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# Message from our Mayor

## Welcome to the Winter edition of Alexandrina Alive.

This quarter we adopted the Annual Business Plan and Budget for the coming year, to deliver a budget with a rates increase less than inflation and focus on completing the projects already commenced.

Some significant projects progressed this quarter include; final stages of the Strathalbyn Town Centre and Town Hall Revitalisation, the Goolwa Beach car park and environs, and Port Elliot's enhanced accessibility and amenities at the Horseshoe Bay reserves.

In May, the 2021 Village Conversations was awarded the

'Stakeholder Engagement Award' at the Planning Institute of Australia National Congress, a national award recognising initiatives and outcomes in implementing best-practice public engagement that achieves genuine collaborative outcomes.

In the coming months we will be consulting on Clayton Bay's proposed 50km speed limit zone on Alexandrina Drive, the long awaited draft Master Plans for Middleton, Milang, Port Elliot, and a revised concept plan for the future growth of Goolwa. As well as opening registration of interests for the Goolwa Wharf Tenancy Activation Strategy.

Our support for local businesses continues, hosting in partnership

the Agritourism Conference in June with Tourism Industry Council of SA.

We are also thrilled with the recent announcement of 2024 Tour Down Under Stage 4 finish in Port Elliot. This incredible event provides us with a golden opportunity to showcase the very best of our region to the world.

We continue our Arts, Culture and Events program and support August's Fleurieu Food Festival program, so I encourage you to get out and about to discover the region this winter.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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**Above:** New Australian Citizen, Melinda Uychutin with friends and family. Celebrated with Rebekha Sharkie MP and Mayor Keith Parkes at our Citizenship ceremony held at Centenary Hall, Goowla on 27 June.

**Front cover:** Captivating views along Port Elliot coastline and landscape. Explore Freeman Lookout, Port Elliot to discover the recently restored historic Centenary Steps which lead you to The Strand, Port Elliot's mainstreet for shopping, food, drink and so much more.

**Front cover bottom right:**  
Ben Simmon

# Climate and environmental actions prioritised in 2023

In 2019 Alexandrina declared a Climate Emergency, and in 2021 Alexandrina formulated A2040, Alexandrina's 20-year strategic vision. What we heard was a desire for our region to thrive as a Liveable, Green and Connected place for all to enjoy.

Council recognises that tackling climate change and environmental stewardship while maintaining thriving and liveable places for people is a monumental challenge – one that can only be successful if Council and community work together.

Because of these challenges we face, Council is preparing two key strategic documents, the draft Environmental Action Plan 2030 and the draft Climate Emergency Action Plan.

The Environmental Action Plan expresses Council's commitment

and articulates that we will be worthy stewards of the land and waters of our Council area. This plan sets the context, the opportunities, and challenges for making the changes needed to protect our ecosystems, and to manage and enhance our biodiversity, waters and communities.

The Climate Emergency Action Plan on the other hand is our key strategic document to reduce Council and community emissions within Alexandrina, to prepare for a changing climate and to seize

the opportunities on the road to achieving and maintaining net zero. Both plans assist Council and the community to act now to tackle the challenges of a changing climate, to protect and enhance nature, and to create a better built environment and a brighter future for all of us in Alexandrina and future generations.

Community consultation on both plans are planned for later this year. For updates, register at:

 [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au](https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au)



Goolwa dunes, Ben Simmon

## Our plans come together



### A2040 Our Plan to Thrive

A 'future thinking' story celebrating Alexandrina's 20 year vision through strategic storytelling and reflective of over 2,000 community voices.

### Environmental Action Plan

This plan sets the context, the opportunities, and challenges for making the changes needed to protect our ecosystems, and to manage and enhance our biodiversity, waters and communities.

### Climate Emergency Action Plan

This plan is the next natural steps to take action to reduce Council and Community emissions within Alexandrina, prepare for a changing climate and seize the opportunities together on the road to net zero.





