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Winter 2019

# Alexandrina Alive

Connecting Communities



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## Message from Mayor Keith Parkes

Welcome to the winter edition of Alexandrina Alive. It has been wonderful to experience some late autumn rainfall around the region and see this continue into winter.

There is a lot happening in our region with the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2019-20 adopted and now being implemented, and as always, the first quarter of a new financial year heralds an exciting growth period. The 2019-20 budget has a much needed focus on building and upgrading core community facilities and infrastructure, plus an increased focus on economic development.

We are currently progressing on schedule with the construction of the Mount Compass Recreation Park, and in great news for Strathalbyn residents, we were pleased to recently announce funding for the Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation project. Read further details on page 5.

Our arts and cultural offering includes a number of SALA exhibitions through August and September which are a welcome addition to our Just Add Water program.

We have also recently welcomed the incredibly creative and life-sized Legendairy Cow public art piece to Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve in Middleton.

*Mayor Keith Parkes*

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Above: Mayor Keith Parkes joined The Honourable David Pisoni MP, Minister for Innovation and Skills; representatives from Maxima, TAFE SA, and participating councils to congratulate the eleven 'Skilling South Australia' program participants at the Goolwa depot in June.

Front Cover Image: Goolwa Wharf Precinct sparkles during the bi-annual 2019 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival in April.

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### What's new on 'My Say'?

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

## Greyhound Hour – a runaway success

In May 2018, Alexandrina Council received community feedback that owners of retired greyhounds sought an opportunity to exercise their greyhounds off-leash in a controlled environment. Council's Community Safety team joined local greyhound owners, Friends of the Port Elliot Dog Park community group, and the Greyhound Racing Adoption Program, in a united effort to launch 'Greyhound Hour'.

It is not widely known, that in South Australia, greyhounds are not permitted to be exercised off-leash in any public place. This collaboration sought a special exemption from the Dog and Cat Management Board to hold monthly off-leash greyhound events at the Port Elliot Dog Park over a six month period. These events are a state-first.

The popularity of greyhounds adopted from the Greyhound racing industry has increased across the state and within the Alexandrina district, however, opportunities to exercise these pets is limited, and can only be done on private property which restricts social and community interactions and connections.

All six events were a runaway success with thanks to passionate members of the Friends of the Port Elliot Dog Park. These volunteers

ensured all events were a fun-filled affair, even extending an invitation for dogs to dress up for June's Greyhound Hour.

Attendees travelled from across South Australia, with 70% visiting from outside the Council area, who stayed longer than the event itself, utilising restaurants, cafes and accommodation. This popularity demonstrates a clear demand for more community events of this nature.

It is hoped that following the success of the trial, the 'Greyhound Hour' will become a permanent date on our community calendar.

With interest from eight councils across the state and into Victoria, there is potential for other councils to deliver similar opportunities for their communities.

Initiatives such as Greyhound Hour are a great example of Council working with community in a challenging regulatory setting to achieve common goals.

Congratulations should also go to our Community Safety team, winners for the second consecutive year of the Local Government's state award for Excellence in Regulatory Services.



## Goolwa Skate Park's new Pump Track - hold onto your handlebars!

Goolwa Skate Park underwent a massive transformation last year with the installation of artwork on the skate surface. Talented local artists joined forces with park users to liven up this much loved space for our youth, and foster a safe community space for all.

Thanks to grant funding from the SA Office for Recreation and Sport, together with Council's matched funding, skate park users can now look forward to the installation of a new Pump Track. In the coming month, when temperatures are optimal, contractors will lay asphalt over berms, rollers and large dirt mounds to create the molded pump track.

Anticipation is building as the region awaits this exciting additional attraction at the Goolwa Skate Park. It is hoped that the new pump track will be open in time for the September-October school holiday period. Keep up to date with the project on Council's website [www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projects](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projects)

*Pictured above:* Indicative image of pump track created by Council's contractors and pump track creators, TrailScapes.

## Did you know?

The Alexandrina Council 2019-2020 Community Grants Program opens on Monday 15 July 2019 at 9am. Online applications will be accepted until 5pm on Friday 9 August 2019.

Each year Alexandrina Council makes funds available under its Community Grants Program for local not-for-profit community, sporting, recreational, social and arts groups and individuals, in the support of one-off projects.

Alexandrina Council values and recognises the role of community groups and organisations, and endeavors to financially support a range of projects and activities that are seen to enhance the quality of life, delivery of services and provision of facilities to our community.

Information and Guidelines for each grant category, Council's 'Community Grants Policy' and a link to the online application forms will be available at [www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants) from 15 July 2019. For further information, contact Council's Grant Administration Officer on 8555 7000.



