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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the winter edition of Alexandrina Alive. It has been a busy period for Council, welcoming our new Chief Executive Officer, Nigel Morris and adopting the Annual Business Plan and Budget for the coming year.

Nigel shares Council's strong sense of community and has already established good rapport with the Alexandrina team and community. We look forward to his leadership to achieve our A2040 priorities.

The 2022/23 budget has a much needed focus on building and upgrading community facilities and infrastructure, with a continual focus on wellbeing and environment to strengthen the economic resilience of our region.

We are progressing construction on a number of

major projects including the next stages on the Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation, commencing priority works within the Goolwa Wharf Precinct master plan, and Signal Point Experience Centre internal fitout.

In great news for Strathalbyn, funding from the Federal Government's Regional Sport Events Fund will bring the Strathalbyn Junior Football Carnival in September 2022 to encourage our youth to lead an active and healthy lifestyle.

Our support for local businesses has been recognised through the 2022 LG Professionals Leadership Excellence Award. Acknowledging Council's valuable support for our growing tourism industry and the financial boost it provides to the local economy. Our continued investment in our regions tourism has a flow on effect and financial benefit both directly and indirectly

to our entire community and other industries.

It has been a pleasure working with representatives from the Primary Production sector to re start our Alexandrina Sustainable Agriculture Round Table (ASART) panel. With a focus on sustainable Agriculture and developing opportunities to maximise the economic benefits the Agribusiness sector brings to our community.

We continue our Arts, Culture and Events Program and encourage you to get out and about to discover the region this winter.



Mayor Keith Parkes

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Above (LtoR): Mayor Keith Parkes, with students at the Eastern Fleurieu School, Milang Campus. See article on Page 6.

Front Cover: Paw Party for dogs at the Strathalbyn Community Pool. See article on Page 4.



**Nominations
Open
23 August**

Local Government Elections 2022

Make a difference to our community

Local Government elections will be held in November this year and you could help shape the future of the Alexandrina region by nominating to be a Council Member.

Elected Members help influence and make decisions about what happens locally. They can be involved in:

- deciding on Council plans and policies for the area
- guiding Council affairs
- ensuring Council resources are used fairly for the benefit of everyone in the community
- talking to local people about their views and ideas for the area
- letting others know about issues within their specific wards.

To be able to nominate in this year's Local Government Elections, you must ensure:

- You are on the Voters Roll for the election.

Unlike State and Federal Elections the Council elections allow a wider range of people to apply to be on the Voters Roll.

If you vote in the State and Federal elections at your residential address within the Alexandrina Council region, you don't have to do anything more.

- You are eligible to stand for election.

To nominate and be able to stand for election, you must be an Australian citizen (including dual citizenship) and be eligible to vote in your area. Nominating for council is not restrictive to experience or qualifications.

The elections are conducted by the Electoral Commission South Australia, and the ECSA website has information for candidates considering standing for election.

From the 10 November 2022, Alexandrina Council will comprise of three (3) wards being; Alexandrina North, Alexandrina South and Alexandrina West. The number of Elected Members will also change on this date with nine (9) Councillors and the Mayor representing the Council area.

If you have rateable property in more than one (1) ward you will be entitled to have a vote in each ward election for which you have rateable property.

Nominations to become an Elected Member open on 23 August 2022 and close at 12 noon, Tuesday 6 September 2022.

For more information contact Council's Governance team on 8555 7000.

Authorised by CEO Nigel Morris
11 Cadell Street, Goolwa SA 5214

 alexandrina.sa.gov.au/elections2022



Six priority local road and community infrastructure projects will be delivered in Alexandrina

Community projects funded

Alexandrina Council has secured \$1.37 million in funding from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

The LRCI Program supports local Councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding will deliver six projects in the Alexandrina region, identified as priority local road and community infrastructure projects. Funded projects include:

- **Randell Road, Hindmarsh Island**
- **Sunter Street Bridge, Strathalbyn**
- **Freemans Lookout, Port Elliot**
- **Currency Creek Bridge**
- **Bristow Smith Public Toilets**
- **Strathalbyn Cemetery Stone Wall.**

Hindmarsh Island's Randell Road, between Tolarno Drive and Monument Road, will receive safety improvements of shoulder widening, vegetation trimming and other relevant road improvement works to cater for the increased traffic volumes. Randell Road provides west-east access across Hindmarsh Island and links the

island with Goolwa. As the only access to Hindmarsh Island from Goolwa, it is important to increase the safety of road users visiting and living on the island.

Sunter Street Bridge in Strathalbyn restoration works will include repairing damaged columns and panels, and repainting the bridge in its original colours. The bridge was built in 1929 and is one of the main bridges in Strathalbyn, providing vehicle and pedestrian access over Angus River and the Soldiers Memorial Gardens.

Freemans Lookout in Port Elliot is set to undergo three elements of restoration including coastal protection from erosion, drainage upgrades and the restoration of the 1936 Centenary Staircase. Erosion is occurring due to the stormwater runoff causes destabilisation, vegetation loss and corroded embankments. The Centenary Staircase will also undergo restoration works to conserve it.

