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Message from our Mayor

Welcome to the latest edition of Alexandrina Alive. In this edition we reflect on a number of major project milestones, celebrate many community achievements, and take a snapshot look at our business support as we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

In 2022 we unveiled our Economic Development Strategy to 'Regenerate Alexandrina' and Business Alexandrina has been working to build a sustainable and thriving economy to meet the needs of both our people and environment.

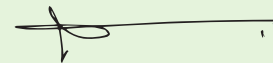
Our most recently completed projects across the region

include the Horseshoe Bay Reserve in Port Elliot, new playground equipment at the Mount Compass Recreation Park, and new public toilets in Langhorne Creek. Construction for our Goolwa Wharf Precinct Revitalisation and stage two of the Goolwa Oval Recreational Precinct will continue this year, as well as next stages of the Strathalbyn Town Centre project.

We are very exciting to see the South Australian Wooden Boat Festival will be returning in 2023 to Hindmarsh Island's Alexandrina Cove. I encourage you all to enjoy the many events celebrating our regional produce and support local businesses in the lead up to the event and hope to see you at the Festival on 29-30 April.

In December we launched the PS Oscar W short film to capture its biennial maintenance slipping journey and its dedicated volunteers. It is a delightful to see this Council owned paddle steamer showcases and will ensure this icon vessel remains a drawcard for visitors to our magnificent region.

I hope you continue to enjoy the summer months, stay safe while exploring our region, and continue to check Council's website for an exciting calendar of events as we welcome in the new year.



Mayor Keith Parkes

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Above: Mayor Keith Parkes

Front cover: A bird's-eye view of the Alexandrina Cove Lifestyle Village and marina on Hindmarsh Island hosting the April 2023, South Australian Wooden Boat Festival (SAWBF). In partnership with Coorong Quays, South Australian Tourism Commission and Alexandrina Council. See the full article on page 5.

Welcome to your newly elected Council Members

Following the November 2022 Local Government elections, congratulations to our Mayor and Council Members for Alexandrina Council.

Mayor:

- Keith Parkes

North Ward - Council Members:

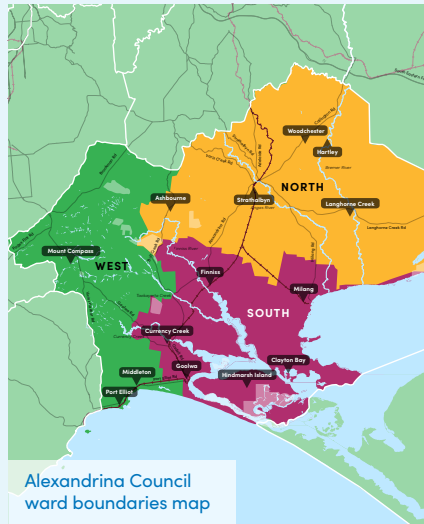
- Cr Craig Maidment
- Cr Sue Miller
- Cr Christie Thornton.

South Ward - Council Members:

- Cr Margaret Gardner
- Cr Milli Livingston
- Cr Peter Oliver.

West Ward - Council Members:

- Cr Bill Coomans
- Cr Lou Nicholson
- Cr Michael Scott ASM OAM.



SA River Murray – high flow information



Stay updated with the latest information on the high flow levels by visiting

sa.gov.au/flood

or Council's website

In an emergency contact SA SES on **13 25 00**

Don't be alarmed, keep informed. Prepare now!

 To view Council Member contact details, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/councilmembers



Council Members L-R: Michael Scott ASM OAM, Sue Miller, Milli Livingston, Margaret Gardner, Craig Maidment, Mayor Keith Parkes, CEO Nigel Morris, Lou Nicholson, Christie Thornton, Peter Oliver, Bill Coomans.



Artist impression

Signal Point – Regional Experience Centre

The Signal Point building is receiving a fabulous fit out to the lower ground floor with a contemporary, story-telling exhibition that explores the history of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct, including Ngarrindjeri connection to place, riverboat history, trade and the importance of the river system and preservation for future generations.

