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Message from the Mayor

It's spring already, we've published our fourth and final edition of Alexandrina Alive for 2025 and Christmas is fast approaching.

Council supports a range of community events through our grants and contributions programs. This includes offering Community Christmas Event Contributions to support large-scale Christmas events in Strathalbyn and Goolwa, providing financial support for traffic management and other costs related to event delivery.

Some details were still being finalised when this newsletter was being compiled so make sure you head to our website – alexandrina.sa.gov.au/christmas2025 – for more information.

Before we even start thinking about the festive season, I would encourage our community

to make sure their homes and properties are prepared for the upcoming Fire Danger Season.

Council's bushfire management brochure is included with mailed rates notices to assist in preparations and is available at on our website and at our offices. We encourage residents to visit the CFS website to access other resources.

We are starting our roadside slashing program soon and our annual block inspections kick off in October. Please ensure your property is prepared and maintained throughout the Fire Danger Season.

Finally, I'd like to say how excited I am with the news that Council and our community partners have received a \$7.06 million grant through the Australian Government's 'regional Precincts and Partnerships Program' (rPPP) to build the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail.

This rPPP grant will fully fund the construction of the 2.8km trail linking cellar doors, which is the culmination of many years of planning and advocacy by the community, including the Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Association, Langhorne Creek Hub, the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation, and Council.

It's this sort of collaboration with community and funding partners that Council wants to continue with future proposals such as the Port Elliot soccer grounds and other community projects.

Langhorne Creek is a hidden gem among South Australia's wine tourism offerings. This Discovery Trail will boost the region's profile, attract new visitors and support local businesses.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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Top image: Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes with some of the recipients of the Mayor's Short Story Challenge from Alexandrina, Port Elliot Primary School teacher Laila Bosco-White, left, on behalf of Norah Higgins, Henry Green and Isaac Lorenz. Find out more on the page 3 story.

Front cover: Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail partners Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes at Kimbolton Wines with, left to right; Langhorne Creek Hub Chair Heather Webster Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation representative Norman Giles, and Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Executive Officer Lian Jaensch. Full story page 3.



\$7M to deliver Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail

Council working in partnership with industry and community groups have secured \$7 million from the Australian Government to build the long-awaited Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail in this Alexandrina wine region.

The \$7.06 million grant was announced in late August as part of the Government's \$400 million 'regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP)' to support transformative investment in regional, rural and remote Australia.

The rPPP grant will fully fund the construction of the 2.8km trail, which is the culmination of many years of planning and advocacy by the Langhorne Creek community, driven by a Project Partnership Group that includes Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine, the Langhorne Creek Hub and the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation.

The Council-endorsed concept design for the multi-purpose trail stretches from the intersection of Kent Town Road and Langhorne Creek Road near Bremerton Wines, winds through the township

including Memorial Park and Frank Potts Reserve, and finishes at Bleasdale Winery.

Having a 'hero attraction' such as a walking and cycling trail is expected to boost Langhorne Creek's wine tourism profile, attracting new visitors, and increasing regional spending.

Council will project manage the delivery of the infrastructure components of the Discovery Trail which currently includes proposals for:

- Construction of a bituminised 2.85km, 1.8m wide shared use pathway
- Installation of new bridge culvert
- Pedestrian crossing points
- Wayfinding signage
- Landscaping, plantings and irrigation
- Street furniture
- Safety bollards
- Intersection upgrades.

The trail is expected to be completed by late 2027. Langhorne Creek industry groups in the partnership will deliver the tourism marketing and promotion component of the Discovery Trail project.

➤ **For updates visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/discoverytrail**

Image top of page: Aerial view of township of Langhorne Creek. The proposed route of the Discovery Trail starts at near Bremerton Wines and finishes at Bleasdale Winery.

Mayors' short story challenge winners

The talents of young writers from across the Fleurieu Peninsula were celebrated during the 2025 Mayors' Short Story Challenge.

An initiative of Alexandrina Council, the District Council of Yankalilla and the City of Victor Harbor, the Challenge encourages school-aged children from Reception to Year 10 to let their imaginations run wild and share stories through creative writing.

The Challenge received 544 entries from Alexandrina Council, 245 entries from District Council of Yankalilla, and 398 entries from the City of Victor Harbor.

