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# Message from the Mayor

**Welcome to the summer edition of Alexandrina Alive. On behalf of Elected Members and staff, I hope you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas and a great start to the new year.**

This time last year, I don't think any of us could have predicted what 2020 would bring. The COVID-19 pandemic has made us a more prepared and resilient community, and the way we have pulled together and supported each other over the past 12 months is a testament to our sense of place, pride and togetherness. I have been exceptionally proud to represent you and look forward to doing so through 2021.

Despite the challenges, we have collectively achieved a lot over

the past year; securing funds to revitalise the Goolwa Wharf Precinct, the Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club and the Goolwa Sports Precinct, as well as progressing the Strathalbyn Town Centre Streetscape Revitalisation project.

We have seen our strong advocacy for a new high school in Goolwa be rewarded, redeveloped the Strathalbyn Senior Citizen Building and strengthened economic development in Alexandrina with the launch of our Business Alexandrina Program and Hub.

We are also delighted to share our region's vision for the next 20 years through the A2040 Community Strategic Plan, which presents a comprehensive vision

and action plan for every one of our residents, businesses, community organisations and our many partners and collaborators.

The year ahead holds great optimism and potential as we progress these transformational projects, and plan ahead to deliver quality services and facilities that bolster our community wellbeing – including residents, businesses and community groups. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

**Keith Parkes**  
Mayor

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**Above:** Goolwa Oval Sports Precinct user group meeting for the release of concept plans. Further details on Page 7. Paul Thompson (Tonkin Schutz), Glenn Rappensberg (CEO), Murray March (Lions Club of Goolwa), Gavin Tonkin (Tonkin Schutz), Olivia Longmire (Goolwa Netball Club), Deb Sullivan (Goolwa Oval Committee), Ryan Bridges (Goolwa Port Elliot Football Club), Dawn Birkett (Goolwa Hockey Club), Andy Evans (Goolwa Cricket Club), John Reed (Goolwa Bowling Club), Rob Stanfield (Goolwa Tennis Club) and Mayor Keith Parkes.

**Front Cover Image:** Max and Spencer Beaumont

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# Alexandrina 2040

Liveable. Green. Connected.



## Our time to thrive in a Liveable, Green and Connected region

Alexandrina Council has embraced a new and exciting approach to the development of our Community Strategic Plan.

An extensive consultation period revealed three aspirational values for the Alexandrina region in the year 2040. **Liveable, Green and Connected** – laying the foundation for a **Thriving Alexandrina**.

The A2040 'Our Plan to Thrive' contains three documents:

- An aspirational 'future-thinking' narrative celebrating our 20 year vision through strategic story telling and reflective of over 1,800 community voices
- A four-year delivery plan, detailing five key action areas
- Quick reference 'plan on a page' detailing key activities and measures for the next four years.

The vision and opportunities highlighted in A2040 will be brought to life by innovating locally and adopting a 'ground up' community driven consultation program.

Through our Village Innovation Plans (VIP) and Annual Village Conversations we will achieve an inclusive and integrated approach to inform, influence and guide strategic plans into the future.

A2040 is our story – let's share the way forward.

**Community Consultation closes on 27 January 2021**

Due for endorsement at a Special Council Meeting held 22 February 2021.

Keep an eye on Council's website and social media for Village Innovation Plan and Village Conversation updates.

**Read, download, listen, watch the video and share at [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/A2040](https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/A2040)**





## Middleton's tennis group have a new spring in their step

The residents of Middleton have a new spring in their step, following the recent resurfacing of the courts at Abbott's Reserve. The resurfacing was the result of a \$60,000 allocation within the 2019-20 Council budget, with the playing surface in such a state that it was beyond the scope of general repairs and maintenance.

The newly-layed surface offers great durability with a sports grade polypropylene yarn. It is made in Australia with state-of-the-art polymer extrusion technology. The UV protected turf will outlast our harsh weather conditions and provide a great performing, medium paced playing surface.

President of the Middleton Town and Foreshore Association Keith Dommenz is pleased to see the resurfacing come to fruition.

"These courts are a fantastic asset to Middleton and it's great to see them like new again. We are really pleased with the result. It will be great to see new fencing erected around the courts as well. They are a great playing group here who really deserve it," he said.

The timing couldn't have been any better, given the heavily COVID-19 impacted year and recent heavier lockdowns and restrictions – court users were very keen to exercise their lethal forehands and find the baseline with a few backhand topspin lobs.

