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Connecting Communities



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Message from Mayor Keith Parkes

Welcome to Alexandrina Alive – Council’s Spring newsletter. We have recently refreshed the design of our newsletter and we hope that you enjoy the colourful new format.

At its September Meeting, Council endorsed that the general waste, recycling and green waste bins will be collected once a fortnight. However, residents who have a requirement for additional general waste collection will be catered for under the proposed scheme. This change is planned to be implemented in the 2016-17 Financial Year. Widespread consultation was held with our residents between 2012 and 2014, with a key theme being the demand for additional recycling and green waste collection. We hope that this additional service will encourage our residents to think about their recycling.

Alexandrina Council staff have been working with Minister Rau and the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure regarding the future of commercial development in Strathalbyn. Read more about this on page 6.

Have a fantastic holiday season with your friends and family and enjoy the attractions and events that our region has to offer.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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Front Cover Image: Bristow Smith Reserve Nature Playspace, Goolwa under construction

Above: Mayor Keith Parkes at the reopening of Strathalbyn Childrens Bridge with the Richardson Family

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Mount Compass wetlands featuring two of the four sculptures

Funding for Alexandrina Sports Clubs

CommunityACTIVE funding program for Alexandrina sports clubs is all about connecting sports clubs with children, through local schools. Local clubs will be provided with up to \$3,000 of funding to deliver a sports program at their local school.

Local sports clubs can use the funding to cover the program expenses, including coach development, coach wages, equipment purchases and any programs that may aid transition of children from the school program to the club program.

Sports clubs that are involved in the program will benefit from:

- linking with local schools and being assisted financially to provide a five week after school program
- coach development training
- recruitment of new junior members
- assistance with providing pathway programs for children to enter and remain at the club.

CommunityACTIVE is being funded by the Office of Recreation and Sport and OPAL Alexandrina. Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from local sporting clubs and associations. If selected, your club will be provided with support and resources to develop a quality sports program that will engage school children from years 4 -7 in the local area.

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Alexandrina Sculptures



Langhorne Creek Sculpture

Alexandrina Council and the community proudly support the Adelaide Hills International Sculpture Symposium Trail, with the installation of artwork this year in Langhorne Creek and Mount Compass. The exciting biennial event fulfils the vision to 'Enrich the Hills with Sculpture' and brings internationally acclaimed

sculptors to create artwork for permanent placement at sites throughout the Hills.

Alexandrina Council supported commissions by Mount Compass and Langhorne Creek communities with financial and in-kind assistance. This world class Sculpture Trail through the Hills delivers significant cultural, social, economic and tourism benefits to our region. Community groups and individuals from both communities raised the funds needed to have their Expressions of Interest accepted by the Adelaide Hills International Sculpture Symposium Board and were able to commission these significant art works made by Queensland artist Hew Chee Fong (Mount Compass) and Bulgarian artist Agnessa Petrova (Langhorne Creek).

The Mount Compass installation consists of four large sculptures throughout the town made of Black Hill granite with an artistic theme representing 'Water'. Landscaping around the sculptures has commenced in Mount Compass and is due for completion later this year and the 'Flow' themed sculpture at Langhorne Creek will have landscaping completed in late October.

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates or

www.adelaidehillssculpture.com.au

Community Grants supporting local producer Pitchford Produce

A Council grant is allowing a well-known local business to expand the production of their local product. Pitchford Produce recently received a Rural Initiatives Grant to expand its nursery and to trial the growth of salt bush plants on their Currency Creek property.

The Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme is designed to support projects that promote sustainable rural and primary production initiatives within the Alexandrina Council area.

“We are growing half the seedlings we need – half are coming from Victoria. The grant will assist with expanding our nursery and grow more seedlings at the farm, as well as trialling planting salt bush on our irrigation lines,” said Graeme Pitchford.

“Being able to grow more seedlings will assist us with future expansion and future ongoing sustainability of the farm and will allow us to employ more people.”

A passion for farming runs in the Pitchford family. Graeme’s great-grandfather was a market gardener. His oldest brother, Wayne, has a PhD in agricultural science and works at the University of Adelaide. Another brother, Glenn, once a dairy farmer is now a beef farmer.

Pitchford Produce has a large-scale nursery producing up to 80,000 seedlings a week and operates weekly farm-gate produce sales direct to the public.

The farm specialises in lettuces and broccolini. Pitchford Produce is the only grower of genuine broccolini in South Australia.

The farm is proudly the first grower in South Australia to have been accredited as Enviroveg Platinum level by Ausveg.