Council has been busy progressing this exciting project including collating stories of the Goolwa Wharf and design development

for the exhibition structure to support multiple screens and other electronic devices, including a specially designed suspended lighting rig.

Set to open in 2023, following roof restoration works to the building as part of the broader Goolwa Wharf Precinct major project.

Construction works for the overall Goolwa Wharf Precinct revitalisation project will begin in early 2023.

Significant work has been undertaken to evaluate how the space can best be utilised to deliver a quality visitor experience, whilst maintaining the view and connection to the Goolwa Wharf Precinct.

The components of the internal exhibition fit-out are constructed ready for installation in the new year, while the project team will continue to work with the project steering group, Ngarrindjeri Nation representatives and other stakeholders to finalise the story-telling content for the exhibition and supporting material.



For further information on the Signal Point Experience Centre visit, alexandrina.sa.gov.au/spec and subscribe to receive regular updates on the project.

Immunisation Clinics at Council



Alexandrina Council continues to offer free childhood immunisations aligned to the National and State Immunisation schedules.

Adult immunisation is also available with a fee based on the price of the vaccine; please ensure that these vaccines are pre-ordered.

This service is operated by the City of Onkaparinga on behalf of Alexandrina Council.

These clinics are available monthly at Council's Goolwa and Strathalbyn offices.

For more information and to book, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/environmentalhealth

29-30 April SA Wooden Boat Festival Relocating to Hindmarsh Island

The South Australian Wooden Boat Festival (SAWBF) will be sailing into new territory for the April 2023 Festival, with Coorong Quays hosting the two-day event at the Alexandrina Cove Lifestyle Village, Hindmarsh Island.

This popular biennial event will showcase the finest wooden boats from our region and beyond. Relocating to the Coorong Quays facilities for next year's festival.

This new location presents numerous opportunities focusing on the wooden boats in and out of the water activities as a boutique boating festival. With the uncertainty of the Murray River



SAWBF Committee Members L-R: Cr Peter Oliver, Cr Milli Livingston, Ruth Jurevicius, Keith Brewin, Carol Cooney and Kenn Fisher (absent Stephen Conway).

flow, the new location will provide the space that ensures the safety of boats and the community.

Situated in the beautiful and unique Coorong Quays marina, the site includes access to the well appointed community function centre, grasses area for festival activities on land and purpose built mooring for over 150 boats. This will be a spectacular area to view the stunning variety of classic wooden boats on display, with ample parking available for visitors attending over the two days.

The Festival is proudly supported by the SA Tourism Commission, Coorong Quays and Alexandrina Council and the 2023 Festival plays an integral part of Council's Wooden Boat Strategy.

The business community are also gearing up to be a part of the festival. Business Alexandrina in partnership with Fleurieu Food, Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism will see a month long calendar of event in the region to showcase local produce and offerings and ensure visitors encounter the best of our beautiful region. It's a win for the festival and a win for our business community.

➤ For more information visit sawoodenboatfestival.com.au



Have you seen the PS Oscar W short film?



Follow the story of the biannual restoration works on the historic Paddle Steamer Oscar W vessel, we are enormously grateful to the hardworking team of volunteers and contractors who undertake the repairs.

Their skill and dedication ensure the PS Oscar W continues to run regular tours out of the Goolwa

Wharf Precinct to share the rich cultural heritage and where visitors can learn about this magnificent vessel.



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TO WATCH
THE FILM

Waste recycle initiatives giving businesses an economic edge

As our region prospers, our community has expressed a desire to see sustainable growth with deep respect for our heritage and environment.

In Council's advocacy and leadership role we recognise the importance of embracing new ways to help the environment and slow climate change which will in turn create social and economic benefits. Reducing waste, maximising value from materials, and shrinking carbon footprints are important factors in Alexandrina's future as we look to deliver this 'circular economy'.

This approach was championed within Council's economic development strategy, aptly named 'Regenerating Alexandrina' and is a concept that is top of mind for Business Alexandrina.

To continue the discussion as a region, we joined neighbouring councils in December, along with the State Government's Green Industries SA, Regional Development Australia and the

Fleurieu Waste and Recycling Centre. All agreed it is a concept worth focussing on for council, communities, and businesses alike.

