



ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Kym McHugh

After much consideration, I have decided not to run for Mayor at the Council Elections in November.

This is not a decision I have made lightly, but one which will allow me more time to focus on my family and business interests. We certainly live in a fantastic part of the world, and something I hear regularly from people who have been away is how glad they are to come home to the Alexandrina area. I will still continue to live in the Alexandrina region and look forward to still being involved in the local community.

I have been on Council for more than 25 years and have been Mayor for over 19 years and it has been an absolute honour, privilege and a pleasure to represent the community of Alexandrina at a Local, State and Federal level.

I am extremely proud of what we have achieved in this time, but it is time for me to move on to the next phase of my life.

We have achieved a significant amount in the past 25 years. While on Council it is important to realise that the small things, like fixing potholes and the garbage collection services, are just as important to some of our community as building new libraries and planning an aquatic centre.

A major challenge for all councils is uncertainty of funding



from both Federal and State Governments. This funding is constantly being reduced but councils are expected to provide more services for our community.

It is important that we get the balance right, with better service provision and maintaining infrastructure in an economic climate of reduced funding.

I would like to thank you, our community, for your ongoing support, our inspirational volunteers who tirelessly devote many precious hours to make our region a better place, the Elected Members who have been part of the Council for their foresight and commitment and also to the Council staff for their professionalism and dedication to their roles. I wish the incoming Council and our community all the best for the future.

Kind Regards,

Mayor Kym McHugh.

List of Nominees for Council Elections 2014

At the close of nominations at 12noon on Tuesday, 16 September 2014, a total of 30 nominations were received and accepted.

Mayor - Vacancies (1)

Oliver, Alan J
Hurst, Mark
Skinner, Russell
Gardner, Margaret
Parkes, Keith
Michelmore, John
Keily, Rex

Councillor for Nangkita Ward - Vacancies (1)

Gartrell, Grant
Brown, Raymond
Bruce

Councillor for Strathalbyn Ward - Vacancies (2)

Woolford, Anne
Bremner, Sharon
Smith, Bec
Brazzalotto, Ben
Farrier, Mike
Galea, Michael
Storry, Phillip

Councillor for Angas Bremer Ward - Vacancies (2)

Featherston, Barry
James - Elected
Stanley-Murray, Katherine - Elected

Councillor for Elliot Middleton Ward - Vacancies (2)

Scott, Michael - Elected
Walker, Madeleine - Elected

Councillor for Goolwa Hindmarsh Island Ward - Vacancies (4)

Moore, John
Kay, Marty
Lume, Karen
Davis, Jim
Tuckwell, Frank
Stewart, James Laird
Carter, John
Armanini, Geoffrey
Charles
Murray, Michelle
Durward, Shaun

Ballot papers and envelopes were mailed out and should have been received by Friday 24 October. Completed voting material must be returned to reach the Returning Officer by 5pm Friday 7 November 2014.

The scrutiny and count will take place at the Council Chambers, 11 Cadell Street Goolwa from 9am on Saturday 8 November 2014.

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A Workout with a View in Goolwa

Alexandrina Council has recently installed a new exercise park on Liverpool Road, Goolwa (adjacent to the train crossing).

The exercise park was funded by Goolwa Lions Club with the aim of encouraging the community to get outside and get active.

Equipment includes a beam run, step up deluxe, vertical ladder and pull up bars.

On your next run, walk or cycle along the Liverpool road pathway, stop and have a go. Use the exercise park to add some variety to your usual exercise routine!

Active Alexandrina Kindergartens

In term two Council's OPAL team worked in collaboration with popular state-wide program Ready-Steady-Go-Kids at Mount Compass and Port Elliot kindergartens.

This included running a physical activity program called Kindy Active.

Over 100 children participated in the five week program, which involved learning the fundamental skills of five different sports for an hour per week.

As part of the program children were given ideas that promoted and encouraged outside play.

With South Australian children now spending on average 4.5 hours a day in front of a screen, getting active outdoors has real benefits to children in terms of their physical and mental health.