Graeme started vegetable growing in the Adelaide Hills in 1998. In 2003 the family decided to sell their Echunga farm and purchase the land at Currency Creek. Graeme and his wife Mandy and their three children, Eliza, Meg and Oli, live on the farm.

“The Alexandrina region is a climate where we can grow all year round. We were at Echunga, which only allowed us to grow for seven months of the year, but we can now grow for twelve months of the year,” said Graeme.

The business has experienced high growth since moving to the Alexandrina region. They now provide vegetables to four states, employ forty people, and plant about 130,000 plants each week.

“We appreciate the funding from Council as this means we are able to fast-track the project instead of having to delay it because of the costs,” said Graeme.

Each year Alexandrina Council makes funding available to our community under the Community Grants Program for (but not limited to) not-for-profit sporting, recreational, social, arts and other community groups and, in some instances, local individuals in the support of one-off activities, projects, festivals and events. The purpose of the Community Grants Program is to encourage local groups to take a more active and visible role in the community and create opportunities for community participation. For more information about Council’s Community Grants Program visit

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants





Graeme and Mandy Pitchford and their three children Eliza, Oli and Meg in the nursery.

Strathalbyn Town Plan

Council has recently established a Community Advisory Panel (CAP) to assist Council with the implementation of the Strathalbyn Town Plan 2014-2024.

The CAP provides constructive input, advice and cooperates with Council and other spheres of Government to develop strategies and initiatives and in doing so facilitates local projects and programs.

Following the advice from the Minister for Planning indicating that he does not intend to commence a rezoning process on the land owned

by Strath Property Investments Pty Ltd, Council is actively working with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure with the aim of strengthening our existing town centre policies which is aligned to the Strathalbyn Town Plan.

The CAP is also actively working on projects to strengthen the connectivity between the Dawson Street and High Street commercial precincts and a separate project for the installation of Strathalbyn township entry statements.

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Inaugural meeting of the Strathalbyn Community Advisory Panel

Strathalbyn Community Advisory Panel consists of local Strathalbyn community members and subject matter experts

Update from your Councillors

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Cr Barry Featherston
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Deputy Mayor

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My Background

I bring experience in business, government and the private sector and as a grape grower and winemaker at Langhorne Creek.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

Our region must be a great place to live, work and play. I am proud that many of our sporting facilities in the Angas Bremer ward are owned and cared for by the community and Council has a role to help foster use and enjoyment.

Highlight of Current Term

The Langhorne Creek Historical School renovation is nearing completion and this space will be a great advent to the community as a home to the grape and wine industry and for local people to use. The first sculptures in our region to be part of the Adelaide Hills Sculpture Trail have been installed at Mount Compass and Langhorne Creek. I support the new tourism alliance with the Coorong, Mid Murray and Murray Bridge councils. Recently I was fortunate to be elected as Chair of Region 6 of the Murray Darling Association.



Cr Katherine Stanley-Murray
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My Background

I have come from a background in the higher education sector, where I worked in the Business Faculty of the University of South Australia. Since moving to Milang I have become actively involved in the Strathalbyn Agricultural Society, Milang CFS, Milang Red Cross, Strathalbyn Caledonian Society (Chief) and Glenbarr (Director).

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

From my first day as a Councillor I have advocated for smaller towns and communities of the district, an aspiration I still hold dear. I envisage a vibrant, tourist region - one which still values and protects the primary producers, the family farmers of the region, and promotes this as a highly valued product.

Highlight of Current Term

The successful consultation with concerned community members leading to the closure of vandalised roads, allowing the remediation of the road reserve to save native vegetation.



Cr Grant Gartrell
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My Background

I am a hands-on berry grower with a Ph.D. in physics following a diverse and interesting career in defence science. This is my ninth year on Council. I represented our area for some years as a board member of the SA Farmers Federation. I am a member of the Alexandrina Sustainable Agriculture Round Table.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

A safe and attractive liveable area with a sense of community, planning that considers the needs of our young people and our seniors, sustainable agriculture and economic growth without sacrificing our cultural and environmental heritage.

Highlight of Current Term

Helping to achieve the historic new Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre, while also setting a budget that meets community expectations.

Alexandrina Council has five wards which are represented by eleven elected members (Ward Councillors).

The Council is made up of the Mayor (Chairperson) and the eleven Ward Councillors. They are elected by the Alexandrina community for a four year period.

Following the November 2014 Council Elections we welcomed our new Mayor and four new Councillors elected to serve the Alexandrina community.



