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Message from Mayor Keith Parkes

Welcome to the autumn edition of Alexandrina Alive.

The start of this year has been a very busy one in our region. In late-March we opened the doors to the new Fleurieu Aquatic Centre at Hayborough. It is extremely pleasing to see the project open to the public, and I hope everyone has the opportunity to visit. It certainly is a terrific facility.

In April we celebrate the biennial South Australian Wooden Boat Festival in Goolwa, our Strathalbyn Youth Week Event, youTHRIVE and the 8th World Crossbow Championships in Strathalbyn. These events were very well supported by the community and I would like to thank those who helped to make these events happen. The process of the Development Plan for Strathalbyn has seen the Strathalbyn Immersion Study into traffic and parking undertaken.

In May, international delegates will visit the region for the 8th International Cittaslow Assembly in Goolwa. Delegates will have the opportunity to get 'out and about' in Alexandrina and see what the area has to offer.

Our region is also in the process of entering a late vintage. It has been delayed due to weather conditions but it is looking to be a promising vintage.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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Front Cover Image: The Fleurieu Aquatic Centre is open for business and it's celebrations all round.

Above: Mayor Keith Parkes at the official opening of the Fleurieu Aquatic Centre with FRAC Authority Chair - David Cooke, Olympian - Phil Rogers, Senator Anne Ruston and City of Victor Harbor Mayor Graham Philp.

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Beautiful Strathalbyn Memorial Gardens

Strathalbyn Rotunda Restored

Works to restore the iconic rotunda within the Strathalbyn Memorial Gardens are now complete.

Renovations were completed in late 2016, comprising of significant structural work to elements of the rotunda and stunning landscaping.

The rotunda was constructed in 1912-1913 by local carpenter Alexander Caldwell and forms a central point of the gardens. Existing traditional colours and styles have been retained, ensuring the historical aspect of the gardens is respected and continued.

A new class of rose known as 'We Will Remember Them' rose will be planted around the rotunda; planting of the bushes will commence in June. In the meantime, white daisy bushes surround the rotunda.

The work undertaken to restore the Strathalbyn Memorial Gardens rotunda complements the calm, serene atmosphere of the gardens.

The rotunda remains a picturesque, iconic sight of Strathalbyn, a perfect spot for weddings. We encourage people to continue to use the gardens and rotunda, respect its heritage and take delight out of our unique history.

Attention in Strathalbyn is now turning to the streetscape as Council, in consultation with the community and expert consultants, are developing a District Centre Traffic, Parking and Streetscape Plan. See page 5 for further details and pictures from the pop-up parklet in Strathalbyn that took place from 30 March to 1 April.

Search for Your Local Park Online

Explore the new search functionality on our Parks, Gardens and Playgrounds page on Council's website.

Visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/parks

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Ashbourne Oval – funding hits the mark

Nestled in the lush, green country town of Ashbourne is a historic and proud cricket club boasting one of the most picturesque home grounds in the region.

With deep history spanning across three centuries, the Ashbourne Cricket Club hold the envious privilege of playing at the charming Ashbourne Oval, surrounded by large claret ash trees which creates a spectacular, naturally soothing atmosphere.

Since 2013/14 the Ashbourne Cricket Club have received oval management contributions of \$2,250 from Alexandrina Council which, along with fundraising, SACA grants and Recreation and Sport grants, have been used to maintain the oval and playing surface, as well as repairing and purchasing a pitch roller and mower for the Club.

Perhaps the most significant upgrade is the ongoing renovation of the turf cricket pitches. Three years ago the Cricket Club began a process to revitalise their four centre wicket pitches. Several carefully-executed pitch management techniques were used to improve the playability of the pitches. This also involved the appointment of a professional curator to prepare the wicket for weekend play.

Tony Randall is the Secretary of the Ashbourne Cricket Club, and has been a proud clubman for over 10 years. He spoke of his pride for the evolution of the Oval's wicket over the last few years. "About five or six years ago you could consider the playing pitch as 'dead'," he said. "But over the last three or four years it's really come back to life. We've brought our pitch quality back up to standard with the other turf pitches (Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek and Callington). Now it's up there with the best in the competition."