The winners of the 2025 Mayors' Short Story Challenge were announced at a celebration held at the Strathalbyn Library in September.

In Alexandrina, prizes went to Norah Higgins, Henry Green, Isaac Lorenz, Mia Steed and Luka Cox.

Being Digital

Alexandrina Libraries have received grant funding via a Telstra and LibrariesSA partnership to provide ongoing technology support through the Being Digital program. Book in and learn more about; Email for Beginners, Smart Home Devices, Holiday Planning Online, ChatGPT, eBooks and eAudiobooks, Apple TV, and Shopping & Banking Online.

Sessions are FREE and are all about helping you become more confident with technology and going online.

➤ **Contact Alexandrina libraries on 8555 7000 or visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraryevents**



Sowing connections at Milang

Council hosted a Community Planting Day at the Milang Soldiers Memorial Gardens in August.

We had a small but enthusiastic turnout who worked with our Field Service Team Members Craig, Dylan, and Ben who prepared the garden beds.

After consulting with community stakeholders, Council has removed the rosemary hedges that had reached their end of life, were in poor condition and encroaching on the lawns and pathways.

Image: Dylan from Field Services plants rosemary with community member Anne Bourne.

The new rosemary bushes are expected to thrive to create a new hedge.

Council will also replace some rose bushes that have reached their end of life. Council will be consulting with the community regarding suitable replacements.

➤ **Find out more about projects in your area on our website at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projects**

Wellness in Nature – your view



Thank you to everyone who took part in our Wellness in Nature program survey.

Your feedback is helping us shape activities that support health, connection, and wellbeing in our community.

You told us you are looking for opportunities to slow down, connect with nature, and enjoy time with others.

Based on this feedback, our Wellness in Nature program will focus on simple and accessible activities that bring people together and promote positive mental health.

Wellness in Nature is supported by Office for Ageing Well, through the 2025/26 Age Friendly SA grants program.

➤ **Find out more about projects in your area on our website at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/olderadults**

Weekly holiday recycling returns

Weekly yellow and green bin collections return to Alexandrina on Tuesday 16 December 2025, concluding Friday 23 January 2026.

Our region has embraced weekly recycling collections in previous summers, enabling the transfer of an average additional 720 litres of both recycling and food and garden organics per household away from landfill over the holidays.

Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) audits have shown that most extra summer waste is recyclable food waste, bottles, and packaging.

However, if you have special circumstances or operate a holiday home in Alexandrina, extra paid services are available.

➤ **For details call 8555 2467 or visit frwa.com.au**

Holiday bin dates

Christmas Day: No collections on Christmas Day. Bins scheduled for collection on 25 December will be picked up 26 December and bins scheduled for collection on 26 December will be picked up on 27 December. Collections as usual on New Year's Day.

Depot hours: FRWA depots at Goolwa and Strathalbyn will be closed on 25 and 26 December 2025 and 1 and 26 January 2026.

Early closures: The FRWA office and Goolwa Depot will close early at 1 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Strathalbyn depot is closed on Wednesdays.

Rural collections: Due to summer peak season demands, Friday collections in some rural areas may be delayed until Saturday. For more details, visit frwa.com.au



Heart for the land, hands in the earth

Stage 1 of a native grassland restoration project in the Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve has focused on planting the low mound along the northern fence line to act as a natural weed barrier.

Council facilitated two community planting days involving their

Environment Team, the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation Team and the Friends of Ratalang.

Together they collaborated to plant a resilient, site-specific coastal shrub buffer.



Local coastal species were grown by the Alexandrina Nursery, one of the specialist growers in the area.

A highlight of each planting day was the presence of Southern Right Whales offshore.

Image: Taking part in one of the community planting days were Chris, left, Andrew, Jacob, Chaneil, Alac, Les and Raechel.

Planting for the future at Ratalang

Alexandrina Council has begun delivering a project to improve biodiversity in the Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve.

Our specialist contractor, Seeding Natives Inc sowed over 4.5 hectares of native grassland on reserve land off Basham Beach Road in July.

The contractor selected the most appropriate species to sow closest to the neighbouring dwelling. Most of the grasses in this area will be green and actively growing in summer.

Next year another 3.5ha will be sowed. Staging the direct seeding will give Council time to monitor and review the project and apply any lessons learned.

