

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Autumn Edition, 2014

Message From Mayor Kym McHugh

Welcome to the Autumn Council newsletter.

Council Elections will be held in South Australia in November of this year.

The Council elections play an important role in our democratic system and are an excellent opportunity for you to contribute to, and be involved in your local community.

Councils make many decisions that affect our communities and it is vital that your views are taken into consideration as part of this decision-making process.

Do you know if you are enrolled to vote in the upcoming elections? For more information please visit page 8 of the newsletter.

The Just Add Water arts program has been a great success for the Alexandrina region. We are thrilled that the program is continuing.

The program has brought to our Alexandrina district a mix of local, national and international visitors and has spread its wings to other surrounding towns in the region. We have a very exciting year of

events planned – for more information please see page 5 of the newsletter or visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/JAW.

Recently I attended celebrations at the 30th birthday of the Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing and also the 30 year celebration of Community Living and Support Services in Strathalbyn.

Both events were fantastic to attend and it was great to see the positive impacts that the ACPA and CLASS are having on the Alexandrina community. You can read more about both events on page 7 of the newsletter.

Council is busily working on advancing the Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre project in conjunction with the City of Victor Harbor.

The funding agreement with the Federal Government for \$7.5million was signed in March.

The agreement outlined new Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre project timelines. Construction of the Centre is due to start by July 2015 and is expected to be completed by March 2017.

We look forward to working



Community Living and Support Services (CLASS) clients, Lynette Titcomb and Guy De Caux assist Alexandrina Mayor Kym McHugh to cut the birthday cake at the recent 30th anniversary celebrations in Strathalbyn.

with our communities to deliver a fantastic community facility. We will be regularly updating the community about project milestones for the Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre.

If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive the latest updates please email alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au.

More information about the project can also be found at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/pool.

A commercial lease has been signed for the operation of the top floor of the Goolwa Aquatic Club, ensuring the financial sustainability of the club. It is fantastic to see this building being enjoyed by residents and visitors to the area.

Kind Regards,

Mayor Kym McHugh.



Projects and Administration Officer James Horwood, Steve Kewley of the Middleton Town & Foreshore Association Inc, Councillors Alan Oliver and Madeleine Walker and SA Power Networks PLEC Contract Manager Michael Lo Basso in Middleton.

Strathalbyn Skate Park Open

Alexandrina youth have an additional active and social community space to enjoy thanks to the completion of the Strathalbyn Skate Park in April.

Convic Skate Parks Pty Ltd was awarded the construction contract for the building of the facility; following their reputation as global leaders in high quality skate park design and innovation.

The Strathalbyn Skate Park concept was first raised by the community for Council's consideration in 2005. Since that time community groups, Council and youth organisations have investigated the potential for a specific youth attraction within the Strathalbyn township.

"This is a facility that all of the community can be proud of. The landscaped areas and lawn terraces will provide a fantastic community space," said Alexandrina Mayor Kym McHugh.

"It is fantastic to see that the sustained effort of both community and Council to deliver a youth community project such as this is now coming to fruition."

The Strathalbyn Skate Park (located on North Terrace) is now open for public use. It is a great new space for Alexandrina youth and children to enjoy.

Power Lines Project Complete

The project for the undergrounding of overhead power lines in Middleton is complete.

The \$2.2million project was approved by the Power Line Environment Committee (PLEC) and administered by the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA). The project has been jointly funded by SA Power Networks, who contributed two thirds of the project costs, and Alexandrina Council. Overall, Alexandrina Council contributed \$706,381 towards the project.

Port Elliot Road, which

runs through the township of Middleton, has had approximately 700m of main road frontage significantly enhanced. Spanning from Ocean Road to the west and Mill Terrace to the east, the PLEC scheme has replaced overhead electrical infrastructure with decorative lighting columns and the undergrounding of power lines. Twenty five stobie poles across the project area have been replaced with 25 new decorative lighting columns.

Construction of a PLEC Scheme in Middleton Council's

long term strategy to see the undergrounding of overhead power lines in key commercial, tourist and historic areas.

SA Power Networks and their contractors remained mindful of business continuity during the peak summer holiday trading period. Efforts were made to minimise their presence during the busy peak trading times.

Alexandrina Council would like to thank the Middleton community and the businesses for remaining patient and accommodating during this significant community project.

