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Message from the Mayor

Mayor Keith Parkes and Alexandrina Council's new Chief Executive Officer Andrew MacDonald.

Welcome to 2025 and the summer edition of Alexandrina Alive. It is going to be exciting year for our region.

The major renovation work on the Goolwa Wharf Precinct is complete and we are working with our key partners, including our own Signal Point Experience Centre, local businesses and the Friends of PS Oscar W, to bring this historic site and major tourism drawcard to life.

We are also gearing up for the South Australian Wooden Boat Festival on the weekend of 26 and 27 April. Our committee is working on an exciting program of events that highlights the riverport history of our nation.

Our new Chief Executive Officer Andrew MacDonald has just joined us, spending the first weeks of the new year settling into the role.

Andrew is no stranger to Alexandrina and the Fleurieu. He spent his childhood at Yankalilla before his parents moved to Goolwa and he was

very much involved in local sport in his younger years.

It has been a pleasure to spend time with Andrew as we work through the feedback from the community on our Strategic Management Plans.

These plans guide how we deliver projects, services and sustainably manage our assets and finances over the next four to 15 years.

Andrew has 10 years of experience as Chief Executive Officer in local government at the Town of Walkerville in Adelaide and in the regions at Wakefield Regional Council and the Kingston District Council.

He has built a reputation for empowering and supportive leadership, sound financial management, strong community engagement, and building a positive corporate team culture.

In close collaboration with the community and Council Members, he successfully guided Wakefield Regional Council through a comprehensive review of its suite of strategic plans during his time with them.

Andrew came along as a 'community member' at our Strategic Plans Drop-in Session at Mount Compass back in November.

I have no doubt that as our CEO he will bring his leadership skills to the table as we set our strategic direction and work towards our collective vision for Alexandrina to be liveable, green and connected.

Our final plans will be presented to Council in February 2025.

In the meantime, join us at one of our Australia Day Awards events on 26 January at either Strathalbyn at 9am (breakfast at 7.30am) or Goolwa at 11am.

Come and congratulate the incredible people and organisations in our region who are being acknowledged for their service.

I would love to see you there.



Mayor Keith Parkes

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Front cover: Late in the 2024 school year Mount Compass Area School students Liam, Billy, Dean, Flynn, Tyler and Chelsea were excited to see plans for a basketball half-court starting to take shape at the Mount Compass Recreation Park. The court is now complete. The shade sail will be installed soon at the park to cover selected equipment and play zones. A new public toilet has been installed in the park. This project involved the installation of a single-compartment cubicle compliant with DDA standards, building codes and current trends including accessibility, gender-neutral considerations, baby change facilities and energy-efficient systems.

The Alexandrina Council and its communities acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri, Peramangk and Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of our Council district.



Our vision to be Liveable. Green. Connected.

That's a wrap on the Strategic Management Plan Consultation.

Council would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on our A2040 Strategic Management Plans.

A2040, the Community Strategic Plan, was first adopted in 2021 following extensive engagement with our community including face-to-face Village Conversations across our townships.

This year Council reviewed and updated the A2040 and its integrated plans – the Long Term Financial Plan and the Strategic Asset Management Plan.

The review found that the vision for Alexandrina to be 'Liveable. Green. Connected.' – as identified in the original plan – was still strong and appropriate.

Throughout November we consulted on all plans including three drop-in information sessions in the South, West and North Wards.

Following feedback, the final Plans will be presented at the Special Council Meeting on 24 February 2025.

Images: (Top left) Chief Executive Office Andrew MacDonald, Stewart Glass and Cr Bill Coomans at the Mount Compass drop-in session. (Top right) Stephen Corbally with Mwewa Chisenga and Andrew Alderson from Council's Finance Team at the Mount Compass drop-in session.

Rate payment details are changing

Commencing Friday 20 January 2025, Council will have new Biller Code and Payment Reference Numbers for some of our available payment options.

