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## Message from our Mayor

**Welcome to the Autumn edition of Alexandrina Alive. In this issue we reflect on the exciting commencement, progress and completion of major and smaller projects as well as celebrate the launch of the SA Wooden Boat Festival Food, Wine and Experience Program and weekend Festival.**

We have continued to collaborate and create opportunities for local businesses to provide unique offerings throughout April. Business Alexandrina has worked with small businesses to make April the month to explore locally with over 160 events celebrating our arts, food, wine, tourist

experiences, and natural beauty scheduled in the lead up to the SA Wooden Boat Festival at Alexandrina Cove on 29 and 30 April.

Exciting infrastructure projects will progress across the region including the Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation, commencement of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct Project including the Signal Point Experience Centre, Beacon 19 Boat Ramp, Goolwa Beach Carpark and Environs Master Plan, Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct and smaller projects including a new playground at the Milang Foreshore.

We look forward to awarding our Heritage Awards in May during History Month and the first meetings for two new Section 41 committees (Climate Emergency

and Environment, and Heritage Advisory). Thank you to all that submitted nominations and welcome all members.

For all our young, budding writers out there, the annual Mayor's Short Story Challenge is open for submissions between May 1 to 7 July. I can't wait to read the stories from our local young people and celebrate the winners in September.

As the weather cools, the leaves change and we anticipate the upcoming whale season, there is so much to be celebrated in this edition.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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➤ Visit Council's community consultation website at [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au](https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

**Above:** Mayor Keith Parkes

**Front cover:** Traditional smoking ceremony by Ngarrindjeri man, Cedric Varcoe, to welcome the arrival of the red gum tree that will be transformed into a Southern Right Whale sculpture by world renowned artist Silvio Apponyi OAM.

The three pieces of wood will be carved into a mother whale and her calf, 'Buttons and Bobby'.

Visit the whale sculptures overlooking the ocean opposite Seaview Avenue, Middleton.





Goolwa Wharf artist impression

# Goolwa Wharf Precinct Project – It's time to build!

It is full steam ahead for the Goolwa Wharf Precinct and construction will start in April 2023. It is thought to be the biggest asset restoration project in the history of Council. Works will include the wharf decking re-construction, Wharf Shed remediation and Signal Point building roof remediation. It is estimated that over 80% of the funding for the project will be spent on much needed restoration of existing assets.

The Wharf Shed's internal space will be split in half with the PS Oscar W volunteers and the commercial tenant, each being allocated five bays. The space allocation was an important detail to clarify for the project with both current tenants being key to achieving the Goolwa Wharf Precinct project's vision to create a place to experience a vibrant riverfront township enriched with culture and history.

We will continue to move forward with the project to meet the tight completion timeframes required by the \$5M grant funding received for the project and the \$980,000 grant funding received for the Signal Point Experience Centre. The Project Team are working closely with all precinct stakeholders as we prepare for the upcoming staged construction plans including a timetable for the building phase that allows continuing access by the public, maintains business operations and manages impacts from construction activities. Project completion is anticipated in early 2024.



Read more about the project at  
[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwawharf](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwawharf)

## Your Bin Collection schedule is changing



from 1 July 2023



Everyone's blue  
general waste bin will  
be collected in the  
**First week** of July.



In the **Second week** of  
July, your yellow and/  
or green\* bins will be  
collected together.

\*Green bins for relevant households only.

For more information  
visit [frwa.com.au](http://frwa.com.au)



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WASTE AUTHORITY



## Fleurieu Advanced Care Directive

Alexandrina Council, City of Victor Harbor, and District Council of Yankalilla, are working together with the Fleurieu Advance Care Directive (ACD) Reference Group to develop a community service that will equip people with the information they need to complete their Advance Care Directive.

An Advance Care Directive makes it easy for others to know what your wishes are if you are unable to make these decisions yourself. It can also give you peace of mind to know that your wishes are known and will be respected, if others need to make decisions for you. This initiative is supported by Office for Ageing Well and Health Services Programs, SA Health. It is expected volunteer one-on-one support will be available at Council by May 2023.

*"It's important to consider your wishes, no matter what stage of life"*  
Port Elliot resident.



