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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the 2026 spring edition of Alexandrina Alive.

Under normal circumstances, given my public statement that I will not be standing for the next term of Council, this would be my 'thank you and farewell' message to you as Mayor before the periodic Local Government Elections.

However, the Government of South Australia has deferred Council Elections until early April 2027, so you have me and I have the privilege of serving you all for another six months.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage our community to be involved in the Elections. Make sure you are enrolled to vote and take the time to lodge your vote when you receive your ballot pack in March next year.

If becoming a Councillor or Mayor is something that has ever crossed your mind, I would also encourage you to revisit the idea.

Nominations open on Tuesday 26 January and close 9 February 2027.

Christmas and the summer break tend to be top of mind in December and early January so I would recommend giving the idea some serious thought before then.

Council will offer information sessions for intending candidates prior to the nomination process commencing – but why not see for yourself how the decision-making process happens?

The next two monthly Ordinary Council Meetings are on 16 November and 21 December.

We also hold Council Information Sessions on alternate Monday evenings, where Executive Management briefs Council Members on key strategic and

operational matters. Details of sessions are on the Council website. These sessions will also be used in the coming months to start the development of the 2026/27 Annual Community Plan and budget, which will be continued by the new Council.

The new Council will have to hit the ground running to prepare the Annual Community Plan and budget for public consultation before the next financial year, so I highly recommend taking every opportunity to build your understanding of the budget process now.

I look forward to seeing some of you in the Council Chambers in the coming months.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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Front cover: Armfield Wooden Boats volunteers received \$2,000 in grant funding as part of Alexandrina Council's Grants Program 2026/27 to restore the fishing boat named 'Meralte' that was used in the 2019 remake of the movie Storm Boy.

Pictured on the front cover are Armfield volunteers Peter Searle (back left), Phillip Byron, Bob Jennings and Dean Shepherd (right) standing with the fishing boat 'Meralte' and a specially made 'Mr Percival the Pelican' wooden cutout for display on the Storm Boy boats.

Top image: Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes with Alexandrina students Ben Cottle, Katara Gomez and Henry Green who received certificates for their shortlisted stories in the Mayors' Short Story Challenge. See page 8 for the article on the Challenge.



Boat repairs to restore Storm Boy movie magic

Armfield Wooden Boats is helping to preserve the legacy of the Storm Boy movies thanks to funding from Council's 2026/27 Grants Program.

The group of dedicated volunteers, who operate the Armfield Slipway and Boatshed, received a \$2,000 Heritage Grant to restore the fishing boat 'Meralte' which was used in the 2019 re-make of 'Storm Boy'.

Back in 2017, the Armfield volunteers were commissioned by the SA Film Corporation to find the right boat for the film's flashback scenes and to then construct a cabin on the vessel to better suit the 1950s time period of the movie.

A suitable fishing boat was found on Kangaroo Island, brought to Goolwa for modification and filming and then donated to the Armfield Wooden Boats.

Image: Armfield volunteers Peter Searle, Phillip Byron, Bob Jennings and Dean Shepherd.

Meralte now resides with the original 1976 film's fishing boat named 'HideAway' and to this day is a popular attraction amongst Storm Boy enthusiasts.

The Armfield volunteers said Meralte needed more TLC than they realised when they brought her out of the river and removed her cabin addition.

A cracked stem was replaced along with some ribs, planks and teak decking before the boat received a fresh coat of paint, a protective coat of antifouling and an engine service.

These restoration repairs will ensure that Meralte can continue cruising on the water, make appearances at local festivals and events and to help keep the treasured South Australian story alive for future generations to enjoy.

See if you can spot HideAway and Meralte at next year's **South Australian Wooden Boat Festival, 24 to 25 April 2027!**



Celebrating 50th anniversary

'Storm Boy' was first published in 1964 by acclaimed South Australian author Colin Thiele and tells the story of a young boy who lives with his father on the Coorong and raises three orphaned pelican chicks, developing a strong bond with one he names Mr Percival.

