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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the autumn edition of Alexandrina Alive. We have had a busy start to 2022 with progress made on a number of areas, reflecting our commitment to the A2040 community aspiration to thrive in a Liveable, Green and Connected Alexandrina.

In January, we acknowledged our 2022 Citizen of the Year recipients and welcomed new Australian citizens to the region at our Australia Day celebrations in Goolwa and Strathalbyn. We opened the Alexandrina Community Grants Program and in March approved the progression of the Carbon Neutral Plan.

We are successfully growing our Business Alexandrina network hosting our fourth Our Local Alexandrina event at The Joinery, Port Elliot in late March, and we also celebrated the opening of the Goolwa Discover

Park enabling increased tourism capacity for our region.

As a demonstration of effective collaboration, Council in partnership with the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board have recently launched 'Towards Eradication, 20 Weeds by 2023'. This plan is tackling established and emerging weeds of concern across the region. There are many environmental initiatives to be involved in, including the One Million Trees for Alexandrina project by 2030. To find out more, visit Council's website.

Exciting infrastructure projects will progress across region this year including the Strathalbyn Town Centre revitalisation, the next stages of the Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct, Goolwa Wharf Precinct Revitalisation, Goolwa Beach, Beacon-19 boat ramp and a number of consultations will commence in the coming months for the Sugars Beach Murray

Mouth Icon Project, the draft Annual Budget and the draft Climate Change Policy.

We look forward to awarding our Heritage Alexandrina Awards in May during History Month and collaborating with Regional Development Australia and State Government to host international tertiary students to the region through an education and economic tour program.

Enjoy the magnificent autumn weather in Alexandrina, as we look forward to welcoming our new Chief Executive Officer, Nigel Morris in May 2022. Together we will continue to foster a resilient economy and a thriving and vibrant community in Alexandrina.



Mayor Keith Parkes

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Above (LtoR): Matt Grant, GM Growth Alexandrina Council, Mayor Keith Parkes, Grant Wilckens, CEO G'DAY Group, David Basham MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Member for Finniss, Elizabeth Williams, Acting CEO Alexandrina Council, at the Goolwa Discover Park.

Cover image: Charlotte Hardy, Ben Cooke and family at The Joinery, Port Elliot. The Our Local Alexandrina (OLA) networking event on 30 March for the business community was kindly hosted by Charlotte Dalton Wines, The Joinery at Factory 9. OLA aims to support local businesses to raise their profile and to increase connection with customer to the Alexandrina region. Visit ourlocalalexandrina.com.au to find out more.



Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct update

For more information and updates on the project visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/GoolwaOval

The Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct is a vital social infrastructure project for Goolwa, and the entire Alexandrina community.

The project's vision is to provide an inclusive, adaptable, sporting and community precinct in the heart of Goolwa.

Stage 1 is now complete and involved the construction of a new two-storey multi-purpose contemporary clubroom facility with change rooms, first aid rooms, umpires room, toilets, large social space, canteen, commercial kitchen, bar and elevated areas optimising views for spectators.

Stage 2 master planning and community consultation has now commenced with a review of the 2019 plans aspirations in

light of the project budget and community needs.

The works are anticipated to commence later this year with the project to be completed in early 2024.

The \$8.2M redevelopment is combined funding of \$5M from the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications' Community Development Grants Programme; \$800K from the State Government of South Australia and a \$2.4M contribution from Alexandrina Council.

The Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct building was opened in February with an official launch planned for mid-year.

Stage 2 of the project aims to provide upgraded and expanded tennis and netball courts, upgraded and relocated cricket training infrastructure, dedicated lighting for all facilities, new public amenities such as shade structures, seating, play equipment and open green space.

The new building and all the sports facilities, including the oval and courts are available to all sporting and user groups in the community. For further information, contact Alexandrina Council on 8555 7000 or goolwaoval@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Business Growth

During March we celebrated the unveiling of Goolwa's new Discovery Park! Congratulations to the G'day Group on this huge achievement, a \$22 million investment designed to drive future family tourism to the Alexandrina region.

Business Alexandrina is proud to have supported the Discovery Parks investment in a variety of ways including:

- Assisting with the planning and development process.
- Promoting the upgrade to the local business community through events such as our "Meet a Member" series, a Business Alexandrina initiative enabling collaboration, partnerships, and information sharing amongst business members.
- Promoting positive community engagement around the upgrade through projects such as the Armfield Wooden Boats – Goolwa project where we facilitated the repurpose of Armfield boats, Cheryle and Aarke to be displayed and used in the new park.



The park upgrade includes a splash park, new swimming pool, outdoor cinema, coastal nature playground and modern new accommodation. There are now even more reasons to visit the region.

Our business community has shown great resilience and innovation in recent times. However with the ongoing uncertainty of COVID-19 we understand these impacts are effecting business continuity.