Middleton, 2023 Tour Down Under event

**For information  
on the 2024  
TDU event in  
Alexandrina, visit  
[alexandrina.sa.gov.  
au/2024TDU](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/2024TDU)**

# Santos Tour Down Under 2024 in Alexandrina

**On the 19 January 2024, the Fleurieu Peninsula is set to captivate the world's attention as Alexandrina Council prepares to host the Tour Down Under Stage 4 finish in the stunning Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot.**

After the successful stage finish in Strathalbyn in 2019, the announcement from South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) in June, has added a new level of excitement throughout the region, as the route will wind through some of Alexandrina's most enchanting and scenic townships on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Nigel Morris, CEO said, the community has been calling for a major event. What excites us most about this announcement is that it's not just in one area, it stretches through so many of our townships.

**'We are thrilled to welcome the prestigious Santos Tour Down Under to Alexandrina!'**

Bringing the Tour Down Under from the river region to the Fleurieu is a fabulous decision that will not only ignite tourism but also showcase the stunning vistas along Lake Alexandrina, the Langhorne Creek wine region leading to the charming inland town of Strathalbyn.

Furthermore, it will highlight our much-loved coastal townships of Goolwa, Middleton, and Port Elliot. It will highlight our regions farmland, lakes, river and major townships but you will also see other areas such as Belvidere, Ashbourne, Tooperang, Currency

Creek and Ratalang-Basham Beach. We encourage our townships to strive for the Best Dressed award for the 2024 Tour Down Under Stage 4.

This major event presents our local businesses an opportunity to show the world why the Alexandrina region is the ultimate destination for adventure, food and wine, remarkable scenery, history and arguably some of the best coastlines.

The recent announcement is a huge boost to our region and local businesses alike. Aligning perfectly with the opening of our Annual Grants program.

Submissions are now open for the Business Initiatives Grant grant, until 22 August 2023. To apply online, visit **[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants)**

## My Local Services App

**Do you want to know which rubbish bin goes out tonight?**

**Wondering what's on this weekend?**

You can now, download the My Local Services app on your smartphone for up-to-date Council information and events.

It's free, easy to use, and provides local information from your council. Download on Apple or Android devices, search 'My Local Services' in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. For further information, visit **[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/mylocal](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/mylocal)**





## Alexandrina Council's Grants Program 2023-24 now open

Each year Alexandrina Council makes funding available to the community through its **Grants Program**. Offering financial support to individuals, businesses and community groups to fund a wide range of projects across a number of categories. Applications open on 12 July 2023 and close on **22 August 2023**, for the following categories:

- Business Initiatives Grant
- Community Environment Grant
- Community Wellbeing Grant.

Applications for the following categories open on 1 August and close on **30 April 2024**.

- Creative Communities Grant
- Community Events Grant
- Heritage Grant
- Youth Sponsorship Program.

Grant Guidelines are available on Council's website, and for more information or to discuss your project ideas please contact Council on 8555 7000.

➤ For more information visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants)



## Strathalbyn Bowling Club's magnificent mural

The Strathalbyn Bowling Club now have a commemorative mural painted on the old pump shed by local artist Chad Spencer, as another example of how Alexandrina Council's grant funding can assist community groups to capture their history in a vibrant, artistic community driven project.

The Club has a long and interesting history and some of those stories have been captured within the artwork. The recently demolished old clubrooms is featured along with a portrait of founding President James Bell, who coordinated the establishment of the Club in 1913.

Jessie Jones, also depicted, played a significant role as the first Secretary of the Women's Bowling Club in the 1940's and advocated for an extension of the Old Clubrooms in the 1950's for a dedicated space.

Also featured is a portrait of Dr Formby, a generous benefactor who provided finance for the second green and in his profession, delivered as a baby, Bryan Wagenknecht (far right), the longest serving Club member of 48 years.

**Image:** Artist Chad Spencer, Margaret Dewhurst, Club Patron; Greens Manager, Graeme Crase. (Absent, David Thomas). The mural is a colourful and engaging addition to the immaculate grounds of the Strathalbyn Bowling Club.