The original movie adaptation was released in 1976 – 50 years ago this November.

Council has marked the anniversary with a range of activities including:

Storm Boy Film Screening

Council is providing a FREE screening of the original Storm Boy on Saturday 21 November, 6.30pm, at Centenary Hall, Goolwa, Bookings: alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraryevents

Alexandrina Libraries

- Collection display of Colin Thiele books during November.
- First Nations artist Kyla McHughes' Community Weaving Project has created a Mr Percival the Pelican sculpture for display at Storm Boy events. This project was funded through a Preventive Health SA Algal Bloom Mental Wellbeing Grant and supported by The Haven at Goolwa.
- Come and borrow the children's book 'Flying High With No:ri', published by Goolwa Primary School.

➤ Learn more about Storm Boy and explore Council's Storm Boy Discovery Trail at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/stormboy

Council's community grants

As part of our 2026/27 Grants Program, Alexandrina Council awarded \$126,078 of grant funding to 48 clubs, organisations, artists, businesses and individuals to undertake various projects and initiatives in the community.

Applications for the Program opened in May and closed in June and were assessed by Council's Grant Assessment Panels against competitive criteria for each of the five categories covering business,

environment, heritage and two streams of community wellbeing.

To see the list of 2026/27 grant recipients, read the media release alexandrina.sa.gov.au/media

Individuals and community groups still have time to apply for Council's Small Grant Program. The Program will remain open until all funds are allocated.

➤ To read the Grant Guidelines and apply, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants



Season extended at Strathalbyn Pool

The new season for the Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool will once again be extended starting from **1 October 2026 to 30 April 2027.**

Dive into summer and enjoy a swim with the family, a picnic on the lawns or book the party room.

Our outdoor 50m pool is heated to 26 degrees and is ideal for an aqua class or morning lap swimming.

Please note, that the facility will be closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Good Friday. Weather guidelines will also be in place during the season.

➤ For opening times and pricing visit sa.ymca.org.au/strathalbyn-pool

Building backyard habitats

As part of Council's Greening and Wildlife Project, 100 Alexandrina residents recently received a subsidised plant pack of 10 native plants for just \$10.

These indigenous plants were grown at the Alexandrina Community Nursery in Goolwa.

The Alexandrina Greening and Wildlife Project aims to boost the biodiversity of backyards across our region.

The Project is a collaboration between Council and Second Nature Conservancy and was funded through our 2025/26 Annual Community Plan.

This is the third year Council has run this popular initiative.

Image top right: Alexandrina residents Penny and Andy collected their plants with daughters Ruby and Rosie.



Image: Deborah collects her plants from Sarah from Second Nature Conservancy.

➤ Find out more about our Alexandrina Greening and Wildlife Project at secondnature.org.au

Local Government Elections 2027

The Government of South Australia has deferred the periodic Local Government Elections until early April 2027.

The Electoral Commission of South Australia has now released an official timetable for the 2027 periodic Local Government elections, providing councils with important dates to support election planning and preparation.

➤ **Enrolment closes 5pm, Monday 4 January 2027**

To vote in your local council election, you must be enrolled on the South Australian electoral roll or your council's voters roll.

➤ **Nominations open Tuesday 26 January 2027**

Guides and information sessions will be available for intending candidates.

➤ **Nominations close 12pm Tuesday 9 February 2027**

Your nomination to become a candidate must be received before nominations close.

➤ **Voting opens - Between Thursday 11 March and Wednesday 17 March 2027**

Voting in council elections is by post or if you are eligible, by telephone. Ballot packs will be sent to the mailing address for your enrolment.

➤ **Voting closes - 5pm, Wednesday 7 April 2027**

This is your last day to vote for your preferred candidate(s).

➤ **Scrutiny and count - from 9am, Saturday 10 April 2027**

Votes are counted and scrutinised with the final results declared by the Electoral Commission of South Australia.

