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Message from the Mayor

Happy New Year, and welcome to the summer edition of Alexandrina Alive.

2026 is shaping up to be an action-packed year.

We have Local Government Elections in November. The Electoral Commission SA is yet to release key dates and other details from the recent State Government review of the local government electoral laws, including those regarding eligibility to vote. As this information comes to hand we will be updating our website and communicating with our community to ensure the ratepayers, businesses and community groups are aware of their voting entitlements and how they can exercise them.

Our goal is to maximise participation in the election by encouraging all of our

eligible voters to cast their vote to determine our new Council.

Another January milestone is the completion of the tender for our Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail. Council is about to begin the process of assessing applications.

The community will have an opportunity to view the final designs for the Trail before works commence mid-year.

Once completed in mid-2027, this Trail for pedestrians and cyclists will create new opportunities for tourism and investment in the Langhorne Creek region.

The Langhorne Creek community has had a vision for many years to create a 'hero tourism attraction' in their region. Council joined them several years ago, creating a Project Partnership Group to develop the concept and advocate for funding.

It was a big win to secure a \$7.06 million grant from the Australian Government through the 'regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP)' for the Trail. It was the biggest rPPP grant announced in South Australia and a vote of confidence in our region.

Council will lead the delivery of the Trail itself. The Project Partnership Group, in collaboration with Council, will focus on activating the Trail and developing the tourism product.

There will be plenty happening behind the scenes in the next few months before construction begins in the second half of 2026. For project updates, please visit Council's website.



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Top image: Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes with Goolwa Primary School Principal Nathan Hunter, left, with 'Geoffery' the school's wellbeing dog, students Willow, Tahnee, Bonnie, Bodhi, Kai and Jett at Council's second School Open Street event. A School Open Street is a temporary car-free zone near a school that provides a safe and welcoming place for children and their families to walk and ride to school.

This initiative promotes active transport and children's wellbeing and aligns with Council's shared A2040 community vision to be Liveable, Green, Connected. The event also supports the State Government's Way2Go program at Goolwa Primary, which focuses on bike and road safety.

Front cover: South Coast family Banksi and Jack at Abbott Reserve, Middleton. Alexandrina Council is currently developing a Recreation, Open space and Sport Strategy (ROSS) to help guide the future planning and improvement of facilities across the district. A draft strategic plan will go out for community consultation early this year on our My Say website.



Council adopts A2040 Delivery Plan

Alexandrina Council has adopted its A2040 Our Plan to Thrive – Strategic Delivery Plan 2025–2035.

The Strategic Delivery Plan is the final piece in the suite of strategic documents (which include the Community Vision, the Strategic Asset Management Plan, and the Long Term Financial Plan) providing a roadmap to bring the community's vision for a 'Liveable. Green. Connected.' Alexandrina to life over the next decade.

It is the result of nearly a year of work by Council to integrate community aspirations and priorities of over 20 guiding documents (State and Council plans and strategies) and then aligning them with all of Council's strategic documents, ensuring that actions are both achievable and affordable.

The Plan responds with economic prudence to the review by the Essential Services Commission of

South Australia (ESCOSA) published early last year and follows on the from work on the A2040 Long Term Financial Plan 2025–2035 adopted in July 2025.

It is structured around the community vision 'Liveable. Green. Connected.' and five key themes that reflect on what matters most to the Alexandrina community. These themes address Council's financial sustainability; well-planned towns and growth; climate and environmental stewardship; an inclusive and thriving community; and transport connections. Each theme contains a number of strategies and priority actions proposed for each year derived from those 20 guiding documents.

Each year, Council and the community will review the relevant year of the Strategic Delivery Plan and its proposed priority actions as the starting point for the Annual Community (Business) Plan.

➤ **Read the Strategic Delivery Plan at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/delivery-plan**

Image: Local residents Billie and Banjo at the newly built Aurora Park playground in Strathalbyn. Image courtesy of Hickinbotham Group.

Festival wins silver

Alexandrina featured strongly in the 2025 South Australian Tourism Awards.

