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Message from the Mayor

Spring is well underway as we present the latest edition of *Alexandrina Alive*.

It has been a busy few months at Council with progress made on a range of infrastructure projects and a significant level of maintenance tasks being undertaken following a wetter than average winter.

A number of major projects are progressing well around the region including the Strathalbyn Town Centre revitalisation multi-staged project, the Goolwa Oval sporting complex and the Goolwa Wharf Precinct project. During the quarterly

period we have held village conversations to engage with the community about their vision for their townships as part of the A2040 process, holding sessions in Mount Compass, Langhorne Creek and Goolwa. We have also engaged with the community on a number of important plans including the draft Disability, Access and Inclusion Plan, and significant work has gone into the Wooden Boat Strategy for Council's consideration.

The new Milang Foreshore public toilets are complete and will be a valuable piece of infrastructure for locals and tourists to this picturesque riverside town. In other exciting news, our aspiration to 'Thrive' has come to fruition through

the development of the draft Economic Development Strategy 2022-27 and through community participation in the 2021 Alexandrina Innovation Challenge. We look forward to the winner of the challenge being announced in November.

The spring and summer calendar of events across the region caters for all members of the community. From art exhibitions, live performances, local markets and more; there is something for all interests. Enjoy and stay safe over the holiday period.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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Above: Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes with the Hon David Basham MP, South Australian Agricultural Minister and Member for Finnis, and Chief Executive Officer, Glenn Rappensberg congratulated staff and volunteers at the Goolwa Visitor Information Centre (VIC), after being crowned SA's best VIC of the Year.

Front Cover: Farm helpers, Daisy, Albie and Finn Heath on their Finnis property for local business, Heath and Co.

Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation Update

Strathalbyn's Town Centre Revitalisation project is progressing well. The eight-stage fully funded master plan will transform the town centre and draw people into this beautiful and much loved township in the Alexandrina region.

Stylish new wayfinding signage has been installed and provides 17 unique contemporary signs showing a mixture of directional, points of interest and historical information placed strategically throughout the township.

The Town Centre upgrades will revitalise the streetscape to help foster community connection through shared open spaces, landscaping and signage for both visitor information and historical significance.

On the ground works for Stages 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 will commence in early 2022 and the \$10 million project is expected to be completed by 2023. With positive feedback received from the community, Council remains committed to transforming the township to see Strathalbyn grow and prosper.

The project will increase connectivity, create new greenspaces and provide an overall increase in parking throughout the town centre.

Find out more about the project at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc



This project is proudly supported through funding from the State Government's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program and Alexandrina Council.



Upcoming Community Consultations

Draft Economic Development Strategy

The draft Economic Development Strategy 2022–2027 has been built by listening carefully to the community. Together we want a region that offers people and businesses the opportunity to thrive, attracting new families while protecting and rejuvenating the environment.

Help us bring the draft Economic Development Strategy 2022–2027 to life: connect with us at Business Alexandrina on **8555 7455** or visit **businessalexandrina.com.au** To provide your feedback during the upcoming community consultation, visit the My Say Alexandrina website.

We welcome your feedback on **other upcoming community consultations** including:

- Clayton Bay Riverside Holiday Park, lease proposal
- Clayton Bay Boat Club, lease proposal
- Goolwa Bowling Club, lease proposal
- Draft Privately Funded Planning and Design Code Amendments Policy and Procedure.

mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Goolwa Wharf Precinct revitalisation project takes shape

Goolwa Wharf Precinct is taking shape with the Chart Room restoration now complete. This is one early component adding to the broader Goolwa Wharf Revitalisation Project at the northern most end of the Precinct boundary. Funding from the State Government's Regional Growth Fund and Council's co-contribution has seen the historic building restored to its former glory and accessible for all with ramp access.

The space will be used as a pop-up venue for small business. It is proposed that the space will be available for use from 1 to 6 month periods, subject to Council guidelines.

The pop-up program at the Chart Room will activate the northern end of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct, encouraging visitors to explore the waterfront and surrounds.

The activation of the Chart Room space will stimulate small business growth in the region by providing a flexible and accessible space to showcase the region's goods and services and compliment Goolwa's tourism offerings and waterfront experience.

Another exciting Goolwa Wharf Precinct project underway is the Signal Point Experience Centre. A project working group has been formed including local historians, Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation (NAC), wooden boat sector specialists, the SA Department of Environment and Water and other key stakeholders to develop the content for the story telling component of the project. Council have enlisted an experienced event curator in Exhibition Studios to oversee the internal fit out requirements and content creation based on the story telling needs and mixed use space objective. It is exciting times as the project will progress quickly toward the June 2022 completion.