To ensure your payment is received to your correct rates account, please review the payment options details on your third instalment rates notice.

If you use BPAY to pay your council rates, please update any scheduled payments with the **new Biller Code and Payment Reference Number**.



Register online on Council's community engagement website

Council consults with the community on a range of projects, initiatives and topics.

More than ever, we are seeing a huge increase in online community consultation submissions. The My Say platform is the digital hub to get involved, stay informed and have your say about Council's projects and initiatives.

No matter what your connection is to the Alexandrina region, your voice matters.

Community consultation feedback helps our team and Council Members make decisions, plan for the future and explore opportunities to better serve our unique communities.

Register online for My Say and receive email notifications when new consultations are open for feedback and project updates following Council Meetings.

Register online at mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

➤ For more information visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/rates



Colonial water resource given heritage status

A piece of Alexandrina's pastoral history has been officially listed as a State Heritage Place.

The Sandergrove Water Reserve, including its well and red gum water trough, was listed in the South Australian Heritage Register by the South Australian Heritage Council in November last year.

The Reserve, located south of Strathalbyn, was once part of a network of water reserves used for the watering of livestock travelling overland between the market and port centres of Strathalbyn, Goolwa and beyond in the mid-nineteenth century.

The Reserve demonstrates the growth of the colony's pastoral industry and the practice of overlanding or droving prior to the emergence of rail and motor transport.

Integral to the site is its timber trough, built for the watering of cattle and made from the halved and hollowed-out trunk of a native river red gum tree (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*), and the stone-lined well.

Access to water was an important factor in the growth of South Australia.

Sandergrove Water Reserve was dedicated by the colonial government for public water use shortly after the proclamation of the Hundred of Kondoparinga in 1846.

Council values our heritage and is developing an environmental management program for the Reserve.

➤ Find out more about heritage at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritage

Image: Early undated photograph from Department of Environment and Water of the red gum trough at Sandergrove Water Reserve.

Small Grants Program open

Applications for Council's Small Grants Program are now open.

The Small Grants Program offers financial support to a wide variety of project types that benefit the Alexandrina Council region and help to achieve Council's strategic objectives, up to the value of \$1,000.

Applications opened on Monday 28 October 2024 and **will close on Wednesday 30 April 2025, or when funds are exhausted**, whichever occurs sooner.

The type of activities to be funded varies depending on whether a grant is being sought for a community project or an individual project.

Council has also awarded \$118,000 worth of community grants across four competitive grant rounds including Community Environment Grants, Community Events Grants, Community Wellbeing Grants and Heritage Grants.

➤ Find out more at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants

Heritage Awards - apply now

Nominations for the 2025 Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards are NOW OPEN!

As well as showcasing the very best of heritage practices, these awards educate the community about the importance of conserving and activating our local heritage.

Projects can be nominated in one of six categories:

- Heritage Tourism
- Conservation Practice
- Adaptive Reuse
- Heritage Gardens and Fencing
- Historical Research; and
- Lorraine Pomery Service to Heritage Award.

Nominations for the 2025 awards will be accepted until 5pm, Friday 4 April 2025.

The awards evening will be held on 22 May 2025 as part of History Month.

To find out more, read the guidelines and to submit your nominations, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritage



Look out for Council's Business Initiatives Grant Round opening soon!

Meet the locals building for the future

Alexandrina is partnering with three other councils in high growth areas to pilot a project encouraging communities to build sustainable and climate-ready housing.

Called 'Homes for Tomorrow', the project aims to improve consumer awareness through the sharing of stories of local people who have built smarter homes to maximise comfort, reduce long-term costs and create a better future for everyone.

The project is a collaboration between Alexandrina Council, the District Council of Mount Barker, Light Regional Council and the City of Onkaparinga.

Building or renovating can feel overwhelming. Hearing from

people who have done it before can empower people with the knowledge to make more sustainable building decisions.