The **Currency Creek Bridge** restoration works will reinforce and preserve the bridge to visually improve the landscape and create an interactive learning space for the heritage listed infrastructure. The bridge has Local and State heritage significance because of its rare vertical laminated timber arches and is reported to be the only identified one left of this

kind in Australia. It is therefore listed on the State's Heritage Register and has support to be restored to a 'pedestrian friendly' strength acknowledging the significance and allow people to learn and appreciate the historical significance of the bridge.

The **Bristow Smith Public Toilets** will receive an upgrade to improve the public amenities for the community and visiting tourists. The toilets have deteriorating over time and are in need of upgrade to provide safer and cleaner facilities.

Lastly, the **Strathalbyn Cemetery Stone Wall** is set to have restoration works to repair the deteriorating wall. During a recent Council Cemetery Review and the work undertaken by the Friends of the Strathalbyn Cemetery, it has highlighted the need to repair and restore the wall to further enhance and create a beautiful place. With heritage being something that our region is proud of, it is important to ensure our historic places are well maintained.

Work is set to commence later this year with all projects to be completed by June 2023. These restorations will revitalise some of our much needed roads and infrastructure.

For future project updates visit:

alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projects

Paw Party at Strathalbyn Community Pool

On the last day of the summer season, the first ever Paw Party for dogs was held at the Strathalbyn Community Pool.

The community had a great time with their beloved pets with 200 dogs attending over the 4 sessions.

The Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool is a great place for casual swimming, swimming laps, or attending one of the great programs and events offered at the centre.



The pool will reopen on Monday, 17 October 2022. For further information visit: sa.ymca.org.au

Boosting our economy

Tourism to the region has reached new heights, with the Fleurieu visitor economy bringing in a record \$612M over the last year.

The Business Alexandrina and tourism program takes a two-fold development approach: building a pipeline of major projects celebrating the region's iconic attractions; and helping smaller businesses tap into the significant opportunities that emerge from this activity. Major projects, such as the Goolwa Wharf Precinct Revitalisation, are creating focal points for tourism: spaces where people and businesses interact and where smaller tourism operators and other businesses can cross pollinate and leverage each other's success.

Business Alexandrina acts as a catalyst, connecting businesses to opportunities, with activity centred in the Business Hub, Cadell Street, Goolwa.

Testament to the Hub and Programs success, Business Alexandrina has been awarded the 21st Annual LG Professional SA Excellence Local Economic Development Award for the work supporting local tourism businesses in our region.

For more information visit: businessalexandrina.com.au



Sugars Beach, Hindmarsh Island update

Community consultation will soon open for the revised concept plans to help determine the priority order of the individual Sugars Beach infrastructure renewal and improvements elements of the project as funding becomes available.

The project is intended to provide infrastructure, amenity and appropriate opportunities to respect and celebrate Ngarrindjeri

culture while educating community and visitors of this environmentally significant site.

Council has already received a \$1M project commitment from the South Australia Government that is conditional on securing Federal Government funding.

For further information visit: alexandrina.sa.gov.au/sugars

Did you know?

Since the state wide ePlanning portal was introduced in March 2021, Council's Planning team have processed:



2053

Development Applications submitted to Council.

Total development value:



\$351.35M

Alexandrina 2040

Liveable. Green. Connected.

2022 Village Conversations coming soon!

Thank you to everyone that shared their ideas last year. We invite you to continue to design and collaborate on the future of your village. Head to the My Say website to stay updated on all key dates and events.

mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/villageconversations

The Voice of Youth

Alexandrina Council is excited to partner with Goolwa Secondary College to host a Youth Forum in September 2022! Students from across the region will have the opportunity to share what is important, what is missing and where there may be opportunities for Council and community to create a liveable, green and connected future for the young people of Alexandrina to thrive.





Heritage Awards

Heritage enthusiasts from across the region attended Carruthers Hall in Strathalbyn on Thursday, 26 May for the annual Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards.

Organised by Council's Heritage Advisory Committee, the awards recognise and celebrate the hard work undertaken by residents, businesses and community groups on some of our most iconic heritage properties, along with those who contribute to recognising and researching our region's history and heritage.

The guest speaker of the night was Ron Kandelaars, from the Seven Network, who engaged with the audience in an interview style presentation, speaking on a number of topics including 'what makes news' and 'how do you get heritage stories into a Seven News bulletin'.

Ron also displayed and provided commentary on a number of videos from some of his favourite heritage stories he has presented to date.

Awards from across six categories were presented with Evan and Denise Higgins winning the Mayoral Award for the restoration of Dollar Cottage at 31 North Parade, Strathalbyn.

Following the awards night, Mayor Keith Parkes presented Eastern Fleurieu School, Milang, with their award for their works in Heritage Research on the Children's Colonial Map of Milang (opposite).

