

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Samantha, Rachael, Alyshia, Evie, Abbey and Jasmine are excited for construction to start on the new nature playspace at Bristow Smith Reserve, Goolwa.

New Playspace For Goolwa

Development of a unique and inspiring playspace in our region started in June.

Located at the picturesque location of Bristow Smith Reserve on Barrage Road Goolwa, this \$600,000 playspace project has been jointly funded by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and Alexandrina Council.

Construction is scheduled for completion late-2015.

"The playspace will provide a unique regionally significant open space to inspire connection with the local environment

and engage local children in creative and imaginative play," said Mayor Keith Parkes.

"It will further provide children with physical, sensory and mentally stimulating play opportunities and allow all children to challenge themselves, irrespective of age and ability."

The playspace will feature a 10-metre long restored wooden fishing boat, Parkour elements, water play with a creek bed, sensory wall, climbing nets, basket swings and stepping logs, along with an upgraded beach area, barbecues and shelters.

A number of the sensory elements of the play space have been funded through the generous \$50,000 donation by the Fleurieu Philanthropy Foundation. This will include a sensory wall, musical and sound features and interpretive artwork scattered throughout the playspace.

South Australian company LCS Landscapes have been contracted to construct the playspace.

For more information contact Council 8555 7000 or go to www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/bristowplayspace.

Message from Mayor Keith Parkes

Welcome to the Winter newsletter.

It has been a busy 2015 so far for Council, with some significant projects completed, started, and in the planning stages.

The new nature play space at Bristow Smith Reserve in Goolwa started in June, with the completion scheduled for late-2015. This is a fantastic project and the Goolwa and wider communities are very excited about the plans. The natural play space aims to encourage a dynamic play experience and encourages active lifestyles and play. This concept has been demonstrated at Forrest Reserve in Strathalbyn, with this nature play space being open since December 2014.

The aim of creating these play spaces is to encourage our community and children outside for longer periods of time. The many benefits gained by children who are more physically active is an important outcome, considering recent data indicates that 63% of South Australian children do not meet the guidelines for sufficient physical activity and are spending on average 4.5 hours a day in front of a screen.

Forrest Reserve has proven to be very popular with the children of Strathalbyn and the Alexandrina region. If you are yet to experience the play space, please take to opportunity to take the kids along sometime soon.

The Strathalbyn Skate Park was officially opened to the public in 2014 and is proving to be one of the most popular locations in the area. I would like to commend the children, teenagers and adults who use the skate park regularly for looking after it so well. I hope you continue to enjoy the space.

Construction is complete on the new footbridge in Strathalbyn, adjacent the State Heritage listed Strathalbyn Memorial Gardens and the former Lauke Flour Mill. The purpose of



the project was to provide improved safety for pedestrian movements in and around the local business district, Memorial Gardens, local swimming pool and the western section of Strathalbyn, accessed via Mill Street. Work has also started on the Strathalbyn Children's Bridge upgrade and works should be finished shortly.

The Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre project continues to progress, with works starting on the site by the end of July. Keep up to date with the latest news at the dedicated project website, www.fleurieuaquaticcentre.com.au.

We have recently appointed the Goolwa Wharf Precinct Board, the board will work with Council and the community to deliver our vision to activate the precinct and encourage more activities to stimulate this valuable tourist attraction. We have also appointed the Strathalbyn Town Plan Community Reference panel. Council will work with this group of local representatives to deliver sustainable development with regard to the significant heritage values of this truly beautiful town and the aspirations of the Strathalbyn community.

Kind Regards,

Mayor Keith Parkes

Council Rate Concessions Update

For the past 40 years the State Government has funded councils to provide a rebate on Council Rates to eligible pensioners and concession card holders.

Last year these amounted to rebates of up to \$190 or \$100 respectively and were automatically deducted from the amount of Council Rates due.

The State Government has recently announced they will no longer be funding councils to provide this rebate.