Communities and residents have a big part to play in the circular economy as it is the choices they make that drive change.

Whether you are a small business, farmer, retailer, or major corporation, it is important that we prioritise waste recycling and look at potential new industries that might develop in recycling waste.

Alexandrina is invested in this future direction and are here to support our businesses who want to get involved. We are already seeing champions in this space including Peats Soils, Langhorne Creek who have recently launched a nappy recycling trial.

> If you are interested in Business Alexandrina's regenerative programs and initiatives please contact us on 8555 7455 or business@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Peats Soil & Garden Supplies

Peats Soil & Garden Supplies in Langhorne Creek are leading the way in recycling nappies as one of South Australia's largest composters. The local company are part of a new nappy recycling trial and feasibility study that could be Australia's answer to the 1.5 billion disposable nappies that end up in landfill each year.

The first trial of its kind in Australia, the Nappy Loop has been underway in South Australia since July 2022 and uses anaerobic digestion to turn the organic materials in used nappies into nutrient-rich compost, while the plastic components are separated and evaluated for future recycled products. In addition, the anaerobic digestion process creates bioenergy which is captured and used to power the Peats composting facility.

It is hoped that the trail will be extended to include other Early Learning Centres (ELC) following feasibility outcomes expected in early 2023. The nappy recycling trial is thanks to funding from State Government Green Industries SA, and Kimberly Clark and has collected almost two tonnes of nappies during the trial period.

Managing Director of Peats, Pete Wadewitz, said: "Anaerobic digestion is a growing area of focus and possibility in Australia. The process to recycle disposable nappies has been used successfully overseas and we are excited to be introducing this innovative approach in the Southern Hemisphere as we work to solve the nappy waste issue."

We are very proud that Peats Soil & Garden Supplies has champion this initiative right here in Alexandrina. Watch this space and may this inspire you in your business.



Heirloom returned to Strathalbyn family

A long-lost family heirloom has been returned to a Strathalbyn family after being found in a run-down church in Olinda, Victoria.

In August 2022, a silver chalice with "In memory of Peter and Denis Bagley" engraved across the front was delivered to the Strathalbyn Library by post with only a handwritten letter inside. The letter explained how the silver chalice was discovered in Victoria in 1990 and cemetery records showed that it could be connected to the Bagley family in Strathalbyn.

The Strathalbyn Library team and volunteers carried out research to discover a family line that they hoped could be relatives of the original owners.

After some initial unsuccessful attempts to follow the correct family line, finally another family contact was suggested

by our dedicated volunteers at the Strathalbyn library and a successful meeting held to find the rightful family owner and grandson of Peter Bagley.

In November, Council's CEO, Nigel Morris was delighted to present the heirloom back to relative, Christopher Bagley to see it remain in the family. We are thankful for the incredible efforts of staff, volunteers, and the community, to reunite the polished and presentable silver chalice to see it safely returned home to its family.

Alexandrina's Heritage Awards nominations now open

Nominations are now open for the annual Heritage Awards in conservation, research or projects undertaken within the region.

Presented in May, the awards highlight how important heritage is to our history. It is a fabulous way to showcase our region as the awards attract media interest which ensures that the industry, government, and community recognise and commend finalists and winners that demonstrate innovation and best practice in celebrating the heritage of our region.

Nominations can be made at any time throughout the year however, to be eligible nominations must be received 6 weeks prior to the date of the awards event, to be held in May as part of the SA History Festival.

Nominations received after the cut-off date will be considered in the following year's event.



➤ To nominate or find out more, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritage

'A Grade' progress report for the Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct

Stage 2 works have commenced and will be completed in late 2023

User groups and community have given a huge thumbs up for progression of the Goolwa Oval Recreational Precinct.