For further information, pictures and list of award winners visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards

Above: Heritage Award winners at Carruthers Hall, Strathalbyn.
Photo: Rob Fairweather.

Eastern Fleurieu School Children's Colonial Map of Milang

The Children's Colonial Map of Milang is an interactive/interpretive walk developed by the year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students at the Eastern Fleurieu School, Milang Campus. The aim of the map and associated QR codes are designed to provide an interactive walk/drive of Milang and provide an understanding of how the children of Milang may have seen and interacted with their surroundings during colonial times.



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- you will no longer receive a paper notice once you register.

To register please refer to your July 2022 (first quarter) rates notice, or visit Council's website for more information:

alexandrina.sa.gov.au/rates

Major project updates



Goolwa Wharf Precinct

The vision for the Goolwa Wharf Precinct is a place to experience a vibrant riverfront township enriched with culture and history. The revitalisation project is progressing well and has moved a step closer to commencement of construction works. The tender process commenced in July for the long awaited upgrade to the Goolwa Wharf Precinct following Council's March 2022 decision to progress a Master Plan approach, this is an exciting milestone for Council and community. Council's project team is continuing to work with the precinct stakeholders in the finalisation of the design and looking for an experienced construction contractor with a track record in this type of development and who can demonstrate an understanding of our community and its needs.

The transformation of the Precinct will turn it into a vibrant place of cultural and environmental significance; activated with events, arts open space to encourage locals and tourists to stay and explore the region further with the benefit of creating economic growth and jobs.

For further information visit
alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwawharf

Strathalbyn Town Centre Streetscape

With three of the eight stages complete, the upcoming elements of the project include: High Street Precinct, Dawson Street Precinct, Swale Street Link, Town Centre Tourism Parking, and the Town Hall upgrade.

Stage 3 - High Street Precinct works commencing in July entails new footpaths along High Street, from Sunter Street through to Swale Street, along with street lighting.

Works also include: street furniture and plantings in harmony with the other stages of the project; and intersection kerbing and paving works at Swale Street/High Street, Grey Street/High Street, and Sunter Street/High Street. Stage 3 completion is on track for November 2022.

For further information visit
alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc

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





Gentle On My Mind

with Greg Hart

Did you miss Greg Hart at Goolwa in May? St Andrews in Strathalbyn proudly presents one of Adelaide's leading performers, singing the much loved songs of Glen Campbell, written by Jimmy Webb. After the show, meet Greg and enjoy an afternoon tea with proceeds to 'Save Our Andrews' Restoration Fund.

When: 18 September, 2pm

Location: St Andrews Uniting Church, Strathalbyn

Bookings: 0416 075 052 (Helen Stacey) or trybooking.com/CACJT



Bossa Nova

Join the 'Bossa Blokes' in a journey to Brazil as they play the smooth Bossa Nova hits that inspired a generation of musicians around the world. Featuring Kelly Doddridge (vocals and trombone), Andrew Morris (guitar and vocals), Jordan Noble (tenor sax and flute) and Fabian Hevia (percussion) playing classics from composers such as Dorival Caymmi, Carlos Lyra and Antonio Carlos Jobim.

When: 23 September, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au



Alexandrina Youth Theatre & Film

Drama for young people is a way of acquiring new skills in a safe and supportive environment. Experience the thrill of being on stage, learn voice projection, stage movement, and acquire basic skills for acting to camera.

When: Every Monday during the school term, 4-6pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Enquiries: 8555 7289 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Band of the South Australian Police

This popular line up of musicians and pseudo-comedians has audiences tapping their toes and singing along to their favourite vocal and instrumental numbers. Enjoy a delightful afternoon of music and entertainment, and of course audience participation is always welcome!

When: 19 August, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

The Circus is in Town*

When: 30 July – 4 September

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre (Old Goolwa Police Station)

Enquiries: acce@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

21st Annual Strathalbyn Bands Festival

When: 7 & 14 August, 11am

Location: Strathalbyn Town Hall

Bookings: 0408149918 (Daryl Telfer)

The Goolwa Band in Concert

When: 27 & 28 August, 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Bookings: events.alexandrina.com.au

Motets & Madrigals

When: 28 August, 2pm

Location: St Andrews Uniting Church, Strathalbyn

Enquiries: trybooking.com/CACJB

Strathalbyn Agriculture Show

When: 3 October, 9am

Location: Strathalbyn Oval

Enquiries: strathshow.com.au

Port Elliot Southern Agricultural Show

When: 8 – 9 October

Location: Port Elliot Showgrounds

Enquiries: portelliotshow.com.au

South Coast Jazz Festival

When: 14 – 16 October

Various locations in Goolwa: Centenary Hall, South Coast Regional Art Centre, RSL Club and Anglican Hall

Bookings: sajazzfestivalsinc.com

Aquafest*

When: 22 – 23 October

Location: Goolwa Aquatic Club

Enquiries: goolwaaquaticclub.com

Keep up to date by
visiting Council's website
alexandrina.sa.gov.au

*Free Event!

