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2022 South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year Vote for Langhorne Creek, Mount Compass or Strathalbyn.

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Alexandrina Council is delighted to announce Langhorne Creek, Mount Compass and Strathalbyn have been nominated for the 2022 SA Agricultural Town of the Year awards.

The Award recognises regional towns that are excelling in agriculture and the flow-on effect this has on townships and the community. Entering the awards provides regional communities with opportunities to reflect on their contributions to South Australia's primary industries, regional development and an increased awareness of their town and agricultural contribution.

Mayor Parkes is asking community to get involved as anyone can vote for their favourite town by simply visiting www.agtown.com.au

"It is important to recognise these towns and their great diversity, resilience and creativity and the award creates a perfect opportunity to do that" said Mayor, Keith Parkes.

"The driving force behind these towns are the generational farming families, rich in agricultural history and tradition. Along with the commitment local producers have to agriculture with their passion and resilience. They are inspirational to the rest of the community".

Langhorne Creek offers grapes, livestock meat and wool in the agriculture sector. These goods are enhanced by the landscape of Langhorne Creek providing a natural flood plain, allowing farmers to take advantage of excess water to naturally irrigate their crops.

Mount Compass focuses on the livestock, dairy and horticulture industry in its farming practices. Local initiatives such as Export Programs, Harvest the Fleurieu showcasing regional produce and the Mount Compass School engaging in agriculture projects allow the town to strive in this industry.

Lastly, Strathalbyn has a long history of farming with family farms dating back generations. With local agribusinesses like Lauke Flour Mill, the town employs hundreds of locals in this industry. Strathalbyn also encourages Women in Agriculture with a local organisation that has

the oldest rural women's group in Australia with a state-wide branch network based in Strathalbyn.

Support your favourite agricultural town by voting for Langhorne Creek, Mount Compass or Strathalbyn as Town of the Year. Voting closes Monday 25th July 2022.