Cr Anne Woolford
Strathalbyn Ward

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My Background

I have served as a Councillor for the Strathalbyn Ward for 15 years and prior to that was in the South Australian Police Force for 29 years.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

To maintain its unique environment within the Fleurieu Peninsula, seeing active and vibrant communities that support all ages, and to maintain the heritage of our townships, together with the implementation of a proposed heritage listing of rural properties.

Highlight of Current Term

The implementation of the Strathalbyn Town Plan, the completion of the Dawson Creek Bridge and the upcoming upgrade of Sandergrove Road. I am also delighted that we have been invited to participate in the Adelaide Hills International Sculpture Symposium Trail, which will create a sculpture for Strathalbyn.



Cr Ben Brazzalotto
Strathalbyn Ward

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My Background

I am a resident of Strathalbyn who is happy to be contributing to the community of my formative years. My background is characterised by my time on our family's farm and the people of our district. I have worked as a welder, car detailer and Electorate Officer. I now have ten years of professional experience as a secondary teacher. I continue to serve as the Head of English at Cornerstone College.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

I envisage a prosperous region that confidently maintains its economic base and carefully adjusts to accommodate environmental and societal influences. I view the cohesion we secure between individuals, communities and generations as crucial indicators of our success.

Highlight of Current Term

One highlight is the positive and respectful approach of our Council as it has worked hard to maintain services and minimise rate increases during our Annual Business Plan and Budget process. Another important highlight is our work to both maintain and advance the vision of the Strathalbyn Town Plan.



Cr Frank Tuckwell
Goolwa Hindmarsh Island Ward

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My Background

Serving 23 years as Councillor for Goolwa-Hindmarsh ward, I have had the opportunity to represent Council on a number of significant external boards and portfolios important to the interests of Alexandrina Council community.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

During a period of major growth and change, Council has maintained the balance of encouraging the growth of good development in the ward, while protecting and maintaining the 'village' feel and environment that is the character of Goolwa and its environs. This I see is the guiding principle to be maintained as Goolwa continues to grow.

Highlight of Current Term

Our newly elected Councillors have already achieved a number of goals and put in action a number of planned projects. These include the Goolwa Wharf Precinct Board, the Goolwa Beach Car Park and Environs Masterplan and, subject to Federal Government funding, a new Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club building. These projects, just to name a few, will bring even more attractions and facilities to visitors and locals.



Cr James Stewart
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My Background

With family in Goolwa region for seven generations, I've been in the advertising, commercial art industry for 38 years, city commuting for 20 of those, but always living in Goolwa. My local business offers illustration, design and signage regionally and internationally. I have strong community, school and club involvement.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

Retention of the character of our region developed over decades, implementing improved services for locals and visitors, and encouraging economic development. Sensitivity to environmental issues. Continued effort to herald Alexandrina as a centre for the Arts. Persistence toward a safer community.

Highlight of Current Term

Rewards associated with decisions, projects and maintenance large or small, which may have had different outcomes without my input. Seeing things come to fruition. Inspiration drawn from great support, new relationships with other Councillors and especially with staff.



Cr Jim Davis

Goolwa Hindmarsh Island Ward

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My Background

I migrated from East End of London in 1966 and have lived in South Australia since then.

I have been a Goolwa –Hindmarsh Island Ward Councillor since 2003.

Until retirement, I was a small business proprietor for 42 years.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

We need a period of rationalisation and a reduction of loan borrowings, which have become substantial over recent years.

To maintain the quality of life and environment that we have and retain the character of our Council area.

Highlight of Current Term

Productive Council meetings and keeping rates at a more affordable level.

I am looking forward to achieving one rate in the dollar for all ratepayers and higher degree of accountability for Council's expenditures.



Cr Karen Lume

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My Background

Lived in the Goolwa-Hindmarsh Island area for thirteen years. Business owner of bookkeeping services and assisting in my husband's printing business.

Undertake office administration for a small, local business. Actively involved in many voluntary community organisations including Southern Alexandrina Business Association, Cittaslow, and Goolwa Tourism 5214.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

Towns keeping their unique identity while sharing a sense of community throughout the region.

Supporting business development and encouraging tourism festivals and events. Committed to seeing Council continue to care for our natural environment.

Highlight of Current Term

Keeping rates lower through the Annual Business Plan and Budget, learning and exploring the workings of Council, representing the community. Looking forward to seeing the future workings of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct Board and the launch of the Bristow Smith Reserve Nature Playspace.