For further information contact Council's Wellbeing team, or visit [advancecaredirectives.sa.gov.au](https://advancecaredirectives.sa.gov.au)

## Social and accessible activities – a big win at Goolwa Stadium

Pickleball sessions are regularly run at the Goolwa Stadium thanks initially to an Office Recreation Sport and Racing grant, Active Alex. Played Monday and Saturday mornings there is a growing band of dedicated players. For further information search Pickle Ball on Council's website.

Increasing disability awareness has also been a feature of this funding with the Goolwa Stadium by hosting a WheelieNet session open to all members of the community. It was held during the January 2023 school holidays.

*'I would like to thank Council for providing such a fantastic experience for me and my children... We had so much fun and it was definitely something I never would have thought we would get to try, let alone play a game!'* WheelieNet Participant



For further information visit, [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwastadium](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwastadium)







## Small business, the lifeblood of Alexandrina

**Small businesses are hugely important to the vibrancy and diversity of Alexandrina. After all, 99% of our region's 2,174 local businesses are small businesses.**

As an accredited 'Small Business Friendly Council' we are committed to implementing a range of initiatives for the benefit of small businesses in our region.

We are proudly committed to helping our local business

community grow and thrive through a number of specific initiatives, including:

- Our Local Alexandrina, an online platform promoting local businesses
- Offering Business Initiative Grants and information about non-Council grants
- Regular workshops and training sessions
- Support to leverage community events like the Food, Wine & Experience Program

- Bringing together industry groups, such as the Alexandrina Sustainable Agricultural Round Table
- A procurement process which prioritises local businesses
- Building partner relationships to support small business.

We are proud to be a Small Business Friendly Council, and will continue to support our local businesses in any way we can.



**Contact The Hub on 8555 7455 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday to speak directly with a member of our business support team. You can also email us on [business@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:business@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)**

## Local Immunisation Clinics



**Alexandrina Council runs immunisation clinics, on behalf of SA Health, to administer free Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) vaccines for eligible people.**

Over 2,000 JEV vaccinations have been administered since October 2022. Japanese encephalitis is a rare but serious disease caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV).

Whilst this disease has a vaccine many other mosquito borne diseases do not. You can "Fight the Bite" to protect yourself and your family against mosquito bites and mosquito borne diseases by:

- Cover up by wearing long, loose fitting clothing
- Repel using insect repellent
- Eliminate the water that mosquitoes can breed in around the home.



For more information in regards to Council immunisation clinics visit or follow the link to make a booking for the JEV vaccination [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/immunisation](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/immunisation)



# Children and Young People in Alexandrina

**We value our youngsters and want to support their ability to explore and discover their potential through shared local experiences and social connections.**

Council with funding support from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation and in partnership with Reclink and the Milang and District Community Association have kicked off a new regular social program in Milang for young people of Alexandrina.

Coordinated by Reclink Australia, young people meet every Friday during school term 4.30–6pm for an afternoon of fun and connection over activities ranging from sports, art to board games and more.

The program aims to increase health, personal development, social connection and inclusion amongst youth in Milang and surrounding areas. Home base for the Youth Program is the Milang Youth Hub, formerly Old Regatta Yacht Club.

It is a fantastic space to come down and join in the activities. New participants are always welcome, so if you're a young person looking for something to do, pop your head in next Friday night.

We are also looking for volunteers to support the delivery of this program, and other youth-related programs in the Alexandrina area.

If you are interested in making a real difference to young people in your community please register your interest to Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC) on 8537 0687.

Young people are strongly encouraged to apply.

## Life is a bus.....Youth Theatre Program

Off the back of school holiday workshops held across the region in Victor Harbor, Milang and Goolwa, our talented Youth Theatre Program have produced a play. You can view the live performance of their play on Council's website and find out more about what's happening in Alexandrina for youth.

➤ Visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/youth](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/youth)



## Middleton 2022 Storm Event

The November 2022 storm event on the Fleurieu was sudden and severe. It resulted in significant damage to properties, businesses and infrastructure across South Australia.

Following a community meeting with those directly affected in Middleton, it was acknowledged that Council's focus needed to shift from Infrastructure to the people, the community we serve.