We have it on good authority that the surface plays well, with the organiser of the 'Middleton Moths' social tennis group, John Buckley, expressing his approval.

"We have a great group of social tennis players who have been coming out to have a hit on Mondays and Thursdays for the past 18 years – our average age is about 70.

We have a lot of pride in the courts, and volunteer our time and services to maintain the grounds and facilities. These resurfaced courts are playing really well and we are very happy with the finished product," he said.

The courts are also available for hire, and ready to settle the score of who in your family or friends group is the next Ash Barty or Rafael Nadal.

**Contact Council on 8555 7000** to find out more.

Image: Middleton Town & Foreshore Association President Keith Dommenz (Centre) with players from the Middleton Moths social tennis group; Claire Fuller, John Buckley, Joanne Gorman, Kevin Sullivan, Kurt Kube, Ed Glasson and Helen Smith.



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# Port Elliot shed art captures the heart of our region



**Local artist Chad Spencer, who is also the founder of the I-Spy Arts Trail around Alexandrina, has really hit the brief, to create a piece that recognises both the collection of machinery and hardware kept at the museum, as well as paying homage to the agricultural roots of the region.**

## Alexandrina is home to an impressive new piece of public art that honours and pays tribute to the region's rich agricultural heritage.

The Southern Fleurieu Historic Museum, located on Wright Street at Port Elliot, has recently had a massive aerosol art mural painted on its north facing wall, courtesy of the Alexandrina Council 2019/20 public arts budget.

Following community consultation undertaken by the Alexandrina Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee, and subsequent recommendations to Council, the mural, as well as a second one to be painted at Middleton, was supported by Council at the June 2020 Council Meeting.

The mural, which measures 17.5m long by 5.5m high, flawlessly combines elements of our heritage, featuring Clydesdale horses, a farmer and sickle, heritage buildings, and historical ocean vessels. The piece is very striking and really must be seen to be believed.

A second public piece, also funded through Council's Public Arts allocation, will see the re-creation of a surf themed mural originally located in the former Day Street Surf Club at Middleton Beach.

The idea for this piece came to the Alexandrina Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee via the Middleton Town and Foreshore Association. Council also approved this mural at the June Council Meeting.

The Day Street Surf Club was one of many abandoned fishing sheds along the coast taken up by the surfing fraternity in the early 1960s. The shed was demolished in the late 1960s.

Surf historians have collected memorabilia pertaining to surf culture; and the original mural, painted by Helen Fuller, has been recognised as a valuable piece

of South Australian surf history. The recreated work will be completed by Helen Fuller and local artist Barbary O'Brien over the coming months.

The realisation of both of these pieces of art would not be possible without the positive collaboration between local community groups, Council and local artists.

^ Image: Chad Spencer in front of his artwork on the Southern Fleurieu Historic Museum, Port Elliot.

v Image: Artist Chad Spencer, Cr Bronwyn Lewis and Leah Grace with Museum members; Dene Watson, Rob Orrock, Andrew Jeffery, Brian Cornish, Deane Perry, Ray Jessop, Dennis Hill.

Photo courtesy of the Victor Harbor Times.





## Mount Compass plan to increase use of green kerbside bins

Alexandrina Council, the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) and Green Industries SA partnered in a project to deliver a kitchen caddy and roll of compostable bags to Mount Compass households in November 2020. Over 400 caddies, rolls of compostable bags, recycle and green bin stickers, and an educational flyer were delivered to households within the Mount Compass green bin collection area.

The aim of this project is to encourage Mount Compass residents to use the kitchen caddy and compostable bags to collect food scraps in the kitchen. When full, the compostable bag can then be tied off (to contain any odour) and put in the green bin for kerbside collection by FRWA. This organic material, along with garden waste is delivered to Peat's Soils, which processes this valuable organic material into compost.

Diverting food scraps and garden waste away from landfill has significant benefits for Alexandrina communities, reducing the amount of food waste sent to landfill unnecessarily, which will:

- lower waste management costs
- reduce greenhouse gas emission from landfill
- increase the organic material available for return to our soils.

The target for the township of Mount Compass is to increase green bin kerbside volumes to 60%, up from 45% currently. While it is early days, Mount Compass residents responded with an 8% increase in the number of green bins placed kerbside for collection in the first week of the trial. Please refer to the FRWA Facebook page for updates at

**Facebook.com/fleurieuregionalwaste**

Image: Mount Compass resident Jody East with her children Maddison and Jordan with their kitchen caddy.