Business Alexandrina has curated an annual program of training, workshop and events to assist you with the ongoing development of your business.

We are here to support you.
The Business Alexandrina "Hub" is open 9am-12pm and 1-5pm Monday to Friday.

To find out more:

- > online at businessalexandrina.com.au
- > visit us in person at 'The Hub' Goolwa
- > contact the Business Alexandrina team on 8555 7455
- > email us business@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve

Recently Alexandrina Council's contractors inadvertently removed three 'Acacia provincialis' trees along Crockery Creek within the Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve.

Alexandrina Council and the Ratalang Basham Beach & Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee recognises the importance of these trees to the Ngarrindjeri people and those who were involved with the plantings and extend our sincere apologies that this has occurred.

Council's Nature Conservation staff and the contractor are closely working with the Ngarrindjeri people and Ratalang Basham Beach & Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee to remediate the site. This work is expected to be undertaken in the revegetation period in winter 2022.





Agribusiness Conversation

Local Agribusiness community representatives had an opportunity to raise awareness on issues and build connections with local government and industry bodies at the Business Alexandrina Agribusiness Conversation night, held on 5 April 2022.

Regional Development Australia and Wine Australia presented at the well-attended evening at the Tooperang Hall. At the event attendees discussed opportunities and challenges the industry faces and what support is needed into the future.

An important outcome of the evening was an agreed approach to progress in a more structured way to inform Council's decision making and to ensure this vital industry in the region is supported.

A sentiment which aligns perfectly with Council's new **Economic Development Strategy** to "Regenerate Alexandrina's Economy".

You can view the Strategy on Council's website at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/business and we will be calling for member participation as we develop the Alexandrina Sustainable Agricultural Roundtable (ASART) roundtable forum to continue the conversation.

Keep an eye of our website and social media for updates and future opportunities to be involved.

To find out more, or register your interest contact the team businessalexandrina@alexandrina.sa.gov.au or call 8555 7455



Top Tourism Town - Goolwa and Langhorne Creek

We are in the running for the South Australia Top Tourism Town Award!

The Tourism Industry Council South Australia (TICSA)'s Top Tourism Awards recognise towns in SA that deliver amazing visitor experiences and are committed to working collectively to increase visitation to their region.

This year submissions were for Goolwa and Langhorne Creek. Support them as your favourite town and go into the draw to win a two-night weekend getaway at an SA Council-owned caravan park, valued at over \$500!



> VOTE NOW at ticsa.com.au

You can check if you are enrolled via check.aec.gov.au

You must update your details before July 2022 to vote in the upcoming Local Government elections, November 2022.



Make a difference to our community

Local Government elections will be held in November this year and residents, business owners and ratepayers are encouraged to enrol to vote and help shape the future of the Alexandrina region.

Make sure you are enrolled to vote

Participating in the Local Government elections is one of the most direct ways you can make a difference to everyday life in your community.

Council's Voters Roll 'supplements' the State Electoral Roll, and entitles people/entities who may not be able to vote in State elections to be able to vote in Local Government elections.

You may be eligible to register on the Council's Voters Roll if:

- You have been a resident at your current address for one (1) month and are not on the State Electoral Roll
- You are a sole owner / occupier of rateable property (that is not your primary address)
- You are NOT an Australian Citizen but you have been a resident at your current address for one (1) month
- You are a landlord for a rateable property
- You are an organisation / business owner or occupier of rateable property
- You are a group of owners or occupiers of rateable property.

Bodies corporate and groups will need to nominate a designated person to vote on their behalf i.e. only one vote (1) is permitted per rateable property.

If you have rateable property in more than one (1) ward you will be entitled to have a vote in each ward election for which you have rateable property.

Enrolment for the Council's Voters Roll closes at **5pm on Friday, 29 July 2022.**

Enrolment forms are available on Council's website alexandrina.sa.gov.au/votersroll

➤ For more information contact Council's Governance team on **8555 7000.**



More information on how to register as a candidate and voting in the elections will be made available on our website and socials in the coming months.



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Becoming an Elected Member

Elected Members help influence and make decisions about what happens locally.

They can be involved in:

- Deciding on Council plans and policies for the area
- Guiding Council affairs
- Ensuring Council resources are used fairly for the benefit of everyone in the community
- Talking to local people about their views and ideas for the area
- Letting others know about issues within their specific wards.

From 10 November 2022, Alexandrina Council will comprise of three (3) wards being; Alexandrina North, Alexandrina South and Alexandrina West. The number of Elected Members will also change on this date with nine (9) Councillors and the Mayor representing the Council area.

While Elected Members are not paid wages, they receive an annual allowance plus other benefits such as mobile phones, laptops, ongoing training, conferences and networking opportunities.

