



OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



QUICK STATS

29%

of households include dependent children,
about the same as Regional South Australia

3,104

children aged under 12 years and 1,876 children
aged 12-17 years live in Alexandrina

27%

of children aged 5 years are experiencing
developmental challenges

WHAT'S STRONG

**Our children and families are...
active, well connected and
eager to engage with new
opportunities to connect and
play.**

**Our region...
offers built and natural spaces
where children and their
families can be active and
enjoy nature.**

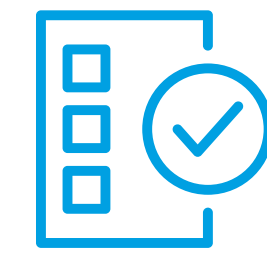
OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RECOGNISE AND VALUE

- Our built and natural spaces, especially those that support outdoor activities such as water-based play and sport.
- Our connected communities, where everyone knows everyone.
- Our local businesses, who are supportive and contribute to a thriving community.
- Our active and healthy lifestyles, built around sport and outdoor play.



WHAT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WANT

- Well maintained sport and recreation facilities that are inclusive of different ages and needs.
- Access to programs, activities, and events that support active, healthy lifestyles and build social connections.
- Diverse opportunities to engage with the arts through performing arts, dance, music and creative arts.
- Local businesses that provide products and experiences for children and their families.
- Adequate supply of safe and secure housing, including for the most vulnerable in our community.



OUR PRIORITIES

- **Collaborate** to enhance our sport and recreation facilities to cater for different ages and abilities.
- **Collaborate** with others to support diverse programs, activities and events that enhance health and wellbeing.
- **Support** delivery of the Arts and Culture Strategy to encourage children's involvement in the arts.
- **Collaborate** with others to support local businesses and social enterprise to provide products and experiences for children and families.
- **Advocate** to relevant bodies to resource affordable housing suitable for families and individuals at-risk of, or experiencing, homelessness.



KEY ACTIONS

- **Support** improvements to our sport and recreation facilities through sourcing funding and community engagement.
- **Collaborate** with others to develop strategies and initiatives that improve early childhood development, for example by delivering training for organisations to better support parents.
- **Collaborate** with schools to enhance opportunities for children, young people and families to participate in the AACE program.
- **Support** the Economic Development team to identify areas of demand and gaps in our local product and experience offerings relevant to the wellbeing of our community.
- **Collaborate** with others to investigate different models of social housing and short term crisis accommodation, and innovative ways to resource housing for our community.