Spirit of the Coorong and The Big Duck Boat Tours were inducted into the prestigious Tourism Hall of Fame, having won Gold in the Ecotourism and Tour and Transport Operator Categories for three consecutive years.

Council's own South Australian Wooden Boat Festival (SAWBF) 2025 was awarded Silver in the Festivals and Events Category.

Anita Robin, The Foodbuilder, won Silver in the Food Tourism Category.

Image: Council representatives Stacey Bateson, left, Sarah Longden, Lisa O'Donoghue and Wendy Watson with SAWBF Committee Chair Mark Harvey, third left, and Festival Event Manager Matt Miles, second from right, at the South Australian Tourism Awards in late 2025.



New look and feel for My Say website

Council's community engagement website, My Say Alexandrina, has had a major update for the first time in over 10 years.

Register in under two minutes and get email alerts for new consultations on the issues that matter to you.

Already registered?

Due to the site change, existing registered members will need to reset their password by clicking 'forgot password', to reactivate their account via mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/register





Artist impression of the trail, developed as part of the concept.

Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail moves ahead

Essential work on the first stages of the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail is underway.

When complete in mid-2027, the Trail will deliver a 2.8 km pathway for pedestrians and cyclists, connecting visitors with Langhorne Creek's internationally recognised wine heritage, produce, cultural stories and stunning natural landscapes.

The tender process for the project is now complete and the evaluation of submissions is underway. Construction is expected to begin later in the year. Council will announce an opportunity for the public to view the final designs before works commence.

Funded through a \$7.06 million grant from the Australian Government's 'regional Precincts and Partnerships Program' (rPPP), the Trail represents a bold investment in Langhorne Creek's future. It's the largest grant ever awarded to Council and the biggest rPPP grant provided in South Australia – a strong vote of

confidence in our region and its potential.

The Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail will position Langhorne Creek as a visitor destination to match its wine reputation and create new opportunities for local businesses to diversify and innovate.

The Trail will strengthen connections between people and place, and foster pride in Langhorne Creek's unique heritage. By attracting visitors and supporting local enterprise, it will help sustain jobs and create a vibrant future for generations to come.

The Trail is a community-driven project, guided by a Project Partnership Group. Foundation members include Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Association, the Langhorne Creek Hub, the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation and Council.

➤ For updates visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/discoverytrail

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Local Government Elections 2026

Local Government periodic elections in South Australia are held every four years with the next council election in November 2026.

The local government electoral laws have recently been reviewed, which will result in changes to parts of the electoral process including the key dates; eligibility criteria to vote; and campaign financing.

The Electoral Commission SA will be releasing details over the coming months and as this information comes to hand we will be updating our website. Council will actively communicate with our community to ensure our ratepayers, businesses and community groups are aware of their electoral entitlements and how to get involved.

While there will be some changes to past arrangements, the three key stages of the electoral process remain the same – Enrol, Nominate, and Vote.

We encourage all eligible members of our community to enrol to vote, to consider nominating to become a Council Member or encouraging others to nominate, and to exercise their vote and have a real influence on the future of the region.

For the latest information available on the Local Government Elections, head to alexandrina.sa.gov.au/elections2026

Register in four easy steps

Step 1: Visit alexandrina.enotices.com.au

Step 2: Enter your email address and the eNotices reference number from your latest rates or overdue notice

Step 3: Check your inbox and click the validation link

Step 4: Create a password or use your mobile number to finalise your registration.

Thank you to our volunteers

Alexandrina Council has recognised the contribution of 152 volunteers who have contributed 7,329 hours of service to Council programs and activities over the past year.

Their efforts were highlighted at a Council Volunteer Recognition Event, held at Centenary Hall in Goolwa in late 2025.

The theme for the 2025 event was 'Sustainability in Action', with natural, fully compostable materials selected to reduce waste and educational materials on recycling and resource recovery provided on guest tables.



Certificates of Appreciation were presented to more than 20 volunteers who had contributed 10 years of service (or more) to Council, including Libby Wall, Michael Cordell, Lyn Kearvell, and Penny Bell who were recognised for 15 years of service.