Council remain committed to continuing the recovery process and by working together with other lead agencies and community to understand what happened, and make improvements to better prepare our region for future extreme weather events.

A dedicated project page has been set up as a central place to keep the community informed on progress and actions taken.

➤ **Subscribe to receive regular email updates** [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

➤ **Useful resource links to help you prepare or respond to extreme weather events, visit** [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/extremeweather](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/extremeweather)



Image: 2022 Heritage Award Winner for Heritage Tourism, Strathalbyn Players Inc. (Strathalbyn Youth Theatre)

## Come along to celebrate Alexandrina's Heritage

The Heritage Advisory Committee are proud to present the 2023 Heritage Awards.

The awards night will be held on 18 May 2023 and highlights how important heritage is to the Alexandrina region. Come along to meet the people who are helping to retain and showcase

their amazing heritage research or projects. It is a fabulous way to recognise and celebrate finalists and winners that demonstrate innovation and best practice in celebrating the heritage of our region. For further information visit, [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritage](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritage)



## Transport for our community

Alexandrina Council provides funding each year to support the provision of community transport services for eligible residents.

If you are transport disadvantaged, you may be able to access support to get to medical appointments with Medi Ride or to the local shops via the Community Shopping Bus.

Southern Communities Transport Scheme (SCOTS) provides a community bus service on Thursdays and Friday for coastal residents and the Hills Community Transport service regularly take Strathalbyn residents to shopping centres outside of the town. Visit Council's website to check eligibility criteria.

➤ For more information on transport and Council's advocacy, visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/transport](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/transport)

## Upcoming consultations

- Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2023/24
- Draft Climate Emergency Action Plan
- Draft Environmental Action Plan
- Council review of By-Laws.

➤ Register on [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au](https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au) for updates.

Concerns about public transport are frequently raised by Alexandrina residents in our region. Although Council is not a transport service provider, it does play an important advocacy role on behalf of the community.

In 2022 Council prepared a submission to the Select Committee on Public and Active Transport, Parliament of South Australia. It included the evidence Council has collected regarding our community's views on public transport in the region. Many points in the submission have been reflected in the final report and its recommendations, including the need to:

- Increase the frequency and improve the connectivity of bus services in regional areas.
- Have fair and equitable fares for regional passengers
- Improve cycling infrastructure, including in regions.
- Promote alternatives to car travel to improve community wellbeing and reduce carbon emissions.

To learn more visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/transport](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/transport)

# Check out the new Langhorne Creek Public Toilets

**The new building caters for disability access, gender-neutral requirements, and is an environmentally friendly facility that utilises energy efficient and water saving systems.**

The external design captures Langhorne Creek's history of vineyards and wine making with a wine barrel shaped secure area to house the rainwater tank and artwork images displayed on the security screens.



## 2023 Village Conversations

Village Conversations will take place across the region late 2023. In 2021, Council hosted 24 sessions to gather township-based information to help create the draft Village Innovation Plans. We are excited to share what we heard, what we've been up to and invite you to provide further feedback and prioritise what you want to see in your village.

Whether you're a community member, rate payer or business owner, we want to hear from you to ensure the VIPs are representative of each unique Alexandrina Community.



**Register your email for updates and to learn about all key dates and how to contribute online and in person, visit [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/villageconversations](https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/villageconversations)**

## Clayton Bay LED Lighting Installation and Dark Skies Community Consultation

**58 new LED lights are scheduled for activation in Clayton Bay's newer developments. Balancing both liveability and the natural dark skies of Clayton Bay, the new lights meet the 'International Dark Skies Organisation' guidelines.**

To further enhance, protect and celebrate Clayton Bay's natural skies, Council is working with the Clayton Bay Community Association to present an Information Session later this year on the process involved in obtaining Dark Skies accreditation.



**Express your interest to attend this Information Session by registering your email here: [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/clayton-bay-dark-skies](https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/clayton-bay-dark-skies)**





Vision mindmap for Alexandrina  
by Barbary O'Brien

# Regenerating Our Food System

Food connects all of us. From paddock to plate and beyond, our local food system is a complex, integrated network of food production, processing, distribution, consumption, and resource recovery.