## Strathalbyn Streetscape Revitalisation Project

Council has secured grant funding from the State Government's Planning and Development Fund for the Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation project. The Minister for Planning announced a contribution of \$536,000 towards the project. Council will finance the remaining fifty per cent of the \$1.072m total project cost.

The project is an outcome of the Traffic, Parking and Streetscape Plan completed for Strathalbyn in 2017 and was developed as part of the Strathalbyn Town Plan (2014-2020) following extensive community consultation. This exciting announcement will help deliver a revitalised Strathalbyn town centre and will transform parts of the current road network into usable, safe and landscaped public spaces without loss of car parking spaces.

Key components of the project will be a footpath along the eastern side of Sunter Street, in front of St Andrews church, which will connect High Street and Dawson Street, and the reconfiguration of the Rankine Street and Albyn Terrace intersection. Once remodelled, this notorious Strathalbyn hot spot will include car parking and a green space to improve traffic management and safety around this busy corner.

Another feature of the project is the development of wayfinding signage that will identify and direct the 24,000 visitors to Strathalbyn each year, to discover the towns hidden treasures – a secret worth sharing!

Two important elements of the project are better utilisation of open space and improved traffic management to foster vibrant enjoyable places for people.

These core elements will combine to bring the town centre to life and support a walkable, vibrant and people-focused town centre. Improved amenities and increased functionality of the town centre will support the economic growth of Strathalbyn. By utilising existing facilities and encouraging the community and visitors to spend more time in Strathalbyn, this will ultimately create opportunities for existing and new commercial traders to grow their business and create jobs in retail, tourism, hospitality and event management.

With funding secured, planning and detailed design work will now commence with an anticipated project timeline of 18 months. Works are expected to commence in mid-2020.

We acknowledge the ongoing assistance of local representative, Josh Teague MP Member for Heysen, who supported our grant proposal and efforts to bring this important project to life in Strathalbyn. The Strathalbyn project is one of 31 projects across the state that the Marshall Liberal Government is investing \$13.3 million towards, with an aim to help make our state greener, preserve open space and build local community infrastructure.



## Dog Registration Reminder

Existing dog owners should receive a renewal notice either by mail, email or SMS during July 2019 to complete their annual dog registration on the Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) website. Existing dog owners should retain the lifetime registration disc issued last year. To register or update your dog or cat's information, visit [www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au)

New laws and rules for dog and cat owners came into effect last year.

Please be reminded that changes to your dog and cat registration includes:

- Mandatory microchipping of dogs and cats
- Desexing of dogs and cats born after 1 July 2018
- New rules for breeders who sell dogs and cats
- Introduction of a state-wide database, called DACO
- Registration and renewals are made online through the Dog and Cat Management Board, no longer through local councils.

These statewide laws have streamlined the dog registration processes, making it easier to reunite lost dogs and cats with their owners, helping to identify and put a stop to puppy farms, and reducing euthanasia rates. DACO is the central database for microchipped and registered dogs and cats, and registration payments. Breeders also register through DACO. For further information or assistance, contact us on 8555 7000 or visit, [www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/dogs](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/dogs)

Construction of the impressive new Goolwa Surf Lifesaving Club (SLSC) is now complete. All internal fittings and outdoor paving and landscaping are in place and the building also includes new public toilet facilities. Alexandrina Council worked in collaboration with Surf Life Saving South Australia (SLSSA) and Goolwa SLSC to bring the \$3.5 million project to reality, by allocating a \$500,000 contribution to SLSSA from the 2018-19 Budget. Council and Goolwa SLSC look forward to announcing an official opening event soon.

A Wooden Boat Festival (SAWBF) committee members, crew of the Oscar W and Alexandrina Council representatives attended morning tea at Government House in June. His Excellency, Governor Hieu Van Le AC and his wife Mrs Lan Le, attended the 2019 SAWBF in April and were particularly appreciative of all the work that goes into running the event by our dedicated volunteers. The Festival is a classic representation of Goolwa and the Alexandrina region, where culture, heritage and remarkable workmanship bring locals and visitors together to celebrate the boating stories of a historic riverside township.