Council volunteer programs include the Visitor Information Centres at Strathalbyn and Goolwa, the Libraries at Strathalbyn and Goolwa, Centenary Hall and Art Galleries, Open Space and

Cemeteries, and our Advance Care Directive support service. Volunteers have a huge impact on the positive interactions and experiences that residents and visitors have with Council, and Council thanks them sincerely for their valuable service.



➤ For more information head to alexandrina.sa.gov.au/volunteering

Image (top): Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Dianne Altman, left, Sharon Pankhurst, Anthony Presgrave, Jeffrey Collins, Denise Commons, Libby Wall, Lyn Kearvell, Penny Bell, Caroline Margaret, front Vickie Hanks and Julie Hall. Image (bottom): Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes, right, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Libby Wall.

Library home deliveries

Alexandrina Libraries provide a free monthly home delivery service to eligible members of the community who are unable to visit one of our library branches.

Our libraries will deliver library resources to your home based on your reading, listening or viewing preferences. We also visit aged care facilities within the Alexandrina district, delivering resources to individual residents.

➤ Contact Alexandrina libraries on **8555 7000** or visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries

Image: Library volunteers, Janet and Morag, helping with our home deliveries.



Our libraries: Top spot to stay cool

Stay cool and connected this summer.

Our Alexandrina Libraries offer air-conditioned, welcoming spaces for anyone needing relief during extreme heat. Relax and unwind in our different seating areas.

We have Nintendo Switch and Virtual Reality games for children to play and a wide range of newspapers and magazines to read and enjoy. We have FREE cool water and hot drink facilities to refresh yourself as well.

We're open to all during our usual operating hours.

For more information about library services head to alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries

Alexandrina through your Eyes

Where do you go in nature in Alexandrina to feel a sense of wellbeing? Why not share it with our community?

We're collecting beautiful photos and captions of our community's most-loved landscapes, beaches, wetlands, parks and more for a travelling exhibition and display in Council materials titled 'Alexandrina Through Your Eyes'.

Visit the 'Alexandrina Through Your Eyes' page on our My Say website to upload your landscape formatted photo and tell us why this place is special for your wellbeing.

'Alexandrina Through Your Eyes' is part of our 'Wellness in Nature' Project that is funded through an Age Friendly SA Grant from Office for Ageing Well.

The project recognises that nature plays a vital role in physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing, and that these connections are deeply personal and diverse.



➤ For more information head to mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au
Image: Finnis Creek, Winery Road, Finnis.

Gardens connect community

ABC TV's Gardening Australia presenter Sophie Thomson was the guest speaker at a Council-supported event in the Strathalbyn Town Hall in late 2025.



Sophie gave an inspiring talk about the power of gardens to connect people with nature, each other, and ourselves.

According to Sophie, when we get our hands into the soil, work, or just sit and breathe in nature we improve our mental health and wellbeing.

We are also often getting incidental exercise so grab a spade and work those muscles!

The workshop was a collaboration between Alexandrina Council and Second Nature Conservancy. The Wellness in Nature project is supported by Office for Ageing Well, through a 2024-2025 Age Friendly SA grants program. The event was also supported by funding from Green Adelaide.

Back to nature in your own backyard

A workshop series helping Alexandrina residents to boost biodiversity in their own gardens is being hosted by Council in collaboration with Second Nature Conservancy.

The six-part series will run from February to April 2026 as part of the Alexandrina Greening and Wildlife Project.

The workshops will be held on Tuesdays, 6pm until 7.30pm, in the Goolwa Library and will cost \$25 per person for the series with a celebration and plant-giveaways at the final event.

Backyards for Biodiversity Workshops:

- 3 February: Habitat gardening at home
- 17 February: Native gardens for small spaces
- 3 March: Native pollinators in your backyard
- 17 March: Native bees in your backyard
- 31 March: Native butterflies in your backyard
- 14 April: Native birds in your backyard (plus series celebration).

The series helps Council and the community deliver on the environmental actions in our A2040 Our Plan to Thrive – Strategic Delivery Plan 2025–2035.