## Planning and Design Code Update

Following postponement of the Planning and Design Code, an additional six week consultation was undertaken from 4 November to 18 December 2020.

The new timeframe for implementation of the Code is now anticipated to be in the first quarter of 2021. Council has been working with the State Government to ensure that it is business ready for when a 'go live' date is announced. The Code will be replacing individual Council Development Plans and the lodging of Development Applications will all be online so you are encouraged to visit [plan.sa.gov.au](http://plan.sa.gov.au) or contact Plan SA on **1800 752 664** for further information.

### 2020-2021

## Summer Recycling Collections Trial

The Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA), Alexandrina Council and the City of Victor Harbor are committed to improving their kerbside waste collection service and reducing the amount of waste going to landfill. This summer, FRWA is trialling the weekly collection of recycle bins and Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) bins in parts of Chiton, McCracken and Hayborough.

This area was chosen for the trial as it has a mix of permanently occupied homes, holiday homes and holiday rental businesses. FRWA is conducting the trial to assist decision making and determining the most effective waste collection cycles for the busy summer period on the Fleurieu Peninsula. FRWA will have a community survey on the Summer Recycling Trial which will open on **Monday 1 February 2021** for residents to provide feedback, visit [surveymonkey.com/r/V9SJCH9](http://surveymonkey.com/r/V9SJCH9) commencing 1 February 2021 or visit [fleurieuregionalwasteauthority.com.au](http://fleurieuregionalwasteauthority.com.au)

# Major Project Updates



## Goolwa Oval Sports Precinct - Stage 1

The new building marks an exciting milestone for the project which will provide amenities for numerous users in one unique multifunctional space. The design features an impressive new two-storey building including change rooms, first aid rooms, umpire spaces, toilets, social spaces, canteen, kitchen, bar, multiple storage areas and optimum viewing for its many spectators.

Stage One of this project has been made possible through the generous funding from the State Government's Grassroots Football, Cricket and Netball Facility Program. With designs now in place, construction will commence in December and it is anticipated that it will be completed in late September 2021.

For further information and to view the concept designs visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwaoval](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwaoval)



## Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation Stage One

Since securing grant funding from the State Government's Planning and Development Fund for the Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation project in June 2019, onsite works commenced in December for the Stage One Sunter Street and Albyn Terrace of the streetscape project.

Public footpaths and shop entrances will remain accessible to the public for the majority of the project works with interruptions kept to a minimum. For further information and to view the concept designs visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc)

## Milang Soldiers War Memorial

The Milang Soldiers War Memorial Project is now complete. The new wall, coloured featured concrete, marble signage together with new garden beds were enjoyed by all on Remembrance Day in Milang.



## Langhorne Creek Wine Region Entry Statement

Construction of the new entry statement located at the corner of Callington Road and Meechi Road, Woodchester is now complete.

The instalment includes a limestone wall, signage and a laser cut image of vines to capture and promote the character and essence of the region as one of the main entry points to the Fleurieu Peninsula from the South Eastern Freeway.

## Goolwa Jet Ski Park

Works will commence at the Jet Ski site on Barrage Road, Goolwa in January 2021 and will include demolishing the existing building and resurfacing the carpark in limestone rubble and multiple landscaped garden beds. Solar smart benches along with a large shelter will be situated amongst the grassed area and will provide a variety of facilities. Signage and bollards will also be installed as part of the landscape design.

This fantastic purpose-built designated jet ski area will become a popular family-friendly area for Personal Water Craft (PWC) users to base themselves for a fun day on the water. The project is due for completion late February 2021.

Project updates are available at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/jetski](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/jetski)

**To keep up to date with projects in Alexandrina visit our website [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates)**



## That Boy

Change is unmanageable in a crisis so now it's survival. For Sarah, there must be light at the end of the tunnel, at any cost. Parenting is hard and there's no rule book, no one is perfect but she gave birth to him so she knows best and he knows she loves him, she told him she did.

**When:** 7 March at 7:30pm

**Where:** Centenary Hall Goolwa

**Bookings:** visitalexandrina.com or call 1300 466 592



## Goolwa Art and Photographic Exhibition

Signal Point Gallery, proudly hosts the biennial Goolwa Art and Photographic Exhibition. This year the prize money doubles to \$10,000 for the Alexandrina Art Prize and there are a range of prizes in other categories. Renowned for being one of the most beautiful Rotary Art Exhibitions in the country, this exhibition is not to be missed.