The Signal Point Experience Centre Project is funded through the Federal Government's Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Grant funding program (Round 3). Both the Chart Room and Signal Point Experience Centre projects build on the Master Plan vision for the waterfront location and take the Goolwa Wharf Precinct Project to the next stage. This project is funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund, Round 4, the South Australian Government's Regional Development Growth Fund and Alexandrina Council.



Chart Room

The first event at the newly restored Chart Room will be the Our Local Alexandrina business networking event on 10 November.

➤ For more information about the project visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/GoolwaWharf



2021 SA Tourism Awards

The Alexandrina region is well represented as nine businesses make their way into the 2021 South Australian Tourism Awards as finalists.

The recognition is well deserved and demonstrates the resilience and 'can do attitude' of our local business community.

As an initiative of the Business Alexandrina program a tailored series of workshops provided guidance and confidence for

local businesses to put forward a strong submission. The Awards acknowledged business excellence and innovation; and rewarded exceptional customer service in the tourism industry.

Award submissions incorporated an introduction to the business, outlining how they responded to COVID-19, business development achievements and plans, and an overview of marketing and customer experience activities.

Entrants are judged on their written submission, online reviews, customer rating and an on-site visit by a member of the judging panel.

Winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner on 4 November.

Congratulations to our finalists:

- Beach Huts Middleton
- Canoe the Coorong
- Carriage of Occasion
- Foodbuilder
- Glenbarr Homestead
- Hammer and Tongs
- Kimbolton
- SA Skydiving
- Woodburn Homestead



If you want to be a part of the **Business Alexandrina Program**, receive updates on networking events and upcoming workshops for the businesses community via their newsletter, please contact our Business Support Team on **8555 7455** or connect with us on social media @**BusinessAlexandrina** LinkedIn and Facebook.

Community Gardening in Alexandrina

Are you a keen gardener without sufficient space? Do you want to learn how to grow your own food? Or do you enjoy sharing your passion for gardening with others? Then why not consider joining a community garden?

A community garden is an area of public land, gardened collectively by a group of people, with the primary purpose of producing food. Community gardens may include shared garden beds where gardeners work together to grow

produce and share the harvest, or individual allotments where gardeners each have their own garden bed that they maintain and harvest.

Community gardening has become increasingly popular over the last decade due to the range of social, environmental, economic and health benefits it offers. Community gardens are recognised as havens of social interaction; and small-scale local food production is highlighted in

Alexandrina's A2040 Community Strategic Plan, playing a part in supporting a Liveable, Green and Connected Alexandrina community.

Alexandrina is home to several community gardens including Clayton Bay, Goolwa, Milang and Strathalbyn. Each garden operates slightly differently, but all offer a welcoming place for people to get involved, grow fresh seasonal food, connect with nature, meet new people and learn new skills.

To learn more about community gardening in Alexandrina, including contact details for your nearest community garden, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/community-gardens



Start planning your verge garden today!

Head to Council's website to find out what's involved.

You will need to complete and submit an 'Application to Alter a Verge' form for any works such as planting trees, shrubs and turf; or paving, mulching or gravelling on your verge for Council's consideration.

Verge planting in spring

After a bumper winter, now is the time to be planning and planting new gardens and renovating established plantings.

Deciduous trees are flowering and sprouting leaves, flowering annuals are appearing and the first of the spring/summer crops need planting now. Addition of compost and mulch will help protect your plants into summer.

This season Alexandrina Council has planted approximately 180 advanced street trees, and several small reserve planting projects are planned over the coming month to take advantage of favourable conditions. Many of the district's parks and gardens are at their best, so it's a good time to get out and enjoy the open space and clean air.

In line with Council's vision of thriving clean, green futures; the community is encouraged to take advantage of the ideal growing environment and participate in urban greening either in their gardens or on the verge in front of their residence.

As well as being aesthetically pleasing, planting a shade tree or even low canopy vegetation helps to lower local air temperatures in summer by up to 10 degrees Celsius, reducing glare and domestic power consumption.

Trees also provides a habitat for birds, lizards and insects. Trees and green spaces are also known to improve liveability and identity of a township, and promote better

mental and physical health of residents, leading to community prosperity and the associated economic flow-on effects to local business and property values.

Council encourages appropriate approved planting on verges. Registration is easy and the application form to 'Alter a Verge' and the 'Alexandrina Verge Planting Guide', for ideas and guidance are available on Council's website. You can download online to complete or collect from the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Offices.