One of the stories in the campaign is told by Ian from Port Elliot.

When Ian built in Port Elliot, his builders didn't specialise in building sustainable homes.

Watch his video to hear how Ian worked with them to achieve an energy efficient home, reducing the need for air-conditioning and heating.

In the first year of living in his new home, his energy bill was \$30.



To access the video and find out more about the project, scan the QR code or head to



homesfortomorrow.com.au

Image: Ian from Port Elliot shares his building story in the Homes For Tomorrow pilot project.

Food scraps... which bin?

On average, blue lid landfill bins still contain 30% food scraps which is not good news for the environment.

- Putting food scraps in your green FOGO bin creates compost and soil and leaves more room in your blue bin.
- Getting food out of landfill bins means less smell! In the green FOGO it is mixed with garden and lawn clippings, reducing any smell.
- Plus, all this soil goodness is made locally by Peats Soil & Garden Supplies at Brinkley.



To help make food scrap recycling easier, Council offers a subsidised kitchen caddy and roll of 75 liners for \$7.

Residents can also use their used Coles and Woolworths compostable produce bags as liners.

Simply place the caddy on your kitchen counter and catch your food waste – including bones, dairy and coffee grounds – and place it in your green Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin.



(FOGO collection in zoned townships only | One fortnightly FOGO bin collection per council assessment number | Additional bin collection service available to purchase, visit frwa.com.au)



Looking at libraries

In the coming year, Alexandrina Libraries will be asking the community to share their feedback on how they use our libraries and how our libraries can adapt to meet current and future needs.

A library is more than books, with free and equitable access, digital collections, multiple locations, space for use, and activities for families.

Alongside traditional book lending services, you will find 3D printers, virtual reality, and digital literacy training.

We are opening up the conversation later in the year, so look out for opportunities to get involved soon at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries

125 years of combined volunteer service

Council recognised the contribution of 186 volunteers at its Volunteer Recognition Event late last year, including nine people who clocked up 125 years of combined service for the community.

The event was held at Centenary Hall in Goolwa with lunch and entertainment.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes and Acting Chief Executive Officer Alan Harvey welcomed the Friends of the PS Oscar W as special guests, celebrating the dedication of their volunteers.



Recognition of Service Certificates were presented to Jason Loney for 25 years of service, Christine Brooks for 20 years, Judith Przibilla and Brian Bruni for 15 years each, and Simon Huntington and Ian Sutton for 10 years of service.

Certificates were also awarded to Margaret Gardner, Leonie Jackson and Andrea Crawford for 10 years of service.

Council also acknowledged the contribution of the late Gerry 'Frodo' Krochmal.

Mr Krochmal began volunteering with Alexandrina Council in 1989 and was widely respected for his dedication, particularly with the Alexandrina Libraries and his leadership as the Presiding Member of the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee.



Top image (L-R): Alexandrina Council presented Recognition of Service Certificates to PS Oscar W volunteers for their years of dedicated service: Jason Loney (25 years, collected by George Kaiser on his behalf), Brian Bruni (15 years), Ian Sutton (10 years), Christine Brooks (20 years), and Simon Huntington (10 years). Bottom image (L-R): Julie Hall and Vicki Hanks from the Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre.

Stay cool in our libraries

If you're feeling the heat this summer, head to one of our libraries in Goolwa or Strathalbyn during opening hours to refill your water bottle and find a cool space to take refuge.

We also have some great resources from the State Emergency Service and SA Health on what to do before, during and after a heatwave.

Grab yourself a copy from our community information stand or scan the QR code to download them.



2024 Mayors' Short Story Challenge

Students from across the Fleurieu Peninsula were celebrated for their writing talents in the 2024 Mayors' Short Story Challenge.

The Challenge is an initiative of Alexandrina Council, the City of Victor Harbor, and the District Council of Yankalilla.