That means that pensioners and concession card holders will no longer receive a rebate on Council Rates.

Instead, the State Government will introduce a "Cost Of Living Concession (CLC)" payment which will be paid to you directly.

The new allowance will be up to \$200 for eligible recipients.

It is important to note that not all former recipients of the self-funded retiree rates concession will be entitled to the new payment.

For questions regarding the CLC and to check eligibility please contact the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion Concessions Hotline directly on 1800 307 758 or go to www.sa.gov.au for further information.

Alexandrina Council encourages you to use the payment you receive from the State Government to assist in the payment of your Council rates.

Concession entitlements on Community Wastewater Management Schemes (CWMS) remain unchanged for those who are eligible.

Alexandrina Wins Top State Mobile Recycler

Alexandrina Council was announced as the State's Top Collector for South Australia in MobileMuster's Local Government Recycling Awards.

Presented by The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for the Environment in Canberra at the National General Assembly of Local Government, Alexandrina Council received their award for encouraging their local community to recycle over 75 kg of old and unused mobile phones to become MobileMuster's Top Collector in South Australia.

Electronic waste is one of the faster growing waste issues in Australia and industry and government need to work together to deliver tangible and simple solutions.

Mayor Keith Parkes said, "we are committed to the environment and to reducing e-waste to landfill. We are honoured to be recognised by MobileMuster for making it easy for our local community to recycle their old and unused mobile phones."

MobileMuster, Australia's only government accredited, not-for-profit mobile phone recycling program is proud to be celebrating 10 years of working with local councils in promoting and collecting mobile phones for recycling. MobileMuster partners with over 300 councils across Australia to help divert thousands of tonnes of non-renewable resources out of landfill and back into the economy every year.



Library and Customer Service Manager Lee-anne Graham and Programs Support Officer Trish Muller with some of the old mobile phones collected as part of the Mobile Muster.

Be Aware of the Dangers of Interacting with Foxes

Council has recently received reports of residents feeding foxes and children interacting with foxes in the Goolwa and Middleton areas.

Council discourages interaction with foxes as they can carry hydatids (tapeworm) which can infect humans. Precautions similar to those used to guard against infection from domestic dogs should be used.

Foxes also carry mange and other canine diseases that can be transmitted to dogs if they come into contact with an infected fox.

Foxes were first introduced into Australia in the 1870s for recreational hunting purposes.

They have since spread to become one of our major vertebrate pests and are a major problem for landholders.

The best approach to managing urban and urban fringe fox problems is to eliminate or prevent access to things that attract foxes to the area, such as easy sources of food and secure daytime shelter.

If you would like more information about foxes in the Council area phone 8555 7000.

Just Add Water Highlight Events

Lisa Ingerson - Solo Exhibition

25 July – 30 August 2015

Lisa is a visual artist residing in the Fleurieu Peninsula. She has a passionate interest in portraits and adventurously explores a number of different media. Lisa is interested in the reality, truth and poignancy of a single moment and the intensity provided by the subject. Lisa presents her first solo exhibition as part of the 2015 SALA Festival.

Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre Goolwa

The art of fiction - Uta Mooney

1 August – 31 August 2015

Two art forms, two continents collide. Painted images and the written word combine to create a distinct



exhibition. Adelaide artist Uta Mooney collaborates with Glenn Stenson, published American author, to create a body of work that merges two art forms. The written word exists on a

different plane than visual art, yet they both tell a story.

Location: Signal Point Gallery Goolwa
Welcome to My World - Kevin Kropinyeri

4 September 2015

What's it like to be a proud black man in Australia? All these questions and more will be answered when Australia's premiere Aboriginal comedian, Kevin Kropinyeri, takes to the stage in Goolwa. Kevin Kropinyeri is a one-man whirlwind who will have you holding your sides laughing.

Cost: \$25

Location: Centenary Hall Goolwa
Bookings: Goolwa Visitor Information Centre 1300 466 592 or www.visitalexandrina.com.

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