The planting of grassland is an action from the Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Master Plan. The Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee and Council have been working towards the delivery of this work. One of the guiding principles of the Master Plan is to continue to improve reserve biodiversity through additional revegetation, native habitat creation and protection, and appropriate land management.



Image: Seeding Natives Inc Field Technician D'Arcy Weaver with Chief Executive Officer Andrew Fairney.

Register now for a ChemClear collection

Farm safety in Alexandrina starts with responsible disposal of unwanted or expired agricultural chemicals.

ChemClear is scheduling a State collection event in early 2026 with Council and the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority hoping to secure a regional collection point – if the program secures enough local registrations for the disposal of Group 1 and Group 2 chemicals.

Group 1 chemicals are supported by the drumMUSTER program. Chemicals in product drums with the eligible drumMUSTER logo can be disposed of for free.

Group 2 chemicals that are unlabelled, out-of-date, or no longer supported, require a fee.

ChemClear is a national agricultural and veterinary product stewardship program managed by the not-for-profit subsidiary Agsafe.

➤ For more details and to register, visit chemclear.org.au or call **1800 008 182**

Changes to community transport in Alexandrina

The State Government has recently made changes to its funding boundaries for community transport options across South Australia.

The changes took effect on 1 September 2025 and mean that the Southern Communities Transport Scheme (SCOTS) will become the sole provider of community transport services in Alexandrina as part of the Department of Human Services' (DHS) newly named Community Transport SA Program.

You may be eligible for SCOTS if you are:

- Under 65 years old and experience transport disadvantage.
- Over 65 years old and registered with My Aged Care (or under 50 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) with appropriate transport referrals.

Volunteer drivers needed

SCOTS is looking for additional volunteer drivers who wish to gain their Volunteer Driving Accreditation and support people, young and old, with transport opportunities.

To enquire, please contact the SCOTS office on **8551 0500** or email **scots@victor.sa.gov.au**

SCOTS is a Community Passenger Network auspiced by the City of Victor Harbor. Alexandrina Council is a funding partner for SCOTS and a member of the City of Victor Harbor's Section 41 Southern Communities Transport Scheme Advisory Committee.

➤ Find out more at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/transport

Learn more about aged care reforms

Would you like to know more about the Australian Government's changes to aged care? Check out the new 'pop-up' information hubs, loaded with resources.

Visit our libraries at Goolwa and Strathalbyn until 28 November to learn more about aged care.



Council has partnered with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to help older people in our community access information and resources on aged care.

Our staff can help you to:

- Access a range of printed resources
- Engage in conversations about aged care and the recent changes
- Receive help to access My Aged Care
- Share your thoughts and feedback.

➤ Find out more at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/olderadults

Image: Community Development Officer Deb shows some resources to Maxine.

Nominations open for Citizen of the Year 2026

Alexandrina has so many residents and groups who go above and beyond to make our vision for a 'Liveable. Green. Connected.' community a reality.

Why not nominate them – or the organisation or event they represent – for a 2026 Citizen of the Year Award?

Alexandrina will be presenting two awards in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Active Citizenship

The awards will be presented at Australia Day ceremonies in Strathalbyn and Goolwa hosted by Council on 26 January 2026.

Contact Council or visit our website for further details alexandrina.sa.gov.au/citizenoftheyear26

Nominations close on 16 November 2025



Image: Mayor Keith Parkes with 2025 Young Citizen of the Year for Strathalbyn and Surrounds Natasha Osmond.



Strathalbyn Town Hall transformed

A multi-million dollar project to make the Strathalbyn Town Hall a modern, accessible and compliant community venue is complete.

The upgrade was part of Council's staged Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation Project, part-funded with \$3.85 million from the State Government's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program.

The renovation and restoration work at the heritage-listed Town Hall was the final piece in the project to improve traffic management and pedestrian connectivity between the different retail areas within the town centre of Strathalbyn using landscaping, streetscaping, lighting and wayfinding signage.

The Town Hall has been transformed into a more modern, multi-functional venue that can cater to a diverse range of activities, events and user groups in the community while staying authentic to its heritage.

Council held a 'Walk-through Event' to view the upgrades to the Town Hall during the Strathalbyn Antiques and Vintage Fair in August, attracting hundreds of visitors.

Council also celebrated the reopening by holding its 15 September Ordinary Council Meeting at the Town Hall.