We are excited to share our region's vision for a regenerative and resilient local food system, built with business and community. The vision was developed through the Our Local Food System workshop, the Agribusiness

Innovation Conversation, and the Yarrun (Yarning) Circle with First Nations held October 2021 to May 2022.

It is a vision for a future food system that brings positive outcomes for our people, economy and environment.

It sees us able to respond to climate change, reduce our dependence on distant food sources, and ensure access to affordable, nutritious food for all.

Alexandrina is known for our fabulous food and food culture, and there is a role for community, businesses and Council in bringing this vision to life. The priority areas which have emerged as part of this vision present opportunities for residents, businesses and community. They are:

- Enabling regenerative farming
- Supporting local food
- Encouraging sustainable planning and design

- Reducing food waste
- Learning alongside First Nations
- Facilitating education and awareness.

We hope it inspires you as much as it does us. The workshops and conversations were a first step to better understand the food system and co-create a regenerative food future. The journey has only just begun.

We have been working on taking steps towards realising the vision, working in partnership with organisations such as Regional Development Australia – Hills, Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island whose mandate is to foster liveability and a thriving economy within our region; and The Food Embassy, a Fleurieu-based social enterprise focused on building a regenerative food system through education, events and collaborative projects.

Under the "Supporting local food" theme of our vision, together we are exploring the current logistics challenges and opportunities for small food and wine enterprises in the Fleurieu region.



To find out more about regenerating our food system and other ways to get involved, visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/foodsystem](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/foodsystem)



Milang playground – artists impression

## Check out the new Milang playground

Exciting new playground equipment will be installed in April-May 2023 at the Milang foreshore including swings, slides, spinner, carousel and shade sail. Another great play area for kids!

Earlier this year, the Strathalbyn Lions Park had a shade sail installed over the playground

equipment to provide protection from the elements.

**To explore more of Alexandrina's playgrounds, parks, gardens and skate parks, visit:**

[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/parks](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/parks)



## Mayors' short story challenge

The annual Mayors' short story challenge is open for R-10 students (school and home school) during Term Two. We welcome you to get involved and submit your student or child's short story.

**Submissions open 1 May and close at 5pm Friday, 7 July.** You can request the guidelines from **Alexandrina Libraries.**

The combined finalists and winners story book will be added to the Library catalogue and be available to borrow.

**> To find out more visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries) or call Alexandrina Libraries on 8555 7000.**



## Look out for Alexandrina's new Library services caddy

**Alexandrina Libraries operates a free monthly outreach service across the Alexandrina Council area, to residents unable to visit a library site through ill health, injury, mobility issues or isolation.**

Outreach customers have access to items from across the entire South Australian Public Library Network – this includes fiction and non-fiction books for all ages, magazines, music CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and jigsaws as well as books printed in large print and dyslexia friendly font. We can also help you to access our digital collections too.

Items can be selected by you, or the Outreach Coordinator will select from your preferences each month. These items are then delivered by our Library volunteers to the doors of people living in their own homes, retirement villages or residential care facilities.

If you, or a family member, may need our service, please call us on **8555 7000** to talk to a member of the Library Team to find out if you are eligible or how we can assist you. When you see this snappy vehicle in your travels, it just may be one of those wonderful volunteers helping to make our community more connected – delivering "For All Who Seek".

**> To find out more call Alexandrina Libraries 8555 7000.**



# Major project updates



## Lot 10, Strathalbyn

Earmarked as a recreational precinct, the Council owned land at Lot 10 Langhorne Creek Road, Strathalbyn will have a business case and Infrastructure Investigation Report developed. These reports will assist Council make informed future decisions on its development, including the cost and any constraints for potential infrastructure on the land.

For project updates, visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/lot10](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/lot10)

## Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation

The eight stage project is progressing on schedule with Swale Street now complete. Upcoming works will include the Dawson Street precinct (Stage 4.2) commencing in May 2023. Works will entail intersection and stormwater upgrades, improved pedestrian connectivity, new footpath paving, additional lighting, garden beds, trees and street furniture. The intersection will be closed during June and July 2023 and final stages commencing in August include parking and Town Hall upgrades. On track from completion in late 2023.

