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Community Hub, Goolwa*

Message from Mayor Keith Parkes

Welcome to the spring edition of Alexandrina Alive. It has been a busy few months at Council and across our region, with progress made on a range of infrastructure projects and a significant level of maintenance tasks being undertaken given the wet weather experienced late in winter.

'The Sandergrove Road PLEC Scheme' project at Strathalbyn has commenced, with the undergrounding of overhead powerlines in readiness for streetscape revitalisation work due to begin in 2018. For more information about this exciting project please visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/plec

I am pleased to report the final concept plans for the Mount Compass Recreation Park have been approved by Council, and we eagerly await the detailed project design for this exciting new 'play space' for the residents of Mount Compass and surrounds. The latest plans incorporate some fantastic ideas and feedback generated through our successful public consultation in January.

Council staff have also been busy securing grants for other exciting initiatives that will support the youth of our region, namely, rejuvenation work at the Goolwa Skate Park and an opportunity for Eastern Fleurieu School students to gain valuable work experience in agriculture.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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Above: Mayor Keith Parkes with the Alexandrina Council team that secured a grant to rejuvenate the Goolwa Skate Park.

Front Cover Image: Inter-Generational Day was held at the Community Hub, Goolwa on 25 August, bringing together local residents spanning multiple generations. Council's Community Wellbeing team are based in the Community Hub space and deliver a wide range of programs and services including Community Connect, Fleurieu Families, Youth Services, Star Club as well as link to other community groups and services.

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What's new on 'My Say'?

mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Taking in the views at Ratalang Basham Beach

Alexandrina Council has commenced work on three new viewing platforms in Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve.

In consultation with Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority (NRA), Council recognised the need to provide our community with guidance and pathway linkages between key vantage points for whale watching. The platforms will accommodate the increasing tourist numbers to our beautiful region. Importantly, the platforms will enable the protection of sensitive heritage and environmental sites being affected from increased visitation.

Council staff and NRA representative, Owen Love (pictured above), are working together to build the platforms as a learning opportunity to showcase Council operations and craftsmanship, as well as an opportunity for staff to learn more about the history and traditions of this sensitive heritage site.

In conjunction with this project, we will be working with local artist, Barbary O'Brien and the NRA, on the new signage at entrances and within the park to reflect the new name - Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve. Work on the platforms will be completed in the coming months as we lead into the busy summer holiday period.

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Street art for Goolwa Skate Park

The Goolwa Skate Park will receive a facelift with an innovative project to minimise graffiti through street art. An enthusiastic and committed group of Alexandrina Council staff have successfully attained a \$40,000 State Government grant to fund the project. A street artist will be commissioned to beautify the park using creative and relevant art, with the aim of preventing crime by deterring unwanted graffiti. The application, part of the SA Attorney General's Department Crime Prevention and Community Safety Grants Scheme, emerged through a research project by Council staff to act on community feedback on a service, project or issue in the region. Upon identifying the strong interest and opportunities around the Goolwa Skate Park, the group held a public consultation 'pop-up' event at the Park in January 2017 inviting opinions and feedback. Both the 'pop-up' event and online survey during public consultation determined graffiti as one of the main issues of concern.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes is optimistic about the project. "Grants such as these give Council leverage to make visible and positive differences to our community. The initiative and proactive problem solving approach taken by our Council team is commendable. Their efforts to make the Goolwa Skate Park safer and a place of pride among our younger community members have been well rewarded in securing this grant," he said.

Community workshops to develop art concepts will be held in November and December, and are open to all age groups. If you are interested in participating in workshops keep an eye on the Council Facebook page and website for details, www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/skatepark



Above: Chris de Rosa in her Port Elliot studio.
Photographer: Kate Elms.

Breaking Ground Winner Local Artist

Our very own local artist, Chris De Rosa, is Country Arts SA's winner of the 2015 Breaking Ground Visual Arts Professional Development Award. Based in Port Elliot, Chris' work is influenced by the ocean and is predominantly print-based, including etching, screen and relief painting, digital, collage on paper, fabric and more recently 3D foam and ceramic lace. As the award winner, Ms De Rosa's most recent exhibition was shown throughout August 2017 at the Light Square Gallery, Adelaide College of the Arts.

Chris also received funds to develop a body of work for a solo exhibition. Her exhibition, 'She Collects the Beautiful Things - Turbulent Nature', will be showcased at Signal Point Gallery from Thursday, 19 April to Sunday, 3 June 2018 and will be a major highlight in Alexandrina's 2018 Just Add Water (JAW) Program. The full 2018 JAW Program will be launched at Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct on Saturday, 9 December 2017.

We congratulate Chris and wait with great anticipation for her exhibition next year.

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 that could be rewarded and recognised for their important contribution during the current year, and/or who has given outstanding service over a number of years, to our local community?

