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Message from Mayor Keith Parkes

Welcome to the winter edition of Alexandrina Alive. It has been a cold, but unseasonably dry start to winter in most parts of the region, so more rain would be most welcome.

It has been an exciting and busy period for Council, adopting the Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2018-19 and finalising the draft Strathalbyn Township and Environs Development Plan Amendments, which will now be sent to the Minister of Planning for final approval. We have also introduced the new suburb of 'Chiton' to the South Coast, with our boundary area of Hayborough, formally being renamed in June, following application to the Office of the Surveyor-General. In big news for our local economy and businesses, Alexandrina reached the impressive milestone of \$1 billion per annum, according to latest statistics released in June this year.

Our Community Grants Program is now open and closes on 29 July. The program is designed to assist community groups to take a more active and visible role, so as to create opportunities for community participation. Be sure to have a look at the Alexandrina Council website for application categories and other relevant information.

I encourage all eligible residents to enrol to vote in the upcoming local government elections 2018. Enrolments close at 5.00pm on 10 August.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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Above: Mayor Keith Parkes, Karyn Bradford, Katherine Stanley-Murray and Fiona Pitcairn at the opening of Milang Snipe Sanctuary. The cold and blustery conditions didn't stop interested stakeholders, community members and local school children from attending the opening of the Milang Snipe Sanctuary on Wednesday, 15 May.

Front Cover Image: Children at play at the outdoor cinema and youth festival held at Strathalbyn during April. A Night of Discovery – youTHRIVE was a buzz of activity and included activities for all ages.

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What's new on 'My Say'?

mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

10 Great Reasons to Become a Member of Council in 2018

Only a small number of people ever nominate for a position on their local council, but here are 10 reasons you might want to consider it:

1. You care about what's happening in your local community
2. It's a great way to develop your knowledge
3. You want to contribute to your community
4. You want to provide a voice for your age group/cultural group/gender
5. You're tired of watching from the sidelines
6. You've got great ideas to contribute
7. It's a nice addition to your CV
8. You'll meet interesting people
9. It's a way of making a meaningful and lasting contribution
10. It's your chance to make a difference.

Nominations for the next council elections open on Tuesday, 4 September and close midday Tuesday 18 September 2018.

For further information on enrolment (closing 10 August), nomination and voting, visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/elections2018

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HILG Milestone tree planting celebrations

Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group (HILG) celebrated World Environment Day in fine style at Ferryman's Reserve on 5 June, by planting their 500,000th native seedling. A testament to the staff, volunteers and supporters of the group, it has taken some seventeen years to bring this amazing feat to fruition.

Community members attended a booked out early morning bus tour of revegetation sites across the island. Many had never seen the sites before, while others were keen to see how they had grown since they last visited.

The celebrations focussed on the group's plant nursery and Ferryman's Reserve, just over the bridge from Goolwa. On the day, at a special morning tea and symbolic planting ceremony, HILG's Richard Owen, surrounded by representatives from local environmental groups, showed appreciation to the numerous contributors who have helped revegetate Hindmarsh Island and the Coorong. Richard acknowledged the many landowners who have supported the group's revegetation efforts and recognised Council's assistance over the years; noting that recreating a sustainable, healthy environment takes years of hard work with a consistent and dedicated approach, which will need to continue well into the future.

Congratulations to Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group and all of their valuable contributors – well done!

History of Hartley School forever etched in print



It was a school with a rich history and colourful past, steeped in tales of community spirit and generosity. For Marian Harvey, taking a step back in time proved to be a rewarding and challenging experience.

It was a three year labour of love for Marian, who spent three years, compiling the 312 page book, 'History of the Hartley School.'

At the Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards in May, Marian was recognised for her hard work and enormous contribution to local history and heritage, winning the 'Historic Research' award.

Marian explained what was involved in bringing the book to fruition.

"I spoke to about 35 former students of the school and a number of past teachers as well. It was not only an interesting way to learn about the school's history and characters, but the information they provided was invaluable. Local parents built the school on one acre of land donated by Ben Samuel. The high ground made it the perfect allotment in an area which is prone to flooding. Ben was a builder by trade and was the backbone of the project," she said.

The school opened in July 1919, and closed in December 1970, so there are many stories to tell and a history that speaks to anyone who grew up in Hartley and its surrounds.

"One such story was of an old teacher who enjoyed smoking cigars. The students could smell him coming up the passage for class, so one of the boys would jump up and wind the clock forward 15 minutes before he walked in, to make the lesson shorter," explained Marian.