➤ For more information visit councilelections.sa.gov.au

This content is authorised by CEO Andrew MacDonald, 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa SA 5214.



South Australian Wooden Boat Festival 2027

Vessel registrations are now open for the 2027 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival, being held at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct from 24 to 25 April.

The Festival is Australia's oldest wooden boat festival and one of South Australia's most distinctive cultural events.

Since its beginnings as a community-led gathering of

passionate boaties back in 1980s, it has grown into one of Australia's most loved maritime festivals, featuring paddle steamers, sailing boats and restored vessels.

Today the event is presented by Alexandrina Council and our South Australian Wooden Boat Festival Committee with community supporters and sponsors.

Stay tuned for the launch of the official Festival poster and the April 2027 program.

➤ Find out more about the Festival program and official poster at sawoodenboatfestival.com.au

Image: Crowds gather during day one of the 2025 SA Wooden Boat Festival.

PS Oscar W is shipshape

The PS Oscar W is back at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct after completing its biennial maintenance.

Under the care of Goolwa Marine Services, Burgar's Boat Co and the volunteers from the Friends of the Oscar W, the heritage paddle steamer had a full makeover during August and September with essential repairs and renewals, painting and engine maintenance.

The Oscar W is a popular visitor attraction and one of nine historic wooden vessels owned and cared for by Council.

Its recent visit to the slipway coincided with another milestone. August marked two years of



independent operation of the paddle steamer by the Friends of Oscar W.

Over that time, the volunteer-led organisation has successfully grown the business, more than doubling the number of cruises on offer.

The Friends also operate the Goolwa River Port Heritage Centre in the Wharf Shed.

➤ To book a tour head to psoscarw.com

Image: Some of the volunteers of the Friends of the Oscar W who were on duty for one of the last public tours before the paddle steamer headed to the slip for maintenance.

Nominations open for Citizen of the Year 2027

Do you know a well loved community event, an unsung hero or a community minded individual or organisation in Alexandrina? Nominate them for a Citizen of the Year Award!

Alexandrina will be presenting two awards in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Active Citizenship.

The awards will be presented at Australia Day ceremonies in Strathalbyn and Goolwa hosted by Council on 26 January 2027.

Contact Council or visit our website for further details alexandrina.sa.gov.au/coty-27

Nominations close on 20 November 2026

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Image: Mayor Keith Parkes with 2026 Young Citizen of the Year for Strathalbyn and Surrounds Isaac McInness.

Community digs in for biodiversity

During winter, Council hosted two community planting days for our Milang Biodiversity Project.

The first day involved around 30 students and five teachers from the Milang Campus of the Eastern Fleurieu School who spent their last day before the holidays planting 300 tube stock.



On the second day eight volunteers, most of them from Milang, joined Council staff and our project partners, Second Nature Conservancy, to plant another 300 plants and protect them with guards and stakes.



The mix of 600 native plants came from the Clayton Bay Community Nursery, with species selection based on successful earlier revegetation activities on the 'Milang Commons'.

The plants have a track record of surviving drought conditions and regular nibbling by rabbits and kangaroos.

➤ Find out more at mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/milang-biodiversity

Top image: Matilda and Amy at the community planting day. Bottom image: Ross, Georgie and Kim with a tray of tube stock for planting.

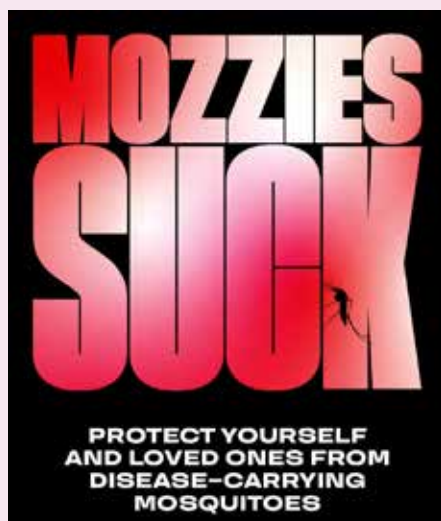
Stop the bite!

