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Message from Mayor Keith Parkes

Welcome to the spring edition of Alexandrina Alive. Throughout the episodes of wild weather during winter we sustained damage to roads, bridges and property. For some time the ground was completely saturated and most dams were full.

During this time roads and fords around the Alexandrina region were closed due to flooding. We would like to thank you all for your continued patience while we worked to make these roads safe to open. We would also like to acknowledge the local SES and CFS groups for their dedication to keeping people and their properties safe.

In late-August we recognised local children for their creative writing skills as part of the Mayors' Short Story Challenge. This is an annual collaboration between Alexandrina Council, the City of Victor Harbor and the District Council of Yankalilla.

Each year the Mayors' Short Story gets bigger and better with all councils receiving a record number of entries: Alexandrina 474, City of Victor Harbor 317 and District Council of Yankalilla 140. I would like to congratulate everyone who participated – your stories were fantastic.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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Above: Vikki McInnes from Eastern Fleurieu School r-6 Campus, overall winner Eliza Duval and Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes at the Mayors' Short Story Challenge awards night at Strathalbyn.

Front Cover Image: Art installation at the completed Goolwa Terrace/ Cadell Street intersection.

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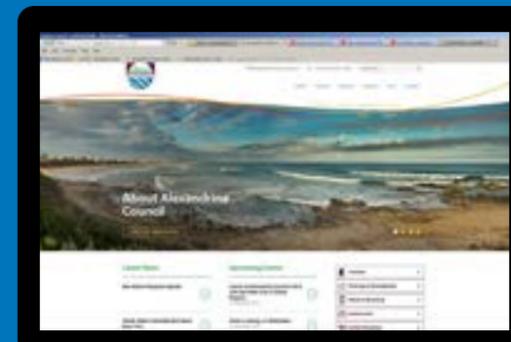


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Community Association to Restore Iconic Butter Factory

The Milang and District Community Association is the proud new owner of the historic Milang Butter Factory after settlement occurred in late-July this year.

The iconic round-roofed stone factory building, built in the 1880s, is listed as a State Heritage Place on the South Australian Heritage Register.

The Community Association was able to purchase the butter factory and adjoining cottage with the assistance of a \$325,000 funding grant provided by Alexandrina Council.

Volunteers have commenced the enormous task of restoring both buildings with regular working bees now occurring every month.

Once restored, social enterprise businesses will be established including a cafe, art gallery and eco tours to provide destination tourism and links with other local businesses. Funding is being sought to develop a business and marketing plan for the site, which will help to ensure the success of this community venture which builds capacity and resilience within the local community.

If you are able to volunteer your time to assist with the restoration of this iconic Milang property please contact Karyn Bradford, Executive Officer, Milang & District Community Association, on 0412 036 900.

Above: Alexandrina Councillor Barry Featherston, Karyn Bradford Executive Officer, Milang & District Community Association, Alexandrina Deputy Mayor Katherine Stanley-Murray and Mayor Keith Parkes at the Milang Butter Factory.

Mount Compass Community Hall

On any given day in Mount Compass you are sure to see the War Memorial Hall abuzz with activity. It has been a gathering point for the town since 1958 and is only getting busier after recent upgrades.

The upgrades were made possible by a motivated band of volunteers from the Mount Compass area, with nearly all of the funds for the \$550,000 upgrade being raised by the community. To assist with the works, Council provided the project with a grant of \$16,250.

The Hall officially opened in April 2016 and has since gone from strength to strength.

"Prior to the upgrade the hall was used for about nine hours a week," said Mount Compass War Memorial Community Centre Committee member David Thomson.

"The Hall is now used on average 28 hours per week and up to 40 hours per week. Our average users of the Hall have increased from about 200 a month to about 1,000."

The renovations include a new foyer and bar, covered exterior deck, new toilet facilities and a new op shop, which is the main fundraiser for Tim Stokes Memorial Trust scholarships for young people. The Tim Stokes Memorial Trust scholarships are presented at Council's Australia Day celebrations each year.

"Strong and vibrant communities need excellent community facilities, and our facilities were an embarrassment," said Chair of the Community Centre Andrew Petherbridge.

"Now we probably have the best set of toilets on the Fleurieu," added Mr Thomson.

"New patrons just can't believe the new facilities – especially the toilets!"

The Hall is now used for a variety of purposes, from art and dance classes, indoor bowls, martial arts, funerals and birthday parties, to the famous Supper Club. The local Mount Compass Football Club also hosted its 'Bulldog Ball' there recently.