The quality of the current pitches has further cemented Ashbourne Oval's standing as one of the most highly-regarded playing surfaces in the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu regions.

"Ashbourne Oval is a beautiful oval with great turf pitches," he said.

"We have players who travel from Aldinga, the South Coast and the Adelaide Hills to play for us. I think they want something different and, after playing for one year, they stick around and continue. The location and turf pitch has a lot to do with that."

As a result of the turf upgrade, the Ashbourne Cricket Club has received requests from clubs and associations around the area to use the Oval for cricket matches with requests from SAPSASA, the Alexandra and Eastern Hills Cricket Association (for Under 14, 16 and 21 inter-association matches), and the Fleurieu Peninsula over 60s team.

Future plans include continuing the turf pitch revitalisation, as well as constructing a new boundary fence on the western side of the oval to stop cricket balls from going into the nearby housing subdivision.

The Ashbourne Oval would give any rural cricket oval a run for its money in terms of its picturesque location and impressive playing surface. All involved in the running and maintenance of the club should be extremely proud of their efforts.

The Ashbourne Cricket Club currently contest A, B and C Grades of cricket in the Alexandra and Eastern Hills Cricket Association, and are seeking interested juniors of any skill level to start contesting Under 12, 14 and 16 divisions. If you are interested, contact Tony Randall on 0402 245 747.



Strathalbyn Immersion

Strathalbyn's streetscape will soon undergo a visual transformation, with Alexandrina Council launching the Strathalbyn District Centre Traffic, Parking and Streetscape Plan as part of its commitment to develop a more comfortable and convenient town centre layout.

In late March, 'Strathalbyn Immersion' transformed a vacant shop in Dawson Street to include a pop-up parklet and space for all to contribute to the future overall look and feel of Strathalbyn.

The three days involved a series of stakeholder engagement seminars, public information sessions and design workshops and was well attended by the community and local business owners. The Plan will adopt a new approach to the existing town centre design and plan, with a heavy focus on improving the pedestrian aspect of the town centre.

This project has been developed to adhere to principles stemming from the Strathalbyn Town Plan 2014-2024, specifically encouraging walking, cycling and social interaction, traffic-environment modification and identifying urban design concepts to encourage outdoor dining and other business opportunities.

Transforming town centre land into parklets, revitalising car park management and increasing accessibility are priorities of the project.

Expert consultants MR Cagney and Jensen Plus were on hand, as well as Council staff from Infrastructure and Planning, to help facilitate the session and assist community members who dropped in to contribute. The parklet out the front of the shop served as an example of what can be achieved by creating areas in a town centre where people can connect.



After community feedback and comments, a final Strathalbyn District Centre – Traffic, Parking and Streetscape Plan is scheduled to be released in June 2017.

Community Protecting Our Threatened Flora

In September 2016, Alexandrina Council was pleased to be able to support the Trees For Life Community Action for Threatened Flora Project. This project aims to get community members involved in monitoring and caring for five threatened flora species between Goolwa and Monarto.

Trees for Life hosted a Threatened Species Day event at Finnis Oval on 7 September 2016. Attended by around 160 school students from Milang, Strathalbyn, Goolwa and Langhorne Creek, the event was a great success. The bushland next door to the oval is actively managed by Council in collaboration with Trees for Life volunteers and is home to the nationally vulnerable Silver Daisy Bush.

This project is supported by the SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and the NRM Levy.

More Fleurieu-based events are now scheduled, with community members able to learn about threatened plant identification and monitoring as well as bush regeneration. Trees for Life have announced an **Introductory Bush Regeneration Workshop** in Goolwa on Wednesday, 26 April 2017.

There are further opportunities in May and June for our community to be involved with **Come and Try Bushcare Days** in Milang and Goolwa, where you can join a local bushcare group, adopt a bushcare site, learn bushcare skills for your property and care for endangered plants.

If you are interested in saving our local threatened flora species or require further information on upcoming events please visit www.treesforlife.org.au, call Trees for Life on 8406 0500 or send an email to bfl@treesforlife.org.au



Kids soaking up the information at the Finnis Oval event in 2016



Goolwa Beach Car Park Development Gains Traction

The Goolwa Beach Car Park Masterplan has been given the go-ahead to move to the next phase of development, subject to funding.