Mosquitoes can be a nuisance and sometimes spread disease.

Mosquito borne diseases that may spread in South Australia include Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest Virus and Japanese Encephalitis Virus.

An important step to protecting yourself and your family is to avoid being bitten.

Wear long, loose fitting and light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing such as jeans.



People should use mosquito repellents containing either DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (PMD), that have been approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

Follow these tips to stop mosquitos from breeding in and around your home:

- Do not allow water to pool in containers
- Cover rainwater tank overflows, septic tank openings, wells or other large water containers with mosquito proof mesh
- Maintain roof gutters and remove leaves and debris so that pools of water do not form
- Empty and refill birdbaths, stock troughs and pet drinking bowls at least once a week
- Put sand in the base of outdoor pot plants to prevent water pooling.

➤ For more information visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/mosquitoes

Protect your pets

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is the State Government agency responsible for coordinating SA's response to H5 bird flu outbreaks and managing biosecurity measures.

Outbreaks overseas in recent years show that cats, dogs, pet birds, and backyard poultry can be infected. However, there are actions to reduce risk including:

- Keeping dogs on a lead, especially in areas where wildlife are present including the beach.
- Keeping dogs away from sick or dead birds or other wildlife.
- Keeping pet food and water indoors or covered and out of reach of wild birds.
- Ensuring access to fresh and clean water.
- Keeping cats indoors or in a secure enclosure to prevent contact with wild birds.
- Preventing pet birds from mingling with wild birds and removing vegetation that attracts wild birds.

➤ For more information, visit birdflu.sa.gov.au



New bin lid colours

A national standard for kerbside bins has been established, stipulating a consistent colour for each waste stream across Australia.

To reduce costs to ratepayers and environmental impacts, the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) and Council will NOT do a universal lid changeover; nor require residents to purchase new lids to meet the standard. However, new bins and replacement lids will soon feature the new colours.

Residents with existing, blue lid landfill waste and dark green lid FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) bins do not need to do anything; these bins will continue to be collected as normal.

Bins with blue and dark green lids will gradually transition to the new national colours when the existing bin needs replacing.

Image: Charles Vidugiris and Ben Klei with new lime and red bin lids.

National standardised bin lid colours:

- General landfill waste → red (previously blue)
- Recycling – yellow (remains the same)
- FOGO (food organics garden organics) → lime green (previously dark green)



Exceptional Circumstances (EC) bins

Any Exceptional Circumstances (EC) bins will now be denoted only by a current sticker on the front, not by a different-coloured lid.

Summer services

Fortnightly bin collections for yellow lid recycling and green lid FOGO bins will switch to weekly pick ups from Tuesday 15 December 2026 until Friday 22 January 2027.

Previous bin audits conducted by the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority have revealed that more than 50% of general waste could have been recycled.

Please note that the collection of general landfill bins with blue (or the new red) lids will remain fortnightly.

If you have special circumstances or operate a holiday home or business in Alexandrina, extra paid services are available.

Missed bin? Leave your bin out until 5pm or check FRWA's website for any known issues. You can report a missed bin on FRWA's website.

Holiday collections

Christmas Day:

No collections on Christmas Day with collections scheduled for Saturday 26 December. All other public holiday collections will occur as usual.

Waste Depot hours: The FRWA Office and waste depots at Goolwa and Strathalbyn are closed on public holidays. Depots will have an early closure at 1pm on 24 December and 31 December.

Rural collections: Due to summer peak season demands, Friday collections in some rural areas may be delayed until Saturday.

➤ **Further information can be found at frwa.com.au or call 8555 2467 during business hours.**

Prepare now for Fire Danger Season

It's time to prepare for summer and the upcoming Fire Danger Season. Please take steps to ensure that you, your family, and your property are prepared.

Council's bushfire management brochure has been supplied with mailed rates notices to assist in preparations.