**When:** 27 March to 5 April

**Where:** Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct

**Enquiries:** goolwaexhibition@gmail.com

We welcome the government's easing of COVID-19 restrictions and are working hard to resume our services and reopen our venues. We thank you for your understanding as we transition our facilities to operate safely for the community, staff and volunteers.

### Alexandrina Youth Theatre

Mondays during school term

Opportunity for youth to develop skills working with professionals from all aspects of theatre making. Age 12-18 years.

**Location:** Centenary Hall Goolwa

**Enquiries:** jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

### This breath is not mine to keep\*

**Until 25 January**

This breath is not mine to keep is a provocative cross-disciplinary art experiment about climate crisis, delusions of immortality and the existential joy of life.

**Location:** Signal Point Gallery,

Goolwa Wharf Precinct

**Enquiries:** jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

### Barka - The Forgotten River\*

**Until 25 January**

A collaboration between respected Barkandjji Elder, Uncle Badger Bates, non-Indigenous artist, Justine Muller, and the Wilcannia community.

**Location:** Signal Point Gallery,

Goolwa Wharf Precinct

**Enquiries:** jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

### EG Incursions Life Long Ago\*

**13 January**

Discover the wonder of the dinosaurs.

**Location:** Goolwa Library

**Bookings:** alexandrina.sa.gov/LibraryEvents

### Sun Catchers\*

**19 January**

Create your own design or use one of ours to brighten up your room with a sun catcher.

**Location:** Goolwa Library

**Bookings:** alexandrina.sa.gov.au/LibraryEvents

### Create your own Cartoon Character\*

**19 January**

Enjoy fun games, challenges and laughter while creating your own cartoon character.

**Location:** Strathalbyn Community Centre

**Bookings:** alexandrina.sa.gov.au/LibraryEvents

### Unfinished Cartoon Masterpieces and Tricks of the Trade\*

**19 January**

Come and learn some tricks of the trade and create your very own masterpiece.

**Location:** Strathalbyn Community Centre

**Bookings:** alexandrina.sa.gov.au/LibraryEvents

### What's he building in there?\*

**21 January to 21 February**

James Parker and John Whitney unravel the ancient mysteries of the suburban shed and garage.

**Location:** South Coast Regional Art Centre,

Goolwa

**Enquires:** jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

### Meet the Author Pip Williams\*

**23 January**

In 1901, the word bondmaid was discovered missing from the Oxford English Dictionary.

This is the story of the girl who stole it.

**Location:** Goolwa Library

**Bookings:** alexandrina.sa.gov.au/LibraryEvents

### Adelaide Hills Chamber Players

**24 January**

STRING ORCHESTRA: The Spirit of Romanticism

This concert will be led from the cello desk by Sharon Grigoryan.

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Bookings:** adelaidenhillschamberplayers.com

### Casting Shadows\*

**29 January to 14 March**

This exhibition showcases recent works inspired by a love of the outdoors, capturing spirit of place with an emphasis on direct experience felt space, storytelling, wonderment and isolation.

**Location:** Signal Point Gallery,

Goolwa Wharf Precinct

**Enquiries:** jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

### Adelaide Hills Chamber Players

**31 January**

Summer 2021 and Winter 2021 series.

OPERA HIGHLIGHTS: Italy though Pagliacci Lead by Mario Bellanova, the finest South Australian singers present memorable moments of Ruggero Leoncavallo's timeless masterpiece.

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Bookings:** adelaidenhillschamberplayers.com

### Out of the Square Program (OOTS)

**February - December 2021**

A fantastic mix of musical performances and tribute shows. On the third Friday of each month, Goolwa will host two performances per day, 11am and 2pm.

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Enquiries:** 1300 466 592

### Robyn Stacey - Ray of Light\*

**3 March to 11 April**

Using the camera obscura, Sydney-based artist Robyn Stacey depicts South Australia as it has never been seen before.

**Location:** South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

**Enquiries:** jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

### The Goolwa Caravan\*

**7 March**

A dazzling palette of performing arts, comedy and music spill from the caravan in 2021 bringing a taste of the Adelaide Fringe to Goolwa!

**Location:** Jaralde Park, Goolwa Wharf Precinct

**Enquiries:** jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

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or the tourism website  
**visitalexandrina.com**