➤ For bookings head to secondnature.org.au





Dumped battery sparks depot shed fire

A major fire in an industrial shed at the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) depot in Goolwa in late 2025 has renewed warnings about the dangers of dumping batteries in household and public bins.

All batteries can cause fires – including tiny button batteries, hearing aid batteries, standard double A, D and 9V batteries as well as lithium batteries.

Residents are urged to be vigilant and look for embedded batteries that may not be visible in items such as electric toothbrushes, vapes, remote control toys, power tools, stick vacuums, watches, ear buds and phones.

Batteries hidden in waste can be damaged by the rubbish trucks or other heavy machinery. Damaged batteries can start fires, they leach chemicals and dumping them bypasses the opportunity for recycling resources.

It's free to dispose of batteries safely at all FRWA depots and over 5000 locations Australia-wide at bcycle.com.au

FRWA Kangaroo Island Resource Recovery Centre was also damaged following a battery fire in December 2024.

Image: A battery placed in household waste caused a major fire at FRWA's Goolwa depot shed late last year. Photograph courtesy of Robert Heness from the Goolwa Camera Club.

ChemClear registration extended

ChemClear has extended the date of registrations for a State collection event for Group 1 and 2 chemicals until 31 March 2026.

Farm safety in Alexandrina starts with responsible disposal of unwanted or expired agricultural chemicals.

ChemClear is a national agricultural and veterinary product stewardship program managed by the not-for-profit subsidiary Agsafe.

The registration extension means a State event will be held in mid-2026. Council and the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority hope to secure a regional collection point if sufficient registrations are made in our region.

Group 1 chemicals are supported by the drumMUSTER program. Chemicals in product drums with the eligible drumMUSTER logo can be disposed of for free.

Group 2 chemicals that are unlabelled, out-of-date, or no longer supported, require a fee.

➤ For more details and to register visit chemclear.org.au or call **1800 008 182**.

Grant win to transform Milang Youth Hub

The Milang and District Community Association has secured a \$100,000 grant from Impact100 South Australia to renovate the Milang Youth Hub's upper level.

The upgrade will create a welcoming space for art, movie nights, and quieter activities, ensuring the Youth Hub caters to diverse needs.

The Milang Youth Hub has been a Friday fixture during school terms for several years, offering young people a safe place to connect, explore new activities, and have fun. With up to 30 participants each week, this funding will help the program grow and thrive.

Alexandrina Council and Reclink Australia supported the Association with grant writing and presentations and they are partners in delivering the Milang Youth Hub program.



Image: Tyson Jeanes, Perks Accountants and Wealth Advisors; left, Stuart Jones, Milang and District Community Association; Angie Mitchell, Reclink; volunteer Katie Whittam; Kylie Markow, Alexandrina Council.

➤ Find more youth activities at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/youngpeople

Planting a tree, one child at a time

Council recently partnered with Tyndale Christian School and Arborgreen to hold a student planting day at the Council reserve on Kibby Court in Strathalbyn.

A total of 175 students participated in the planting day, including primary and secondary students.

The purpose of the planting day was for Arborgreen to sponsor One Tree Per Child with Tyndale Christian School. 'One Tree Per Child' is a global initiative that aims to get every child to plant a tree



before they leave school to increase environmental awareness amongst their communities.

Council supplied the trees, shrubs, grasses and water and Arborgreen supplied the tools and materials for the planting day. Arborgreen is an industry supplier of products and materials for tree establishment and care.

The planting day was a success with 290 various trees, shrubs and grasses planted.

Council looks forward to seeing the plants thrive in the years to come.

Learn more about the initiative at onetreeperchild.com



Images: Tyndale Christian School agriculture students (top) Sophie, Leia and Ishu and (right) Isabella and Emma.



Canvas for creativity

Stobie Poles aren't just for power, they're a canvas for creativity!

Council accepts applications for Stobie Pole Art to encourage local artists to bring our streetscapes to life with colour and vibrancy.

Stobie Pole Art is a creative initiative that transforms ordinary utility poles into colourful works of art. By decorating these poles, communities can enhance streetscapes, celebrate local culture, and engage residents in public art projects.

