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Message from the Office of the CEO

Welcome to the spring edition of Alexandrina Alive. With Council currently in caretaker mode in the lead-up to the 2018 Council Elections, it is my pleasure to introduce this publication. Spring is a fantastic time in Alexandrina as we begin to experience some warmer weather and longer days. The spring calendar of events across the region caters for all members of the community. From art exhibitions, live performances, sporting fixtures, agricultural shows, local markets and more; there is something for everyone.

The past three months have been a busy time at Council as we have transitioned to our new organisational structure. We have focussed on six key areas to navigate Alexandrina into a prosperous and resilient future – leadership, people, resources, environment, wellbeing and growth. Council administration is settling in well to the re-structure, and we will continue to provide updates through our community quarterly reports.

We have also worked hard to promote the 2018 Council Elections, supporting the community with information about enrolment, nominations and voting. Being involved in Council Elections is a great opportunity to help shape the future of Alexandrina. Please remember to return postal votes by 9 November 2018 and make your vote count. Enjoy this beautiful time of year and stay safe throughout the upcoming summer holiday season.

Glenn Rappensberg
Chief Executive Officer

Above: Glenn Rappensberg, Chief Executive Officer with staff and Elected Members at the official opening of the Goolwa Waste and Recycling Depot on 11 September. This state of the art upgrade has been a huge project for Council and provides a vital service to the communities of Alexandrina and the wider Fleurieu region.

Front Cover Image: Ngarrindjeri people performing a traditional smoking ceremony at Goolwa Wharf during NAIDOC Week celebrations in July.

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Goolwa Waste and Recycling Depot new facilities officially open

The Goolwa Waste and Recycling Depot has entered a new era and sets the benchmark for environmentally efficient waste disposal and recycling services. An official opening took place on Tuesday, 11 September, when key stakeholders celebrated what has been a major revamp of the facility.

Providing services to the local community for over 35 years, recent upgrades to the site will ensure it continues to support the region well into the future. Now a high quality, modern waste and recycling plant; customer access has been greatly simplified, making each visit a straightforward process. An increased variety of diversion options means that recycling is not only easier, but more cost effective – in some cases, resulting in money in the customer's pocket as an incentive for participating in sensible recycling initiatives.

The project, referenced in Alexandrina Council's 2014 to 2023 Community Strategic Plan as a key initiative to achieve the 'Thrive in Clean Green Futures' objective, is a positive step toward the region being a leader in environmental innovation. Residents of the Fleurieu Peninsula can confidently use the Goolwa Waste and Recycling Depot, with the peace of mind that their waste will be dealt with in line with cost effective and sustainable environmental ethics. To learn more about local waste management visit www.frwa.com.au

Santos Tour Down Under in Alexandrina

Alexandrina Council is immensely proud to be hosting the iconic Santos Tour Down Under event in 2019, which will see riders pass through five of our region's townships and showcase our stunning coastline, rich heritage and agricultural heartland to the world.

Goolwa will host the start of the 34.5km ride for the 2019 Challenge Tour on Saturday 19 January 2019. Offering four starting points along the stage depending on the distance riders are comfortable with; the rides will all finish in Strathalbyn.

The professionals will then take to the stage for the Santos Tour Down Under race, which will start in Glenelg before following the western flank of the Fleurieu through Sellicks Hill, Myponga and Yankalilla, then head further inland through Inman Valley and Victor Harbor. From there a sea breeze will refresh riders as they are cheered through Chiton, Port Elliot and Middleton before a high speed pass through Goolwa and onto the stage finish in Strathalbyn.

Bells will be ringing as they make their final push for line, so don't miss out on all the excitement and make your way to the main event on Saturday, 19 January 2019. Show your support and help showcase our vibrant region by lining the streets of Strathalbyn.

For event details visit www.tourdownunder.com.au



2019 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival just eight months away

The South Australian Wooden Boat Festival (SAWBF) will return to Goolwa next year, and planning is well underway.

Now only eight months away, the 16th biennial festival will be held on 27 and 28 April 2019 at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct. The town will be ready to welcome the thousands of locals and visitors who come to experience the magic and nostalgia that accompany the event. The mix of on-and-off water activities, local food and wine and stunning wooden boats is expected to attract in excess of 20,000 people.