Following completion of the clubrooms building earlier in the year, Stage 2 works commenced in December and will be completed in late 2023 and will include; sports field lighting to encourage night games, support training and create future community events. Installation of audio visual, digital signage and public address system for the precinct clubrooms. Installation of a full colour LED multisport scoreboard with mobile scoring devices to ensure optimal visibility, designed with durability and environmentally sustainable materials. Sports users and spectators will welcome the new

12 metre goals and 8 metre behind posts with pads, rear of goal sports netting, a playground area with shelters and outdoor furniture. As well as the brand new tennis/netball courts and new cricket practice nets, and public toilet. The Goolwa Oval Lions book shed will be relocated to a new modern facility with potential for growth

and shared use, with easy access from both Wildman Street and the oval grounds. A landscaped boulevard with directional signage from Hutchinson Street will promote the Precinct and encourage movement throughout for sporting groups, spectators and the community.

> To find out more visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwaoval



A safer Goolwa Beach prepares for carpark upgrades

Goolwa Beach's speed limit has been reduced to 40kph. Introduced in October following years of advocacy, the welcomed change will make the hugely popular stretch of beach safer for the entire community and our local wildlife.

Further improvements to the beach entrance are underway from early 2023 as part of Master Plan works for the Goolwa Beach Car Park and Environment project. The project was awarded \$995,000 of grant funding from the State Government's Open Space and Places Grant in late 2021

which complemented Council's contribution of \$1.045M.

Improvements will include significant changes to the car park and flow of traffic utilising a slip lane onto the beach access ramp. The project will further improve traffic flow onto the beach, safety and crowd management during crowded busy summer periods.

The project is expected to be completed in June 2023.



> To view the Master Plan and find out more on this exciting project visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeach



Accessibility for all

Business Alexandrina 2022 snapshot



62% growth of the
Business Alexandrina
network to **318
businesses**



**27 Hub
events
with 481
workshop
participants**



**Business Initiatives
Grants delivered
\$13,250 funding to
small business**

**3 nominations
in the 2022 SA
Agricultural
Town the
Year Award**



**5 winners in the
2022 SA Tourism
Awards**

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Alexandrina**

**Summer is here and
Port Elliot's Horseshoe Bay
Reserve has been revamped
and was reopened in
November.**

Reserve renewal works include a brand new playground. Lush new green grass has been laid in the popular spot between the Surf Life Saving Club building, beach and cafe.

The fabulous new pathway that winds through the reserve means that wheelchair access and accessibility for all to the surf club and beach viewing platforms was achieved and was an important inclusive aspect for the space.

Accessibility of the built environment, public and community infrastructure is key to ensure people living with disability have equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of community life.

Further works included beach shelters, a new smart solar powered bench with USB charging points, beach platform with shower facilities, irrigation, and solar light to complete the reserve renovations ready to enjoy!

There is some ongoing works planned in 2023 to continue the new paved pathway from behind the Flying Fish Cafe to the Port Elliot Surf Club extending to the Jetty.

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Mount Compass Recreation Precinct



Horsheshoe Bay Reserve, Port Elliot

Explore the new playgrounds in Alexandrina

New playground equipment was installed in late 2022 at the Mount Compass Recreation Precinct. To the delight of many users, the install includes swings.

Designed for ages 3 to 8, this additional playground will allow for more age groups to enjoy the equipment at the park.

The playground adds another element to impressive facilities at the Precinct, including bmx pump track and half pipe.

Also pictured above is the new playground equipment at Port Elliot's Horseshoe Reserve. Check them out during your next visit to Alexandrina.

To view parks and gardens, skate parks and more visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/parks

Digital libraries and 'Quick Reads'

Alexandrina Libraries have recently invested in a graphic novel collection within BorrowBox which includes well known series; Minecraft, Amulet, Stranger Things, Plants vs Zombies and more. As an Alexandrina library customer you will have access to this predominantly teen audience collection and is another great way to keep our younger readers connected with literacy while enjoying the visuals of a graphic novel.

In our digital world, there is no need to physically come into the library anymore. You can join online, download the BorrowBox app, log in and browse away. Library staff are here to help and happy

to provide demonstrations on the BorrowBox product and show how easy it is to access eContent.