Projects can be undertaken by schools, community groups, or individual artists.

Benefits of Stobie Pole Art

- Enhances community spaces
- Celebrates local identity
- Encourages community participation
- Supports safety and awareness by improving visibility for pedestrians and drivers.

Got a project in mind? Ready to apply?

It is an on-going, two-part process to apply for Stobie Pole Art:

1. Apply to SA Power Network
2. Council Approval (once approved by SA Power Network).

Terms and conditions apply.

Further information, fact sheet and application forms can be found on our website alexandrina.sa.gov.au/stobie-pole-art

Learn to swim – a skill for life

Swimming is a lifelong skill that builds confidence and keeps people safe in pools, rivers, lakes, and at the beach. Learning early is easier and more enjoyable for children.

Alexandrina residents can access swimming lessons at Council's Fleurieu Aquatic Centre and Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool, delivered by nationally qualified instructors from The Y South Australia.

Don't forget the State Government's School Sports Voucher Program now provides \$200 per eligible child (Reception–Year 9), covering about one term of lessons.

Fleurieu Aquatic Centre

- **FREE Aqua Babies** – introduce your child to water for the first time in a safe, fun environment.
- **Babies & Toddlers** – water familiarisation, floating, breathing, and basic movement through play.
- **Preschool & School Age** – survival skills, rescue techniques, and stroke development.

Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool

- **Preschool & School Age** – survival skills, rescue techniques, and stroke development.



Image (top): Council and The Y South Australia would like to congratulate Fleurieu Aquatic Centre swimming instructor Natalie Bruce who recently won the South Australian Aquatic Industry's 2025 Infant and Preschool Aquatics Teacher of the Year.

➤ **Lessons run on select days across both facilities. For more details, visit:**
Fleurieu Aquatic Centre fleurieuaquaticcentre.com.au
Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool sa.ymca.org.au/strathalbyn-pool

Nominations open for 2026 Heritage Awards

The Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards are the premier heritage event in the region. They highlight best practice in heritage centric projects across a number of categories.

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



Your project could be nominated in one of the following categories:

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

Nominations for the 2026 awards will be accepted until **5 pm, Friday 3 April 2026**.

The awards evening will be held in May as part of SA's History Month.

➤ For further information, read the guidelines and to submit your nominations, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritage

Image: 2025 Heritage Award Winner in Conservation Practice, Mulberry Cottage in Port Elliot.

Share your feedback on Disability Access and Inclusion

Council is inviting community feedback to help shape a more inclusive Alexandrina through its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2026–2030.

Share your ideas on improving access and participation for people with disability.

Consultation will be happening early in 2026.

➤ Look for dates and information at mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Sign of the times in a 'Cittaslow' town

Thanks to some elbow grease and a can-do attitude, Cittaslow Goolwa's 'welcome sign' has been refreshed with reclaimed timbers salvaged from the 2024 restoration of the town's historic wharf.

Cittaslow Goolwa's Vice President, Michael Keen, says the new frame for the sign epitomises the Cittaslow values of sustainability, local culture, and community wellbeing.

The old metal frame for the welcome sign was rusting and approaching its end of life when Cittaslow members approached Alexandrina Council for some assistance for replacement.

Council's Field Services Team suggested using some of the reclaimed wharf timbers.

Key Team Members, including David Mullins and Jim Garrod, found the right timbers, put them through a thickness planer to straighten them and make them uniform, oiled them, built a frame and then remounted the sign.



The timbers are now back in the Goolwa Wharf Precinct from which they were salvaged.

Old wharf timbers have been used elsewhere in the Precinct as car park kerb stops.

The remaining timbers from the wharf have been saved and stored by Council to use as materials for future projects in the area.

Cittaslow or 'slow town' is an international movement promoting quality of life and sustainability in communities that began in Italy in 1999. Goolwa became Australia's first accredited Cittaslow town in 2007.

Image: Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes, left, Cittaslow Goolwa Vice President Michael Keen, and Alexandrina Field Service Team Members Jim Garrod and David Mullins.