### 6 simple steps to pay your registration on Dogs and Cats Online

Go to [dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://dogsandcatsonline.com.au)

1. Select 'Renew Registration'

2. Enter your renewal code and surname  
as provided on your Dog and Cat  
Registration Renewal Notice

3. Check your personal details to complete  
and populate the mandatory fields

4. Breeder registration, if applicable, for  
breeders of dogs or cats for sale after  
1 July 2018

5. Check the dog details including your dog's  
microchip number

6. Enter your payment details to pay  
and complete the renewal process



## Major Project Updates

### MOUNT COMPASS RECREATION PARK

The Recreation Park continues to progress on budget and on schedule. It is exciting to see the transformation of this vacant unused space as the woops-and-berms of the BMX track and smooth bowls of the skatepark take shape. An official opening event will be held in October. To view the timelapse video of onsite construction and regular updates on the project visit, [www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/mcrecpark](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/mcrecpark)

### GOOLWA SPORTS COMPLEX

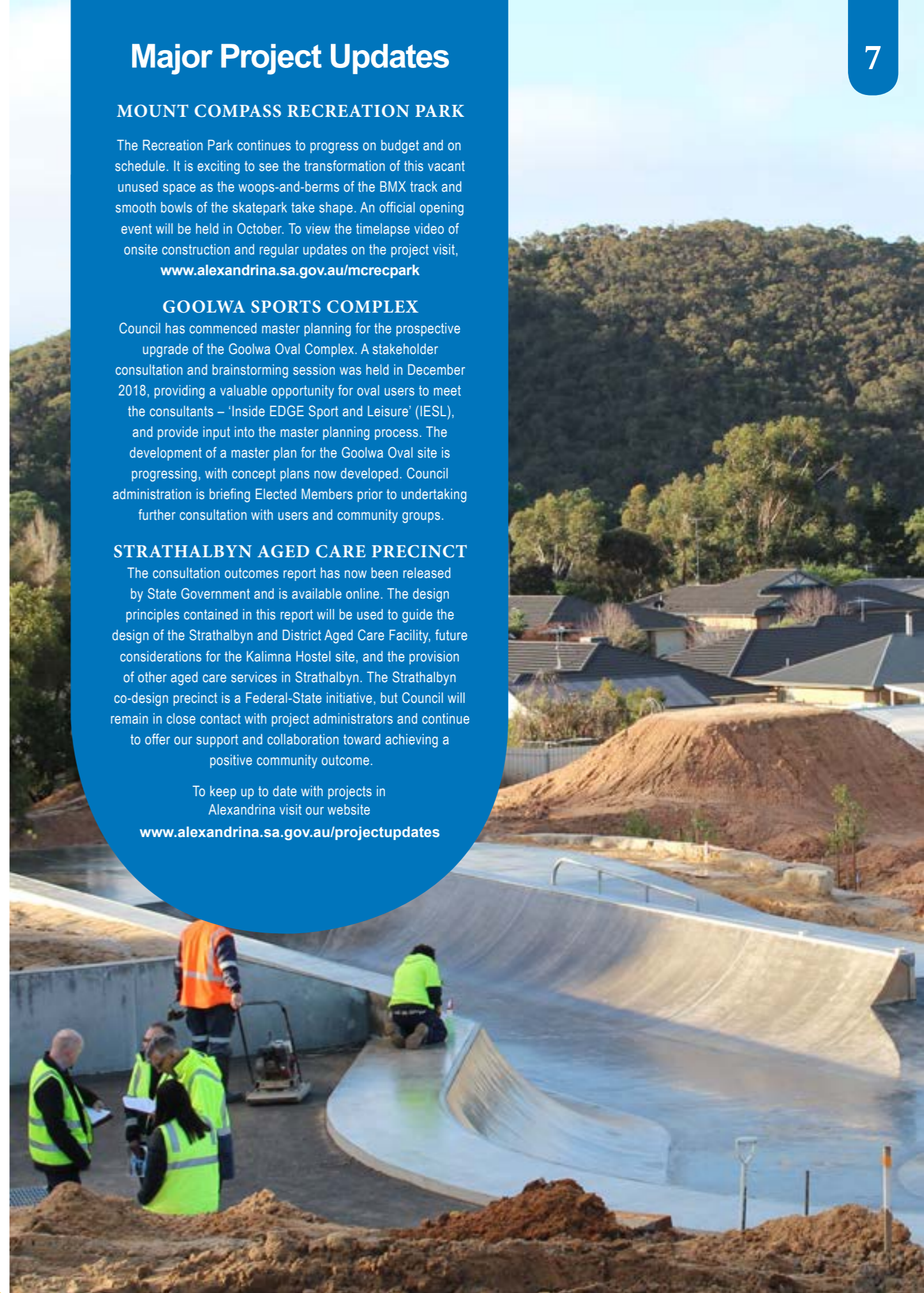
Council has commenced master planning for the prospective upgrade of the Goolwa Oval Complex. A stakeholder consultation and brainstorming session was held in December 2018, providing a valuable opportunity for oval users to meet the consultants – 'Inside EDGE Sport and Leisure' (IESL), and provide input into the master planning process. The development of a master plan for the Goolwa Oval site is progressing, with concept plans now developed. Council administration is briefing Elected Members prior to undertaking further consultation with users and community groups.