## Goolwa Oval - Stage 2

In March, brand new LED lighting towers and digital LED multi-use scoreboard were installed at the oval, as well as new 12m goal posts and behind-the-goals netting in readiness for the commencement of the 2023 season. Upcoming works will include removal of the four tennis courts adjacent the wetland, the public toilet facility on the west corridor, existing cricket practice nets, Lions book shed, the storage shed and play equipment. These works will pave the way for the exciting new tennis and netball courts, new cricket practice nets and new storage facilities for cricket, netball and tennis equipment. A new play space will be constructed adjacent the new tennis and netball courts, with a landscape boulevard entry and green open space.

To keep up to date with projects in Alexandrina visit our website [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projects](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projects)





artwork by Margie Hooper

## Transcendence\*

Abstract, semi abstract or non figurative painting often requires the viewer to spend more time contemplating the work as it shifts from representational language to a more imaginative vocabulary. The disparate modes of expression between these three artists become visual probes through which new visual realities might be discovered. The trick is to stretch one's perception and perhaps see things in the world previously missed.

**When:** 26 May to 25 June

**Location:** South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

**Enquiries:** 8555 7289 or [aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

## Storm Boy\*

The Australian drama family film based on the 1964 novella by Colin Thiele. Storm Boy follows a young boy growing up on a largely uninhabited coastline of Southern Australia. He rescues three orphan pelicans and forms a close bond with them.

Thiele's novel was originally adapted in 1976 and remade in 2019. Filmed locally in Goolwa, Port Elliot and the Coorong National Park, Storm Boy has a special place in the heart of our region.

**When:** 30 April, 11am and 2pm

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

## South Australian Wooden Boat Festival\*

**When:** 29 and 30 April

**Location:** Alexandrina Cove, Hindmarsh Island

Celebrating South Australia's rich maritime history and boat builders past and present, wooden craft of all shapes, size and age will gather for the South Australian Wooden Boat Festival. There will be plenty to see and do. [sawoodenboatfestival.com.au](http://sawoodenboatfestival.com.au)

## Exhibition – "If I had a Boat"\*

**When:** 21 April to 21 May

**Location:** South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

**Remarkable: Stories of Australians and their boats – Australian National Maritime Museum\***

**When:** 21 April to 21 May

**Location:** South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

**Enquiries:** [aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

## BackBeat 60

**When:** 21 April, 2pm

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Bookings:** [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

## School Holidays Shoot Around

**When:** 27 April, 1-3pm

**Location:** Goolwa Sports Stadium

All ages, gold coin donation

## Bluegum Bill's Suburban Wildlife Safari

**When:** 28 April, 11am

**Location:** Goolwa Sports Stadium

Ages 3-10 years, \$12/child

**Bookings:** [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

## Dr. Bubble & Milkshake: Bubble Laboratory

**When:** 29 April, 1pm

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
All Ages. It's more than a bubble show – it's a bubble adventure!

**Bookings:** [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

## Bubble Show 2: For Adults Only

**When:** 29 April, 8pm

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
A non-sequential sequel to the Fringe cult hit Bubble Show.

**Bookings:** [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

## Creedance Revival

**When:** 19 May, 2pm

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
Straight up rock 'n' roll with that well known bluesy/country feel.

**Bookings:** [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

## Songs that Fly under the Radar

**When:** 23 June, 2pm

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
Uncover familiar songs through the sound of the acoustic guitar, vocal harmonies and the cello to evoke uplifting feelings of nostalgia.

**Bookings:** [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

## Interested in doing business with Alexandrina Council?

We are holding sessions for contractors, consultants and suppliers looking to provide goods and services to Council.

Come and meet the Procurement team and find out how to access opportunities and the requirements of responding to Request for Tenders with Council.

The Procurement team are available by appointment or you can drop in to an information session to find out more. Upcoming dates in Goolwa and Strathalbyn:

- 18 May
- 25 May
- 8 June
- 15 June
- 22 June.

For more event details visit Council's website  
[alexandrina.sa.gov.au](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

\*Free Event!