Works Update

Parks and Gardens

A new niche wall is being installed at the Woodchester Cemetery and will be completed by the end of April.

A shelter at the Milang Foreshore is being upgraded and will be completed in June.

Bluestone wall installation and landscaping work at Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Port Elliot is underway and will be completed in April.

Landscaping work at roundabouts on Brooking Street and Beach Road in Goolwa is scheduled to be completed in May.

A new playground is being installed at Commodore Reserve, Port Elliot

Civil Works

Footpath on North Terrace, Port Elliot (between Murray Tce & Strangways Tce) is due for completion in late April.

Footpath works have been completed at Haywood Court, Mount Compass, East Terrace and North Parade in Strathalbyn, Cadell Street, Goolwa and Coxe Street, Milang.

Spray sealing of roads within Mount Compass township has commenced.

Resheeting and safety works on Mount Magnificent Road is underway and will be completed at the end of April. Unsealed road resheeting has been completed at North Bremer Road, Hartley, Williams Hill Road, Wistow, Red Creek Road, Red Creek, Brook Road, Woodchester, Nine Mile Road, Milang, Mount Magnificent Road, Mount Magnificent and Ti Tree Road, Prospect Hill.

Resheeting works are scheduled for Mosquito Creek Road, Langhorne Creek, Echo Park Road, Milang, Nurrangi Road, Strathalbyn, Landseer Road, Milang, Sheoak Road, Currency Creek, Brookdale Road, Sandergrove and Old Bull Creek Road, Strathalbyn, Phillips Road and Verrall Road Hope Forrest, Decaux Road Dingabalinga, Badgers Road Kuitpo between April and June 2014.

The roof on the Mill Street public toilets in Middleton is being replaced.



Construction of the 150 megalitre recycled wastewater storage lagoon on Boettcher Road, Middleton is nearing completion. The new lagoon will cater for the anticipated future growth of Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island as identified within the Greater Adelaide 30 Year Plan. Council has been awarded a \$1.9 million Federal Government grant under the Strengthening Basin Communities Program - Water Saving Initiatives Round 2, for a suite of projects to expand the Goolwa Community Wastewater Management Scheme, including the new lagoon. At a cost of \$1.65 million, the lagoon will enable Council to maximise wastewater re-use in the future, including drought proofing of community recreational land and other open space assets.

2014 Alexandrina Immunisation Program

In 2014, Alexandrina Council will continue to offer free childhood immunisations for children up to seven years old. Adult immunisation services are also available, with a set fee depending on the individual vaccine price. This community health service is operated by the City of Onkaparinga, on behalf of Alexandrina Council.

Clinics will be held for all members of the community at locations in both Goolwa and Strathalbyn. Clinics do not require a booking, simply arrive at the venue during the designated monthly times with your Medicare card details and a Children's Immunisation Book.

The clinics will be available once a month

on March 19, April 9, May 21, June 18, July 23, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 10.

The Goolwa clinic will be held at the Alexandrina Council Large Meeting Room, Cadell Street Goolwa between 10.30am and noon.

The Strathalbyn Clinic will be held at the Alexandrina Council Library, Colman Terrace Strathalbyn between 2pm and 3.35pm.

For further information, please contact the Immunisation Service at City of Onkaparinga on 8384 0666. Vaccine Schedules can be viewed on: <http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/>.



Mayor Kym McHugh, Darrell Sumner from the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority and Professor Daryle Rigney, Dean of Indigenous Engagement at Flinders University with the Letters Patent 1836 document.

Council Unveils Display of Letters Patent 1836

For more than a decade Alexandrina Council staff and Elected Members have shared a close relationship with the Ngarrindjeri Nation, working together to achieve common goals and develop strong collaborative outcomes on matters relating to the Ngarrindjeri, the River Murray and the Lower Lakes and Coorong.

Further reaffirming that relationship, Alexandrina Council unveiled a public display of the Letters Patent 1836 document and Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement on Wednesday 19 March.

The event was attended

by the Honourable Robert Brokenshire Member of the Legislative Council, Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick, representatives from the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority and Professor Daryle Rigney, Dean of Indigenous Engagement at Flinders University.

Authorised by William the Fourth, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in 1836, the Letters Patent set out the conditions and defined the boundaries for the establishment of the Province of South Australia.