Bookings for the Town Hall opened in mid-September. For booking details visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/StrathalbynTownHall

Image: Strathalbyn and District Concert Band members Kate Hissey, Susan Clements and Daryll Telfer on stage with Alexandrina Chief Executive Officer Andrew MacDonald PSM and Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes.

Season extended at Strathalbyn Pool

The new season for the Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool is being extended again – from 1 October 2025 to 30 April 2026.

A Community Open Day is currently scheduled for Saturday 15 November, 9am until 5pm. Entry is free and will feature pool inflatables. You can take the opportunity to enrol for swimming lessons.

Dive into summer and enjoy a swim with the family and a picnic on the lawns or book the party room.

Our outdoor 50m pool is heated to 26 degrees and is ideal for an aqua class or morning lap swimming.

Please note, that the facility will be closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Good Friday. Weather guidelines will also be in place during the season.

➤ For opening times and pricing, visit sa.ymca.org.au/strathalbyn-pool

Goolwa School Open Street

Council is supporting its second School Open Street event in October – this time at Goolwa Primary School.

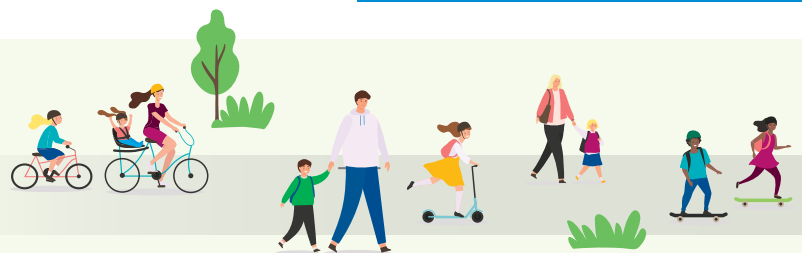
The event will take place on **Tuesday 28 October, 8 am – 9 am**, with Gardiner Street, alongside the school, temporarily closed to traffic.

A School Open Street is a temporary car-free zone near a

school that provides a safe and welcoming place for children and their families to walk and ride to school and connect with each other.

Council supported its first School Open Street at Port Elliot Primary School earlier this year.

School Open Streets align with our A2040 community vision to be 'Liveable. Green. Connected.'



Map of street closure:



Working for Council and our community



Alexandrina Council regularly purchases goods and services from suppliers for projects, works and experiences across the Council district.

Our Annual Community Plan provides contractors and suppliers with a listing of the upcoming works and services required by Council. It is important that suppliers looking to do business with Council are accredited, appropriately licensed, insured and committed to relevant Work Health and Safety requirements to protect themselves and Council. This is called being 'pre-qualified'.

Being a pre-qualified supplier means;

- It is quicker and more efficient to do business with Alexandrina Council
- You expand your customer base
- You can gain easier access to other councils across South Australia
- It ensures compliance with the necessary Acts
- You can access expert support and assistance, and
- Importantly, you can manage your own compliances.



To learn more, scan the QR code or email Council's Procurement team at procurement.officers@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Check your Council BPAY number

Council would like to encourage all our ratepayers to check their Bpay Biller Code if they use that method to pay rates.

Our former **Bpay Biller Code 36012 has been deactivated, effective 30 September 2025.**

As of 30 September 2025, the old BPAY Biller Code 36012 is no longer in use. If you do not update your payment details to use the **new code 435115**, any payments made using the old code after this date will not be received by Council.

To ensure your payments are correctly received we ask that you check your internet banking

and update any scheduled or recurring rate payments to ensure they are set up under the **new Biller Code 435115.**

Please refer to your first rates instalment notice for 2025/26, or any future notices, to ensure your payment details have been updated correctly.

Example below shows our payment slip for a rates notice, including the new Biller Code and the updated 17-digit payment reference number.

➤ For more information visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/rates

GO GREEN. GO ELECTRONIC. Register now at alexandrina.enotices.com.au with eNotices reference number:

Receive & pay your notices via email

How to Pay **Property ID:**

Biller Code: 435115
Ref: 21000123450012345

Pay from your savings, cheque or credit card accounts online via your financial institution.

