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# Village Conversations: It's time to catch up with Council

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Alexandrina Council's second round of 'Village Conversations' kicks off next week at Goolwa as part of a two-month campaign to reconnect with communities about key local updates.

Council is hosting eight family-friendly 'catch-ups' in different towns across the region.

The program runs from 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm and includes informal 'Speakout' booths where residents can drop-in and obtain information and provide feedback on various topics, or they can stay longer to listen to presentations tailored to the area. There's also a community-run sausage sizzle!

The 2023 events follow on from the first Village Conversations in 2021 when Council engaged with the community for the Alexandrina 2040 Community Strategic Plan.

"This year's Village Conversations is an opportunity for Council to share what's changed, what's planned and what we have done since the 2021 Village Conversations," Alexandrina's Chief Executive Nigel Morris said.

"It's also a time for Council to reconnect with communities about their vision, their priorities and what is most important to them.

"These conversations with our communities are important because they will help us to develop our annual budget, our action plans, strategies and will further shape the place-based Village Innovation Plans for each township.

"We know not everyone is thrilled by the idea of a formal 'town hall meeting' so we're putting together sessions that are not only engaging but family-friendly where the community can drop-in for 5 minutes or stay longer and catch up for a cuppa and a snag on the BBQ.

"The Village Conversations this year provides an excellent opportunity and one-stop-shop for community members to provide their feedback and insights to a wide range of topics that will influence Council's decision-making process".

The first Village Conversation for the Goolwa, Hindmarsh Island and Currency Creek communities is being held on Wednesday, 18 October 2023, in the Alexandrina Council Library and Council Chamber 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa.

The program of formal presentations will include an overview of the Alexandrina 2040 Community Strategic Plan; Public Transport Advocacy and an update on Housing Diversity; the Goolwa Concept Plan; and the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan with reference to the Goolwa North Code Amendment.



The 'Speakout' booths will cover topics such as Your Vision, Your Priorities, Planning and Development, Heritage Alexandrina, Open Space and Recreation, Major Projects; and for Milang, Port Elliot and Middleton, the Draft Master Plans.

For further information about different sessions, visit Council's My Say website at [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/villageconversations](http://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/villageconversations)

Other sessions include:

- **Middleton:** Thursday, 26 October, Middleton Pioneer Hall
- **Port Elliot:** Wednesday, 1 November, Port Elliot Institute
- **Strathalbyn/Finniss/Ashbourne:** Wednesday, 8 November, Strathalbyn Football Club
- **Mount Compass:** Thursday, 16 November, Mount Compass War Memorial Hall
- **Langhorne Creek/Woodchester/Hartley:** Thursday, 23 November, Langhorne Creek Memorial Hall
- **Milang:** Wednesday, 29 November, Milang Institute
- **Clayton Bay:** Thursday, 7 December, Clayton Bay Community Hall.

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