Teachers reported many positive outcomes for children, including learning about team work and listening to instructions.

Evaluation showed that over 50 per cent of the children and their parents played outside together more often as a result of Kindy Active.

Kindy Active is being run at Strathalbyn and Goolwa Kindergartens in term four.



Goolwa Lions member Bruce Gardner at the new workout equipment area off Liverpool Road in Goolwa.

Coming Soon - Forrest Reserve Strathalbyn Nature Playspace

The Forrest Reserve nature playspace is due to open in December 2014.

For details on the Nature Play Fun Day grand opening go to www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/OPAL.

More Information

In Australia 87% of children spend more time playing indoors than outdoors.

The Alexandrina OPAL program aims to provide opportunities for children in our community to get outside and get active. For more information on the OPAL program go to www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/OPAL.

Are you connected to Council's Common Effluent System?

Have you had your septic tank pumped out in the past five years?

If you are connected but have not had your tank pumped out in the past five years please call Council's contractor Veolia Environmental Services on 8398 2484 to arrange a convenient time.

Please note you will need to have exposed the septic tank lid prior to pump out.

Highlights of the 2013-14 Annual Report

Innovate throughout our Region

Bristow Smith Reserve scoping and consultation

Council lodged a funding submission in early December 2013 seeking funding assistance for the "Foreshore Redevelopment Precinct 3 – Bristow Smith Reserve (Goolwa)" as part of the Local Government Stimulus Grant Program. The total project cost of Precinct 3 is approximately \$688,000 with 50% of the costs funded by grants received from the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

Following the advertising of tenders, Wax Designs, Landscape Architects were awarded the first stage of the project which includes the development of concept designs, community consultation and feedback forums and the progression of detailed designs before advertising a tender for construction of the playground facilities in late-2014.

Strathalbyn Skate Park Facility

Over 800 people attended the official opening of the Strathalbyn Skate Park on 13 April 2014. High-profile pro skater Renton Millar was a big drawcard for skaters, BMX and scooter riders. The park was officially opened by Alexandrina Council Mayor McHugh, Deputy Mayor Anne Woolford and Councillor Trent Rusby.

The project has delivered a modern, integrated and multi-use skate facility catering for skate, BMX and inline user groups, as well as quality landscaping.

Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre

Alexandrina Council and the City of Victor Harbor were advised in December 2013 that the Coalition Government would honour the \$7.5million funding offer for the Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre.

After confirmation of funding, Alexandrina Council and City of Victor Harbor prepared a project brief seeking Expressions of Interest for the Architectural Consultancy Services relating to the design of the Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre.

The City of Victor Harbor has engaged Aecom, Consulting Engineers to undertake the design of an upgrade to Ocean Road, including access/egress arrangements for the Regional Aquatic Centre site.

This work will be completed within the current financial year



The Strathalbyn Skate Park was opened in April 2014.

and construction works will be programmed to commence early in 2015. Development approval for the construction of the facility has now been granted by Alexandrina Council's Development Assessment Panel.

Letters Patent 1836 document displayed

On 19 March 2014, Council unveiled a public display of the Letters Patent 1836 document and Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement, further affirming Council's close relationship with the Ngarrindjeri Nation. Authorised by William the Fourth, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in 1836, the Letters Patent set out the conditions and defined the boundaries for the establishment of the Province of South Australia.

Council's consideration with regards raising public awareness of the Letters Patent was prompted by conversations with Council staff and a presentation made to Council by Ngarrindjeri Leader and Elder Tom Trevorrow just days before Mr Trevorrow's passing in 2013.

Mr Trevorrow was a strong advocate for sovereignty and for the public recognition and display of the 1836 Letters Patent.

Activate our Spaces

2013 South Australian Tourism Awards

Three submissions were entered into the awards, which resulted in;

1. Goolwa Visitor Information Centre Silver Medal for Visitor Information Centres
2. South Australian Wooden Boat Festival Silver medal for Festivals and Events
3. Alexandrina Council – Winner of the Local Government Award for Tourism

The South Australian Wooden Boat Festival was also recognised by being a national finalist for Best Regional Event at the 2013 Australian Event Awards, Winning the Best Regional Event for South Australia at the 2013 Australian Event Awards.

