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## Message from the Mayor

Spring is here, and we have had a fantastic start to the season with the official opening of two new recreation spaces in our region.

We were very proud to officially open the Mount Compass Recreation Park in October, after a comprehensive planning, design and construction period. The skate park, BMX trail and pump track, basket swing, slide and shelter at the new park will cater for our young people, their families and visitors in our growing region. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Member for Finnis, David Basham MP, for his assistance in securing funding and for his ongoing support for the project.

We also recently opened the new Goolwa Pump Track, enhancing the existing recreation precinct which includes the Goolwa Skate Park and BMX Track.

I also attended the opening of the Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) building. Thanks to co-funding from Surf Life Saving South Australia and the Goolwa SLSC, this excellent facility has come to fruition.

As always, the period leading to Christmas and the end of the year is a busy time as we prepare for a number of events over the holiday period, and move forward with project planning and delivery for a big year in 2020.

*Keith Parkes*  
Mayor

Above (L-R): Mayor Keith Parkes with Peter Jeffery from Grant Guru, Mark van der Pennen, General Manager Growth and Steve Shotton from Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island RDA at the launch of the RDA's Hills and Coast Grant Finder website launch.

Front Cover Image: Tracey Grivell, Member for Finnis David Basham MP, Alexandrina Council CEO Glenn Rappensberg, Southern Fleurieu Historical Museum's Colin Ekers and James Stewart at the Legendairy cow sculpture official opening in July, at Ratalang-Basham Beach.

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## All set for a safe summer at Goolwa Beach

### RDA Hills and Coast Grant Finder

Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island along with Alexandrina Council and participating councils across the region have partnered to provide the Hills & Coast Grant Finder to help businesses, community groups, sports clubs, other not-for-profits and individuals source and apply for grant opportunities. Access to the site [www.rdahc.grantguru.com.au](http://www.rdahc.grantguru.com.au) is free and provides a comprehensive list of available grant and funding opportunities. Grant funding can assist with building thriving communities and the development of our region. The site also provides grant writing tips and a list of professional grant writers that service the Alexandrina area.

### Have Your Say

South Australia's population of Little Corellas has significantly increased over the last 50 years, and now State Government is seeking feedback on the **draft South Australian Little Corella Management Strategy**. Consultation closes at 5.00pm Sunday, 3 November 2019. For more information on how to have your say visit [yoursay.sa.gov.au](http://yoursay.sa.gov.au)

The **Planning and Design Code** is also currently out for public consultation from 1 October 2019 and will extend until February 2020. The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure is managing the consultation process. Information on the state wide changes to development and planning in South Australia are available at [saplanningportal.sa.gov.au](http://saplanningportal.sa.gov.au)

Alexandrina Council will be making a submission for both the draft Little Corella Management Strategy and the Planning and Design Code and we encourage local residents, business owners and community groups to also provide their feedback.

The Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) building was officially opened on 13 October by Surf Life Saving South Australia (SLSSA).

Alexandrina Council representatives joined Goolwa SLSC, SLSSA and other stakeholders to celebrate what will become an iconic structure to beach culture in Goolwa for years to come.

The \$3.5 million dollar project is part-funded by SLSSA through their Club Rebuild Program, Goolwa SLSC and Alexandrina Council, providing a new home for locals and visitors at our famous Goolwa Beach.

Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club has worked tirelessly for eight seasons, to make Goolwa Beach a safer and more accessible place for people to enjoy. Club members have raised eleven percent of the project funds to help establish this building, an outstanding achievement by this dedicated group.

This impressive new facility sets a benchmark for place-making in our region by creating an asset that will serve the interests of our community and visitors alike, supporting growth in the region. It is also part of the first phase of our Goolwa Beach and Environs Master Plan, which will continue to take shape over the coming years. Visit [www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeachplan](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeachplan)

Congratulations to Goolwa SLSC and SLSSA on this achievement and for working so cohesively with Mossop Construction and Interiors, as well as local trades. This outstanding facility will enable the club to prosper into the future and offers a magnificent vantage point for patrons to meet socially and enjoy the coastal views.



## Australia Day - Citizen of the Year Nominations for 2020

Council is currently seeking your nominations for the 2020 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?

You could nominate someone who has enhanced and enriched community service areas like education, health, fund-raising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of our community.

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

**Nominations close on Friday, 15 November 2019** so don't delay, submit online at [www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate](http://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate) or pick up a nomination form at Council's libraries in Goolwa and Strathalbyn.

In 2019, Alexandrina Council proudly acknowledged winners from each category at our annual Australia Day Celebrations in Strathalbyn and Goolwa.

The 2019 Citizen of the Year Awards were presented to Sharon Pankhurst and Sue Eckert.