The short story competition encourages school-aged children from Reception to Year 10 to let their imaginations run wild and share stories through creative writing.

With an impressive 446 entries, Alexandrina Council school students showcased their creative skills, surpassing last year's record of 406 entries!

The 2024 Mayors' Short Story Winners in the Alexandrina region included Amaya Baker, Tallan Pingel, Buffy Hamer Dal Pont (overall winner), Johnathon Green and Shiloh McKenzie.

Congratulations to the winners, shortlisted entrants and all the creative young writer who participated. A compilation of all short-listed and winning stories is available to borrow from the Alexandrina Libraries.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for the 2025 challenge!

➤ **See the full list of the challenge winners at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/media**



PS Oscar W 'shipshape' and back at the wharf



Here's a side of Goolwa's iconic paddle steamer the PS Oscar W that many people never see – the 'hull' and the 'keel' or the underside.

Every two years this heritage-listed, Council-owned vessel is placed on a slip in the marina at Hindmarsh Island for out-of-water maintenance.

This essential work is funded by Council as part of the lease agreement with the Friends of the PS Oscar W and was completed in early December with the expertise of local shipbuilders, including Burgars Boat Co. Goolwa Marine, and volunteers from the Friends group.

PS Oscar W is now back at its usual berth beside the Goolwa Wharf Shed with skipper EJ Thorpe declaring the paddle steamer 'shipshape' and ready for the summer cruising season and the

2025 SA Wooden Boat Festival (SAWBF) coming up on the 26 and 27 April.

The Friends entered lease arrangements for the PS Oscar W, a portion of the Wharf Shed, and their Woodshed back in August 2024.

As part of setting up the lease, Council provided support for the Friends through marketing, training, and business infrastructure.

The Friends now have a new booking system to improve operations and visitor engagement.

In a further milestone, the Friends have received the keys to their portion of the renovated Wharf Shed and have begun transforming the space into the Riverboat Centre to showcase local maritime history.



➤ Find out more about the festival at sawoodenboatfestival.com.au

Supporting farmers on the Fleurieu

Alexandrina has joined with neighbouring councils, peak bodies and community organisations to deliver an initiative to support the mental health and wellbeing of farmers in the Hills and Fleurieu.

The 'Healthy Minds, Healthy Farmers, Healthy Landscapes' initiative is being funded through a \$20,000 Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal grant as part of the Hills and Fleurieu Local Food Future Project.

In partnership with the Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation, the initiative aims to break down stigma, increase awareness and skills around mental health and facilitate the creation of a community network to support the farming community.

The initiative kicked off with 'Paddock Mates', a free informal barbecue dinner held in Yankalilla in late November.

Other events, including mental health first aid training, will be scheduled across the region.



Image: Deep Creek farmer Ben Ryan speaks at Paddock Mates in Yankalilla.

➤ Find out more at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/foodsystem

Celebrating resilience

Communities who have been working with the Australian Red Cross, Alexandrina Council and other local councils to strengthen connection and improve disaster resilience attended a Celebration Dinner in Mount Barker late last year.

Council would like to congratulate the Mount Compass, Woodchester and Ashbourne communities for their efforts to boost community resilience through social events and programs, disaster preparedness training and advocacy.



Celebration dinner attendees from Mount Compass Mark and Robyn Czesny (front left), Gidge Hunter, Ruth Harvey, Mark Wilson, Megan Collins, Carole Perry, Cass Wilson (back), Drew Hunter, Deb Gregory, and Peter Harvey.

➤ Find out more at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/communityresilience

Help with Advanced Care Directives

Would you like some help drafting your own Advanced Care Directive? Why not book an appointment to talk to one of our trained volunteers?



An Advance Care Directive (ACD) provides people over the age of 18 with the legal right to make their wishes for future care known, in the event they are unable to communicate due to an illness or injury.

An ACD Kit includes a step-by-step guide as well as the required form. Forms and kits are available free of charge from our Customer Service desks in Strathalbyn and Goolwa.