It was the only South Australian event recognised within the top ten of Australia's Favourite Events for 2013 and contributing to South Australia being a state finalist for Best Event State at the 2013 Australian Event Awards.

Arts and Culture Programs

Council in partnership with Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker councils secured RDA funding for the development of a sculpture trail leading from a hub in the Adelaide Hills into Alexandrina Council.

Signal Point Gallery hosts professional artists from

Alexandrina, state wide and those with a national profile. September 2013 saw the Kit Chambers exhibition come to Signal Point which was the second highest grossing exhibition in the past 18 months with sales at \$30,000 in the first week.

A program of theatre and performance through Centenary Hall provides access to high quality cultural experiences as well as opportunities for individuals and groups to make use of a fully equipped performing arts space.

Alexandrina Council now has more venues to support arts development as well as audience development. Signal Point theatre during 2013 has supported the development of the Southern Fleurieu Film Society, University of the Third Age, and in 2014 community theatre and Fleurieu Poets.

Council is coordinating arts and cultural education and development opportunities with feedback from local teachers that the Just Add Water program for 2014 is a great benefit to their curriculum planning for the year.

Rural Initiatives Grants

In June 2014 Council held an event in Langhorne Creek to present the cheques to the successful applicants of the Rural Initiatives Grant. The recipients included:

- Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Inc
- Milang Ag Bureau
- Trevor Giles, Brett Phillips and Kelvin Candy
- Partners in Grain Inc
- Goolwa Pipi Harvesters Association
- Angas Bremer Water Management Committee

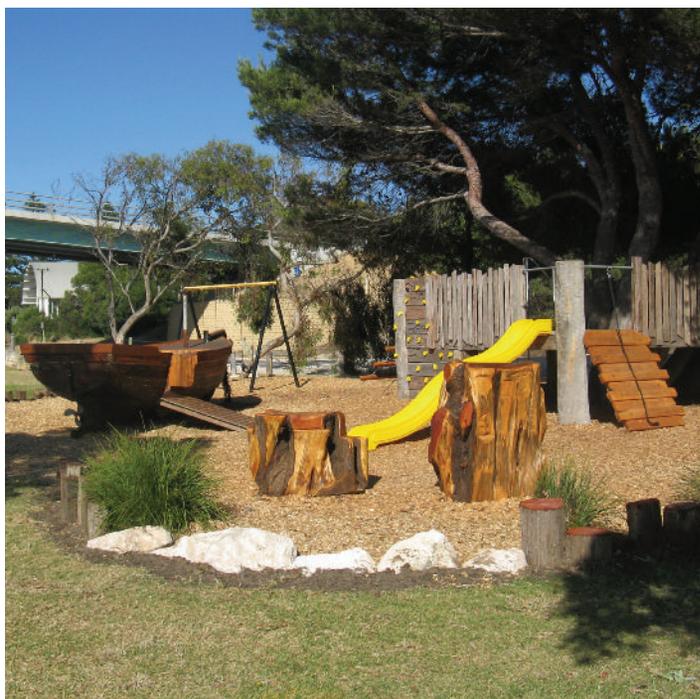
The projects receiving the funding included a web based marketing tool, training workshops, facility upgrade, trial cover crops in vineyards and broad acre cropping trials.

Amelia Park Playground Upgrade

The playground was constructed out of recycled timber and surplus materials stored at Council's works depots.

Features of the playground include an elevated tree house, restored wooden boat, hand crafted seating, natural material edging, rocks and logs and also retains the swing set from the previous playground.

The playground was designed and constructed by Council's recreational services team after being inspired by a recent worldwide change in playground design thinking as well as talking to local residents, who frequent playgrounds with children and local school children.



Amelia Park, Goolwa, playground was upgraded in 2013-14.

Participate in Wellbeing

Library Services

Library Programs have continued throughout the year including school holiday programs, children's storytelling, beginners iPad sessions, rope workshop and author talks resulting in attendance levels of 7,249 individuals.