Alexandrina Council is pleased to introduce the organising committee of the 2019 SAWBF.

Garry Coombes AM (Chairman), Steve Ramsey and Natchalee Papon-Kelly pictured above, and Greg Hamilton, Bart O'Brien and Trevor Twigden are the passionate SAWBF committee members who are keen to deliver an unforgettable festival in 2019.

Established by a group of local boat enthusiasts in 1989, the event is Australia's only freshwater wooden boat festival and its unique location at the end of the mighty Murray River, in a town steeped with boating tradition, sets the ideal scene.

If you would like to be part of the amazing team that helps with the running of this iconic event, please consider becoming a festival volunteer. There are many volunteer roles to fill, catering to a range of skills, experiences and interests. For further information, please contact Council's Volunteer Support Officer on 8555 7000.

Phone 1300 466 592

www.sawoodenboatfestival.com.au

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Consider planting your own verge gardens during Sustainable Spring

To signify the change of season, Alexandrina Council launched its Sustainable Spring program in September, which celebrates our natural environment and spreads the word about practical ways for residents to live more sustainably. Council is encouraging our township residents to establish a verge garden.

Verge gardens are a great way to turn the space between the kerb and your front fence into an oasis of colour and tranquility. An attractive verge has many benefits including adding value to your property, enhancing local biodiversity for birds and insects, creating a space of communal pride and increasing overall street appeal.

To help residents who are considering planting a verge garden by providing themes and design ideas, we have developed the Alexandrina Township Verges Planting Guide. The guide not only provides inspiration for property owners but also details the guidelines associated with planting a verge garden. Plant suggestions and tips will ensure that a newly planted verge garden will thrive and meet height and species requirements. The guide encourages residents to use local native plants and includes suggested planting combinations for themes such as native formal, drought tolerant and bee and butterfly gardens.

A verge garden is not only a great opportunity to beautify your surroundings, it also provides opportunity to grow food for your table and be healthier - living in a clean, green environment.

Alexandrina Council's Parks and Gardens team have created two demonstration verge gardens to show what can be done with a bit of elbow grease and sensible planning. You'll find them in Goolwa on Dawson Street behind the Library and Council offices, and Colman Road, Strathalbyn in front of the Strathalbyn Community Centre.

Beyond verge gardens, Sustainable Spring is a three-month program bringing together sustainability, the arts and do-it-yourself, green living know-how through a series of workshops, exhibitions and activities.

To help plan your verge garden, the Alexandrina Township Verges Planting Guide is available now in Council offices and online at

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/sustainablespring

There are loads of opportunities to be involved and live more sustainably this spring.



Fire Danger Season Preparation

With the fire danger season approaching and conditions already dry leading into summer, please ensure you are prepared. Council has developed a bushfire management brochure to assist in your preparation. Please refer to the brochure provided in your rates notice mail out, or view on Council's website, www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/fire

Properties must be prepared prior to the Fire Danger Season and maintained throughout the Fire Danger Season. Generally these dates are: **Mount Lofty Ranges 1 December 2018 - 30 April 2019**, and **Murraylands 15 November 2018 - 15 April 2019**.

Please note these dates are subject to change. To determine which district you are in or to determine the precise dates for the Fire Danger Season each year please refer to the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Following its re-location in March, the Strathalbyn Woodshed has continued to establish itself as a supportive, community facility. Decked out with fantastic new equipment, the Woodshed has doubled membership numbers and embraced its new home, offering a large program of events and activities, catering to collaborative community participation and involvement.

Alexandrina Council is enormously proud to have funded the establishment of the new Strathalbyn Woodshed, and has recently finalised works to the carpark and grounds. Works involved covering and mulching areas of the yard, providing road-base gravel cover for the carpark with falls for drainage, providing a layer of clean topsoil and a level area for additional activities, and placing large rock barriers around the carpark. Completion of works has ensured the carpark and grounds are safe and practical year round, regardless of weather conditions.

Passionate committee members are pictured above with Council's Environment Department staff outside the now completed project.