The Fleurieu ACD program is now taking bookings for one-on-one sessions in Alexandrina.

Appointments are available at the Council offices, during office hours on Mondays in Goolwa and Fridays in Strathalbyn and usually take around 45 minutes to an hour.

Please note our specially trained volunteers cannot complete your forms. They offer general information only.

Image: Pauline Cummins and volunteer Karen Maidment-Longbottom.

➤ Find out more at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/olderadults

Finding solutions to childcare shortage

Alexandrina Council and the City of Victor Harbor have been working with local stakeholders including childcare centres, TAFE SA and the Department for Education to find solutions to address the childcare shortage in the region.

A range of solutions are needed to solve this complex issue.

Council has been working with the Department's Family Day Care Team to promote Family Day Care as an option for childcare and an exciting career opportunity.

Starting a Family Day Care service combines experience in early childhood education and passion for nurturing and inspiring young children with flexible hours and good remuneration.

Find out more about starting a Family Day Care at our next morning tea drop-in session on **Thursday 13 February at 9.30am at the Strathalbyn Library.**

➤ For more information, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

Community information sessions

➤ My Aged Care Information Sessions

These sessions involve representatives from the Department of Health and Aged Care and Government-funded navigator services.

- **Thursday 20 February**, 10.30am–11.30am, Goolwa Council Chambers. Light refreshments available from 10am.
- **Thursday 20 February**, 1pm–2pm, Strathalbyn Library. Light refreshments available from 2pm.

➤ Legal Matters Information Sessions

Come and learn about life planning documents.

- **Thursday 6 March** at Goolwa Council Chambers. Advance Care Directives, 10.30am–10.45am. Light refreshments 10.45am–11am. Wills and Enduring Power of Attorney, 11am–11.45am.
- **Thursday 27 March** at Strathalbyn Library. Advance Care Directives, 10.30am–10.45am. Light refreshments 10.45am–11am. Wills and Enduring Power of Attorney, 11am–11.45am.

➤ Regional Drivers Awareness Road Safety Sessions

These sessions are directed towards road users that drive on regional roads within SA.

- **Thursday 3 April**, 10.30am–11.30am, Goolwa Council Chambers. Light refreshments available from 10am.
- **Thursday 10 April**, 10.30am–11.30am, Strathalbyn Library. Light refreshments available from 10am.

For more information and to book into these sessions please visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events or phone 8555 7000.

'Hearthstone' sculpture forges connection

A public artwork titled 'Hearthstone' celebrating family and connectedness is now located at the redeveloped Goolwa Wharf Precinct.

The artwork is a collaboration between the K&S Langley Family, the Helpmann Academy, and Alexandrina Council.

The three sculptural pieces have been designed and created by emerging artists Amber Cronin and Anika Gardner who worked with contemporary Ngarrindjeri and Narangga artist Cedric Varcoe.

There are three main elements to Hearthstone – family gatherings

nodes (etched granite stones), reed-like forms (steel and bronze) and alluvial stones (granite boulders).

Hearthstone is positioned near Signal Point within the Goolwa Wharf Precinct. It links places throughout the precinct area, creating a sense of story with repeated sculptural and landscape motifs.

Image: Pictured at the official launch in October 2024 are members of the Langley family with Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes, Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie, artists Amber Cronin, Cedric Varcoe, and Anika Gardner and Helpmann Academy CEO Jane MacFarlane.



Pride Party

The Goolwa Pride Party 2024 was held in the town's Centenary Hall late last year to foster connection and inclusion with the LGBTIQ+ community and the wider community.

The party was organised by event creation company Fairy Pig and supported by Fleurieu Pride and Alexandrina Council.

The social event was open to everyone and was designed to be a safe and inclusive place for the LGBTIQ+ community in Alexandrina and the South Coast.