After an extensive consultation period with the community and relevant professionals, the finalised Masterplan will provide Alexandrina Council with a vision for development of the Goolwa Beach Car Park over the next twenty years.

It is hoped that the Masterplan will minimise congestion – especially over the busy summer period – by expanding the amount of car parks available, creating a permanent 'drop-off' zone and incorporating an open area for long vehicles towing infrastructure such as horse floats, trailers or boats.

The Masterplan features key public facilities including drinking fountains, additional outdoor showers, bike racks and shade structures with relevant furniture. The existing Bombora Café building will be retained until such time as a new café is constructed, likely in the next 6 to 8 years. Due to the predicted rise of the Goolwa Beach shoreline by the year 2100, the café will be required to be positioned north of its current location to ensure the long term practicality of the infrastructure.

Electric cars will have the ability to recharge at a dedicated charging station, further enhancing the region on the Electric Highway, a series of electric charging stations linking Kangaroo Island, the Fleurieu Peninsula and the Adelaide Hills.

Four-wheel-drive vehicles will be able to access the beach in a similar fashion to the existing car park, with an access track linking the beach to a dedicated left turn four-wheel-drive slip lane off Beach Road.

The entrance to the Goolwa Beach Car Park will receive a facelift, with the southern end of Beach Road planned to receive an additional 25 angled parks, a series of speed humps, a car park entry statement and a 3 metre wide path on the western side of Beach Road connecting the Encounter Bikeway to the car park.

There will be opportunity for locals to contribute public art to the Masterplan in key locations around the car park. The Masterplan also indicates the estimated position of a proposed new Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club facility, subject to ongoing discussion and development approval. Public toilets and changerooms will be located within this facility.

Implementing the Masterplan over the next twenty years will enhance the Goolwa Beach area, stimulate local businesses and services, provide the Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club with suitable facilities to host carnivals, and showcase the region's landscape and fauna to a greater amount of visitors.

With a growing amount of people visiting the Alexandrina region, developments like the proposed Masterplan are beneficial and essential for the ongoing support of our tourism industry.

After the Masterplan received endorsement at the Council meeting on 6 February, Council will now be seeking funds from external sources to reach the estimated cost of \$1.7 million. Council have currently allocated an amount of \$1.036 million to the development.



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Cittaslow International Assembly in Goolwa

Cittaslow's presence in Goolwa is being felt with the opening of Cittaslow Corner in the refurbished Old Goolwa Chambers Building in the Goolwa Wharf Precinct.

The building, located on the corner of Cadell Street and Goolwa Terrace, was built in 1915 and was utilised for decades as the former chambers of the Goolwa Council.

The Cittaslow Corner is open to the public for up to five days each week, generally between the hours of 10am and 3pm and staffed by a group of enthusiastic volunteers.

Displays and reading material will be available and activities such as tastings will be held to promote locally made produce for sale.

This space greets visitors as they drive down Cadell mainstreet and visually reinforce Goolwa's 'slow town' reputation, which underpins the Cittaslow values of encouraging regions to identify and use local food and produce.

Cittaslow Corner will be the official Cittaslow headquarters throughout the upcoming Cittaslow International General Assembly in Goolwa from 9 - 12 May 2017. More than 100 international delegates are expected to congregate in Goolwa for the Assembly, held for the first time outside of Europe.

Over this weekend, Cittaslow intend to use the Corner as a central base for conference registration and a potential venue for Cittaslow workshops and meetings.

"Goolwa is a vibrant Cittaslow town – we promote the sustainable use of excellent local produce, offer unique tourism opportunities and support our thriving local economy," Mayor Keith Parkes said.

"Our Wharf Precinct offers an outstanding opportunity to sample some of the region's fantastic food and wine products and admire the iconic River Murray."

The community of Goolwa is embracing this event and is looking forward to the opportunity of welcome international delegates to our beautiful state and especially to the unique location beside the River Murray.

For further information on the Assembly, contact Lyn Clark, Assembly Coordinator (08) 8555 5801 or by email assembly@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au or Goolwa Cittaslow's website www.cittaslowgoolwa.com.au

Above: Cittaslow President, Margaret Gardner, Mayor Keith Parkes and Interim Chief Executive, Victoria MacKirdy celebrate the official opening of the Cittaslow Corner building in February.



