

MEDIA RELEASE

Designs for Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail unveiled

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Alexandrina Council Members were given a preview of the designs for the \$7 million Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail at the Council Information Session held at Strathalbyn last night (Monday 27 July).

The preview is ahead of the full Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail In Region Reveal for the community in Langhorne Creek in a fortnight.

What: Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail In Region Reveal

Where: The Langhorne Creek Hub / Old Schoolhouse

When: Sunday, 16 August 2026, 10 am-2 pm

Presentations and Q&A sessions at 11 am and 1 pm

Highlights of the designs included an upgraded shelter and information bay at Alfred Langhorne Park, a wine industry-inspired pedestrian bridge across the Bremer River, a new nature-based playground for First Reserve and a pump track and picnic areas at Frank Potts Reserve, outside the current camping area.

The designs have been developed in conjunction with the Project Partnership Group, comprising Council, the Langhorne Creek Hub, Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Association, and Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation, alongside the project contractors, Fleurieu Peninsula-based construction firm, 35 South Building Co.

The Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail is a community-driven project, guided by the Project Partnership Group. Council is leading the delivery of essential infrastructure, while the Project Partnership Group, in collaboration with Council's Economic Development team, is focussed on activating the trail and developing the tourism product.

In August 2025, Council secured a \$7.06 million grant from the Australian Government's regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) to develop the Discovery Trail to create new opportunities for tourism and investment in the Langhorne Creek region.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes said Council Members were excited to see the features that would activate the confirmed route of the 2.8km walking and cycling trail between Bremerton Wines and Bleasdale Vineyards.

"This is going to make Langhorne Creek a real destination for families, wine lovers and visitors from across the region, the State and beyond," Mayor Parkes said.

“It’s so much more than a pathway with fantastic play areas for children, public spaces and amenities for gatherings with friends and family, First Nations artwork and wayfinding and interpretive signage that authentically shares the history of this region from the Ngarrindjeri people to the early pioneers, the wine industry, the river environment and the families who have made this area what it is today.

“Everything has been designed to complement the beautiful natural surroundings of Langhorne Creek while encouraging visitors to enjoy the explore the town and the surrounding areas and support local businesses.

“Council has been working with our community on this project, and we’re really delighted with what our contractors 35 South Building Co have come up with thanks to their feedback and the scope of the Federal grant funding.

“This project is expected to drive the next phase of tourism development in Langhorne Creek, creating opportunities in cycling, nature-based tourism, cultural experiences and agritourism.

“Just as importantly, it provides a platform for future investment in accommodation, hospitality and visitor experiences, creating new opportunities for local businesses to diversify, innovate and grow.”

For the latest information about the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail project head to <https://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/discoverytrail>



Artist’s render (courtesy of 35 Degrees South Building Co and Landskap) of the new footbridge over the Bremer River, Langhorne Creek Discover Trail.

A photograph of a park scene. In the center, there is a wooden play structure with a slide. The structure has a sign that reads "SPOTTED OAK PARK". Several children are playing on the structure. In the foreground, a group of people are sitting on a picnic blanket on the grass. The background is filled with tall trees and a clear blue sky.

Project Overview

This aerial map illustrates the Blue Heron Trail, a 1.5-mile loop. The trail is marked with a thick black line and numbered points 1 through 10. Key landmarks and features are labeled with green callouts:

- 1. INFORMATION SIGNS** (at the trailhead)
- 2. NEW DISCOVERY TRAIL** (junction point)
- 3. GENERAL STORE** (near the junction)
- 4. BIRCH HIDE** (along the trail)
- 5. WOOD WARDEN'S** (near the junction)
- 6. AMBULATORY WALKS** (near the junction)
- 7. LAKE** (at the end of the loop)
- 8. BIRCH HIDE** (at the end of the loop)
- 9. ALFRED LANGSHIRE** (near the junction)
- 10. BIRCH HIDE** (near the junction)

Four circular inset photos provide visual context for the trail:

- Inset 1:** Shows a person walking on a paved path near a wooden fence.
- Inset 2:** Shows a wooden gazebo structure in a wooded area.
- Inset 3:** Shows a person walking on a paved path near a wooden fence.
- Inset 4:** Shows a person walking on a paved path near a wooden fence.

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