The Strathalbyn Woodshed facility is fully equipped and keen to continue growing a strong membership base of men and women into the future, with an exciting program of activities offering benefits to the whole community.



Storm Boy film drums up a storm of interest in our region

Council and community groups are bracing for our busiest summer season yet. Our beautiful region is set to be the star and number one visiting destination following the re-make of the iconic film Storm Boy.

Our stunning natural environment and the magnificent pelicans which call Goolwa and surrounds home, are perhaps vistas we locals take for granted, but these images are now set to captivate and draw visitors to our region. The film trailer was launched in August and the new Storm Boy film will hit cinemas from 10 January 2019.

To coincide with the release of the feature film, there will be various activities in Goolwa and beyond, with updates available on Council's website, as events are confirmed around our vibrant community.

One such initiative will include the Mr Percival's Pop-up Gallery exhibition, which will be on display in the South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa from Monday 14 January to Sunday 10 February 2019. The exhibition celebrates the ubiquitous pelican and will feature artworks from professional and hobbyist pelican lovers in a variety of media. Locals are welcome and encouraged to submit work for this exhibition. For enquiries email jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

If you are interested in being involved in events celebrating the release of Storm Boy, please contact Council's Tourism Co-ordinator on 8555 7000.

Photo above, courtesy of the South Australian Tourism Commission.



Protect yourself – Fight the Bite

A timely reminder as the seasons change, that whilst most of the mosquitoes found in the Alexandrina Council area are simply a nuisance there are some species that can potentially carry diseases such as Ross River Virus. Please protect yourself and 'Fight the Bite'.

The mosquito life cycle is temperature dependant, and in summer a mosquito can develop from larva, commonly known as 'a wriggler', in less than a week. Council participates in a monitoring and treatment program through UniSA to reduce mosquito numbers, but personal protection measures are also recommended. What can you do?

- Empty containers around your property that might hold water such as old tyres, rubbish, pots and pot-plant drip trays.
- Empty and refill pet drinking bowls, bird baths and stock troughs at least once a week.
- Cover any openings to rainwater tanks with insect-proof mesh.
- Stock ornamental ponds or similar water bodies with small Australian fish that will eat mosquito larvae.
- Ensure fly screens on doors and windows are fitted and intact, with no holes, to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- When going outside, especially in the evenings, wear long-sleeved, light-coloured and loose fitting clothing.
- Use an insect repellent containing active ingredients DEET (diethyl toluamide) or Picaridin when outside.

For further information please contact Council's Environmental Health team on 8555 7000 or visit

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/fightthebite



Launch into the new 2019 'Just Add Water' Program this December

After an enormously successful year of arts and culture in the region, it is time once again to launch next years calendar of events for the 'Just Add Water' (JAW) Arts and Culture Program. Join us at 2pm on Saturday, 15 December at the Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa and pick up a copy of the program hot off the press.

The launch will coincide with two exhibition openings at the gallery, featuring local and international artists, curated by Winnie Pelz. ATLAS is an exhibition of artists' books and works addressing broad themes from the changing world in which we live.

The second exhibition, Journey in Human Landscape is a collective of Goolwa artists; Kathryn Hill, Barbara Palmer, Ray Meandering and Robyn Zerna-Russell Artwork by Robyn Russell.

Hear about the artists inspiration during exhibitions floor talks held at 12.30pm and 1pm respectively, followed by the official opening at 2pm with the launch of the 2019 JAW Program.

Following the launch of the 2019 JAW Program, you can obtain a copy by visiting the Goolwa Office & Library Customer Service, Strathalbyn Library & Community Centre, Goolwa & Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centres, South Coast Regional Arts Centre Goolwa, Signal Point Gallery and Centenary Hall during performances. An electronic copy will be available on our website, at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/jaw



Nominations now open for Citizen of the Year

Alexandrina Council is currently seeking your nominations for the 2018 Citizen of the Year Awards. Do you know someone who makes a real difference in our community who deserves to be rewarded and recognised for their contributions and outstanding service?