## Disaster Resilient Communities and Emergency Management

Community-led disaster resilience workshops will be held across the Alexandrina region in Mount Compass, Ashbourne and Woodchester in partnership with Mount Barker District Council, Australian Red Cross and Alexandrina Council.

This series of workshops will create the opportunity for our community to strengthen our resilience, connect with others in our community and prepare for a range of potential disasters. From major natural disasters to accidents in the home, you can reduce the impact of emergencies, big and small, by being prepared. Facilitated by Red Cross, the workshops will

identify community resources and strengths and foster a community wide approach to disaster resilience. For more information visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/wellbeing](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/wellbeing)

There are many ways you can take a proactive approach and start preparing now, including an emergency response plan. To help you prepare for and respond to extreme weather events, you will find resource brochures at the Goolwa or Strathalbyn Council officers, speak to the customer service team, or go online for more useful resources and links at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/emergencies](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/emergencies)



# Enhancing accessibility, for a refreshing upgrade at Horseshoe Bay Reserves

Following installation of new playground equipment at Horseshoe Bay Reserve earlier in the year, the new accessible car parking spaces and path to amenities is a welcome addition to the Commodore Reserve.

Works included two new accessible parking bays (pictured below) and a footpath from the car park to the public amenities and stairs to Basham Parade. A modern new

footpath links the car park to BBQ facilities and shower area outside the amenities, that has also been updated with new seating and a table setting. Council's Parks and Gardens team applied the finishing touches with the installing of new turf and mulch to landscape the surrounding areas. The Horseshoe Bay public toilet refurbishments, adjacent the bowls club, were also completed in July.



## Clayton Bay Lighting Updates

Following the Budget Roadshow Meeting and Dark Sky Information Session at Clayton Bay on Monday 5 June 2023, Council are addressing concerns related to the recently energised streetlights.

Our aim is to find a balance between addressing the concerns of our residents and maintaining the safety of our community.

Council continues to keep the Clayton Bay community

informed of any further developments regarding the implementation of solutions such as turning designated lights off and the installation of SMART lighting and progress regarding the establishment of a sub-committee to explore International Dark Sky Accreditation.

Register for email updates and view previous updates here: [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/clayton-bay-dark-skies](mailto:mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/clayton-bay-dark-skies)



## Sign up today for electronic Rates Notices

Ratepayers can sign up to receive rates notices by email. **eNotices** is the electronic delivery of Council's rates notices, making it easier and more convenient to receive your notice. To register please refer to your first quarter rates instalment notice, or visit

[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/rates](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/rates)



# Major project updates



## Centenary Steps, Port Elliot

The staircase was constructed in 1936 and restoration works to retain the heritage integrity were completed in July. The Centenary Steps, lower adjoining steps and pathway were restored at Freeman Lookout, with funding from the Australian Governments Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and Council.

## Strathalbyn Town Centre Streetscape

The final stages of the Town Centre Streetscape Revitalisation are on track to finish in late 2023, including Town Hall refurbishments. The project will add vibrancy and foster community connection through shared open spaces, landscaping and wayfinding signage to transform and draw people in to this much-loved township. For further information visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc)

## Mount Compass updates

Following completion of the Mount Compass Recreation Park in 2019, next stages of the Master Plan will progress with the installation of basketball ring and public amenities in 2023/24.

The Nangkita Road, Mount Compass will undergo significant upgrades over the coming months to resurface the road for this important transport connector route in the Fleurieu region.

## Goolwa Beach Car Park & Environs

The highly anticipated car park and surrounds project will be completed in July, with significant improvements made to traffic management, parking and beach access track at the popular beach location. Exposed concrete pathways, seamlessly link the Encounter Bike pathway to our Goolwa Beach promenade. As well as installation of a dedicated lane for access to the 4WD only beach access track. The area between the beach and carpark has significant improvements, featuring two shelter areas, raised viewing platform and Ngarrindjeri public art to create a modern promenade and public space leading to our pristine Goolwa Beach. For further information visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeach](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeach)

For project updates, visit  
[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projects](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projects)







## Stationmaster's Art Gallery

Stationmaster's Art Gallery, Strathalbyn recently celebrated 25 years of Art. The gallery is entirely volunteer run and hosts exhibitions, workshops and demonstrations year-round. The gallery is one of a number of venues on the Strathalbyn Art Trail held on the first weekend of each month 11am to 4pm.