Nominations to become an Elected Member open on 23 August 2022 and close at 12 midday on 6 September 2022. Further information on the nomination process will be provided on Council's website in the coming months.

Voting in Local Government elections is strongly encouraged and voting packs will be posted to local residents between 14 and 20 October 2022. **Voting closes at 5pm on 10 November 2022.** The last opportunity to lodge your vote.

*Authorised by Acting CEO
Elizabeth Williams*

11 Cadell Street, Goolwa SA 5214



Goolwa Wharf Precinct Project

Council has supported a Master Plan option for the Goolwa Wharf Precinct vision.

This option includes maintaining Jaralde Park as an open space area for markets, formalising car parking adjacent the Hectors on the Wharf business and providing a new building at the southern end of the wharf. Finalisation of the design and preparation for the construction tender is now underway.

The Goolwa Wharf Revitalisation Project is subject to co-contribution funding from the State and Commonwealth Governments to support its delivery.

The next phase will include engagement with key stakeholders, including current tenants of the wharf shed.

For further details visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwawharf

HERITAGE ALEXANDRINA

Carruthers Hall, Strathalbyn



The Strathalbyn Show Hall was formally named 'Carruthers Hall' in February 2022 to commemorate the contribution of Richard Carruthers in the establishment of the Agricultural Society's showgrounds.

On 20 March 1909, the Chronicle Newspaper (Adelaide) reported that on 11 March 1909, Mr Carruthers made the generous offer to vest in the Strathalbyn Agricultural Society, twelve (12) acres of land, a portion of Section 2611, hundreds of Kondoparinga

and Bremer, with a frontage to Finnis Flat Road, with a half chain road on the west side and a three quarter chain road on the south side. The dimension of the land was approximately 1,241 links by 960 links, and came with the conditions listed to the right.

Mr Carruthers was one of Strathalbyn's earliest pioneers and following a successful farming career at Angas Plains, Mr Carruthers served as Councillor for several consecutive years and was twice the Mayor of Strathalbyn Council. He died in 1910, aged 84 years.

Main image: Ward Councillors Rex Keilly and Craig Maidment were present at the installation of the bronze plaque. Lower image: Richard Carruthers

Calling volunteer dog-lovers



Did you know that the Alexandrina region Dog Bag Dispensers are looked after and adopted by volunteers in the community.

The dispensers are stocked with compostable dog waste bags which means that if you take the used bags home, they can

be disposed of in your green bin rather than your general waste bin, not only reducing plastic waste but also total waste to landfill.

We are now seeking a volunteer for the proposed new Hindmarsh Island location for a dog bag dispenser.

The proposed site will be near the toilet block on Captain Sturt Parade.

If you are interested in adopting this dispenser or have an enquiry please contact Community Safety on **8555 7000** during business hours.



HERITAGE ALEXANDRINA

Strathalbyn Cemetery History Talks come alive

For the first time in 2022, the Heritage Advisory Committee's Heritage Talk has taken a bit of a different approach.

The Committee facilitated a unique collaboration between the Strathalbyn Players Inc. (Youth Theatre) and the Friends of the Strathalbyn Cemetery.

The culmination of this group effort was the March Heritage Talks, for a performance amongst the graves as an engaging and interpretive performance.

The newly developed self-guided tour of the Strathalbyn Cemetery (Division 1) identities and re-enacts the stories behind the people that contributed to the rich history of Strathalbyn.

The performances brought to life an insight into the lives of Strathalbyn's pioneers of the mid-late 1800s and early 1900s.

The Youth Theatre group chose the stories most interesting to them, and following additional fact research, proceeded to plan the interpretation of this information, with scripting done by talented facilitators Melissa Maidment and Tabitha Lewis.

The evening was broken up into four parts, with each part consisting of a performance based on the well crafted content of the Cemetery Self-Guided booklet created by talented local historian Brian Simpson. With a short interval between performances it allowed the audience to further explore the other sites within Division 1 and to learn of their interesting stories.

Tickets for the event held on 28 March were enormously popular and snapped up within a matter of hours, prompting the need for a second event in early April, which was another sell out. This is an exciting partnership between the Strathalbyn Players and the Friends of the Cemetery and Council's Heritage Advisory Committee, that may be the bones of an exciting ongoing interpretive program to come in the summer of 2022/23.

Visit Council's website for upcoming announcements alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

For further reading on Heritage in the Alexandrina region or nomination forms for the Heritage Awards, visit Council's new dedicated website pages at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritage

Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation update

With three of the eight stages now complete, work will commence on the next five stages to transform Strathalbyn's town centre.