Library volunteers contributed approximately 6,700 hours to Alexandrina Libraries, increasing the depth of services offered and providing opportunities for community involvement.

In November 2013, two brothers were reunited with the assistance of Council's Library Service and a local history volunteer researcher. Within four months of research the brothers were reunited with an article appearing in the 7 November issue of the Victor Harbor Times to celebrate their reunion.

Goolwa History Room also celebrated a decade of collecting and preserving the history of Goolwa and were recognised with a 2014 Cittaslow award.

Video Conferencing Grant

Council was successful in obtaining a grant of \$411,000 from the Federal Government for round four of the Digital Local Government Program. This grant funding will provide video conferencing solutions for Council and our community. Council worked in collaboration with the City of Victor Harbor who were also successful in obtaining a grant.

This grant will foster community wellbeing and enhance regional collaboration.

OPAL Program

In October 2013 the OPAL team held a Peel Pour Pop Brekky at Port Elliot. This was a very successful community event showcasing Council's fantastic park infrastructure. Over 350 attendances and over 120 bowls of cereal were served. Activities included brekky tasting, nature treasure hunt, bones in the sandpit, kite making and storytelling in Kondoli the whale. This event was a wonderful collaboration between Alexandrina Libraries, Fleurieu Families and StarClub.

The Kindy Active program was held at Port Elliot Kindergarten (60 children) and Mount Compass Kindergarten (40 children). Over 100 children each week for five weeks had an hour of fundamental movement skills lesson. This is a partnership between OPAL and "readysteadygo kids".

Council received \$50,000 funding through the State Government grant to upgrade Forrest Reserve, Burkett Drive in Strathalbyn. This funding has been matched with



OPAL's Life Looks Brighter Outside event in Goolwa was a big success.

\$15,000 by OPAL and \$35,000 by Council. The reserve will be designed with nature play principles.

OPAL coordinated a family participation event as part of the "Life Looks Brighter Outside" OPAL theme, attracting more than 500 participants at the Arthur Neighbour Reserve in Goolwa. This was a successful joint partnership between Starclub, Fleurieu Families, South Coast Dieticians Services and Cittaslow.

OPAL partnered with the Cittaslow committee in Goolwa to submit an entry in the Cittaslow International Best Practices contest. The entry was based around the OPAL Plant and Munch Planter Box project and the Amelia Park Playground development. Cittaslow Goolwa won the overall award from all entries received and was presented with the Cittaslow International Project Prize "Chiocciola Orange 2014" (which translates to "Orange Snail 2014") in Holland.

Small Community Grants

Through the small community grants scheme, thirty three grants totalling \$106,550 were released to Community Groups, sporting clubs and Young Emerging Leaders in our region during 2013/14.

These funds have assisted in the repairs and maintenance to buildings and equipment as well as the purchasing of new equipment and assisting young people to attend significant events.

Thrive in Clean, Green Futures

Community Wastewater Management Systems

Council contributed to more productive community assets by extending the life of two community wastewater systems in Goolwa and Strathalbyn following a series of renewal projects that included repairs and relining of the Barrage Road pump station. This work also improved the liveability of the area by placing the pumps and majority of the infrastructure underground. This reduced noise levels and improved the amenity of the street.

Guide, Monitor and report on Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority

Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority undertook a fortnightly collection of kerbside waste trial pilot in Hayborough. The pilot ran from October 2013 to January 2014 and included 600 dwellings.

The pilot included community engagement and education activities, three kerbside bin audits and feedback was also sought from stakeholders through forums and surveys. The Pilot allowed issues to be identified and solutions evaluated

on a small scale, allowing a strategy to be developed for the successful future introduction of an altered collection schedule across a wider area.

Council endorsed the implementation of fortnightly collection of kerbside waste on a Regional scale. Other FRWA councils are yet to make a decision on the implementation of fortnightly collection of kerbside waste.

Environmental Action Plan

Staff, elected member and community workshops were held in May and June 2013 as part of the review of the Sustainable Alexandrina Action Plan. A cross organisational steering group was established and meets regularly.