Online Payments
Visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au
Select Online Payments
Ref: 21000123450012345

Phone Payments
Phone 1300 364 878
BPAY Ref No: 21000123450012345

FlexiPay/Direct Debit

Post Billpay Billpay code: 3634
Ref: 21000123450012345
Pay in store at Australia Post, by phone on 13 18 16, by using the Australia Post app or online at postbillpay.com.au

Scan here to pay

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Dedicated algal bloom website

A naturally occurring marine Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) is impacting our coast and coastal communities across the State.

The Government of South Australia is leading the response to this HAB and has set up a dedicated website to share information and resources. Visit algalbloom.sa.gov.au

To support the crisis response, the South Australian and Australian Governments have announced a multi-million-dollar support package. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for eligible small businesses impact by the HAB.

Businesses experiencing financial hardship are reminded that Council has a hardship policy in place to provide support.

If you need assistance, please head to our website or reach out to our Revenue Team on **8555 7000**.

Hidden history returns

A time capsule uncovered during recent works on the historic Port Elliot Council Chamber on The Strand has been returned to its hidey-hole for a future discovery.

Council contractors located a sealed piece of poly pipe containing Council-related memorabilia spanning 60 years.

Back in 1965, when the floors of the chamber were being replaced, the then District Clerk of District Council of Port Elliot, the late Mr. Reginald (Reg) Bristow-Smith wrote a letter and placed it with a nib pen in a glass bottle under the floor.

The bottle was discovered 30 years later (when the floor was replaced) by staff at the then-named District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa.

In turn, they placed the bottle and its contents and added their Council-related memorabilia inside a sealed poly pipe and placed it under the floor.

Fast-forward to 2025 - when the termite-damaged floor is being replaced - and the 'time capsule' is located again.

Council has now returned the 'time capsule' back under the floor, with some additions.

The Chamber has been treated for termites, the subfloor repaired with reclaimed Jarrah and the floorboards replaced with old Baltic pine boards salvaged from an old home that was being demolished.

Here's to the 'time capsule' staying concealed for many decades to come.



Image top: Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes with Council's Manager Projects and Design, Lee Graham, with the time capsule before it was returned under the floorboards. Image bottom: Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes holding the memorabilia.

First restoration burial ground

Council has signed a lease with the Natural Burial Ground Trust of Australia to establish the nation's first 'restoration' natural burial ground in a portion of unused land adjacent the Old Goolwa Cemetery.

This final step follows two rounds of consultation with the community since June 2024 regarding the concept of a natural burial ground and then the terms of the ground

lease for the site. Both rounds of consultation resulted in more than 95% support.

A restoration burial ground is a dedicated natural burial place, established on land that has been cleared or needs environmental restoration. The fees charged for burial in a restoration burial ground are used to fund further restoration programs at other environmentally significant locations.

Council's involvement in supporting this charitable initiative has been to provide access to the land for Nature Foundation and the Natural Burial Ground Trust of Australia to use for natural burials and environmental conservation purposes.

The Natural Burial Trust of Australia has commenced the development and implementation phase of the Burial Ground with a gathering of consultants and supporters at the Kessell Road site in September. The development team are aiming to be able to provide burial services by mid-December 2025.



Find out more at
wattlewood.org

Image: Kevin Hartley from the Natural Burial Ground Trust of Australia at a section of the Old Goolwa Cemetery off Kessell Road, Goolwa.

Jumping into fun at upgraded tracks

Fast, fun and safe! All boxes ticked at the upgraded dirt jump tracks at Goolwa and Mount Compass.

Maintenance work at the Goolwa Skate Park and Pump Track on Glendale Grove was completed in August with a group of riders from Goolwa Secondary College (pictured) testing the reshaped jumps line and new return loop, giving the track the thumbs up.

Council contractors Next Level Mountain Bike then turned their attention to the track at the Mount Compass Recreation Park, with work scheduled to be completed in late September.

Before starting on both tracks, our contractors spoke to the riders who used the jumps regularly.

Thanks to this feedback, our contractors removed a large dirt mound at Mount Compass and merged and sloped some outer jumps to improve track drainage.

They also created a one-way entry via the 'Snake Run' trail to provide access for beginner riders to roll into the lower level of the park via the 'Chicken Run'.



This also provides opportunities for experienced riders to make use of more progressive features.

Image: Goolwa Secondary College students Tyler, Xavier, Declan and Jacob give the dirt jump track at Goolwa the 'thumbs up'.