Cr Madeleine Walker

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My Background

I was born in Adelaide and grew up in Asia. I have lived and worked in Australia and England and now call Port Elliot home.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

I see Alexandrina in the future enjoying an ever developing reputation for sustainable farming and environmental stewardship, great food and wine, interesting things to see and do, beautiful places to visit and a wide range of community events to participate in.

Highlight of Current Term

After years of delay, I am delighted to be on the working party which is finally building the Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre that our community has wanted for so long!

I have been working for reductions in waste to landfill and I am thrilled that this term Alexandrina will introduce a fortnightly recycling waste collection scheme.



Cr Michael Scott

Port Elliot Middleton Ward

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My Background

I have spent most of my working life farming sheep and cattle near Middleton. I have also spent a lifetime in Emergency Services including Ambulance, Fire and Rescue. Also the Royal Adelaide Show and the SA Country Show movement, Equestrian South Australia and road safety.

What I Envisage for Alexandrina

I want Alexandrina Council to be a "can do" Council where business and industry can thrive and expand with minimum red tape, obstacles and unreasonable compliance. Also where orderly and sympathetic development can receive fair consideration and the opportunity to succeed.

The preservation of our fragile environment and heritage both Aboriginal and European is very important and the encouragement of the community is vital to achieve this.

Highlight of Current Term

Arts and cultural functions, Murray Darling Association and Youth Council involvement and ratepayer contacts.



Snapshots in Time

Snapshots in Time is a digitisation project inviting our communities to share old photos of local buildings, places, events and identities. The project aims to capture selected moments in history of the Alexandrina region, making them available on the public library catalogue for all South Australians to search and share.

You are invited to visit our History Rooms at either Goolwa or Strathalbyn Libraries. Bring along any photos you would like us to scan and help us to preserve your images for generations to come. Contact the library to arrange a suitable time with one of our volunteers. Phone 8555 7000 or email glibrary@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Green Army Programme



Alexandrina Council is a proud participant in the Australian Government's Green Army Programme. The Green Army is a hands-on, practical environmental action programme that supports local environment and conservation projects across Australia, while providing young people aged 17-24 with skills, training and experience to help them enter the workforce or improve their career opportunities.

During April-August 2015, Council hosted a Green Army team of nine young adults from the local area, supporting them to undertake biodiversity conservation works in and around the townships of Goolwa, Middleton, Port Elliot and Strathalbyn.

The team undertook a range of projects with a focus on weed control, revegetation and rubbish removal. Project highlights included the revegetation of a capped waste cell at the Goolwa Waste & Recycling Depot, assisting the Goolwa Primary School to establish vegetable gardens and renovate their Peace Garden and extensive woody weed control within the Strathalbyn riverine corridor. In collaboration with the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association, the Green Army team also participated in a range of training activities including frog monitoring, bird identification and snake awareness.

Over the course of the 21-week programme the Green Army team revegetated over 4000 plants and undertook weed control on 25ha of Council land, delivering real benefits for the environment and making a significant contribution to the delivery of Council's Environmental Action Plan 2014-2018.

Major Project Update

GOOLWA BEACH CAR PARK & ENVIRONS

Council has kicked off development of a master plan for the Goolwa Beach Car Park and surrounds. Council, with input from community, stakeholders and relevant experts, will develop a holistic, 20-year Master Plan that will guide the future development and management of Goolwa Beach car park and surrounds. The first stage of community consultation for the concept planning closes on 16 October 2015. Feedback will be used to inform a draft master plan which will in turn be released for a second round of community consultation later this year. For further information visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeachplan

FLEURIEU REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE (FRAC)

Kennett Pty Ltd has been appointed by the Alexandrina Council and the City of Victor Harbor to build the Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre. The facility, designed by Hames Sharley, dwp|suters and their design team, is expected to be operational by March 2017. For further information and regular updates visit www.fleurieuaquaticcentre.com.au

BRISTOW SMITH RESERVE

Grand opening event will be held on Sunday 6 December 2015 10.00am - 12.00pm. For further information visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/BristowPlayspace

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



Events

BRISTOW SMITH RESERVE

Barrage Road, Goolwa

NATURE PLAYSPACE

GRAND OPENING EVENT

Sunday 6 December 2015
10am - 12pm

Fresh fruit and yoghurt, parkour demonstrations and workshops, WIN a \$100 outdoor activity kit visit www.alexandrina.com.au/OPAL



OPAL is a joint program of State and Local Governments.



Government of South Australia

This is a joint initiative of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and SA Health

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
PARKOUR
ASSOCIATION



OPAL Talk and Taste

22 October 2015, Thursday
Location: Goolwa Children's Centre
Brooking Street Goolwa, 9.30-11.30am
Parents and grandparents are invited to join us for a cuppa, chat and morning of cooking. Children welcome.