Marian launched her book in March last year, combining the occasion with a reunion of former Hartley School students.

"The book launch and reunion was amazing, people from almost every family mentioned in the book came along. We sold 120 books, moving two a minute," reflected Marian.

When asked about winning the award, Marian remains humble and grateful.

"I was shocked when I received the letter saying I had been nominated, let alone when I won the award. My daughter-in-law and local teachers helped me enormously when I wrote the book so it was great to get the acknowledgment."

The Alexandrina Heritage Awards are part of the South Australian History Festival and organised by Council's Heritage Advisory Committee. They recognise and celebrate the challenging and meticulous work of local residents, who have restored or renovated some of our region's most iconic heritage properties, along with those, like Marian, who have made valuable contributions to researching past stories of the Alexandrina region.



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Immunisation Clinics at Council

Did you know, that Alexandrina Council conducts immunisation clinics once a month at the Goolwa Council offices and the Strathalbyn Library Community Centre?

Visit our friendly team of accredited immunisation nurses for all of your vaccination requirements. The National Immunisation Program provides:

- free vaccines to children eligible for Medicare benefits
- free influenza vaccination if you are over 65, pregnant or an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- free whooping cough (pertussis) vaccines for pregnant women in their third trimester.

Adult immunisations are also available, which incurs a fee for supply (pre-order is required) and administration of the vaccine e.g. meningococcal b.

These clinics run on a 'walk-in' basis, so there is no need to book, with exception for adult immunisations. Simply bring in your Medicare card and for children, please also bring their immunisation record book.

The next clinic will be held on **15 August 2018**. Please visit Council's website for times and locations

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/environmentalhealth

community grants program 2018-2019

OPEN
2 July to
29 July
2018

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants



Sustainable Spring is a three month program of events bringing together principles of sustainability, the arts and practical do-it-yourself, green living know how. We can all take action to live more sustainably. Program highlights include:

- **On the Verge of Spring** at Centenary Hall, Goolwa on Saturday, 8 September. Sustainable Spring program launch with special guest, Sophie Thomson, ABC's Gardening Australia presenter.
- **Roadside Verge Gardens** - Why not turn the space between the kerb and your front fence into a thriving verge garden. Council will launch the new Roadside Verge Planting Guide on 8 September. To read more about the things Alexandrina Council is doing to help our community thrive in a clean, green future, visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/sustainablespring



Cr Michael Scott, Bob Williams, Mayor Keith Parkes, Bill Cox and Dean Hampton

The stories behind the headstones at Currency Creek Cemetery

The headstones at Currency Creek Cemetery span generations, telling stories of what has shaped our region and its people. On Wednesday, 9 May, the Friends of the Currency Creek Cemetery, in partnership with Alexandrina Council and the SA History Festival, hosted a guided tour of the significant graveyard for over 60 history enthusiasts; sharing stories of interesting characters buried there, and the lives they lived.

Local historian and cemetery volunteer, Bob Williams, led the tour with help from other volunteers; who received praise and respect for their knowledge and enthusiasm. If you are interested in volunteering within one of Council cemeteries, please contact Council's Volunteer Coordinator on 8555 7000 or visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/volunteering

Changes to dog and cat laws from 1 July 2018.

Dogs and Cats Online will be the central database for microchipped and registered dogs and cats*, registration payments and breeder registration.

New laws require dogs and cats to be microchipped and desexed. Exemptions apply.

To enter or update your dog or cat's information, visit dogsandcatsonline.com.au

*if applicable

For more information on dog management in SA, visit gooddogsa.com.au

DOG AND CAT
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Major Project Update

MOUNT COMPASS RECREATION PARK

Council has received \$300,000 funding from The Hon. Stephan Knoll MP, the SA Minister for Planning (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure) to assist with the delivery of the Mount Compass Recreation Park. These funds are in addition to the financial commitment secured within Council's adopted budget. Final design and specification are being reviewed for this project before going out to tender in September 2018. Construction is scheduled to commence in early 2019. Council also acknowledges the significant assistance of David Basham MP, Member for Finniss in achieving such a great outcome for the Mount Compass community and Alexandrina region. For regular updates on the project visit, www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/mcrecpark