A six-week public consultation period was held from 3 February to 14 March 2014 on the Alexandrina Council Environmental Action Plan, with 110 people attending four community meetings and around 60 submissions have been received. The final plan was endorsed in May and was launched at a World Environment Day event on 5 June 2014.



Council's Environmental Action Plan was launched on World Environment Day (5 June 2014) at Centenary Hall, Goolwa.

South Australian Wooden Boat Festival 2015

The biennial South Australian Wooden Boat Festival is set to deliver an exciting mix of wooden boats, people, food, wine, and entertainment.

The 14th festival will be held at the historic Goolwa Wharf and surrounding precinct on the 21st and 22nd February 2015.

Boat registrations are now open with forms available online at woodenboatfestival.com.au.

During the two day festival spectators can engage in a range of on-water and on land activities. Participating boats will offer a stunning on water display, while on land maritime displays, children's activities, music, regional food, wine and festival fare can be explored and enjoyed.

Children can participate in the brand new Pirate Trail – and collect treasures along the way. The Pirate Trail will be an interactive “follow the map” experience, encouraging children to visit the wonderful exhibits at the event.

A dedicated area will showcase “work in progress boats”, and The Bote Cote Rough and Ready event provides spectators with a close up experience of how much fun boat building (and sinking!) can be, the weekend offers something for everyone! If you are interested in volunteering as part of the South Australian Wooden Boat Festival “Crew” registration forms are available online or by phoning 8333 0955.



New Roadside Markers on Rural Council Roads

Those of you that travel along our rural roads may have noticed new blue and white markers popping up on roadsides across the district over the last few months. The signs are part of our Roadside Marker System (RMS) which identifies and helps to protect high value native vegetation on our roadsides.

We have almost 400 RMS sites across the District but in 2013, an audit of the system (undertaken with the assistance of a grant from the Native Vegetation Council) revealed that over 100 of the markers were missing.

Over the past six months,

Council's environmental officers have been busy replacing these markers as well as identifying areas where new markers are needed.

Each site has two markers facing oncoming traffic: a beginning marker with a blue and white shield design, and a blue end marker with a white diagonal line.

Roadside vegetation provides important habitat corridors for our native wildlife and in some areas, contains the last remaining patches of remnant vegetation.

This is particularly so in the eastern half of our district (e.g. around Woodchester,

Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek and Milang) which has been so extensively cleared that less than 5 per cent of the original native vegetation is still intact.

Weed infestation is one of the biggest threats to the health of our roadside vegetation. This year Council has begun a program of weed control at over 50 RMS sites, targeting declared weeds at priority sites, many of which are home to nationally listed threatened species.

If you have any questions about Council's Roadside Marker System please contact our Environmental Protection Officer on 8555 7000.



Dynamic New Playspace for Bristow Smith Reserve

Children on the Fleurieu Peninsula will soon have an exciting and unique playspace in which they can interact with nature and play like their parents used to.

The community has provided feedback to Council on a preliminary concept design via an Open House Forum, a Park Day at Bristow Smith Reserve site and via the Council website during July 2014.

There has been strong support for nature play focus that will incorporate:

- a 10 metre long timber fishing boat, incorporating a rope swing bridge in addition to a boardwalk for all abilities access;
- challenging net climb structures and platform 'pods' with 360 degree views of surrounding environment;
- a water spout and tilt tray, enabling children to direct water to the sand pit or "to the river" along a pebble lined

channel with rock pools that reflect the traditional fish traps used by the Ngarrindjeri people;

- a giant slippery dip in amongst a Allocasurina "forest"; and
- Hidden challenges & experiences, incorporating texture and sound;
- Discovery adventure trails, incorporating insect statues and others.

The final Bristow Smith Reserve (Precinct 3) Nature Playspace Masterplan, as per the design below, was endorsed by Council at its September 2014 meeting, and the project now moves into the detailed design phase. Construction will commence in summer/autumn of 2015 with the project due for completion by September 2015.

To follow progress of the project visit Council's website www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/BristowSmith

