in public spaces.

About Tom's Pest Control Adelaide

Tom's Pest Control Adelaide offers professional pest management services across South Australia, specialising in both residential and [commercial pest control](#). Their licensed technicians provide effective commercial pest control solutions alongside humane bird and pigeon management, including [bird proofing in Adelaide](#) to keep spaces cleaner and healthier. They tackle a wide range of pests such as ants, termites, rodents, spiders, bed bugs, cockroaches, fleas, silverfish, moths, and more, serving homes and businesses alike. Using detailed

inspections, tailored treatment plans, and a focus on prevention, the company employs modern, eco-friendly methods that protect people, pets, and the environment throughout Adelaide. This ensures high-quality pest management tailored to the unique needs of each property, whether commercial or residential.

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