The Letters Patent also went beyond the strict provision of the South Australia Act 1834 by including a significant guarantee of rights of 'any

Aboriginal Natives' or their descendants to land they 'now actually occupied or enjoyed'. Council's consideration with regards raising public awareness of the Letters Patent was prompted by conversations with Council staff and a presentation made to Council by Ngarrindjeri Leader and Elder Tom Trevorrow just days before Mr Trevorrow's passing last year.

Mr Trevorrow was a strong advocate for sovereignty and for the public recognition and display of the 1836 Letters Patent.

Council entered into the Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement in October 2002.

Alexandrina Council was the first level of government in

South Australia to enter into such an agreement.

Alexandrina Council was also the first level of government nationally to make a 'sorry' statement to Indigenous people, so Council proudly maintains a long-standing history of acknowledgement and recognition of the State's first people.

"With more than 10 years of working with the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority in adherence with the principles of a Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement, Council has partnered with the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority in what has been a cooperative and collaborative journey to achieve progressive outcomes across the region," said Mayor McHugh.

Medal Win at Tourism Awards

Alexandrina Council recently took home a Bronze Medal at the 2013 Qantas Australia Tourism Awards in the Local Government Award for Tourism category.

In 2013, Alexandrina Council won the Local Government Award for Tourism category at the South Australian Tourism Awards. Award winners go on to represent their state at the national awards and Alexandrina Council was very proud to represent South Australia.

This is the first time Local Government has been recognised at the national awards and demonstrates the integral role of Local Government in the tourism industry in South Australia.

The Alexandrina Council submission included tourism and event services, facilities, activities and infrastructure, including the Just Add Water



Chief Executive Peter Dinning and Mayor Kym McHugh with the Bronze Medal Tourism Award won by Alexandrina Council.

arts program, the annual Festivals and Events grant program, the PS Oscar W and the 2013 SA Wooden Boat Festival.

“Alexandrina Council was

certainly honoured to be a finalist and medal winner, the award truly recognises the commitment of the Council and the many volunteers who have worked on the development

and delivery of a broad cross section of tourism experiences aimed at the tourism sector and the wider community,” said Mayor Kym McHugh.

Grant Funding Boost for Bristow Smith Reserve

The staged redevelopment of Bristow Smith Reserve in Goolwa can now begin after \$344,250 of State funding was announced for the project.

The Open Spaces Grant of \$250,000 and Local Stimulus Grant of \$94,250 will work simultaneously to revamp the existing park area that resides between the riverfront and Barrage Road in Goolwa.

The project outlines a set of staged works for improvement of a space reaching over 600

metres of Goolwa foreshore reserve.

The funding will allow works to begin on precinct 3 of the overall project, which incorporates the current playground and recreation site, as well as the swimming area.

“Alexandrina Council is committed to enhancing public recreational spaces for the community to use and enjoy,” said Mayor Kym McHugh.

“The purpose of the master

plan for the Bristow Smith Reserve is to provide a long-term vision and staged implementation plan for the site as a prominent regional attraction to showcase the River and its public space.”

This will be achieved through the provision of:

- Upgrade of playground equipment and play space
- Improved access to the river for swimmers and recreational aquatic users

- Enhanced picnic, BBQ and social spaces
- Active recreation areas and facilities
- Infrastructure and amenity upgrades
- Recognition of the significant cultural heritage of the site

The Strathalbyn Forrest Reserve also received support from the Local Stimulus Grants program, with \$50,000 awarded as support towards a Play Space Upgrade.

CLASS Celebration

Alexandrina Council's Mayor Kym McHugh addressed over 100 CLASS clients, families, volunteers, supporters and staff who came together at Strathalbyn Town Hall to recognise the efforts of local disability organisation CLASS Inc.

Deputy Mayor Anne Woolford and Councillor Barry Featherston and Alexandrina's Chief Executive Peter Dinning were also in attendance.

Mayor Kym McHugh acknowledged what a great achievement it was for CLASS to support local people living in our community with a disability. He also celebrated the growth of CLASS over the last thirty years and acknowledged the expansion of the disability organisation into the Adelaide Hills, throughout the Fleurieu Peninsula, the Riverland, Kangaroo Island, the South East and Southern Metropolitan regions.

Bill Rowe CLASS Chairman, reiterated the humble beginnings of CLASS back in 1983 by a group of concerned parents living in Strathalbyn, looking for recreational activities for their children with disabilities.