Sharon has been a volunteer at the Signal Point Gallery and South Coast Regional Arts Centre in Goolwa since 2010, where she coordinates volunteer rosters and supervises exhibitions, together with providing support for community arts events; while Sue has made an exceptional and significant contribution to the Strathalbyn community over the last 40 years, which has included being the co-ordinator of 'Christmas Hampers to Disadvantaged Families' in the district (160 delivered in 2018) among involvement in many other community groups.

The 2019 Young Citizen of the Year Awards went to Hannah Arnold for the Strathalbyn region and Carter Banks for Goolwa.

Hannah led a team organising the 'A Day Out of the Blue' community event in November 2018, a fundraising event to raise awareness of those who have suffered and continue to suffer from anxiety and depression. Carter has been a member of the Southern Fleurieu Youth Advisory Committee for over five years, volunteering at local youth forums on mental health, as well as forums run by the Youth Affairs Council of SA.

For nomination forms and more information please visit Council's website at [www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

**Above:** Strathalbyn's 2019 Young Citizen of the Year Hannah Arnold with Ward Councillor Craig Maidment.

# Help Shape Alexandrina's Future

## A message from the Mayor

Throughout 2019 and 2020, Alexandrina Council will be reviewing the strategic management plans which guide everything we do.

Planning for the future is a big task and we can't do it alone.

Your ideas are important to us! To plan effectively for the future, we need to know as much as possible about your long-term needs, hopes and priorities.

We want to hear what you love about Alexandrina, what challenges and opportunities you think our community will face between now and 2040, and your big ideas for making Alexandrina an even better place to live, study, work and play!

The information we gather will be used to prepare an updated

Community Strategic Plan for 2020-2040 as well as our Long Term Financial Plan and our Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan.

There are lots of ways you can be a part of the conversation, from community workshops, to online discussion boards and paper feedback forms, to having a face-to-face chat with Council staff at community events.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Mayor Keith Parkes**

On behalf of Alexandrina Council

For more information about how to get involved in the Alexandrina 2040 consultation process, visit [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/A2040](http://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/A2040)





## New Interpretive Signage for Strathalbyn Cemetery

A dedicated group of local volunteers has been working with Council over the past few years to design and install a series of interpretive signs at the Strathalbyn Cemetery.

The Friends of the Strathalbyn Cemetery group have made a number of recommendations to Council to ensure the signage best depicts the true history, characters and points of interest, which hosts a plethora of amazing stories dating back well before it's opening in 1856.

So far two signs have been erected, honouring the 'Pioneers of Strathalbyn' and the 'Common Ground' section of the cemetery. There are four remaining signs to be installed, which are for the RSL Section, the Roman Catholic Section and in honour of two noteworthy interments, Dr John Walker and Joseph William Elliot.

The Friends of the Strathalbyn Cemetery and Alexandrina Council will also collaborate to create an interpretive brochure, which is hoped to be released in the coming months, allowing visitors of the cemetery to take a self-guided tour through the grounds and learn some of the interesting history as they move between graves and burial sections at their leisure.

**Pictured above:** Local volunteers and staff with Mayor Keith Parkes, next to the new interpretive signage at the Strathalbyn Cemetery.

## Clean and Green with Compostable Dog waste bags

As Alexandrina looks toward a clean, green future, we are proud to make the shift to new compostable dog waste bags in our dispensers across the region. Being compostable, they can go into green waste bins rather than general waste bins, reducing our reliance on single-use plastics and total waste to landfill.



The rollout throughout August was met with enthusiastic positivity by dog owners who are keen to 'recycle right.' The bags are also available to purchase at the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Council offices at \$3 for a roll of 20 bags.

Council has a dedicated webpage with dog ownership information at [www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/dogs](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/dogs)

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## Major Project Update

### MOUNT COMPASS RECREATION PARK

The Mount Compass Recreation Park was officially opened on Sunday 13 October 2019 and includes a large scale BMX track, a full skate park, open play spaces, picnic shelters, and a basket swing and slide. It is a recreation space the Mount Compass community has been anticipating for some time, having had significant involvement in the design process. This fantastic park will provide our youth, their families and visitors a space to socialise, exercise and enjoy being outdoors.

### GOOLWA OVAL SPORTING PRECINCT

Following public consultation on the draft Goolwa Oval Sporting Precinct Master Plan in September and October, a summary report including recommendations for the Master Plan will now be presented to Council at the October Meeting for decision. Following endorsement by Council, the Master Plan can be included in future grant applications.

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

[www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates)



# Events



## Gilbert Motoring Festival\*

An exciting new Motoring Festival is coming to Strathalbyn. Organised by the Strathalbyn Tourism Association and sponsored by Adelaide Hills Toyota. A family-friendly event showcasing Vintage, Classic, Muscle and Modern Cars as well as Motor Cycles.

New and old cars and everything in between will be on display. Come down and join the fun at this inaugural festival and fundraiser for Gilbert's Motor Museum in High Street Strathalbyn.

