



Alexandrina Alive



Heritage Awards 2021

Annual recognition of
iconic heritage properties
and heritage research

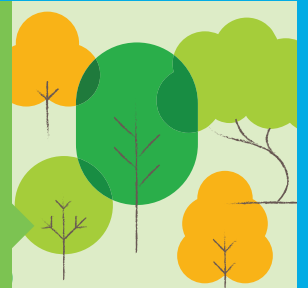
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One Million Tree Project

Community-led native
tree planting throughout
the region

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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the winter edition of Alexandrina Alive. It has been a busy quarter at Council, progressing a number of regional projects, and securing much-needed funding from the State Government to further progress some large scale infrastructure developments.

We have seen significant progress of the Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct; the Goolwa Wharf Precinct, including the renovation of the Goolwa Chart Room into a space usable for a number of 'pop-up' events and business applications; and the Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation Project which includes the Strathalbyn Town Hall upgrade.

We have secured State Government grant funding to upgrade the Beacon 19 Boat Ramp in Goolwa and to progress the Goolwa Beach Car Park and Environs Master Plan, which will greatly enhance accessibility, public facilities and the aesthetic features of both areas.

We also celebrate the final transition to Resthaven as the new provider for aged care services and support in the Alexandrina region and we sincerely thank all our volunteers for their contribution to the program and the people it has supported in our community.

We are very happy to partner with the Helpmann Academy to undertake a major public art commission for the Goolwa Wharf Precinct revitalisation project and we congratulate round two recipients of the Alexandrina Economic

Development Recovery Grant. We look forward to seeing the recipient businesses recovery initiatives take place around the region.

We have recently announced our list of participants for the Alexandrina Innovation Challenge in partnership with Start-up Adelaide in their first local Council and regional collaboration. This is an entrepreneurial program for the creators, innovators and collaborators of the Alexandrina region. We wish all the individuals and teams every success.

We acknowledge the ever-changing environment we live in, so please stay safe.



Keith Parkes
Mayor

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Above: Mayor Keith Parkes with David Basham MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Member for Finnis, at the 'Beacon 19' boat ramp in Goolwa.

Front Cover: Ratalang-Basham Beach Conservation Reserve along the Encounter Bikeway. The coastal path from Goolwa passes through Middleton, Port Elliot and Ratalang-Basham Beach Conservation Reserve and provides the perfect opportunity to take in the ocean views, watch the whales and enjoy the sea breeze.

A2040 – Full Steam Ahead

We are pleased to share with you some of the recent achievements and upcoming priorities for A2040.

It has been a privilege for the Alexandrina Team to be a part of the Milang, Clayton Bay, Port Elliot and Middleton Village Conversations to listen, learn and share ideas through a combination of engagement tools including Council's My Say portal and in-person conversations throughout May, June and July 2021. The face-to-face opportunities have included two drop-in conversations and a facilitated Village Conversation for each township.

Learning more about what makes each township unique and opportunities to identify potential actions in the short, medium and long term has been instrumental in establishing an appreciation of what the Alexandrina community loves and values; and also, their future aspirations to thrive. It has been recognised that we need to be more agile in how we engage with our diverse community and ensure that our younger generations are front and centre in sharing their hopes and dreams for Alexandrina in A2040.

At each facilitated Village Conversation, it has been great to showcase our local arts and cultural talents and support community

organisations whom have looked after participants by hosting BBQ fundraisers. Thank you Alexandrina for welcoming us so warmly and being open to an enhanced model of consultation.

Work is well underway in shaping invaluable information that will contribute to each Village Innovation Plan moving forward.

The community have had the opportunity to make comments and suggestions on the 2040 Priority action areas and discuss subjects with Council staff including Arts and Culture, Environment, Tourism, Planning, Land Use, Social Inclusion and so much more.

From late July our focus turns to Mount Compass then Langhorne Creek, Woodchester and Hartley in August.

Village Conversations in Strathalbyn, Finnis and Ashbourne are due to commence mid October 2021, with an intention to have all annual A2040 Village Conversations completed by December 2021.

We look forward to promoting the thoughts of each community as they create their own vision statement to lead future decision making and ensure a Liveable, Green and Connected Alexandrina.

All community members are encouraged to 'Stay Informed' on the relevant Village My Say page. Links to all Digital Conversation pages and more information is available at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/villageconversations



Clayton Bay Facilitated Event



Port Elliot Drop In Session



Port Elliot Primary





Goolwa Beach Project to Progress

Goolwa Beach car park and its surrounds are set to undergo significant upgrades following the announcement of almost \$1M in State Government grant funding to progress the project.