Council's Community Wellbeing Action Plan encourages collaboration with community to deliver activities that enhance connection and inclusion.

Find out more about our wellbeing plan at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/wellbeing

Image: Jessica from events company Fairy Pig, left, with Karyn and Jenni from Fleurieu Pride and Deb and Mandy from Alexandrina Council.

Wine region imagined in Ngarrindjeri artwork

With funding support from Council, the Langhorne Creek wine region has launched an updated tourism information bay featuring an original painting by Ngarrindjeri artist Kath Moore.

The painting – named Murrund-engk (Two Rivers) – depicts the community on traditional Ngarrindjeri Country framed by the Angas and Bremer Rivers, mighty gumtrees and a unique, ancient landscape.

A large reproduction of the painting features in the information bay, while the original will be displayed at Langhorne Creek Grape &

Wine Inc.'s office when not on loan to the region's cellar doors and Council's galleries.

The artwork was commissioned by Langhorne Creek Grape & Wine Inc. and made possible with the support of a Creative Communities Grant from Council.

Next to the reproduction of the painting, the updated tourism information bay also features a section with the story of the Ngarrindjeri nation.

Kath Moore is a proud Ngarrindjeri and Kurna contemporary First Nations artist from Adelaide.



➤ Find out more at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/media

Image: Ngarrindjeri artist Kath Moore with the reproduction of her work Murrund-engk (Two Rivers).

Recognition for planning excellence

Council won two awards and collected two commendations at the Planning Institute of Australia's (PIA) 2024 State Awards for Planning Excellence.

Council Town Planner Michael Jaensch was named SA Young Planner of the Year and Alexandrina collected the Stakeholder Engagement Award for the Community Coastal Flood Emergency Plan for the Goolwa and Mundoo Channel Communities Project.

Council also received a Commendation for Climate Change and Resilience for the Community

Coastal Flood Emergency Plan for the Goolwa and Mundoo Channel Communities Project and a Commendation for Strategic Planning Project for the Heritage Strategy and Action Plan 2023–2030.

The Community Coastal Flood Emergency Plan was jointly funded by the Coast Protection Board and Council and prepared with the assistance of consulting firm URPS with Hatch.

➤ **For more information about the awards head to alexandrina.sa.gov.au/media**



Top image: Monika Rhodes and Kylie Weymouth from the Strategic Development Team. Bottom image: Town Planner Michael Jaensch.

Public Health Award

Council's Environmental Health Team was part of a working group of seven councils that collected an 'Excellence in Public Health Award' for Building Regulatory Excellence for Sustainable Onsite Wastewater System Management at the Local Government Association Conference.

The project aimed to produce a standardised service report template for all service agents and regulators reviewing Aerated Wastewater Systems to provide consistent and accurate reporting.

Working collaboratively with project partner, SA Health and other industry partners, this 'South Australian first' template provides clear direction on what service agents and regulators are to report on to Councils for each service.

This was a joint project with Alexandrina Council, the Town of Gawler Council, the Cities of Onkaparinga, Playford, and Port Lincoln, the Renmark Paringa Council and the District Council of Yankalilla.

Smart Street Lighting Project wins award

Council's Assets Team has been recognised for project innovation in South Australia.

Late last year the team collected the 'Excellence in Project Innovation Award' for the Clayton Bay Smart Street Lighting Project at the 2024 IPWEA SA Excellence Awards.

These awards are presented by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) and recognise excellence in public works projects.

The Clayton Bay Smart Street Lighting Project adopted smart lighting in the Alexandrina Estate and Pelican Waters developments within Clayton Bay, ensuring a balance between stringent Australian streetlighting standards and the low-light aspirations of the community.

Clayton Bay has a 'Dark Sky' environment similar to the accredited River Murray Dark Sky Reserve and being situated adjacent Ramsar Wetlands of

international significance the project protects the night sky environment.

The project uses wireless infrastructure to communicate with smart LED streetlights, which Council can manage via an 'online' street lighting management system.