Several community resources are also available for residents, such as the Alexandrina Community Nursery, Hindmarsh Island Landcare Nursery, Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group, Milang Environment Centre, the Strathalbyn Environmental Centre, and Cittaslow community garden to name a few.



To find the 'Application to alter a verge' form and the 'Verge planting guide', visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/community-gardens

Spring into summer



Did you know Alexandrina Council and YMCA have partnered to deliver community fitness classes in both Strathalbyn and Goolwa?

Classes are for people who are mature aged, with a variety of fitness levels catered for including chair based classes suitable for frailer people, all classes offer an opportunity for social connection and improved wellbeing.

To find out more about classes call the YMCA on **08 7078 4155** or to view the program visit sa.ymca.org.au/alexandrinaprograms

COVID grant recovery funding aids a revitalised 'Kuti Shack'



Council's Economic Development Recovery Grant funding has allowed Kuti Shack to renovate their business and revitalise their shopfront appeal with improvements to the aesthetic, functionality and environmental footprint of Kuti Shack so as to create a fantastic feature at the iconic Goolwa Beach location.

The Kuti Shack provides comfortable, open air dining where patrons can sit in their wetsuits or with their dogs, enjoy the view and the local fare. The Kuti Shack adds atmosphere and undoubtably enhances the popular Goolwa Beach Precinct.

Renovations also reflect the important community message received during the Goolwa Beach Car Park and Surrounds Master Plan consultation, to maintain a 'beach shack' vibe. Kuti Shack owners Vanessa Button and Brendan Roach were able to achieve this in spades for the kiosk, and it looks fantastic!

"We were thrilled to receive the grant and have utilised the funds on a new front serving window, sun blinds and a new handrail and wheelchair ramp. These additions have made Kuti Shack more accessible, comfortable and attractive. We really appreciate Alexandrina Council's support."

KUTI SHACK TESTIMONIAL

Council is delighted to contribute to the business' success, and we hope to see visitors flock to our beautiful Goolwa Beach. The project also helps Council realise an important focus of the Disability, Access and Inclusion Plan 2021-24 for our infrastructure upgrades to implement accessibility for all.

The Economic Development Recovery Grant Program provided grant funding throughout 2020 – 2021 to eligible local Alexandrina businesses. The program aim was to assist businesses recover from the negative impacts of COVID-19 and associated restrictions whilst stimulating the local economy by supporting new activities that generate growth. A total of \$100,000 was made available across two rounds, Round 1 released in July 2020 and Round 2 was released in January 2021.

Each year Alexandrina Council makes funding available under the Community Grants Program. For further information and current grant opportunities, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants or visit the Business Alexandrina website for ongoing business support and opportunities businessalexandrina.com.au

Citizen of the Year 2022 Nominations now open

Alexandrina Council is currently seeking your nominations for the 2022 Citizen of the Year Awards.

Do you know someone who makes a real difference in our community who deserves

to be rewarded and recognised for their contributions and outstanding service?

Categories include Citizen of the Year Award, Young Citizen of the Year Award, Active Citizenship Award, and Community Event of the Year Award.



Nominations close on **Wednesday, 24 November 2021**; so don't delay, submit online at citizenoftheyear.com.au or pick up a nomination form at Council's libraries in Goolwa and Strathalbyn. Nomination forms can also be downloaded from Council's website alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Listening to our community's fresh ideas for wellbeing

The Community Wellbeing Advisory Forum gathered for its most recent meeting on 7 September with an air of excitement in the room.

Forum participants have spent the last 2-3 months undertaking conversations with our community about wellbeing, and now they are about to share what they had heard.

Participants presented views on wellbeing from children and families, young people, older people, the LGBTQI community and the culturally and linguistically diverse community from across Alexandrina. Further conversations are in progress to fill the gaps, including conversations with our First Nations communities and people living with a disability. Forum participants shared our community's views authentically and honestly, and brought their own flavour and creativity to their presentations using visuals, story,

music and video. There was a great energy in the room.

The voices gathered so far were clear that our community values our friendly community, existing sporting and recreation facilities, social and community groups and our natural environment.

They were equally clear that to improve wellbeing, our community needs improved transport, a greater range of sport and recreation facilities, a greater range of after school activities for children and young people, accessible community information including in digital and print form, and more opportunities for everyone to enjoy the arts.

Forum participants should be commended for their deep listening to our community, particularly to the quieter voices, and for their willingness to take up the challenge to lead a wellbeing conversation for the benefit of our community.

Councillor Karyn Bradford, a proponent behind the establishment of the Community Wellbeing Advisory Forum said, "There were some fantastic presentations... The Wellbeing Forum is going really well and working closely to let us know what people are really feeling out there in the community about wellbeing and how we can make things better."