The Supper Club has been running for six years and is hugely popular in the Mount Compass community and beyond. Shows are held monthly, with the room set out cabaret style.

"The Hall itself is now known extensively. Live acts are approaching us now," said Mr Thomson.

The Hall is also registered as a Fringe venue for 2017.

Management of the Hall and its facilities is a labour of love for the dedicated Community Centre Committee.

"We started discussions about renovating the Hall a long time ago and it progressed over a period of about eight years," said Beverley Wilson, committee member.

"We still have lots of work to do, but we have covered a lot of ground in the past 18 months."

"The people who settled Mount Compass were strong people with a can-do spirit," said Mr Petherbridge. "This relates to the spirit of the region and is reflected in our community and what we can achieve."

For more information about the Hall and its activities, visit www.compasscommunity.org.au

For more information about Council's grants program, visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants

Top Right: Entrance to Hall before renovations.

Middle: New foyer entrance renovations complete.

Right: The dedicated band of volunteers that made the Hall renovations possible: Andrew Petherbridge, David Thomson, Peter Scott, Beverley Wilson, Don Perry and Brian Andrews.





Slide into Strathalbyn Swimming Pool this Spring

It's all happening at the Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens on Sunday 13 November! Head along to the gardens for the Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Beach Party and Rotary Duck Race.

The pool will be open from 1pm until 5pm on the day, with FREE entry all day!

The new dual racer inflatable (pictured above) will be available between noon and 3pm, and is guaranteed to be tons of fun for the whole family!

There will also be a super sand pit, duck racing in the pool and you will have the chance to cycle for your smoothies.

The Rotary Duck Race festivities start at 10am, with stalls, food and fun for all in the park. Enter the Great Duck Race – watch 2,500 numbered ducks float down the Angas River. For more information visit www.strathrotary.org.au

The Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool opened on Monday 17 October. The dual inflatable racer will be at the pool every Saturday and Sunday from 1.30pm – 3.30pm, with extra sessions during the school holidays.

It is a terrific facility managed by the YMCA of South Australia. The Centre is open for casual swimming as well as offering a great range of programs and classes.

For more information about the Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool visit <http://www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-centres/Strathalbyn-pool>

Funding Received to Continue Sealing of Nine Mile Road

Alexandrina Council has received a significant funding boost with the confirmation of \$900,000 funding for the ongoing sealing of Nine Mile Road.

Minister for Local Government Geoff Brock advised Council that funding for the sealing of Nine Mile Road had been approved under the Special Local Roads Program; a subcomponent of the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery Program.

Nine Mile Road runs between Strathalbyn and Milang.

In addition to the \$900,000 Federal Government funding, Alexandrina Council has allocated an additional \$450,000 within the 2016/2017 Annual Budget towards the project.

Council has also allocated funds within the 2017/2018 financial year to complete sealing of the full length of Nine Mile Road.

"This is a fantastic outcome for the Milang and Strathalbyn Communities," said Alexandrina Council Mayor Keith Parkes.

"It also highlights the many benefits of councils belonging to the Local Government Association and the Southern and Hills Local Government Association, who advocate for Federal Government funding on behalf of local councils."



Above: Councillor Barry Featherston, Mayor Keith Parkes and Deputy Mayor Councillor Katherine Stanley-Murray at Nine Mile Road.



Goolwa Terrace and BF Laurie Lane Project Complete

Work is now complete on Alexandrina Council's Goolwa Terrace and BF Laurie Lane Revitalisation Project.

Council will be holding an official opening for the project and the new Community Hub on **Sunday, 6 November**, to coincide with Cittaslow's annual Smoke Off event.

The official opening, from 11am, will feature music and entertainment, as well as linking in with the Smoke Off event, which is held on the lawn next to Signal Point.

The \$1.15million revitalisation project, which received \$557,125 in State Government funding, included the upgrade of two key tourist areas which are centrally located within the Goolwa township and provide a gateway to the Historic Goolwa Wharf Precinct.

The project involved the upgrade of the Goolwa Terrace/ Cadell Street intersection to provide an attractive alfresco dining area and community meeting space, and included the removal of a slip lane fronting the existing shops. The slip lane was replaced

with a vibrant alfresco dining area incorporating seating areas, public art and shade via attractive street trees.