Council will begin its annual block inspections in October. Please ensure your property is prepared and maintained throughout the Fire Danger Season.

Generally, the CFS declares the following dates for the Fire Danger Season:

- **Mount Lofty Ranges**
1 December 2026 – 30 April 2027
- **Murraylands**
1 November 2026 – 15 April 2027.

Please note: these dates are subject to change. We encourage residents to visit cfs.sa.gov.au to determine what district you live in and access useful preparation tools and resources.

➤ **Read Council's Bushfire Management brochure at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/fire**



2026 Short Story Challenge

The talents of young writers from across the Fleurieu Peninsula were celebrated during the 2026 Mayors' Short Story Challenge.

An initiative of Alexandrina Council, the District Council of Yankalilla and the City of Victor Harbor, the Challenge encourages school aged children from Reception to Year 10 to let their imaginations run wild and share stories through creative writing.

The Challenge received 461 entries from Alexandrina Council, 196 entries from District Council of Yankalilla, and 400 entries from the City of Victor Harbor.

The winners of the 2026 Mayors' Short Story Challenge were announced at a celebration held at the Victor Harbor Library in September.

In Alexandrina, prizes went to Aubrey Garner, Isla Edgecomb, Delilah Stuart and Malachi Shigrov.

Image: Louise Davies and Amber Howard from Tyndale Christian School Strathalbyn with Mayor Parks on behalf of overall Winner Malachi Shigrov (absent).

Free community information sessions

➤ Bring Your Bill Day

Join SA Power Networks for an engaging and practical session to learn about electricity bills, tariffs and charges, and to seek one-on-one support.

- **Goolwa Library**
20 October, 5.30pm – 7.30pm.
- **Strathalbyn Library**
3 November, 10.30am – 12.30pm.

➤ Legal Services Information Sessions

Presented by the Legal Services Commission of South Australia, this independent and informative session discusses what makes an effective Advance Care Directive, Will and Power of Attorney.

- **Goolwa Library**
12 November, 10am – 11.30am.
- **Strathalbyn Library**
12 November, 1.30pm – 3pm.

➤ For more details head to alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

Alexandrina Through Your Eyes

Our 'Alexandrina Through Your Eyes' exhibition is on display at our Strathalbyn Library until the end of October.

'Alexandrina Through Your Eyes' invited community members to share photographs and short reflections of the natural places that supported their wellbeing.

These contributions have formed the foundation for an exhibition and storytelling initiative celebrating the healing power of local landscapes — from beaches and wetlands to walking trails, quiet parks, and wild bushland.

The result is a collection of 53 photos printed onto corflute cubes that were displayed in our Goolwa Library from mid-September before being moved to our Strathalbyn Library in early October.

Image: Alexandrina Council team members Lee and Julie help set up the exhibition at the Goolwa Main Office.

The exhibition will then move to the Signal Point Experience Centre at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct. Look out for the exhibition in other Council spaces across the region.

'Alexandrina Through Your Eyes' is part of the broader project 'Wellness in Nature', which was funded through an Age Friendly SA Grant from Office for Ageing Well.

➤ Find out more about the initiative and current exhibition times at mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/through-your-eyes





Rural Living in Alexandrina

Are you new to the rural lifestyle and not sure what to expect?

Council's Rural Living Handbook provides important details about what to expect when moving to a rural area, how to be part of a resilient and thriving community, and responsibilities as a property owner.

The Handbook was initiated by Council's Agricultural Advisory Group, a group of leading local industry representatives and agribusinesses.

The Handbook encourages readers to celebrate the "uniqueness of rural life and embrace the occasional quirks as they are an intrinsic part of our cherished agricultural lifestyle".

Recommend the Handbook to your networks if and when they consider the exciting transition to rural living in Alexandrina.

> To read the Rural Living Handbook, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/ruralliving



Work starts on the Discovery Trail

Alexandrina Council and our Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail project partners held a groundbreaking ceremony in early September to mark the start of physical works on site.