Bookings: 8555 2509
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/OPAL

Dads and Kids Dinner

26 October 2015, Monday, 6-8.00pm
Location: Strathalbyn Kindergarten
Dad's opportunity to hang out with the kids, cook and eat a delicious dinner, social and fun activities.

Bookings: 8555 2509
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/OPAL

Italian Cooking Evening

29 October 2015, Thursday
Location: Goolwa Library, 7.00-8.30pm
Hilda and Laurie of the Yarra Valley, first generation Italians are passionate about their recipes and would love to share them with you.

Bookings: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

Don't Shoot Straight

29 October - 29 November 2015
Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre (SCRAC), Goolwa
Photographers from Alexandrina district capturing elements or an aspect that describes their passion for living here.

Enquiries/ cond of entry: 8555 7289

Men's Shed Movement, Book Launch

30 October 2015, Friday, 2.00pm
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa
Book launch celebrating the role & impact of SA Men's Sheds & specifically the role of 'The Shed' in Goolwa.

Bookings: 8555 7230
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

OPAL Talk and Taste

5 November 2015, Thursday
Location: Goolwa Children's Centre
Brooking Street Goolwa, 9.30-11.30am
Bookings: 8555 2509

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/OPAL

Night Fever Bee Gees Tribute Show

7 November 2015, Saturday, 8.00pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: 1300 466 592

www.visitalexandrina.com

Goolwa Poetry Cup

15 November 2015, Sunday
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa
Enquiries: 0407 609 550

www.visitalexandrina.com

Dads and Kids Dinner

16 November 2015, Monday, 6-8.00pm
Location: Goolwa Children's Centre
Bookings: 8555 2509

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OPAL Talk and Taste

19 November 2015, Thursday
Location: Goolwa Children's Centre
Brooking Street Goolwa, 9.30-11.30am
Bookings: 8555 2509

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Christmas Bush Craft Workshop

21 November, Saturday, 9.30-11.30am
Location: Goolwa Library
Local artist Sharyn Brady will show you how to create a Christmas decoration made from natural and recycled materials.

Bookings: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

Christmas Bush Craft Workshop

28 November, Saturday, 9.30-11.30am
Location: Strathalbyn Library
Bookings: 8555 7000

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

OPAL Talk and Taste

3 December 2015, Thursday
Location: Goolwa Children's Centre
Brooking Street Goolwa, 9.30-11.30am
Bookings: 8555 2509

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Drawing on Country

5 December 2015 - 10 January 2016
Location: SCRAC, Goolwa
An exhibition of the 2015 participants artwork.

Enquiries: 8555 7289
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

Band of the SA Police

Christmas Concert
5 December 2015, Saturday, 2.00pm
Location: Centenary Hall Goolwa
Get into the Christmas spirit with Australia's oldest police band. Enjoy their extensive repertoire of classic carols and sing-a-longs for an afternoon of traditional cheer just in time for Santa.

Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Christmas Where the Angas Flows

11 December 2015, 6.30pm
Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Strathalbyn
Enquiries: 0418 830 633

www.visitalexandrina.com

Tom O'Callaghan - New Work

12 December 2015 - 10 January 2016
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa
Tom is a highly respect SA painter working mainly in oils on canvas based out of his home studio in Victor Harbor.

Enquiries: 8555 7289
www.visitalexandrina.com

Goolwa Christmas Festival

13 December 2015, Sunday, 6.30pm
Location: Cadell Street, Goolwa
Enquiries: 0407 944 650
www.visitalexandrina.com

Port Elliot Carols

15 December 2015, Tuesday, 5.00pm
Location: Port Elliot Town Square
Enquiries: 8554 2351
www.visitalexandrina.com

Santa's Coming to Town

15 December 2015, Tuesday
Location: Strathalbyn Library, 10.30am-12.00pm
Location: Goolwa Library, 1.30-3.00pm
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

Dive Into Summer at the Strathalbyn Swimming Pool

Season commences 19 October 2015.
Activate your day with lap swimming, aqua aerobics, swim lessons for all ages, family swim and picnic.
Enquiries: 8536 2559
www.sa.ymca.org.au
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

"Water. The Orginal Cool Drink"

Twilight Community Event
13 January 2016, Wednesday
Location: Forrest Reserve, Strathalbyn
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/OPAL

Keep up to date with upcoming and new Council events by visiting Council's website or via the Visitor Information Centre website:
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www.visitalexandrina.com