The Asset Team would like to thank the Clayton Bay community for their engagement and everyone who supported them in the lead-up to the awards.



Image: James Horwood, Mark Tate and Shaun Smith from the Assets Team.

Project updates

Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Restoration work at the historic Goolwa Wharf and Wharf Shed is complete.

The Friends of the PS Oscar W are setting up the riverboat centre in their portion of the Wharf Shed and Council is working with the new tenant in the commercial section.

Renovations to the wharf are finished with the paddle steamer Oscar W returning to its traditional berth beside the Wharf Shed.

The new public toilet near the Wharf Shed is open and work on the car parks, new paved paths are finished.

External work to the Signal Point Experience Centre is complete.

ROSS survey

Council is developing a Recreation, Open space and Sport Strategy (ROSS). When completed, this strategy will help guide the future development of open space and facilities within the district.

Community consultation on how the community uses their open space closed on 4 December 2024.

Council is reviewing feedback that will help form the development of the draft ROSS which is expected to be finalised by the end of 2025.

Langhorne Creek Cemetery

Council contractors began work on the Langhorne Creek Cemetery Shelter in November 2024, installing concrete footings and the shelter's framework.

The shelter, intended to capture the historical significance of the cemetery and its surrounding landscape, will feature a timber structure with enclosed ends for wind protection, bench seating and provisions for interpretive signage.

The project is expected to be completed in early 2025.

Langhorne Creek Toilet

Council has engaged a wastewater engineer to design an upgraded wastewater system to process the higher usage at the public toilet and waste dump point at the rear of the Langhorne Creek Memorial Hall on Bridge Road. Council is currently monitoring the capacity of the septic system servicing these amenities.

Clayton Bay Toilet

Council was successful in obtaining grant funding from the Australian Government through the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program to upgrade the public toilet at Clayton Bay.

Council is undertaking the procurement process to engage a contractor to undertake the design and construction of this new facility which is scheduled to be completed in late 2025.

BMX track upgrades

Council has set aside funding in its 2024/2025 capital works budget to upgrade the BMX tracks at Goolwa and Mount Compass.

Council is procuring various professionals to undertake the work. When this process is complete, Council will engage with user groups at the tracks. The projects are scheduled to be completed by May 2025.

Nangkita Road

The final seal on the previously upgraded 1.27km section of Nangkita Road has been applied.

Work will start before June to upgrade an additional 2.91km section of Nangkita Road using a mix of Lightly Bound Cement (LBC) and Foam Bitumen Stabilisation (FBS) treatments to enhance the pavements of heavily water-impacted road segments.

The works this year will upgrade segments of the road that were not addressed in the previous year's program. Once the pavement upgrade is completed, a temporary bitumen surface (scatter coat) will be applied until the final surface is applied in November 2025.

A delay between the pavement upgrade and applying the final surface bitumen is required to allow the FBS and LBC pavement materials to settle and cure. This improves pavement life.

Stone wall Port Elliot

Work to remediate a failing stone wall on the corner of The Cutting and Basham's Parade at Port Elliot was completed in November 2024.

This work included excavation of the site to improve safety, new retaining, landscape plantings, and the renewal of the footpath access to the Dolphin Apartments.

Freeman's Reserve shelters

Following an engineering inspection in late 2024, two shelters within Freeman's Knob Reserve were restricted from public access due to safety concerns. At its September Meeting, Council resolved to defer funding from the Freeman's Knob Lookout-Wall Renewal Project to the renewal of the two shelters.

Council is working with a local architect on renewal options, which will include using as much of the original materials as possible.

Once a concept design is completed, Council will engage with external stakeholders before moving forward with renewal work as soon as possible.

Port Elliot Obelisk

The historic obelisk at Freeman's Knob at Port Elliot was damaged by lightning in December 2023.