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.

In the past months, our contractors have established site compounds and storage area, created access to areas of the project, completed key in ground services such as connections to power and water and began liaising with key members of the community regarding upcoming work in their locality.

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

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.



Artist impression

> Find out more at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/discoverytrail

Image: At the groundbreaking ceremony are Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes, left, 35 South Building Company Director Tom Shaw, and Project Partnership Group representatives John Eckert and Lian Jaensch, and young local Harvey Longden.

Restoring a piece of Milang heritage

A restoration project at the historic Milang Chapel in Stirling Street is now complete.

This Council owned building is one of the oldest European structures in Milang.

It is listed as a Local Heritage Place and is currently used by the Milang & Districts Historical Society.

The restoration project was finished in late July and involved structural repairs to the masonry, underpinning of the structure, interior repairs and painting, removal of asbestos, new roofing and gutters, improvements to the stormwater and new perimeter paving.

Known locally as a 'Primitive Methodist Chapel', this church was built in 1866.

Besides its time as a place of worship, the building also served as the Council Chambers for the District Council of Bremer, an RSL Hall and a local Scout Hall.

Repairs were undertaken in 1984 by the Milang & Districts Historical Society.

This recent work was funded as part of the 2025/26 Annual Community Plan.

➤ Learn more about heritage in Alexandrina at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritage



Ready, set, play!

Playgrounds have recently been upgraded at Seagull Avenue Reserve, Chiton and Middleton Shores, Middleton.

Thank you to everyone in the community who provided feedback during our consultation on the concept designs late last year.

Your ideas and suggestions helped shape the play equipment, including:

- Extra obstacle course items
- Inclusion of a noughts and crosses panel
- Installation of monkey bars.

➤ With the warmer months fast approaching, explore the playgrounds, parks and trails in Alexandrina alexandrina.sa.gov.au/parks-places-trails

Images: Upgraded playground at Middleton Shores, Middleton.



Project updates

Main Street Trees Goolwa

At its August 2026 Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the option of preserving the trees along Cadell Street, Goolwa, and maintaining them at a higher level. Options for the trees were considered as part of 'Future Planning for Goolwa Main Street Trees' community engagement that ran from 23 April until 22 May. The August decision was made after considering the outcomes of the community engagement and recommendations from Council's Climate Emergency and Environment Advisory Committee and Heritage Advisory Group.

Strathalbyn and Surrounds Town Plan

Community engagement for the draft Strathalbyn and Surrounds Town Plan closed on 16 October 2026. Feedback received will help guide the finalisation of the Strathalbyn and Surrounds Town Plan, which is scheduled to be adopted by Council in the first quarter of 2027. Community members can subscribe for project updates on Council's My Say Alexandrina website.

ROSS Adopted

Council adopted its first Recreation, Open space and Sport Strategy (ROSS) 2026–2036 at its August Ordinary Meeting. The adoption of the ROSS marks an important milestone for Alexandrina community. The ROSS sets a clear, evidence based direction for how Council will plan, provide, maintain and renew recreation, open space and sporting Infrastructure across the district over the next 10 years.

Braewood Road Bridge

This grant funded project involves removing the existing bridge on Braewood Road, Sandergrove, and installing a new box culvert crossing with a span of 3 metres. The unsealed road will also be widened to 7 metres at the crossing with new guardrails to allow for increased Heavy Vehicle use. The tender has now been released with construction programmed to commence in January 2027.

Ashbourne Flood Mitigation

Construction of the Kirkham Road swale and pipe improvements is complete, providing improved stormwater management while Council progresses other mitigation options. Levee bank designs are nearing completion, with property owner consultation planned for early November 2026. Council is also reviewing options to modify and upgrade the Kirkham Road (James) Bridge to minimise property impacts and improve vehicle access during high-rainfall events.

Greening our Townships

The draft Greening our Townships Strategy 2026 – 2036 is planned to be released for community consultation later this year. Community members can stay up to date by subscribing to the My Say Alexandrina Project page.