➤ Find out more about Council's partnership with Cittaslow at cittaslowgoolwa.com.au

Council supports economic growth

Alexandrina's economy is continuing to grow and strengthen, and Council is playing a vital role to support businesses and build a vibrant future for the community.

We are achieving this by encouraging investment in our economy, working with partners to support key industries, and delivering major projects such as the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail.

We advocate with Federal and State Government, and work closely with local business groups

and industry groups, giving us valuable insight into local needs and opportunities.

These groups include the Strathalbyn Tourism Association, Strathalbyn Business Group, Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Association, Milang Agricultural Bureau, Goolwa Wharf Operators, and the Mount Compass Produce & Tourism Trail.

Together, we are shaping a stronger, more connected Alexandrina.

We're here to help local businesses succeed and grow in Alexandrina. Connect with our Economic Development team today.

Whether you are looking for advice, navigating planning and development, or hoping to find the perfect location for your business, the Economic Development Team can provide support.

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

Project updates

Pedestrian Refuges

The construction of two pedestrian refuge crossings in Middleton and Goolwa are expected to commence in February and be completed in March 2026.

A pedestrian refuge is being built on Hays Street at Goolwa, near the Porter Street Intersection, and on Goolwa Road at Middleton near Thomas Street. Funding for this work has been committed through the Australian Government's National Road Safety Program with Council delivering the project on behalf of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

Braeside Road Ford Crossing

Work to replace the Braeside Road Ford Crossing is scheduled to commence in mid-January 2026. The project is expected to be completed in late March 2026. The project work includes replacement of the concrete crossing and culvert, minor upgrades to the road approaches for the crossing, and replacement of floodway and depth signage for the crossing. The crossing will be closed to all traffic during this work. Detour signage will be in place.

Middleton Public Toilet

Council has completed the tender process to replace the public toilets behind the Middleton Arts and Crafts Building. The applications will be assessed with works scheduled to be completed during the 2025/26 financial year.

Middleton Creek Works

Council contractors commenced construction of a gabion rock retaining wall on a section of Middleton Creek near the Mill Terrace footbridge in late 2025. The project has been designed to prevent further erosion of the escarpment along the creek bank, which has been identified as a risk following the major storm event in Middleton in late 2022. The wall is expected to be finished in late 2025. Re-vegetation of the creek escarpment will be undertaken during winter.

Horseshoe Bay Access Stairs

Horseshoe Bay beach access stairs close to the entrance to the Port Elliot Caravan Park are temporarily closed. This is due to the stair structure reaching the end of its useful life. The stairs were assessed as being beyond repair and have been removed for community safety reasons.

Horseshoe Bay Wave Study

Council sought the views of the community in late 2025 regarding potential mitigation options to the impact of rising sea levels in Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot. Wave modelling analysis conducted in 2024 indicates the shoreline will recede by around 12m by 2050 and by 25m by 2100. Council received the community feedback at a Council Member Information Session held in November 2025. The Horseshoe Bay Wave Modelling & Data Collection Study consultant team has incorporated the feedback received from the community into the analysis and final recommendations which will be presented to Council in the first quarter of 2026.

Freeman's Knob Lookout Repairs

Repairs to the retaining wall, seating and artwork at Freeman's Knob Lookout began in October 2025 and were complete in late 2025.

The works involved repairs, rendering and painting of the walls and seating. The Corten steel artwork in the centre of the seating was removed, replicated and reinstated when the wall repairs were complete. The NSEW letters on the central compass artwork were replicated and reinstated at the same time as the wall art.

Nangkita Road

Stabilisation works on Nangkita Road at Mount Compass were completed in early December. Works yet to be completed include a road sweep, line marking and reflectors.

As part of the 2025/26 reseal program, work on the Victor Harbor Road/Nangkita Road Intersection to Sam Court, which connects to the shopping centre car park, will begin in early 2026. This work is expected to take three days with motorists to be advised by Variable Message Sign Board.