A range of fresh ideas for wellbeing were posed by our community and the forum is looking forward to reviewing these with our wider community at the next meeting on Tuesday 16 November at Milang. We welcome you to join us.

**Next Forum Tuesday
16 November at
Milang. Details,
including how
to book, are at
alexandrina.sa.gov.au/cwaf
or alternatively
call the Community
Health and
Wellbeing Officer
on 8555 7000**

A2040 – Thank you

The 2021 Alexandrina Village Conversation program concludes with the Strathalbyn, Finnis and Ashbourne conversation at the end of October.

It has been a valuable opportunity for the Council Team to engage collaboratively and listen, learn and evolve our commitment to create a Liveable, Green and Connected Alexandrina.

The A2040 Project team designed eight two-week engagement periods for community to share their thoughts, ideas and solutions through a combination of engagement tools including Council's My Say portal, face-to-face 'drop-in' sessions in the community and facilitated events.

The Village Conversations represent a shared ambition and ongoing consultation approach based on the principles of co-design so that together we can realise our vision and A2040 plan to Thrive.

Council celebrates and appreciates those that embraced the Village Conversations by sharing valuable insights in person and online, volunteered at the fundraiser BBQs and asked their friends and families to join the conversation.

The voices heard throughout the Village Conversations provides the foundation to authentically develop Village Innovation Plans (VIPs) for each locality by 2024.

Get involved, be involved, stay involved

How to stay involved and receive updates:

- Visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/villageconversations
- Click on your town
- Enter your email in the 'Stay Informed' section
- Check your inbox to confirm.

Protect yourself – Fight the Bite



As the seasons change, most of the mosquitoes found in the Alexandrina Council area are simply a nuisance, however there are some species that can potentially carry diseases such as Ross River Virus. Please protect yourself and 'Fight the Bite'.

The mosquito life cycle is temperature dependant, and in summer a mosquito can develop from larva, commonly known as a 'wiggler', in less than a week. Council conducts monitoring, testing and treatment programs to reduce mosquito numbers, but personal protection measures are also recommended. Contact Council's Environmental Health team on **8555 7000** or visit sahealth.sa.gov.au/fightthebite

Alexandrina Innovation Challenge 2021 nears completion

Stay tuned as the first wave of innovators refine their business pitches to present at the final event at Centenary Hall on 27 October 2021.

This inaugural program for entrepreneurs is a true showcase of diversity with participants ranging from our energetic youth; to seasoned business professionals; to lifelong inventors.

The talent, energy and commitment has been contagious and exceeded our expectations. Throughout June to October, participants have nurtured their ideas, pivoted and explored new opportunities (guided by expert mentors and experienced facilitators), culminating in the delivery of an outstanding program to be celebrated.

We acknowledge the generosity of our Alexandrina program mentors and participants who accepted our 'call to action' to create a more Liveable, Green and Connected community.

Innovation and opportunity is present at all levels within our Alexandrina community and through A2040 we look forward to delivering an annual program.

alexandrina.sa.gov.au/innovationchallenge

Heritage Alexandrina

The Alexandrina Council area is rich with history and each of our townships is accentuated by the unique character of our heritage buildings and streetscapes.

Gardens, landscaping and fencing, all play a significant role in either complementing or adversely impacting on the heritage value of a property.

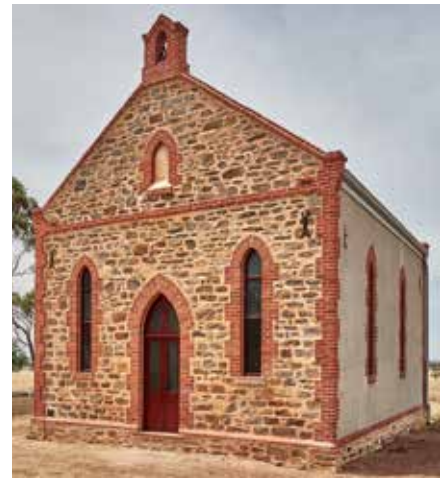
The Heritage Advisory Committee are dedicated to informing the community about heritage related matters and annually undertake a series of educational talks welcoming all to attend.

There are many options when building a fence on your property and in September, the Alexandrina Council's Heritage Advisory Committee held their 'Heritage Talk' on the topic of Heritage

Fencing at the Strathalbyn Library and Community Centre. The session provided some of the answers around what needs to be considered to enhance your property's heritage charm, from stone and mortar walls, to timber or picket fencing.