Clayton Bay Pump Track

A BMX rider user group of 18 people will take part in a workshop run by Council in October to provide feedback on the final design for the pump track in Clayton Bay. Procurement for the track began in September. Final designs and cost estimates are scheduled to be received by Council in December. Construction is expected to start in early 2027. The pump track is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2027.

Horseshoe Bay Beach Access

Community consultation on the beach access points at Commodore Reserve at Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot closed in August 2026. The feedback received will help refine the preliminary concept design to progress to final design, including cost estimates, to help guide future funding and delivery. Community members can subscribe for project updates on Council's My Say Alexandrina website.

Milang Tennis Courts

Community consultation on the proposed reuse of the tennis courts at Milang Soldiers Memorial Garden closed in August 2026. Feedback received will be used to refine the concept design before moving onto the detailed designs process. Once complete, the updated concept plan will be published on the My Say Alexandrina website to inform the community of the final design and provide updates on next stages.

Horseshoe Bay Seawall

Horseshoe Bay seawall has experienced significant damage due to significant rain events during winter. Temporary concrete block protection measures have been installed near a stormwater outlet to help safeguard the rest of the seawall. Specialist engineers inspected the seawall in August and have expanded the cordoned off safety zone. They are now preparing designs for the wall's renewal. A report outlining remediation options and preliminary costs will be presented to a future Council Meeting.

Milang Jetties

Renewal work on Council jetties at Milang began in late August and is scheduled to be complete by December, weather permitting. The primary focus is on the main jetty. The works will address various components that have been identified in a recent condition assessment as needing renewal. An example of components that need renewal across the jetty include piles, the superstructure (includes stringers and crossheads), and deck boards. Renewal may involve either complete replacement of the entire structural component or remediation to extend its useful life.

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





Journeyman - Mike Tye retrospective*

An exhibition of drawings and photographs from a 30 year career working with communities across regional South Australia to tell their stories and celebrate shared histories as well as public and private commissions through the medium of mosaic.

When 31 October to 29 November

Where Signal Point Experience Centre

Gallery hours Seven days, 10am to 3pm

Enquiries aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au 8555 7000



Storm Boy Film Screening*

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the original 1976 Storm Boy.

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Coorong, Storm Boy has captivated audiences for generations while showcasing the unique beauty, wildlife, and spirit of our region.

When 21 November, 6.30pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

Low Tide - Aleksandra Antic solo exhibition*

When 31 October to 3 January

Where South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Things to know Launch event 31 October at 2pm

The ONE HIT WONDERS Show returns to Goolwa!

When 1 November, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

Oscar Wilde's The Importance of being Earnest - a play reading

When 7 November, matinee 1pm, second reading 4.30pm

Where South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

Glamosaurus Rox - Classic Glam and Pop Hits of the 1970s

When 15 November, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

Legends by Greg Hart

When 20 November, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

The Masters Apprentices

When 22 November, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

The Flaming Sambucas - Elton John Tribute Show

When 27 November, 8pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

Domus mixed exhibition*

When 5 December to 7 February

Where Signal Point Experience Centre

Things to know Launch event 6 December at 2pm

Co-Opera Community Concert

When 6 December, 3pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

All Revved Up - Tribute to the Music of Meat Loaf

When 13 December, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

Three Little Sisters - Christmas

When 18 December, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

Just Floyd - Pink Floyd's 60th Diamond Anniversary

When 19 December 7.30pm and 20 December 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings trybooking.com

*Free event!

Festive season events

The holiday season is fast approaching, with community groups organising a range of events including:

- **Middleton Christmas in the Park***
29 November
- **Goolwa Christmas Pageant***
6 December
- **Strathalbyn Christmas Where the Angas Flows***
11 December
- **Port Elliot Carols***
15 December
- **Goolwa Christmas Concert***
19 December
- **Goolwa Fireworks***
31 December

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