The event was also attended by Pam Simmons, the Guardian from the Office of the Guardian for Children and Young People. CLASS through their service improvement process have worked hard to affirm the rights of children and young people in care. To formalise this process Pam and CLASS General Manager Graeme Kerkin, who stepped in for CLASS Chief Executive Mark Kulinski, signed the Certificate of Endorsement confirming that CLASS endorses the Charter of Rights for Children and Young People in Care and have undertaken a commitment to apply it in their policy and practice.

Formalities completed, the guests then enjoyed a bacon and egg brunch and cake arranged by the Council and catered for by long-time supporters of CLASS; the Strathalbyn Rotary Club. CLASS clients Lynette Titcomb and Guy De Caux assisted the Mayor in cutting the huge birthday cake.



ACPA 30th Birthday

Eighty people attended the 30 Year Celebration of the Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing recently.

Mayor Kym McHugh made a speech applauding the success of the Centre at Goolwa.

"Alexandrina Council and ACPA provide a necessary service to the community that is based on sustainability, community development, strength based models, and evidence based service delivery that ensures older people have opportunities to

connect with their community, are engaged and healthy," said Mayor McHugh.

"Through the ACPA the Community Connect, Port Elliot Outreach & Neighbour Aid programs are also coordinated with over 400 local people involved and receiving support."

Beth Moore, Coordinator of the ACPA, welcomed guests, including past and present staff, volunteers and participants. The celebrations focussed on contributions of ACPA volunteers and staff.



Raelene Wakefield, Library and Customer Service Officer for the Milang library depot, has just celebrated her 25th year working for Council.

During this time Raelene has seen the library move from a card index to a computerised system and the amalgamation of councils to become part of the Alexandrina Council.

Serving the Milang population, Raelene sees many regulars through the door, enjoys helping patrons place holds on items and introducing them to new authors. She says it feels like family and that when dealing with people you need to be patient and always prepared to listen.

Peter Dinning, Chief Executive of Alexandrina Council, recently presented her with a service award. Alexandrina Libraries would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Raelene for her efforts over the years and join her in celebrating this milestone.

Are You Enrolled to Vote?

Council Elections to be held November 2014

Local Government elections are held every four years, with the next Council Election to be held in November 2014.

If you are already on the State Electoral Roll (in the Alexandrina Council area) to vote in the State Election, then you will automatically be included on the Council Voter's Roll and will receive voting papers by post.

However, if you are a landlord, business lessee or resident

non-Australian citizen, you will no longer be automatically included on the Council Voter's Roll. If you have been previously enrolled in that

capacity, and are still eligible, you will need to re-enrol. Enrolment for the 2014 Council Elections closes at 5pm on Friday 8 August 2014.

For enrolment forms or more information visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/election.



Would you like to vote?

If you answer **YES** to any of the following questions, you may be eligible to be on the Council Voter's Roll.

- You have been a resident at your current address for one month and are not on the State Electoral Roll
- You are a sole owner/occupier of rateable property
- You are NOT an Australian Citizen but you have been a resident at your current address for one month
- You are a landlord for rateable property
- You are an organisation/business owner or occupier of rateable property
- You are a group of owners or occupiers of rateable property

Organisations, Business Owners or Occupiers

Organisations, business owners or occupiers now need to nominate a designated person to vote on their behalf who is an Australian Citizen, who is 18 years or older.

“Your vote helps to shape our community”

Are you eligible to vote?

If you are already on the State Electoral Roll (in the Alexandrina region) to vote in State Elections, you will automatically be included on the Council Voters Roll and will receive ballot papers. You will not need to enrol again.

Provisional Voters

If you are 17 years of age and enrolled as a provisional voter on the State Electoral Roll and turn 18 by close of voting, you are entitled to vote and will receive ballot papers.

If you have moved house or changed your name, you will need to complete a new enrolment form. These are available at your local Post Office or at www.ecsa.sa.gov.au.

Key Dates

Roll closes	Friday 8 August 2014
Nominations open	Tuesday 2 September 2014
Nominations close	12noon, Tuesday 16 September 2014
Mail out of voting material	Monday 20 October to Friday 24 October 2014
Close of voting	5pm Friday 7 November 2014

For more Election information, or to download enrolment forms, visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/election