Some outstanding contribution and community service areas could include; 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 17 November so don't delay, submit online www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate or pick up a nomination form at Council's Goolwa and Strathalbyn libraries. Nomination forms can also be downloaded from Council's website www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Advance Care Directive (ACD) Assist Program

Alexandrina Council commenced the ACD Assist Program trial in September, from a room within our Goolwa office. A volunteer from Southern Fleurieu Health Service attends 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa every Monday between 10am and 1pm. An Advance Care Directive is a legal document that gives those who care for the frail and aged, a clear understanding of their needs and wishes, should they lose the ability to communicate for themselves.

Council would like to thank Dr Rob Thornton, Gerontologist, for his foresight in trialling this project within the Alexandrina district. This is a great volunteer resourced initiative and should prove to be of value to the residents of Alexandrina Council.

Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting Southern Fleurieu Health Service on 8552 0600.



Alexandrina and Eastern Fleurieu set to go 'Heywire' for Agriculture

Agriculture has always been a strong, recognisable feature of Strathalbyn's identity.

The vast pastoral districts of Strathalbyn and surrounds, paired with predictable, seasonal rainfall provide farmers and graziers an ideal place to cultivate and breed livestock.

And now, the next generation of agricultural apprentices are set to benefit from a community grant-funded program that complements the region's established agriculture sector.

Alexandrina Council has successfully obtained a grant for a collaborative year-long project with Strathalbyn's Eastern Fleurieu School and the Alexandrina Sustainable Agricultural Round Table (ASART) Advisory Group.

The Heywire Youth Innovation Grant will provide Year 10 students an opportunity to gain experience through working with local farmers, refine their skills, and nurture their interest and passion for all things agriculture. Specific elements of the innovative project will become clearer once the 2018 curriculum is planned.

Eastern Fleurieu School delivers an established, strong agricultural studies program through its Trade Skill Centre, providing students with a strong foundation of skills required for an agriculture-related career.

Agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors account for 17 percent of employment in Strathalbyn. Primary industries such as cattle and sheep farming, flour and grain production and the manufacture of dairy products help to vitalise the local economy.

Economic Development Advisory Panel (EDAP)

Are you involved in 'Alexandrina's Business Life'? Growth in Alexandrina's economy aims to deliver an improved standard of living to its residents, communities and visitors, and will be driven by continuing enhancements in productivity and innovation. To support this initiative, Alexandrina has established an Economic Development Strategy to assist new and existing local businesses and in particular, primary production and tourism industries, to have the skills required to operate viably and be well-informed of relevant business trends and opportunities in the Alexandrina region.

To assist in the objectives of the strategy, an advisory panel of Elected Members and local relevant community members has been established. The voluntary EDAP members have a wide variety of skills and experience in economic development, strategic thinking, together with an understanding and knowledge of small businesses in a regional context.

Input on relevant economic development issues from Alexandrina business owners, or other interested members of the community, are welcome. Whether you are a new or established business, there are some key areas of Council that may be able to provide assistance to you. For further information about the strategy, the EDAP or doing business in the Alexandrina Council, visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/business For those who want to be included on the Alexandrina Register of Businesses, please email alexandrinabusinesslife@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



New Alexandrina Library Collections

Two new collections were launched at Alexandrina Libraries during September 2017.

The Brain Hub, a new collection of books and DVDs covering topics of general brain health, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, was opened at the Strathalbyn Library on Tuesday, 19 September.

This collaborative project between the Hills Positive Aging Project, the Hills Dementia Working Group, Alzheimer's SA and Alexandrina Council is set to offer new hope and resources for dementia sufferers and their families. There are also resources specific to helping a child's understanding of brain illnesses.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes understands the importance of this collection to the community. "The Brain Hub is a supplementary method of support for those suffering from debilitating brain illnesses and their families. Hopefully this collection can provide the answers to many questions and help people comprehend these challenging conditions," he said.

"It is also a fun collection of resources for those that want to challenge and understand their brain, with aids to help with improving memory and increasing general brain health."

The Alexandrina region has 51 percent of the population aged over 50, compared to the state average of 37 percent.

On 27 September the Goolwa Library, through the support of Friends of Goolwa Library, launched 'Quick Reads,' a brand new a collection of new release, 10-day loan books.

The Friends of the Goolwa Library contribute significant funds to support many programs provided by Alexandrina Libraries and were keen to support a library initiative that has a collection focus.

The starting collection for 'Quick Reads' will be 24 of the latest bestseller titles with 10 new titles being added every month. Each book in 'Quick Reads' can be borrowed for 10 days as opposed to the usual 28-day period thus allowing the latest titles to reach more of the Alexandrina community.

Avid readers can borrow some of the library's most popular titles and latest bestsellers from the new 'Quick Reads' stand, without waiting in a reservation queue. Come to Goolwa Library and find a great read that you won't be able to put down.