Much ado about Mundoo

With the nearest public toilet facility on Hindmarsh Island located on Captain Sturt Parade, over 10km from the Mundoo Channel Drive carpark, this long-awaited project will add to the popularity of this area for both local and visitors to our region.

Construction is well underway for the Mundoo Channel Drive carpark upgrade including the construction of a public toilet block to revitalise the site. The building will comprise of one male and one female toilet, both with ambulant disability access. There will also be a specific unisex disability toilet. Solar power will be utilised for the small power requirements. Alexandrina Council strives to offer healthy built and natural environments that positively contribute to the health and wellbeing of all generations.

The provision of public toilets at the Mundoo Channel Drive carpark preserves public health and contributes to liveable, enjoyable open spaces for all.

The construction of the toilet block will address the need for additional public facilities on Hindmarsh Island after the closure of the Sugars Beach public toilet block.

Construction of the building, footpaths and fencing works will be complete prior to the end of the financial year. During construction, temporary toilets will be made available during public and school holidays. Please be mindful that restrictions on car park availability will occur during this period.

Dog Registration Reminder

Dog registration renewal notices and tags will be sent out in late June to early July 2017 and deadline for renewal is 31 August 2017. For further information visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/dogs





Above: Bob Henry, Jeremy Bell, Dorothy Price and Lyn Mole and Maryanne McGill.

Port Elliot Bowling Club STARCLUB Recognition

The Port Elliot Bowling Club has been successful in achieving STARCLUB status, becoming the first bowling club to obtain recognition in the Alexandrina region. The Club was presented the banner on Friday, 24 February, becoming the 75th South Australian organisation to achieve recognition, joining six bowling clubs around the state.

The STARCLUB program recognises well-managed sporting clubs and organisations that have a clear vision for a viable future, are financially stable, value volunteers, provide a safe environment for all, and have a strong membership base. STARCLUB Field Officer for the Southern Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Jeremy Bell commended the club for their years of hard work to attain the recognition.

"Port Elliot Bowling Club has demonstrated itself to be a standout when it comes to well-run community clubs," he said.

"The hard work the committee has put in over a consistent period is evidenced by the beautiful facilities and surrounds in a prime location. However, it is the vibrant, friendly and welcoming people at the club that really make this club a stand out."

The Club has worked hard over the last few years to ensure the governance of operations is up to standard by updating their constitution, having easily-accessible records of their policies and procedures, and adopting risk management strategies to ensure the safety of its members and the public.

New policies have been developed to ensure a more efficient method of governance, as well as a three-year strategic plan to highlight their vision for the future.

One initiative the Port Elliot Bowling Club was commended for was the creation of a juniors program. This has resulted in a handful of juniors and parents transitioning into regular members.

The Port Elliot Bowling Club has also successfully implemented a volunteer succession program to ensure the continual management of the club.

"The committee members I met with were positive, passionate, organised and knowledgeable about the club and its direction," Mr Bell said.

Major Project Update

GOOLWA WASTE RECYCLING DEPOT

Contracts have been awarded for the building works at the Goolwa Waste Recycling Depot to Blu-Built Constructions Pty Ltd. The buildings are currently in the design and approval phase and works are likely to start at site within three months. Council is working with the Contractor and the three existing businesses at the depot; Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority, Finding Workable Solutions and South Coast Recycling, to minimise the disruption so it will be business as usual.

For further information visit

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwawastedepot

SANDERGROVE ROAD PLEC UPGRADE

Stage 1 works are underway for the undergrounding of the overhead powerlines along Sandergrove Road, Strathalbyn. Civil contractors and SA Power Networks will notify landowners before any power is anticipated to be interrupted.

For further information visit

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/PLEC

NINE MILE ROAD UPGRADE

Upgrade work is being undertaken to complete the sealing of the full length of Nine Mile Road. Works includes earthworks, sealing, line marking, signage, vegetation removal and stormwater. Work commenced in April on vegetation removal followed by road construction over the next three months.