The Heritage Awards presentation evening is held in May each year as a part of the SA History Festival, with the next event scheduled for May 2022.

The event ensures that heritage industry partners, Government and the community recognise and commend finalists and winners for demonstrating innovation and best practice in celebrating the heritage of the Alexandrina region.



For further reading on Heritage in the Alexandrina region or nomination forms for the Heritage Awards visit Council's new dedicated website pages at **alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritage**

Image: Rob Fairweather



Discovery Park to feature local 'Aarke' wooden boat

The former sailing vessel Aarke will be repurposed and given a second lease of life as a playground feature at the new Discovery Park in Goolwa.

Council introduced the Armfield Slip community group to new owners G'DAY group, who were enthusiastic and very supportive of the idea to incorporate the vintage wooden boat into their future plans to upgrade the Park.

It is fantastic to see restoration skills being honed to restore the wooden boat, as an integral part of Goolwa's history as the river port town and linkage to our South Australian Wooden Boat Festival, a world class event held biannually at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct. The next Festival will be held in 2023.

The boat restoration is a great example of community working with local businesses and will serve as a great tourism attraction as it takes pride of place in the fabulous new playground with the Discovery Park upgrades, due to be completed in late December 2021.

The G'DAY Group's investment in Goolwa will further accommodate visitors and introduce customers to our existing businesses ensuring creation of more local ongoing jobs, as well as tapping into the growing visiting friends and relatives market, a very important contributor to our local economy.

Major Project Updates



Middleton Tennis Courts

Council completed fencing for the Middleton Tennis Courts in September and the 'Middleton Moths' social tennis group and wider community are ecstatic. The project followed on from resurfacing of the tennis courts in 2020, with full replacement of existing fencing included new posts, top and bottom rails, new chainmesh and access gates. Council's field staff assisted with the works, including repairs to irrigation, vegetation clearance and site cleaning.

Milang Foreshore Public Toilets

In September, Council opened the newly completed Milang public toilet facilities. The project involved the initial demolition of the existing structure, and building of the new contemporary public toilets with accessible and ambulant toilets, baby change facilities, external shower area, solar system with battery storage, drinking fountain, external power points for community event use and new access paths from car parking areas.

Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct

Significant progress has been made on the sporting complex with rendering, external cladding and internal lining complete. The lift has been installed and upcoming works will include glazing, tiling, access ramp and joinery to complete the first stage of the Master Plan. To keep up to date with the project visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/GoolwaOval

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





Up, Up and Away

Join the tipsy mile-high shenanigans through spectacular dance numbers and captivating harmonies as the crew from First Class, Business Class and Economy demonstrate what NEVER goes on at 39,000 feet. In fact, the hosties are far more interested in their own comfort than that of their passengers and you are invited to join their escapades as they leap through the skies on an unmissable musical journey.

"Cabin crew, please prepare the cabin for chaos... I mean, landing...!"

When: 30 October, 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au



Being in India*

An exhibition by Stephen House

Award winning playwright, poet, actor, and visual artist Stephen House spent twelve months living in India while travelling and making new work, assisted by an Asialink Arts Residency. In addition to creating a written performance work, *The Ajoona Guest House*, premiering in South Australia in 2021, House recorded through photography and words, people he met, came to know, or encountered in some way while wandering in India.

When: 23 October - 21 November

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Anne Wills and Peter Goers

When: 22 October, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Pattern and Print:

Easton Pearson Archive *

Until 31 October

Location: Signal Point Gallery,
Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Vegetarian Librarian

7 November, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Our Local Alexandrina - Networking Event

10 November

Location: Chart Room,
Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Bookings/enquiries:
businessalexandrina.com.au

The Thinking Eye*

12 November - 2 January 2022

Location: Signal Point Gallery,
Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Catherine Lambert and the Kym Purling Trio featuring Gabriel Chammah

13 November, 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Flight Path*

13 November, 2pm

Location: Strathalbyn Library

Enquiries: libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Diamond Wonders

19 November, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

The Ajoona Guest House

20 November, 7pm

Location: South Coast Regional Art
Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Regional Youth Art Exhibition*

12 - 28 November

Location: Signal Point Gallery,
Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Highway Superstar - Amity Dry

26 November, 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Dancing with Light*

1 December - 9 January 2022

Location: South Coast Regional Art
Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Reclaim - Sculpture Exhibition*

1 - 31 December

Location: Signal Point Gallery,
Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Sinatra and Friends

17 December, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Christmas in Alexandrina activities
will be announced soon on
Council's website.

Keep up to date on
upcoming events visit
alexandrina.sa.gov.au



*Free Event!