Council has secured funding of \$995,000 through the Open Space and Places for People grant program, which will complement Alexandrina Council's budget contribution of \$1.045M in the 2021/22 financial year to progress the Goolwa Beach Car Park and Environs Master Plan. The project will greatly enhance beach accessibility, public facilities and the aesthetic features of the popular destination. The beach car park and access ramps are extremely busy areas, particularly on weekends and holidays, even more so since the construction of the Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club in 2019 and the recent upgrade of the Kuti Shack café.

Following significant community and stakeholder consultation, the Master Plan was endorsed in 2017, aiming to guide the future development and sustainable management of the Goolwa Beach car park and surrounding area. As well as the broader community and visitors, there are many specific groups making use of this important part of the coastal environment.

The Master Plan balances the many social, cultural, environmental and

economic considerations to ensure that Council plans for sustainable development and a safe and enjoyable experience for locals and visitors alike.

Works are proposed to expand the car park by 40 spaces (and a further 25 on Beach Road); improve pedestrian and cycle access between the beach and Encounter Bikeway via a shared path with safe road crossing points; and improve access to the beach via the 4WD track, emergency vehicle access track at the south-west corner of the car park.

A beachside promenade between the carpark and the foreshore dunes will include new, contemporary public infrastructure including seating, shelters, showers, public art and an elevated viewing deck.

Through the Master Plan, Council made a commitment to ensure 'no net loss' of native vegetation on the sensitive dune system

surrounding the car park, and will implement relevant vegetation recommendations, and work collaboratively with local conservation and volunteer groups to protect and enhance the habitat.

Goolwa Beach is way-of-life for locals and visitors alike. It is a place that our visitors love to explore and puts us on the map as a must-see regional destination.

The State Government funding, combined with Council's contribution will make the area safer and more accessible through creative and practical design elements. These are upgrades that will service the precinct for many years as the region grows.

Council is preparing to commence the design and procurement stages in the coming months, with the onground works expected to be completed by late 2022.

For further information visit **alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeachplan**

Our A2040 Community Plan aspiration is to be **leaders of environmental innovation.**

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Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards

Heritage enthusiasts from around the region attended the Tooperang War Memorial Hall on Thursday 27 May for the annual Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards.

Organised by Council's Heritage Advisory Committee, the awards recognise and celebrate the hard work undertaken by residents, businesses and community groups on some of our most iconic heritage



properties, along with those who contribute to recognising and researching our region's history and heritage.

Prior to the awards being presented, guest speaker Peter Cahalan shared his perspective on the benefits of heritage tourism. Peter has a wealth in this field and was warmly welcomed given his previous role as Tourism Manager of Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism.

Awards are given across six categories with one of these

recipients being presented with the 'Mayoral Award,' as selected by Mayor Parkes. This award went to Andrew and Livia Smith for their restoration of 'Tucker Church' at Sandergrove.

For further information and images about the award winners visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards

Weekly Food Waste Collection



The Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) now provide a weekly food waste collection service to cafés, restaurants and grocery businesses to selected areas across the southern Fleurieu.

If you own or manage a food service business that would like to; save money on waste disposal costs, recover resources and improve the environmental performance of your business, you now have the opportunity to do just that!

An estimated 7.3 million tonnes of food waste is generated each year in Australia, costing the Australian economy \$20 billion annually.

The volume and value of wasted food in Australia is high: each year Australian households discard about 2.5 million tonnes of food, which has been valued at \$10 billion.

Cafés and restaurants as well as grocery stores that would normally dispose of their food waste through their general waste bin, can now subscribe to the FRWA weekly food waste collection for as little as \$175 per year for the weekly collection of a 140 litre bin. The food waste is then composted at Peats Soils, a local commercial compost facility and sold back into the local community as soil conditioner and compost.

A horizontal banner featuring a variety of colorful icons. From left to right, the icons include: a recycling symbol, a fish, a target, a house with a dollar sign, a sailboat, a bicycle, a group of three people, a lightbulb, a gear, a wind turbine, a cloud with rain, a warning sign, a leaf, a car, a fish, a hand, and a thermometer. The icons are arranged in a slightly overlapping, horizontal line.

This program comes at a time when we need to regenerate our entrepreneurial capability and create new opportunities for growth, employment and collaboration so that together we can uncover new economic prospects for Alexandrina.

Council is very proud to be partnering with Startup Adelaide to offer this program over the next three months.

We are proud to announce the following individuals and/or teams will be taking the Challenge this year; Ben Hewett and Will Miller, Vicki Mau and Steph Wheaton,

The challenge participants will undergo a three month program to develop their idea and pitch to a panel of judges, with an overall winner selected in late October 2021.