**Location:** South Terrace, Strathalbyn  
**Enquiries & opening hrs:** Facebook.com/StationmastersArtGallery



## Hanging by a Thread – Mosaic for Afghan Women\*

Mosaic artists from around the globe have been working since September 2021 to bring to the attention of the world the plight and deteriorating social and economic conditions of Afghan women and girls since the takeover of the Taliban in August 2021.

**When:** 21 July – 17 September  
**Location:** Goolwa Library  
**Enquiries:** 8555 7000 or email [alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

**First Nations Business Network Event**  
2 August  
Location: Laratinga Pavilion, Mount Barker  
Bookings: [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events)

**Alexandrina + Botanica\***  
3 August to 17 September  
Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa  
Enquiries: [aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

**Infinite Skies Installation\***  
4 August  
Location: Goolwa RSL lawns  
Experience artist Vic Waclawik's moving image installation Infinite Skies, a work that captures the metaphysical wonder of nature and the meditative power of an open sky.  
Enquiries: [aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

**22nd Annual Strathalbyn Bands Festival**  
6 and 13 August, 11am–4.30pm  
Location: Strathalbyn Oval  
Bookings: [daryll.telfer@gmail.com](mailto:daryll.telfer@gmail.com)

**A Swing Time with Frank and Ella**  
18 August, 2pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
Ben Waller and Leticia Lee take you on a musical journey into the lives of the legendary Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald.  
Bookings: [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events)

**Strathalbyn Antiques & Collectables Fair**  
19 and 20 August, 10am – 5pm  
\$10 entry per day. Accompanied U12 free.  
Location: Strathalbyn Town Hall, and Caruthers Hall, Strathalbyn  
Enquiries: [antiques@strathtourism.org.au](mailto:antiques@strathtourism.org.au)

**Goolwa Band Concert, Magic of Music**  
26 August, 7.30pm and 27 August, 2pm  
All Tickets \$15  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
Bookings: [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events)

**Metropolitan Male Choir of SA**  
17 September, 2pm  
Adult \$30, Concession \$25  
Location: St Andrews Uniting Church, Strathalbyn  
Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/CIEWU](http://www.trybooking.com/CIEWU)

**The Sherrahs Classic Harmony Hits**  
22 September, 2pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
South Aussie family 5 piece band are known right around Australia for their amazing harmony singing. Performing songs from The Eagles, Simon and Garfunkel, The Seekers, plus many more.  
Bookings: [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events)

For more event details visit Council's website  
[alexandrina.sa.gov.au](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

\*Free Event!



## Fleurieu Food Festival – August 2023 –

The Fleurieu Food Festival has been curated to showcase the breadth and depth of food and beverage producers and businesses on the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia.

Throughout the month of August, experience fine dining in vineyards or olive groves, foraging excursions, farm tours and demonstrations or cooking classes.



A sample of just some of the events in our region include:

**1 Aug,** Wine & Cheese Flights, Kimbolton, Langhorne Creek  
**1–22 Aug,** Cooking Experiences, Foodbuilder, Goolwa  
**4, 11, 18 Aug,** Ginny Pig Distillery, Tooperang  
**6 Aug,** Plated Provenance, Peninsula Providore, Tooperang  
**12 Aug,** Sala Paella, The Pickle Pot Strathalbyn  
**12 Aug,** Healthy Sparkle & Meez on Plus, Paris Creek  
**13 Aug,** Single Vineyard Malbec Release, Bleasdale Langhorne Creek

There is something for everyone at the Fleurieu Food Festival! Join us on a journey for the senses.

**For event information and bookings, please visit**

[fleurieufoodfestival.com](http://fleurieufoodfestival.com)