### STRATHALBYN AGED CARE PRECINCT

The consultation outcomes report has now been released by State Government and is available online. The design principles contained in this report will be used to guide the design of the Strathalbyn and District Aged Care Facility, future considerations for the Kalimna Hostel site, and the provision of other aged care services in Strathalbyn. The Strathalbyn co-design precinct is a Federal-State initiative, but Council will remain in close contact with project administrators and continue to offer our support and collaboration toward achieving a positive community outcome.

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

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



# Events



## South Coast Jazz Festival

<b>Where</b>	Various locations around Goolwa
<b>When</b>	18-20 October
<b>Enquiries</b>	southcoastjazzfest@gmail.com or
<b>Bookings</b>	0401 029 598

Program of events includes a welcome cabaret at the Golf Club on Friday evening with a three course meal. Saturday and Sunday events featuring some of the countries grooviest Jazz outfits performing at venues throughout Goolwa.

To view the program visit [www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

### EG Incursions Virtual Reality Space Incursion\*

16 July at 2pm  
Location: Strathalbyn Library and Community Centre, Strathalbyn  
**Enquiries:** [libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)  
**Bookings:** 8555 7000

### Island to Inland Contemporary Art from Kangaroo Island\*

19 July – 1 September  
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct  
Artists have created new works on the theme of isolation. Islands are by nature isolating and that isolation, coupled with majestic surroundings, can challenge and inspire the soul.  
**Enquiries:** [jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### Shakespear's Women\*

21 July at 2pm  
Location: Signal Point Gallery Theatre, Goolwa Wharf Precinct  
**Enquiries:** [jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### Adelaide Symphony Orchestra

27 July at 3pm and 6.30pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
For over 80 years, the internationally acclaimed Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (ASO) has played a major role in Adelaide's cultural and economic vibrancy. With a reputation for vitality and versatility the ASO enriches the community through a diverse program of world-class performances each season. In 2019, our acclaimed ASO will again extend its audience beyond the concert halls of Adelaide through its

'Out of the CBD' series returning to Goolwa for two classical musical performances.

**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### Adelaide Guitar Festival's Resonance Program

28 July at 1.30pm  
Location: Goolwa Library, Goolwa  
Treat yourself to a special taste of the biennial Adelaide Guitar Festival with celebrated world-class musicians performing live in an intimate performance at the Goolwa Library.  
**Enquiries:** [libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)  
[www.adelaideguitarfestival.com.au](http://www.adelaideguitarfestival.com.au)

### Stranger than Fiction III\*

1 August – 28 August  
Location: Strathalbyn Library, Strathalbyn  
Forming part of the South Australian Living Artists Festival, Stranger than Fiction III sees artists respond to their favourite book or current read in this fusion of visual and literary arts.  
**Enquiries:** [jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### What Privilege – The Colony Exhibition\*

1 August – 1 September  
Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa  
A series of provocative multi-media installations.  
**Enquiries:** [jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### In My Case – Two day workshop

3 and 10 August  
Location: Strathalbyn Library and Community Centre, Strathalbyn  
**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### In My Case (Exhibition)

15 August - 1 September  
Location: Strathalbyn National Trust Museum  
Open Thu, Sat and Sun 1.30-4.30pm  
**Enquiries:** 8536 2656

### The Magnolia Tree

presented by  
The Wolves Theatre Company  
10 August at 7.30pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### The Beggars Sing The Seekers – Golden Jubilee Celebration

21 August at 2pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### The Goolwa Concert Band

25 August at 2pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### Drawing on Country Exhibition\*

5 September – 6 October  
Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa  
**Enquiries:** [jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### Good Day Sunshine – The Songs of Lennon and McCartney

7 September at 7.30pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### Landmarks – Winnie Pelz and Loene Furler\*

14 September – 27 October  
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct  
**Enquiries:** [jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### Coastrek

20 September  
Location: Parsons Beach to Goolwa  
[www.coastrek.com.au/events-adelaide](http://www.coastrek.com.au/events-adelaide)

### Timeless by Tenori

21 September at 7.30pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### The Adelaide Big Band

5 October at 2pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### Strathalbyn Agricultural Show

7 & 8 October  
Location: Strathalbyn Oval  
**Enquiries:** 0430 902 907  
[www.strathalbynshow.com.au](http://www.strathalbynshow.com.au)

### Mr Snot Bottom's Stinky Silly Show

9 October at 1pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

### Opera Made to Order

19 October at 7pm  
Location: Mount Compass War Memorial Hall, Mount Compass  
**Bookings:** 03 9005 7750  
[www.ticketbo.com.au/mcsupperclub](http://www.ticketbo.com.au/mcsupperclub)

### The Band of the South Australian Police

26 October at 2pm  
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
**Bookings:** 1300 466 592  
[www.visitalexandrina.com](http://www.visitalexandrina.com)

\* Free event