The project also included the upgrade of BF Laurie Lane to provide an attractive and inviting entrance to the Signal Point complex, historic buildings including the old horse stables (currently occupied by the Goolwa RSL), old police station (currently occupied by the South Coast Regional Arts Centre), Railway Superintendents Cottage (currently occupied by Alex-FM Radio) and Goolwa Wharf Precinct by constructing a contrasting shared zone within the existing avenue linking to the alfresco dining area and community plaza created at the Goolwa Terrace/ Cadell Street intersection.

Streetscape work extended to Cutting Road in front of the Visitor Information Centre to improve the pedestrian access and provide a pedestrian crossing point with pedestrian refuge, one of three installed as part of the project.

A new off-street public car park is now open on Loveday Street.

Meet The Lean Machine



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Colin Council

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Sally State

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you are
the more
we care

Prepare for the Fire Danger Season

If you live in the Alexandrina Council district, now is the time to look around your house and garden for all those jobs that need to be completed to make your family, home or property safe for the upcoming 2016/17 Fire Danger Season.

Be sure to remove all dead branches, leaves and undergrowth from around your home and especially under trees. If you live within a township, or own a vacant block of land within a township, ensure all vegetation such as long grass is reduced, removed or managed to a height not exceeding 100mm.

If you do not live or own property within a township ensure that you reduce, remove or manage vegetation within 20 metres of your home and 5 metres of any sheds, garages or outbuildings.

Council's Fire Prevention Officers will commence inspections of properties from mid-October to ensure all property owners are complying with their general duty under section 105 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act. For further information please visit Council's website www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au or contact the Community Safety team on (08) 8555 7000.



Young Regional Trainee Recognised in Local NAIDOC Awards

A trainee employed with Alexandrina Council through the Regional Youth Traineeship Program has been recognised with a NAIDOC award. Ashleigh Darrie works as a Business Administration Officer Trainee at Alexandrina Council, and received the Ngarrindjeri Nation, Female Youth of the Year award as part of local NAIDOC week celebrations.

Ashleigh received three nominations in this category, highlighting her academic growth and success, sporting and volunteering ventures, and her work with Council. The Ngarrindjeri Nation awards are run annually, recognising young individuals who have stood out as role models for other youth and peers in whichever field they excel in. NAIDOC week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements and hard work of these young people.

Above: Ashleigh Darrie, Sarah Kay and Colin Shackelford.



Healthy Eating is Kids Play

Children from Port Elliot Primary and Port Elliot Kindergarten became super sleuths recently as they assisted Inspector Hector to solve the Case of the Vanishing Vegetables.

This interactive children's theatre show used magic, music, audience interaction, special effects and plenty of humour to teach children about healthy eating and the five food groups – 'breads and cereals', 'fruit', 'vegetables', 'dairy' and 'lean meat and alternatives'.

'Inspector Hector and the Case of the Vanishing Vegetables' also visited kindergarten to grade three children and their families across the Alexandrina Council region over the same week, coordinated by Council's OPAL team.

For more information about Council's OPAL program, please visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/OPAL

Above: Ethan from Port Elliot Primary School assisting Inspector Hector.

Major Project Update

GOOLWA BEACH CAR PARK AND SURROUNDS MASTERPLAN

Consultation on the draft Goolwa Beach Car Park and Surrounds Masterplan will commence on 10 October. Visit Council's MySay website during consultation to have your say visit mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

For further information and updates visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeachplan

RESILIENT HILLS AND COASTS

Council endorsed the Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island Region, at its meeting on 19 September. To view, visit

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/resilienthillscoasts

GOOLWA TCE AND BF LAURIE LANE

Celebrate the official opening on 6 November 2016 from 11am, coinciding with Cittaslow Goolwa Smoke Off and the Goolwa Community Hub opening. For further information visit

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwatce

FLEURIEU AQUATIC CENTRE (FAC)

The Fleurieu Aquatic Centre is on schedule and expected to be operational by March 2017. For further information and regular updates visit www.fleurieuaquaticcentre.com.au

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

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates

Pictured: Port Elliot Soldiers Memorial Gardens

Events



Handpicked Festival, Langhorne Creek

Australia's hottest bands and some of SA's best food and wine will come together at Langhorne Creek on Saturday, 12 November 2016, when Lake Breeze Wines hosts the third Handpicked Festival. The award winning event has added a tent city to ensure no one drinks and drives and can spend more time in the Langhorne Creek region.

Headline acts include the electro-pop, ARIA award winning sisterly act The Veronicas, and Australia's iconic noughties rockers, Killing Heidi, in their first live performance in over ten years.