We wish all the teams and individuals the best of luck!



One-million reasons to plant a tree today!



The One Million Tree Project supports Council's Climate Emergency Declaration to help tackle climate change by encouraging community groups, service clubs, rural landowners, schools and residents in an ambitious goal to collectively plant, and record progress toward planting the magic million.

Council's website will display a counter so everyone can see the progress being made toward the shared goal.

To find out more information about the project and link to register your tree planting efforts: visit Council's website and the dedicated 'One Million Trees' project page at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/onemilliontrees

The page includes information about how to be involved, keeps track of the current tally by viewing the 'trees planted' counter, has access to resources on what to plant where, and opportunity to learn how and where to source native plants locally utilising our three community nurseries.

alexandrina.sa.gov.au/onemilliontrees

Our local nurseries are planning ahead for next winter (2022) and are calling for your tree seedling orders by **September** this year.



Major Project Updates



Coorong Quays - CWMS

A significant milestone was reached in June with the operational transition of ownership of the Coorong Quays waste management system to the Alexandrina Council CWMS (Community Wastewater Management System).

Substantial on-ground works have occurred on both Hindmarsh Island and within Goolwa over the past two years, to ensure a seamless transition. All wastewater treatment will occur from Council's Goolwa facility and project works will now commence to decommission the existing wastewater treatment plant on Randell Road.

Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation

Strathalbyn's Town Centre Revitalisation Project is an eight-stage fully funded Master Plan that will transform the town and draw people into this beautiful and much loved township in the Alexandrina region.

Stage one and two are complete and stage three works are well underway at the Commercial Road/ Albyn Terrace intersection. This \$10 million project will be ongoing until 2023. Council is committed to transforming the township to see Strathalbyn grow and prosper.

Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct

Stage one works continues on the new multi-purpose clubroom building, with the roof sheeting and structural elements now complete. Upcoming works include the upper level wall frames, cladding, windows and commencement of internal fit out. Stage one completion is anticipated for October 2021.

Importantly, the new building will incorporate environmental elements including solar panels, rainwater storage and recycled materials.

To keep up to date with projects in Alexandrina visit our website alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates



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Stephanie Pitcher – Solo exhibition

Stephanie Pitcher's art work is about connecting with the natural world and it is from this main point of inspiration that images are made with the intent of conveying her experience of living on the Fleurieu Peninsula and constantly engaging with the dynamic natural elements that meet at the coast line.

30 July – 5 September

South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Up, Up and Away

Join the tipsy mile-high shenanigans through spectacular dance numbers and captivating harmonies as the crew from First Class, Business Class and Economy demonstrate what NEVER goes on at 39,000 feet.

21 August at 7:30pm

Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Our Local Alexandrina – Networking Event*

27 July at 3.30–5.30pm

Charlotte Dalton Wines, The Joinery

Factory 9 – Hill Street, Port Elliot

Bookings: businessalexandrina.com.au

Stranger than Fiction IV*

7 August–29 August

Strathalbyn Library, Strathalbyn

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

In the Mood for Swing

9 August at 2pm and 28 August at 5pm

Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Business Alexandrina – Tourism 'Expert in Residence'*

12 August, & every second Thurs of the month

The Hub – Cadell Street, Goolwa

Bookings: businessalexandrina.com.au

Highway Superstar – Amity Dry

13 August at 7.30pm

Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

88 Keys – A Tribute to the Piano Greats

Fri 20 August at 2pm

Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Yesterday Once More

24 September at 2pm

Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

South Coast Jazz Festival – Goolwa

15, 16 and 17 October

Various venues within walking distance of Goolwa town centre

Enquiries: sajazzfestivalsinc.com

Keep up to date by visiting
Council's website
alexandrina.sa.gov.au

***Free Event!**



Our Local Alexandrina

Our Local Alexandrina has gone from strength to strength since launching in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Networking events are gaining popularity with the most recent event in July held at The Joinery, Port Elliot. They are a great opportunity for our business community to gather and share amazing food and wine in a relaxed informal setting.

At the Bleasdale Winery networking event in April, participants of the Our Local Alexandrina Innovation Program shared their business success stories.

Jane Burke from Wildfire Organic Tea jumped at the chance to be part of the program.

"I understand a deeper importance of building relationships with my customers and collaborating with business partners.

The skills and knowledge I have gained is invaluable and shows real leadership from our local council, she said."

Congratulations to Jane and other program participants Libby Tozer (She Is Seen Movement), Mel Hollick (Peninsula Providore), and Leigh Warren (Bleasdale Vineyards).



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