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On ground works start on Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail

3 September 2026

Alexandrina Council and our Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail project partners marked the start of physical works on site with a groundbreaking ceremony on 3 September 2026.

The sod-turning event in Alfred Langhorne Park marked this important milestone and drew representatives from Council, the Project Partnership Group, and Fleurieu-based construction firm, 35 South Building Co.

Over the next month, early works on the Discovery Trail will involve (weather permitting) the following:

- The establishment of site compounds and storage area within Frank Potts Reserve, First Reserve, and Alfred Langhorne Park.
- The creation of access to areas of the project.
- Notification to key members of the public of upcoming works.
- Completion of key in-ground services such as connections to power and water.

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

The 2.8km walking and cycling trail is being built between Bremerton Wines and Bleasdale Wines and is scheduled to be completed by April 2027.

The Discovery Trail is a community-driven project, guided by the Project Partnership Group comprising Council, the Langhorne Creek Hub, Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Association, and Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation.

Council is leading the delivery of essential infrastructure, while the Project Partnership Group, in collaboration with Council's Economic Development team, is focused on activating the trail and developing the tourism product.

"Starting on-ground works is an important milestone for this project which has been many years in the making," Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes said.

"The Langhorne Creek community came up with the initial vision for this trail, and Council has been a strong advocate and is now the project lead to get the infrastructure built.

“This event follows a successful In-Region Reveal at Langhorne Creek in mid-August where more than 60 residents were able to see final designs and artist renders.

“We’re really excited to see this project take shape and thank the Langhorne Creek community in advance for their support for the Discovery Trail and their patience as we go through the construction phase.”

Ongoing communications with local residents and stakeholders will occur throughout the project, related to construction and any interruptions that may be experienced.

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



Image: Officially turning the soil to mark the start of physical works for the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail are Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes, left, 35 South Building Company Director Tom Shaw, and Project Partnership Group representatives John Eckert and Lian Jaensch, ably assisted by young local Harvey Longden.

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