Following an insurance claim, contractors began repairing the landmark in October 2024. However, following the removal of damaged render, it was revealed that damage to the interior construction was more complex than originally assessed.

Council is obtaining engineering for the flagpole design in consultation with State Heritage to ensure that the obelisk represents its heritage.

Due to the holiday period, Council decided to remove the scaffolding until the engineering is completed and repairs can resume in early 2025.

Ashbourne flood mitigation

Council committed funds in the 2023/2024 Budget to assist with stormwater management in Ashbourne with the aim of reducing potential flood impacts to residents.

Flood mapping and conceptual designs have been completed and are available on our My Say website.

The selection of design options will depend on grant funding and future budget allocations.

In the meantime, Council is negotiating with private landowners to allow the land required for flood mitigation solutions to be made available. These negotiations and agreements need to be completed before detailed design commences to ensure the success of this project and all project impacts are known.



What's on

Keep up to date by visiting Council's website alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events



A Magnificent Obsession*

Michael Bryant's creative life is celebrated in this survey exhibition of artworks from the 1990s, through ordinary life crises, home and studio moves, pandemic years and illness, to 2023.

When 7 February to 30 March

Where Signal Point Experience Centre at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Gallery hours Wed to Sun 10am–4pm

Enquiries 8555 7000 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Elvis Up Close and Personal Show

Rockabilly, Gospel, Blues & Country; Elvis sang it all with his heart on his sleeve. Andy Seymour (Hindley Street Country Club, Sing it Live) shares the much loved songs from Mr Presley coupled with fascinating stories.

When 21 February, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Duration 70 minutes

Cost^ All tickets \$20

Bookings 8555 7000 or events.alexandrina.com.au



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When Permanent exhibition

Where Signal Point Experience Centre at The Goolwa Wharf

Gallery hours Wed to Sun 10am–4pm

Enquiries 8555 7000 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Florilegium*

When 21 October to 26 January

Where South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Gallery hours Wed to Fri 11am–4pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

Enquiries 8555 7000 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Saltbush Country*

When 14 December to 26 January

Where Signal Point Experience Centre at The Goolwa Wharf

Gallery hours Wed to Sun 10am–4pm

Enquiries 8555 7000 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Just Floyd

When 7 February, 7.30pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Duration 150 minutes including interval

Cost^ Adults \$55, Concession \$50, Group 6+ \$45, Youth (under 18) \$25

Bookings events.alexandrina.com.au

Good Things Small Packages*

When 15 February to 27 March

Where South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Gallery hours Wed to Fri 11am–4pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

Enquiries 8555 7000 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Adelaide Baroque Quartet

When 23 February, 2pm

Where St Andrew's Church, 1 Alfred Place, Strathalbyn

Duration 70 minutes

Cost^ Refer to booking site

Bookings [FringeTIX](https://fringeTIX.com)

Chamber Philharmonia Vivaldi and Paganini '25

When 15 March, 7pm

Where St Andrew's Church, 1 Alfred Place, Strathalbyn

Duration 105 minutes

Cost^ Refer to booking site

Bookings trybooking.com/CXCWB

Michael Griffiths sings Peter Allen

When 21 March, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Duration 70 minutes

Cost^ All tickets \$20

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The Masters Apprentices

When 30 March, 3pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Duration 110 minutes including interval

Cost^ Adults \$50, Concession \$45, Group 6+ \$45, Youth (under 18) \$25

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Citizenship Ceremony at Goolwa and the awarding of our Citizen of the Year Awards at two events in Goolwa and Strathalbyn.

Australia Day Awards - Strathalbyn*

When 26 January

Where Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens, near the rotunda

Details 7.30am Breakfast, 9am awards ceremony

Australia Day Awards - Goolwa*

When 26 January

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Details 11am Australian Citizenship Ceremony then awards ceremony

More information alexandrina.sa.gov.au/citizenoftheyear25



*Free event! ^Transaction fee applies