Ashbourne Stormwater Mitigation Project

Council remains committed to delivering a long-term solution to the ongoing flooding issues in Ashbourne. Council has progressed through complex planning and design stages and has selected a concept

design option which comprises of two strategies and includes levee banks and a stormwater pipe system. Details at mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/ashbourne-stormwater

Port Elliot Obelisk

Repairs on the Port Elliot Obelisk were completed in late 2025.

Work began in August 2025 after extensive investigations into the correct methods to repair the heritage-listed structure, which was damaged by lightning back in December 2023.

The Obelisk overlooks Horseshoe Bay and was first installed in 1852 as a landmark for ships. Constructed from limestone, the structure was rendered in 1933 and painted white.

Langhorne Creek Toilet

Council has installed bollards to protect the dump point and delineate car parking areas at the public toilet near the community hall. Remaining works to upgrade the wastewater system, including the installation of a holding tank with an alarm monitoring unit, are currently under tender evaluation review.

Strathalbyn Cemetery Toilet

Council has awarded the construction for the new toilet with the works to be completed in the 2025/26 financial year.

South Coast Growth Strategy

A further Council Information Session on the draft South Coast Growth Strategy was held in November. The draft Strategy is expected to come to Council for consideration in January 2026. Once the South Coast Growth Strategy is endorsed by Council, it will inform Council's Local Housing Strategy and subsequently, the State Government's Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP).

SCRAC Roof Works

Council has completed a roof structure condition report and engineering specification to identify the repairs required to replace the South Coast Regional Arts Centre roof. The tender for construction is currently open. Onsite works are scheduled for March or April 2026.

To keep up to date with projects in Alexandrina visit our website alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates





Aunty Ellen Trevorrow: Weaving Through Time*

JamFactory ICON *Aunty Ellen Trevorrow: Weaving Through Time* is a JamFactory touring exhibition assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, it's arts funding and advisory board.

When 17 January to 1 March

Where Signal Point Experience Centre

Gallery hours Wed to Sun 10am–4pm

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



The Songs of Van Morrison

Marty 'Jagger' Jackson and Lenny 'Ronnie' Rose from Australia's best Rolling Stones tribute show pay homage to Van 'The Man' Morrison. Experience an unforgettable afternoon of live, acoustic magic as they journey into the Mystic. It's a caravan of Van Morrison classics.

When 1 February, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^ Adults \$40, Concession \$35, Youth (under 18) \$30, Group 6+ \$35pp

Bookings trybooking.com

Earth + Works*

When 17 January to 1 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

Local Food Stories

When 1 February, 7pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^ Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child (under 15) \$10

Bookings thefoodembassy.org

Goolwa Band Valentine's Day Cabaret

When 14 February, 7pm

Where Middleton Pioneer Hall

Cost^ All tickets \$15

Bookings trybooking.com

The Brit Parade

When 20 February, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^ All tickets \$22

Bookings trybooking.com

Queens of Rock 'The Anthems' Encore Performance

When 21 February, 7.30pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^ Adults \$45, Concession \$40, Group 6+ \$40

Bookings trybooking.com

The Masters Apprentices – Turn Up Your Radio Goolwa

When 22 February, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^ Adult \$55, Concession \$50, Youth (under 18) \$35, Groups 6+ \$48

Bookings trybooking.com

The Walking School Bus

When 25 February, 11am and 1pm

Where Strathalbyn Town Hall

Cost^ Adults \$28, Concession \$20, Family (2 adults + 2 children) \$80, Child \$18

Age 7 to 11 years-old

Bookings adelaidefringe.com.au

Le Police – The Songs of Sting and the Police

When 1 March, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^ Adults \$47, Concession \$43, Youth (under 18) \$39, Groups 6+ \$43

Bookings trybooking.com

Smriti Sutra: Sculpting Stories and Myth*

When 7 March to 19 April

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

The Unifying Thread*

When 14 March to 3 May

Where Signal Point Experience Centre, Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Gallery hours Wed to Sun 10am–4pm

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

It Takes Two! Rohan and Mel

When 20 March, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^ All tickets \$22

Bookings trybooking.com

Kevin Bloody Wilson – Aussie Icon Tour

When 22 March, 6.30pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^ \$81.60, plus delivery

Bookings tickets.oztix.com.au

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