GOOLWA WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPOT UPGRADE

The opening of this fantastic facility is just around the corner, making, reusing and recycling on the Fleurieu Peninsula even easier. A permanent office and weighbridge facility for the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA), workshop facilities to maintain the fleet of FRWA refuse trucks, a larger waste sorting shed providing modern and safe disposal facilities for the community, and roads and stormwater that provide safe and all-weather access are some of the features that will make the Goolwa Waste Recycling Depot a state-of-the-art waste facility. FRWA are currently transitioning into the new site. For more information on the official opening, keep an eye on www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwawastedepot

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



Events



On the Verge of Spring

Join us for the launch of **Sustainable Spring**. Sophie Thomson (regular presenter of the ABC's Gardening Australia) will share tips and ideas on habitat gardening and how to create a home for the birds, bees, butterflies and more in your roadside verge, front garden and beyond. Alexandrina Council will launch its new roadside Verge Planting Guide and Green Living Collection of resources, with displays and activities throughout the afternoon.

Where	Centenary Hall, Goolwa
When	Saturday, 8 September, 1.30 - 4.00pm
Cost	Free
Bookings	8555 7000 www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/sustainablespring

Fleurieu Biennale Art Prize*

16 June to 22 July
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
www.artprize.com.au

Rapture – Monika Morgenstern*

26 July to 26 August
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Bacchus*

Location: Langhorne Creek Hub, Langhorne Creek
1 August to 19 August
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Stranger than Fiction II*

1 August to 31 August
Location: Strathalbyn Library Community Centre, Strathalbyn
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Drawing on Country*

1 August to 31 August
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

In the Cabinet – the Face of Politics*

1 August to 31 August
Location: Strathalbyn Library Community Centre, Strathalbyn
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Two Fabulous Acts, One Brilliant Night of Entertainment She'll Be Right Love; I Sing Piaf and Coral Browne: This F***ing Lady

11 August at 8pm
Location: Mount Compass War Memorial Hall, Mount Compass
Bookings: www.ticketbo.com.au/mcsupperclub
www.compasscommunity.org.au/mount-compass-supper-club

Wanton Wild and Unimagined – Alison McDonald*

15 August to 30 September
Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Altered Artists Books

18 August from 10am – 4pm
Location: Strathalbyn Library Community Centre, Strathalbyn
Bookings: **8555 7000**
www.visitalexandrina.com

James Blundell

1 September at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: **1300 466 592**
www.visitalexandrina.com

Captured – From Dark Room to Digital – The Tradition Lives On*

1 to 23 September
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
www.southcoastcameraclub.com

Goolwa Concert Band

9 September at 2pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: **1300 466 592**
www.visitalexandrina.com

Lower Lakes Stockman's Challenge

14, 15 and 16 September
Location: Langhorne Creek Road, Strathalbyn
Enquiries: info@lakeschallenge.com.au
www.lakeschallenge.com.au

String Fever

22 September at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: **1300 466 592**
www.visitalexandrina.com

Genesis – Brenda Holden with David Hamilton*

24 September to 4 November
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Strathalbyn Show

Location: Strathalbyn Sports Oval Complex
1 October, 10am – 4.30pm

Enquiries: strathshow@gmail.com
www.strathalbynshow.com.au

The Scientifibubble Show

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
2 October from 2 - 2.45pm
Bookings: **1300 466 592**
www.visitalexandrina.com

Solastalgia*

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa
4 October to 25 November
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Fix it, don't ditch it*

6 October from 9.30am – 11am
Location: Goolwa Library, Goolwa
Bookings: **8555 7000**

Port Elliot Show

6 and 7 October
Location: Port Elliot Showgrounds
Enquiries: secretary@portelliotshow.com.au
www.portelliotshow.com.au

School Holiday Program – Green Design for Kids, with Dan French*

9 October from 10am - 11.30am
Location: Strathalbyn Library Community Centre, Strathalbyn
Bookings: **8555 7000**

Sponge Kids Arts Hub – Natural Instincts*

10, 11, 12 October.
Session times 11am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3pm
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Making Mozart – The da Ponte Project

13 October at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: **1300 466 592**
www.visitalexandrina.com

Upcycle with Mosaics

20 and 27 October
Location: Port Elliot Library, Port Elliot
Sustainable Spring two part workshop.
Bookings: **8555 7000**

Kenny Blake Festival of Motorcycling

26, 27 and 28 October
Various locations around Strathalbyn.
Enquiries: kbevents@slta.asn.au
www.kennyblakestrathalbyn.com.au

Keep up to date with upcoming and new Council events by visiting Council's website or via the tourism website:

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

* Free event