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries

Major Project Update

STRATHALBYN PROJECTS

Council is currently preparing the draft Strathalbyn Development Plan Amendment for ministerial approval of public consultation. Council is also preparing a streetscape implementation plan, a process that has seen extensive community consultation to present a functional streetscape that reflects the historical values of Strathalbyn and considers zoning options to best suit the progression of the town. Further community consultation is expected to continue as plans develop. Along Sandergrove Road, the Power Line Environment Committee (PLEC) scheme project is on schedule and expected to finish by the end of the year. To keep up to date with consultation on the Strathalbyn Development Plan Amendment visit Council's website, www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathDPA

GOOLWA WASTE RECYCLING DEPOT UPGRADE

This project is now in full swing. The depot on Port Elliot Road, Goolwa, hosts several tenants including Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority, Goolwa Salvage & Save, and South Coast Recycling. Although there may be some internal changes to traffic movements during construction, plans are in place to minimise any disruption and support business as usual.

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



Events



James Dodd - Shed Wizard

This exhibition celebrates talented artist, James Dodd. His selection of works includes vivid paintings, unusual bicycles, strange machines and candid videos. It brings this range of objects together to examine Dodd's trajectory over the past decade or so and examines ongoing themes such as notions of social and political resistance, adventure and risk, and the hand-made contraption as a magical art device.

Where	Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
When	Artists floor talk and official launch of the 2018 'Just Add Water' program on Saturday, 9 December 2017
Exhibition Open	Fri 8 December to Sun 21 January 2018
Cost	Free
Enquiries	8555 7000

The Journey *

8 September to 5 November 2017
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

Drawing on Country Exhibition *

18 October to 19 November 2017
Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

Basie to Bubl  Band of the South Australian Police

28 October 2017 at 2pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Classic tunes from the big band and jazz era, from Basie to Bubl .
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Youth Showcase Extravaganza *

3 November 2017 at 7pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa Alexandrina Council and the City of Victor Harbor collaborate to present the 19th Annual Regional Youth Art Exhibition. An explosion of colour and creativity from young people across the Fleurieu Peninsula.
Bookings: 8551 0500
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries

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

Hand Picked Festival

11 November 2017
Location: Lake Breeze Wines, Langhorne Creek
Matt Corby, Jet, San Cisco and The Jezabels are set to rock Langhorne Creek. Great music and some of South Australia's coolest food and wine. It's sure to be a great day of contemporary music, food, wine and fun.
handpickedfestival.com

The Great Duck Race

12 November 2017
Location: Soldier's Memorial Gardens, Strathalbyn
The event officially commences at 10am, and includes a variety of stalls, food and fun for all the family. The Great Duck race will be held during the day with 2,500 numbered ducks being helped down the river by a huge wind machine.
www.strathrotary.org.au/Duck_Race

The Acoustic Lounge

18 November 2017 at 2pm
Location: Goolwa Library
An afternoon of soulful live music featuring Aidan 'Jazzy' Jones, Alana Jagt and Johnny Bobo. Bring your own cushion or rug and pay at the door.
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Annual Regional Youth Arts Exhibition *

10 November to 3 December 2017
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
An explosion of colour and creativity from young people across the Fleurieu Peninsula.
Enquiries: 8555 7000

Grapest 5k Run

18 November 2017
Location: Langhorne Creek
Grapest 5k run is an event like no other! You can take a shot at the 5k or 10k run or the 1k wine walk.
www.centauroutdoorevents.com.au/grapest5krun

Goolwa Poetry Cup 2017

19 November 2017 at 11am
Location: Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Fifth Annual Goolwa Poetry Cup. Gold Coin entry audience, \$10 registration fee for participants.
Enquiries: 8555 7289

Adolescent - Michael Griffiths. Don't Grow Up, It's a Trap!

25 November 2017 at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Spectacular show focussing on the prolonged nostalgia of his adolescent years, the 1980s.
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Black & White on Grey

Exhibition, Peter McLachlan *
25 November to 7 January 2017
Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa
Port Elliot based artist Peter McLachlan presents a new exhibition based on an incredibly refined technique of mono printing.
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

2018 Just Add Water (JAW) Arts and Culture Program Launch *

9 December 2017 at 2pm
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Join the official launch of the new 2018 program and pick up a copy. JAW is the central focal point for arts and culture within the Alexandrina region, attracting a mix of local, national and international visitors.
Enquiries: 8555 7000

Goolwa Christmas Festival *

10 December 2017
Location: Cadell Street and Goolwa Oval
Annual community Christmas festival includes pageant, children's entertainment, carols, visit from Santa and fireworks.
Enquiries: 0418 824 594

Christmas where the Angas Flows *

15 December 2017
Location: Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Strathalbyn
Celebrate Christmas as the pageant winds through the Strathalbyn township.
strathalbysa.com.au/about/christmas-where-the-angas-flows

Carols in the Park *

19 December 2017
Town Square, The Strand, Port Elliot
Join in a Christmas carols sing a long with the Port Elliot community.
Enquiries: 8554 2351

Lions Community Children and Families Christmas Eve Party *

24 December 2017
Location: Arthur Neighbour Reserve, Goolwa
The annual Christmas Eve party is on again. Bring rugs, chairs and a picnic to enjoy a free BBQ, live music, children's amusements and great prizes to be won in the raffle.
Enquiries: 8555 2318

Keep up to date with upcoming and new Council events by visiting Council's website or via the tourism website:

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