Where Lake Breeze Wines, Langhorne Creek

When Saturday, 12 November 2016, 1.30pm

Tickets handpickedfestival.com

Flourishing on the Fleurieu Festival

19 October 2016

Location: Goolwa Wharf Precinct
A free community event that celebrates retirement and showcases how our community flourishes.

Enquiries: 8555 7232

www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing

Shamrock On the Road Again

16 October 2016 at 2pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Concert of easy listening songs and tunes from the genres of Folk and Pop. This is the third visit to Goolwa by Shamrock and is sure to please a discerning audience.

Bookings: 1300 466 592

www.visitalexandrina.com

The Dusty Springfield Story

22 October 2016 at 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Wendy Stapleton presents the outstanding tribute to the songs and career of Dusty Springfield, Britain's greatest female pop singer.

Bookings: 1300 466 592

www.visitalexandrina.com

Births, Deaths and Marriages

30 October 2016 at 2pm and 7pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Verandah Theatre Inc. play in conjunction with the Special Delivery Stories Project.

Bookings: 1300 466 592

www.visitalexandrina.com

The Wonder Room

1 November - 4 December 2016

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: 8555 7289

www.visitalexandrina.com

Youth Showcase Extravaganza

4 November 2016 at 7pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Wet Paint Youth Theatre participants including short films from local young film makers, live music and comedy.

Enquiries: 8551 0586

Annual Regional Youth Art Exhibition

4 November - 4 December 2016

Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa

An explosion of colour and talent from young people across the region.

Enquiries: 8555 7289

www.visitalexandrina.com

Lower Lakes Stockman's Challenge and Bush Festival

4-6 November 2016

Location: Langhorne Creek Road, Strathalbyn

Festival celebrating Australian Bush Heritage.

Enquiries: 8536 3473

Smoke Off

6 November 2016

Free Cittaslow festival includes BBQ Smoke Off, Fleurieu food and wine vendors and live local band Mactones.

Location: BF Laurie Lane, Goolwa

Enquiries: 8555 5801

The Boswell Project

12 November 2016 at 7.30pm

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Relive the Jazz Age of the 20s, right through to the classic tunes of the 40s.

Bookings: 1300 466 592

www.visitalexandrina.com

The Great Duck Race & Pool Beach Party

13 November 2016

Location: Soldiers Memorial Gardens & Community Swimming Pool, Strathalbyn
Stalls, food and fun for all the family. Free entry at pool all day, dual racer inflatable.

Enquiries: 1300 466 592

Goolwa Poetry Cup

20 November 2016 at 11.30am

Location: The Steam Exchange Brewery

Enquiries: 8555 7289

Fleurieu Community White Ribbon Breakfast

23 November 2016 at 8.30am

Location: Goolwa Library Courtyard
Residents of the Fleurieu are encouraged to stand up to violence against women by attending a free community breakfast.

Enquiries: 8555 7000

Council's principle offices, libraries and depot holiday opening hours will be:

**Fri, 23 Dec 9am-12.30pm
28-30 Dec 9am-5pm
and reopen Tues,
3 January 2017.**

Healthy Living with Paleo

24 November 2016 at 6.30pm

Location: Goolwa Library
Melissa Smart from Motherduck cafe.

Bookings: 8555 7000

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries

Band of the SA Police Annual Christmas Concert

3 December 2016

Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa at 2pm

Bookings: 1300 466 592

www.visitalexandrina.com

Drawing on Country

9 December 2016 - 8 January 2017

Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Enquiries: 8555 7289

www.visitalexandrina.com

Christmas Where the Angas Flows

9 December 2016 at 6.30pm

Location: Dawson St and Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Strathalbyn

Enquiries: 0418 830 633

www.visitalexandrina.com

Multifarious Benjamin Young

9 December 2016 - 15 January 2017

Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa

Enquiries: 8555 7289

www.visitalexandrina.com

John Lacey Solo Exhibition

10 December 2016 - 15 January 2017

Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa

Enquiries: 8555 7289

www.visitalexandrina.com

Goolwa Christmas Festival

11 December 2016 at 6.30pm

Location: Cadell St and Arthur Neighbour Reserve, Goolwa

Enquiries: 0418 824 594

www.visitalexandrina.com

Port Elliot Carols

20 December 2016 at 5pm

Location: The Strand, Port Elliot

Enquiries: 8554 2351

www.visitalexandrina.com

Lions Community Children's and Families Christmas Eve Party

24 December 2016 at 6pm

Location: Arthur Neighbour Reserve

Enquiries: 8555 2318