You could nominate someone who has enhanced and enriched community service areas like education, health, fund-raising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of our community. Categories include Citizen of the Year Award, Young Citizen of the Year Award and Community Event of the Year Award. Nominations close on Friday, 16 November 2018 so don't delay, submit online at

www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate or pick up a nomination form at Council's libraries in Goolwa and Strathalbyn. Nomination forms can also be downloaded from Council's website, **www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au**

In 2018, The Citizen of the Year Awards were presented to Adrian Earl of Mount Compass, and Gwenda Knights of Strathalbyn. Adrian was instrumental in the formation of the Mount Compass Progress Association in 2014 and Gwenda has made a positive impact on many community groups in the Strathalbyn area, including the Suicide Prevention Group. We look forward to acknowledging more worthy community members in 2019.

Community Donation rescues the 'Etona'

Milang Regatta Club's rescue boat 'Etona' recently underwent repairs. As a very important community service provider, the club operates the only designated rescue boat on Lake Alexandrina, which is also used by Strathalbyn Police as a first responder for lake rescues.

Council helped fund the repairs through its Community Donations Program that provides small donations of \$1000 or less for community projects across the district.

The program enables projects that don't meet criteria for, or missed out on, our annual community grant round, an opportunity for funding support by Council.

Repairs completed to the 'Etona' rescue boat will ensure the Milang Regatta club continues to thrive as a vibrant local sporting club; a club that encourages social interaction, junior and adult sailing as well as general water and land based community engagement in the Town of Milang and surrounding areas.



The many faces of our History experts

Alexandrina Council, through its Heritage Advisory Committee, held three successful heritage talks throughout the region in August and September with local experts Lance Kairl, Pippa Buckberry and Richard Gautier (pictured above).

Presenters and Council staff assisted those who attended with the many questions that come with renovating, repairing, or restoring a heritage building. The experts and presenters included Lance of House of Bales, Richard from Cedar and Lime, and Pippa from Anaglypta Architecture, who answered questions and shared experiences on various topics including stonemasonry, carpents and fences and use of corrugated iron. Pippa is Council's Heritage Adviser who presented in Mount Compass on the historical and current application of corrugated iron on heritage buildings, now a popular material on many homes.

Some helpful tips that came out of the corrugated iron presentation included:

1. Iron hasn't been used for over 120 years, steel is the base material.
2. Replace Galvanised roofs with new galvanised materials of the same profile, including rolled cappings and flashings.
3. Don't ever use zincalume on heritage buildings, it doesn't look or respond in the same way as traditional galvanised finishes.

4. If you do replace a galvanised roof with colorbond or zincalume you must replace associated galvanised gutters, downpipes and rainwater tanks, otherwise rapid corrosion will occur.

5. Strength of the roof material comes from the corrugations. Deeper more traditional corrugated profiles are available.

Similarly, some helpful tips from the presentation on rising damp and salt attack included:

1. Don't use cement to repair mortar.
2. Check ground levels and stormwater run off (downpipes etc) to make sure water isn't ponding against building edges.
3. Avoid introducing concrete paths or slabs adjacent to stone walls both inside and outside the building.
4. Avoid gardens and associated watering against stone walls.
5. Don't try and render over any issues.

If you are looking to renovate or purchase a heritage building in the Alexandrina area or simply have a general question, contact Council to draw on the valuable knowledge of our heritage experts and prepare yourself to tackle the build process.

Major Project Update

MOUNT COMPASS RECREATION PARK

Following a tender process to seek interested parties to deliver the Mount Compass Recreation Park project, submissions are being assessed and the preferred tender will be announced in the coming month. Construction is scheduled to commence for this fabulous project in early 2019. For regular updates on the project visit, www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/mcrecpark

SANDERGROVE ROAD UPGRADE

Following completion and undergrounding of the overhead power network and installation of new decorative lighting, the next phase of the project is the civil and landscaping works.

These works will include a new asphalt road surface, bike lanes, roadside car parking, pedestrian footpaths, median island pedestrian crossing, kerbing, driveways and stormwater management. The landscape works will incorporate the construction of a major irrigation system, planted garden beds, seating, heritage wayfinding signage and feature bollards. Works are expected to commence in November for this very exciting on-ground project for the Strathalbyn community.