The revised design is considered safer and more sustainable considering the impact of wet weather experienced in Mount Compass, and it was all completed within budget.

➤ For more information about the two dirt jump track upgrade projects, visit mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Celebrate safe at Schoolies

The Schoolies Festival™ returns to Victor Harbor from 21 to 23 November 2025, with thousands of school leavers also staying across the Fleurieu, including Alexandrina.

Council supports the Schoolies Management Response, led by health promotion charity Encounter



Youth with partners the City of Victor Harbor, SA Health, SA Police, emergency services and local businesses.

The Festival runs nightly 7pm–1am at Warland Reserve, Victor Harbor, with entertainment, activities and a strong focus on safety.

The free Schoolies Festival™ Bus Service, supported by the State Government, operates across metro and regional SA. This includes a local shuttle from Goolwa to Encounter Bay. Details at encounteryouth.com.au/schoolies-festival

A good time to talk

Schoolies and the summer holidays can lead to increased exposure to alcohol and other drugs.

Now is the time to have open conversations with your young person. The Alcohol and Drug Foundation has developed a practical guide for parents and carers, covering everything from starting the conversation, safe partying and understanding the law. You can download the guide at adf.org.au/talking-about-drugs/parenting-talk

By working together as a community — parents, councils, health services and young people alike — we can help ensure Schoolies Festival™ 2025 is a safe and positive celebration for all.

Project updates

Mt Compass wastewater

Alexandrina Council has received a \$50,000 grant from the Local Government Association's Community Wastewater Innovation Fund to deliver an innovative approach to improve processes and boost the capacity of our wastewater infrastructure at Mount Compass.

This exciting project is the result of an ongoing collaboration between our wastewater unit Alexandrina Wastewater and researchers at the University of South Australia.

The project aims to lower phosphorus levels and speed up the wastewater treatment process using a new method over a 12-month trial.

If the trial is successful, there is potential to roll out the same approach at other wastewater sites within Alexandrina and share the findings with other councils across South Australia.

Fleurieu Aquatic Centre

The Fleurieu Aquatic Centre is finishing work on a major maintenance project to replace the protective pool linings and maintain the expansion joints on its three pool areas as well as upgrading the filtration systems.

The project was staggered with work on the hydrotherapy pool completed in late July, followed by the program pool in late August and then the 25m lap pool. Centre operators, YMCA SA, have also installed a new mobile lifter to improve accessibility.

The Centre is celebrating its eighth anniversary this year, a milestone that will be marked at the annual open day in mid-November.

Port Elliot Obelisk

The Obelisk was damaged by lightning in December 2023, sustaining significant structural damage to the top and western face.

Following delays due to insurance, heritage assessments and structural complexities, work began on repairs in mid-August and are scheduled to be completed in October, weather permitting.

Council consulted a render expert on the blend used to repair the structure, based on analysis of the original materials used.

No flagpole will be installed. This was agreed to by State Heritage. This is to prevent further lightning strikes.

Goolwa stormwater

Design plans for managing stormwater along Billabong Road and Bunyip Street in Goolwa are under review.

Council is actively collaborating with the South Lakes Golf Club to explore the potential use of the golf course for stormwater collection.

This approach offers significant environmental benefits and a long-term, sustainable solution for stormwater management in the Goolwa South area.

Recreation & Open Space

Alexandrina Council has been working on a Recreation, Open space and Sports Strategy (ROSS) to help guide the future development of recreation, open space and sport facilities across the Council district.

Through a combination of community conversations, data analysis, surveys, research, and stakeholder engagement, Council is developing a draft strategic plan.

This strategic plan seeks to categorise Council-owned land parcels and facilities into function areas - Sport, Reserve, Environmental and Recreation - and then into a hierarchy to define characteristics. The strategic plan also sets out levels of service for Council-owned assets and considers future needs in the district.

Nangkita Road, Mt Compass

The stabilisation of the road segments of the Nangkita Road base have been completed. An initial seal has been applied with temporary line marking.

The final seal will be applied once the base cure testing is approved as suitable for application. This should occur in November, subject to weather conditions.

Shelters in Port Elliot

Work on the renewal of two shelters at Freeman's Knob is scheduled to be completed by the end of November, weather permitting.

Strathalbyn Showground

Work to replace the truss nail plates on the poultry shed at the Strathalbyn Showground began in September. This work will ensure the shed meets modern building compliance standards.