<b>Where</b>	Strathalbyn Showgrounds Oval
<b>When</b>	Sunday 27 October from 10am to 4pm
<b>Cost</b>	Entry fee of \$5. Kids 15 and under are free
<b>Enquiries</b>	president@slta.asn.au
<b>Things to know</b>	Display your vehicle for \$10, includes all passengers entry. Stallholders are welcomed.

### Dry Stone Walls - Heritage Talks

24 October at 6.30pm  
Location: Strathalbyn Community Centre  
**Bookings: 8555 7000**

### The Band of the South Australia Police

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

### Wet Paint Youth Theatre Showcase Extravaganza

1 November at 7pm  
Live theatre performances, film, music, comedy, free popcorn and prizes. Gold coin donation entry. The night promises to stimulate the mind of those who attend and is suitable for all ages.  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
Enquiries: 8551 0586  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### Smoke Off Festival\*

3 November at 11am  
Location: Goolwa RSL Garden of Honour, Cutting Road  
Come and be part of this ultimate slow-food event. Wine, music and BBQ.  
**Bookings: 0478 296 359**  
**www.cittaslowgoolwa.com.au/wharf**

### Alexandrina Council's Art Collection\*

8 November – 14 December  
Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa  
The exhibition showcases a wide diversity of subject matter, style and technique, including Joshua Baldwin's painting 'Tyson later that day', the most recent winner of the Alexandrina Art Prize and Doug Moran Portrait Prize finalist in 2018.  
**Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### Annual Regional Youth Art Exhibition\*

8 November – 1 December  
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct  
**Enquiries: 8551 0586**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### Annual Goolwa Poetry Cup

8 November – 1 December  
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct  
The event boasts the biggest poetry cup prize money in South Australia. All ages.  
**Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### Me and My Guise

20 November at 2pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
**Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### "A River Near You" ARNY Film Awards Screening

22 November at 6.30pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa Alexandrina Council Short Film Competition Awards night. With numerous rivers, creeks and watercourses in the region, interpretation was open to the film-maker as to how 'a river near you' is best portrayed. Free event.  
**Bookings: 1300 466 592**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### 2020 Just Add Water (JAW) Program Launch

8 December 2019 at 2pm  
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct  
**Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### Portrait of a Kangaroo by Michael Chorney\*

6 December 2019 – 19 January 2020  
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct  
8 December 2019 floor talk at 1.30pm  
Traditionally, kangaroos have been represented symbolically. Michael's intent is to portray these animals as individuals, reflecting their unique personalities.  
**Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### Found\*

6 December – 19 January  
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct  
8 December 2019 floor talk at 1pm  
**Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### Margi Nolan Solo Exhibition

12 December – 19 January  
Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa  
Margi's works bring the essence of

the beauty of form and colour through brushwork and the luminosity of the paint.  
**Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

### Christmas Where the Angas Flows\*

13 December from 6pm  
Location: Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Strathalbyn  
**Enquiries: 0408 362 258**

### Goolwa Christmas Festival\*

15 December from 6pm  
Location: Cadell Street and Goolwa Oval  
Goolwa's annual community Christmas festival includes pageant, children's entertainment, carols, visit from Santa and fireworks.  
**Enquiries: 0419 714 208**

### Carols in the Park\*

17 December 2019 from 5pm  
Location: Port Elliot Town Square, The Strand, Port Elliot  
**Enquiries: 0428 554 268**

### NYE Fireworks off the Bridge\*

31 December 2019  
Location: Goolwa Wharf Precinct  
The Goolwa skies will light up at midnight on New Years Eve to welcome 2020, and celebrate our wonderful community, with a spectacular fireworks display from Hindmarsh Island Bridge. Locals and visitors to Goolwa are invited to gather at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct, along the waters edge or perhaps even on the river by boat to enjoy the display.  
**Enquiries: 0432 509 794**

### Goolwa Regatta Week\*

18 January to 26 January at various times  
Location: Barrage Road, Goolwa  
Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club will take a page from colonial history and add an exciting contemporary twist when it stages its nine-day Festival of riverside activities culminating with the Milang - Goolwa Freshwater Classic. Participants will compete in a variety of races including; Marina Challenge, Twilight, dash for cash, vintage boats, dinghies, Sailability and remote control boats.  
**Enquiries: 8555 2617**  
**www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au**

### Yesterday's Power Rally

18 and 19 January at 10am  
Location: Milang Oval, Milang  
Collectors and enthusiasts from around Australia gather at the oval for a weekend of activities, showcasing machinery and equipment from bygone days and the popular pre 1973 tractor pull.  
**Enquiries: thesecretarymvmc@gmail.com**

Keep up to date with upcoming and new Council events by visiting Council's website or via the tourism website:  
**www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au**  
**www.visitalexandrina.com**