GOOLWA SLSC FACILITY

The development of the Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) Facility continues on schedule. It is business as usual for the local cafe and Goolwa Beach users, while traffic and parking restrictions are in place. For regular updates please visit, www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwa-slsc

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

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates



Events



Lifeblood - Lisa Ingerson*

Lisa Ingerson lives two lives, one as an artist and the other as a registered nurse. Such is the admiration she feels for her colleagues in the health industry that Lifeblood is a dedication to them.

Where	South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa
When	Thu 29 November to Sun 6 January 2019 Floor talk Sat 1 December at 1pm Opening event Sat 1 December at 2pm
Exhibition Open	Wed to Fri 11am-4pm, Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
Gallery Open	Wed to Fri 11am-4pm, Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
Enquiries	jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Genesis – Brenda Holden with David Hamilton*

24 September to 4 November
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Solastalgia*

4 October to 25 November
Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Sponge Kids Arts Hub – Natural Instincts*

10, 11 and 12 October
Session times: 11am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3pm

Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Making Mozart – The da Ponte Project

13 October at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Band of the South Australian Police

27 October at 2pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Join the Band of the SA Police as they return to Goolwa in October for a fun-filled afternoon of musical entertainment.
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Kenny Blake Festival of Motorcycling

26, 27 and 28 October
Various locations around Strathalbyn
Enquiries: kbevents@slta.asn.au
www.kennyblakestrathalbyn.com.au

Youth Showcase Extravaganza

2 November at 7pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
The Wet Paint Youth Theatre and Show Us Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival Extravaganza promises to stimulate and excite the mind and souls of all who attend, with a night filled with a live theatre performance by Wet Paint Youth Theatre participants. Short films from local young film makers, live music, comedy and free popcorn, drinks, great door and quiz prizes and loads of fun for all the community!
Enquiries: 8551 0550

Cittaslow Goolwa - Smoke Off*

5 November 2017
Location: Goolwa RSL Garden of Honour, Cutting Road
Come and be part of this ultimate slow-food event. Wine, music and BBQ.
Enquiries: 0478 296 359
www.cittaslowgoolwa.com.au

Annual Regional Youth Art Exhibition*

9 November to 2 December
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: 8551 0550

Laklinyeri – Family*

9 November to 9 December
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
A collection across a broad spectrum of artists, art works and objects from all around South Australia and into the Central Desert. Anangu, Luritja, Pintupi, Warlpiri and local Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri people will come together in an exhibition called family.
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Hand Picked Festival

10 November
Location: Lake Breeze Wines, Langhorne Creek
handpickedfestival.com

DIY Natural Products

13 November from 10am-12noon
Location: Strathalbyn Library, Strathalbyn
Bookings: 8555 7000

39 Forever – Amity Dry

17 November at 7:30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Do you still think you're 25 even though your birthday stubbornly insists you're

not? Do you wonder how adults were born in the 1990s? This hilarious new show takes a candid look at female ageing in a world where Botox and Photoshop are the norm and looking your age feels like a failure.
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Sixth Annual Goolwa Poetry Cup

18 November
Location: Fleurieu Distillery Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

ATLAS*

6 December to 13 January
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Journey in Human Landscape*

13 December to 20 January
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Christmas where the Angas Flows*

14 December from 6pm
Location: Strathalbyn
Celebrate Christmas as the pageant winds through the Strathalbyn township:
Enquiries: 0408 362 258
www.strathalbynsa.com.au

Goolwa Christmas Festival*

16 December from 6pm
Location: Cadell Street and Goolwa Oval, Goolwa
Enquiries: 0419 854 772
www.visitalexandrina.com

Carols in the Park*

18 December from 5pm
Location: Port Elliot Town Square, Port Elliot
Join in a Christmas carols sing a long with the Port Elliot community.
Enquiries: 0428 554 268
www.visitalexandrina.com

NYE Fireworks Off The Bridge*

31 December at Midnight
Location: Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: goolwafireworks@yahoo.com.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Keep up to date with upcoming and new Council events by visiting Council's website or via the tourism website:
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

* Free event