South Coast Growth Strategy

A Council Information Session on the draft South Coast Growth Strategy was held in September.

The draft Plan is expected to come to Council for consideration in November.

Once the South Coast Growth Strategy is endorsed by Council, it will inform Council's Local Housing Strategy and the State Government's Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP).

Horseshoe Bay Wave Study

Council is undertaking community consultation on mitigation options to address the potential impact of rising sea levels on public infrastructure in Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot. Wave modelling analysis conducted in 2024 indicate the shoreline will recede by around 12m by 2050 and by 25m by 2100. A community engagement report will be presented to Council in December or early 2026.

Strathalbyn Cemetery Toilet

Council has finalised the tender for a single toilet block planned for the Strathalbyn Cemetery. Construction dates are still to be decided but the project is expected to be completed this financial year.

Chiton Rocks toilet

Work on the new public toilet near the Chiton Rock Surf Life Saving Club is expected to be finalised in October. Council has replaced the old septic system at the public toilet with a new pump station and connection to the main wastewater system.

To keep up to date with projects in Alexandrina visit our website alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates





ASO in Goolwa

Whether you're a classical music lover or curious first-timer, this is a rare chance to hear the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra live in Goolwa. Don't miss it!

When 8 November, 7.30pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Duration 1.5 hours

Cost^A Adults \$49, Concession \$39, Child (2-14 years) \$20

Age All ages

Bookings aso.com.au



The Seashore of endless worlds

Peter McLachlan's paintings take the viewer from working 'en plein air' directly from the environment to grand universal themes. A love of nature, sharp observations of human behaviour and always advocating for natural ecosystems.

When 6 December to 11 January

Where Signal Point Experience Centre at The Goolwa Wharf

Gallery hours Wed to Sun 10am–4pm

Enquiries 8555 7000 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Artwork: *Solar City* acrylic on canvas by Peter McLachlan.

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When 13 September to 23 November

Where Signal Point Experience Centre, Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Gallery hours Wed to Sun 10am–4pm

Enquiries 8555 7000 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

South Coast Jazz Festival

When 18 to 20 October

Where Various venues including Centenary Hall, South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa RSL and Anglican Church Hall, Goolwa.

Cost^A Various passes for weekend, day and special events

Bookings trybooking.com

Queens of Rock

When 25 October, 7.30pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^A Adults \$39, Concession \$34, Group 6+ \$30, Youth (under 18) \$32

Ages Perfect for kids aged 3+

Bookings trybooking.com

Alice Cooper Show – Halloween Special

When Friday 31 October, 8pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Duration 2.5 hours

Cost^A Adults \$50, Concession \$45, Youth (under 18) \$35, Group 6+ \$45

Bookings trybooking.com

Just Floyd – Pink Floyd's Greatest Hits

When 1 November, 7.30pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^A Adults \$60, Concession \$55, Group 6+ \$45, Youth (under 18) \$50

Bookings trybooking.com

Notional Abstract

When 1 November to 7 December

Where South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Gallery hours Wed to Fri 11am–4pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

Enquiries 8555 7000 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

I Have a Dream, ABBA

When 7 November, 8pm

Where Strathalbyn Town Hall

Duration 3 Hours

Cost^A Adults \$45, Concession \$42, a table of eight \$304 (\$38 each)

Bookings trybooking.com or call 0421 651 451

The Merry Widow at Goolwa

When 9 November, 4pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^A Adults \$67, Concessions \$52, Students \$25

Bookings trybooking.com

The Lady Beatles

When 21 November, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Duration 1 hour and 10 minutes

Cost^A \$22

Bookings trybooking.com or call 0421 651 451

Christmas Where the Angas Flows

When 12 December

Where Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Strathalbyn

The Alexandrina Council Collection – mixed exhibition

When 14 December to 11 January

Where South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

Gallery hours Wed to Fri 11am–4pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

Enquiries 8555 7000 or aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Rachael Leahcar – Together for Christmas

When 17 December, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Duration 1 hour and 10 minutes

Cost^A \$22

Bookings trybooking.com or call 0421 651 451

The Beatles Experience

When 21 December, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Duration 2 hours

Cost^A Adults \$50, Concession \$45, Groups 6+ \$45, Youth (under 18) \$30

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