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Have your say on Council's draft Greening our Townships Strategy

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Alexandrina Council will be seeking feedback on its draft Greening our Townships Strategy 2026-2036, with consultation opening at 9am on Thursday 5 November 2026 and closing at 9am on Monday 14 December 2026.

The draft Strategy sets out how Council, the community, landowners, developers, local community groups and organisations can work together to protect existing trees, grow more shade and create greener, cooler and more liveable townships.

The Strategy is guided by a shared vision for Alexandrina's townships to be 'Liveable. Green. Connected.' places, with tree lined streets and shady, green parks and reserves that enhance liveability, promote wellbeing and support biodiversity.

Council is inviting community engagement throughout the consultation period, hoping to hear from residents, environmental groups, businesses and other stakeholders about the draft Strategy, proposed priority actions and identified greening opportunities.

Alexandrina Council Mayor, Keith Parkes said the draft Strategy provided an opportunity for the community to help shape how we green our townships into the future.

"We know our community values the trees and green spaces that make our townships such special places to live, work and visit," he said.

"Greening our townships is a shared responsibility. Council manages some land, but much of Alexandrina is privately owned, so achieving our greening goals will require everyone to play a part.

"This consultation is an important opportunity to hear what matters most to our community, understand local priorities and work together to refine the actions that will form the final Strategy."

The draft Strategy identifies Council led and community led/partnership actions for the following key challenges:

- strengthening community involvement
- greening townships where space is limited
- urban heat, extreme weather and climate change
- maintenance and resourcing.

Community feedback will help Council refine the draft Strategy, with proposed actions across Alexandrina's townships aiming to increase overall township tree canopy cover across public and private land.

Four community drop-in sessions will be held across Alexandrina, providing an opportunity to speak directly with Council staff about the draft Strategy.



Sessions will be held in Strathalbyn, Mount Compass, Middleton and Milang. Two stakeholder sessions for community environmental groups will be held in Goolwa and Strathalbyn. Session dates, times and locations are available on the My Say Alexandrina website.

These sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss the draft Strategy, proposed actions and greening opportunities, and share local knowledge about what is needed to create greener and more resilient townships.

The draft Greening our Townships Strategy 2026-2036, online feedback survey and supporting information will be available on the My Say Alexandrina website when consultation opens on 5 November 2026, visit **mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/GreeningOurTownships**

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