Completed works on Sunter Street, Albyn Terrace and Dawson Street, have provided increased amenity, seating, lighting and green areas to encourage tourism and activation of the space. Contemporary new wayfinding signage will ensure Strathalbyn's history and points of interest are identified and enjoyed by all. To date the works have included extensive paving changes, road features including cobblestone elements, prominent landscaping works surrounding St Andrew's

Uniting Church, pedestrian links, bike racks, additional car parks, larger and safer alfresco areas and a viewing deck overlooking the magnificent Soldiers Memorial Gardens.

The next stages will see a continuation of the design themes throughout many of the main streets in the Town Centre including a new tourism parking area by South Terrace and enhancement works to the Town Hall.

➤ Next stages are planned to start in the second half of 2022 and be complete by late 2023.



Strathalbyn Town Hall upgrade

As part of the Strathalbyn Town Centre revitalisation, next stages will include the Strathalbyn Town Hall upgrade. Works commenced in early 2022 with a range of changes and enhancements planned to the Town Hall.

Including:

- Extension of the existing stage and new stage lighting.
- Audio Visual infrastructure.
- Installation of platform lifts for stage access.
- Refurbishment of the toilets.
- New air conditioning throughout the facility.
- Painting internal surfaces and building façade.
- Reconfiguration of the front of hall to provide box office space.
- Installation of a solar power system.
- Provision of internet access throughout for hall users.

Project completion for the Town Hall is anticipated for late 2022. For more information visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc

Major project updates



Goolwa Beach Car Park Development

Project works will commence mid-year and include; improvements to the beachside promenade with new contemporary public seating, shelters, showers, public art and an elevated viewing deck. The carpark will be expanded by approximately 40 spaces and a further 25 spaces on Beach Road. Public art and signage acknowledging the history and unique natural environment and recognition of the significance of the area to the Ngarrindjeri traditional owners is an important focus of the project.

There will be significant improvements to upgrade and improve beach access, as well as shared paths and a disability beach access ramp. This will also include installation of traffic management infrastructure to slow vehicles and manage movements in a safer configuration. A new pedestrian 'drop off' zone will be created in close proximity to the beach and facilities for improving safety and traffic congestion during busy periods. For further information on the project and details on upgrades to beach access please visit the dedicated project page at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeachplan

Beacon 19 Boat Ramp, Goolwa

The Beacon-19 boat ramp is the key access point to the Coorong and primarily services small-vessel recreational users. Supported by State Government funding, works will commence mid-year and include replacement of the existing wooden jetties with new structures, parking, seating, shelters, and lighting infrastructure. The project will provide an improved launching point making the boating experience safer for fishers and community looking to access the Coorong. Works are anticipated to be completed in late 2022. For further information visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/beacon19

Sugars Beach, Hindmarsh Island

Council has secured funding through the State Government which will contribute to the project and transform Sugars Beach and the Murray Mouth into a pristine eco-tourism hub. Preliminary concept images were developed to attract external funding interest and determine project feasibility and options. Next steps will include securing Federal Government funding, community consultation on a revised Concept Master Plan anticipated to commence in late May 2022 and further stakeholder engagement. For further information visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/sugars

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



Image: artwork Annabelle Collett



Alexandrina Council Collection*

Mixed exhibition South Australian artists

Alexandrina Council holds a collection of visual art works, mostly by South Australian artists that have been acquired through support for the Alexandrina Art Prize as part of the Goolwa Rotary Art & Photographic exhibition or donated by individual artists.

When: 31 March – 1 May

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Southern Surf Festival*

The Festival presents a weekend of all things surfing. Featuring State Championship events in short board, long board, stand up and kneeboard surfing. There will be music, food trucks, local refreshments and much more, making it a true celebration of South Australia's surf culture!

When: 29 April – 1 May

Location: Middleton Point, Middleton

Enquiries: southernsurffestival.com.au



Now We're Swinging

Come fly with Tom Burlinson and his fabulous band of Australia's finest musicians as Tom salutes the masters of vocal swing: Frank Sinatra, Nat 'King' Cole, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis Jr, and Bobby Darin. An afternoon of first class entertainment.

When: 26 May, 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au



Highway Superstar – Amity Dry

From 80's bangers, 90's RnB tracks, movie soundtrack classics and the cheesy numbers we don't want to admit to knowing the words to, Amity is bringing the ultimate playlist with her trademark wit and powerhouse voice.

When: 10 June, 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Loves in my Landscape*

When: 5 May – 12 June

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

The Lullaby Project

When: 8 May, 3pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Alexandrina Youth Theatre and Film

When: 9 May, 4.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Gentle On My Mind

When: 20 May, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Heritage Awards*

When: 26 May, 6.30pm

Location: Strathalbyn Show Hall

Bookings: alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards

Fleurieu Ruah*

When: 18 June – 24 July

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Gene and Judy

When: 19 June, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Live On Air

When: 24 June, 2pm

Where: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com

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visiting Council's website
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***Free Event!**