Our 'Quick Reads' collection is a popular library display and great way to access new/ popular content without having to wait. This collection is already located at our Goolwa Library, and Quick Reads for the Strathalbyn Library will be launched in February. Featuring all the popular, best-selling titles that you can borrow for 10 days. With no holds, no waiting, make browsing this collection a part of your regular visit to the library. Your next week's read could be your best yet!

If you are not already a member, we welcome you to join Alexandrina Libraries today!



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Major project updates



Strathalbyn Town Centre Streetscape

During the busy December-January holiday season works on High Street precinct intersections were postponed and will recommence in early 2023. Sunter Street bridge works were completed in December, enabling the road to reopen in time for the 'Christmas Where the Angas Flows' pageant.

The Sunter Street Bridge underwent important preservation works as a main thorough-fair and connector between the townships two main streets - High Street and Dawson Street. The improved connectivity and pathways are an important aspect of the overall Streetscape Master Plan as the project remains on schedule to be completed in 2023. For project updates, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc

Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Pre-construction works included installation of a 12-metre 'test pile' as part of the site investigation works, in a collaborative effort between Maritime Construction and local company, Goolwa Jetty Builders. The test pile was driven some 8 metres below the riverbed, using a barge mounted piling rig. Tests will provide information about the underwater ground conditions and assist to finalise the wharf design ahead of the wharf upgrade works. Construction work will commence in early 2023. For project updates, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwawharf

Other Projects

Projects delayed due to high water flow include the Milang stormwater, Milang foreshore playground, Goolwa's Beacon 19 boat ramp and the Currency Creek Bridge.

Latest information on other major projects including Sugars Beach, Lot 10 Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek Wine Trail will be made available on Council's website in early 2023.

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Agritourism Forum

Farming and produce related experiences are key drivers of visitors to regional areas. There is a huge opportunity for Alexandrina businesses to further leverage their reputation, increase visitation, create new revenue streams and support the use of our agricultural lands. In partnership with TicSA, this workshop has been designed to educate, encourage future thinking, support farmers on the journey to tourism and regions on their journey to sustainable Agritourism growth.

When: 21 February, 9am–5pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: 8555 7455 or email business@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



The Goolwa Caravan*

The Goolwa Caravan returns March long weekend. Comedy, music, aerobatics to name just a few of the wonders that will spill from the Caravan in March!

Join us for a post Caravan concert, local food and beverage offerings as Alexandrina Council partners with Cittaslow Goolwa for a great afternoon of music, food and fun!

When: 12 March. Goolwa Caravan 10.30am–1.30pm, after concert 2pm–5pm

Location: Arthur Neighbour Reserve, Goolwa

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

\$5 Flix Friday – Shrek & The Descendants

27 January, 11am and 1.30pm

All ages, \$5/movie, includes popcorn

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Good Things Small Packages*

– Mixed exhibition

4 February to 12 March

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Rehearsed Play Reading Private Lives – Noel Coward

5 February, 3pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Digital Marketing Workshop

7 February, 10am–12pm

Third SAWBF workshop to assist local businesses in creating an event or activation during the month of April 2023. The workshop will cover promoting your brand, experience and the festival as well as marketing and promotion.

Location: The Hub, Goolwa

Bookings: business@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Goodbye Yellow Brick Road

Tribute to Sir Elton John

11 February, 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Guitars at St. Andrews

18 February, 2pm

Location: St. Andrews Uniting Church Hall, 1 Alfred Place, Strathalbyn

Bookings: trybooking.com/CEVAX or The Book Keeper, South Terrace, Strathalbyn or phone 0438 847 329

PJ Palooza – Kids PJ Party!

18 February, 2pm

Music, dancing, party games, prizes and laughter to entertain the kids.

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Pyjama Party

18 February 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: fairypig.me

California Dreaming

– The LA Dreaming Band

24 February, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

The Beatles Experience – Cabaret

4 March, 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Queens of Comedy – Cabaret

11 March, 7pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Brazen Hussies*

8 March, 7pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Unlemon – Exhibition by Alison Mitchell

17 March to 16 April

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Linda Rondstat – Hitmaker

24 March, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

For more event details
visit Council's website
alexandrina.sa.gov.au

*Free Event!