To keep up to date with other projects in Alexandrina visit our website

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates

Events



Cittaslow Goolwa International Assembly

We are counting down the days until we welcome Cittaslow delegates from all around the world to Goolwa and the wider Alexandrina region. It is a great opportunity to showcase what makes our area so unique.

When 9 - 12 May 2017
Where Goolwa (various locations)
Website www.cittaslowgoolwa.com.au
Enquiries Lyn Clark - 8555 5801



Cole – Starring Michael Griffiths
26 April 2017 at 7.30pm
Location: Strathalbyn Town Hall
Bookings: Jeffs Books, 8536 4644 or 0410 062 668
Enquiries: info@slta.asn.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

An Evening with Peter Moss and Friends - Presented by The Ukelele Group of Goolwa
29 April 2017 at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Fleurieu Dog-Themed Art Exhibition *
29 April 2017 at 10am
Location: Port Elliot Dog Park
Enquiries: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Pianola' Colada *
May and throughout 2017
Location: Goolwa Wharf Precinct
A community-based art project involving a piano plonked on the Goolwa Wharf for public use!
Enquiries: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

An Introduction to Family History Research *
4 May 2017 at 2pm
Location: Goolwa Library
Bookings: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Sista Girl
5 May 2017 at 1pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
This is a school show aimed at Years 10-12
Enquiries: 8415 5314
www.statetheatrecompany.com.au

Our Mob 2015 *
5 May – 11 June 2017
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa
A collection of South Australian Aboriginal artists' works from Our Mob in 2015.
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

Good Things Small Packages *
5 May – 18 June 2017
Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

Drawing on Country *
6 May 2017 at 10am – 4pm
Location: Goolwa, Clayton Bay, Milang and Raukkan
Registrations open now, sites advised upon registration.
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

Strathalbyn Craft Fair
6 – 7 May 2017 at 10am
Location: Strathalbyn Town Hall, Strathalbyn
Enquiries: 8536 2900
www.visitalexandrina.com

Stories Behind The Headstones *
10 May 2017 at 2.30pm
Location: Currency Creek Cemetery
Guided Cemetery Tour of selected headstones, a History Week event.
Bookings: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

A Journey into a Slice of Antarctic History *
11 May 2017 at 2pm
Location: Strathalbyn Library
Be transported into the land of ice with geophysicist and author Brian Gaull.
Bookings: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Goodbye Yellow Brick Road – The Elton John Tribute Show
20 May 2017 at 8pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

DreamBIG Children's Festival presents TETRIS
23 May 2017 at 10.30am and 1pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: Use the School Booking Form available at DreamBIG website below.
Enquiries: 8216 8600
dreambigchildrensfestival.com.au

The Curious History of Currency Creek *
31 May 2017 at 1pm
Location: Currency Creek Hall
Bookings: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Black Screen *
2 June 2017 at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
A free screening of Indigenous films as part of Reconciliation Week (films TBA).
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.nfsa.gov.au/blackscreen

Austen's Women *
4 June 2017 at 2pm
Location: Signal Point Gallery Theatre, Goolwa
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

Movement, Music & Mindfulness Workshop *
8 June 2017 at 6.30pm
Location: Goolwa Library
Bookings: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Uwankara (Together) *
16 June – 16 July 2017
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa
A collection of over 100 pieces from contemporary Indigenous artists of South Australia, the Fleurieu and the Central Desert.
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

The Three Chillies – 'Hot Chilliie Nights'
17 June 2017 at 8pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Alexandrina Council Collection *
22 June – 23 July 2017
Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa
Featuring work from some of the Fleurieu Peninsula's most prominent artists.
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

'Night and Day' – The Doris and Shirley Show
Starring Gina Hogan
1 July 2017 at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Seasonal and Ethical Cooking with Simon Bryant *
6 July 2017 at 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Location: Goolwa Library
Bookings: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

NAIDOC Week Celebrations at Strathalbyn and Goolwa *
Strathalbyn: 6 July 2017 at 11am
Location: Strathalbyn Show Hall, Strathalbyn
Goolwa: 9 July 2017 at 11am
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

Write Like a Girl! *
13 and 20 July 2017, 1pm
Location: Angus Room, Strathalbyn Library
Bookings: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

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

* Free event