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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the summer edition of Alexandrina Alive. On behalf of myself and Elected Members, I wish you a happy new year and hope you enjoyed a relaxing and fulfilling Christmas. Council achieved a great deal in 2018 and we look forward to carrying this momentum through 2019 presenting a number of key projects and services that will boost our economic, tourism and social activities and enable us to thrive as a community.

Looking back on our achievements across various service areas through 2018 is a satisfying confirmation that we are heading in the right direction. Some noteworthy highlights in 2018 include the organisational restructure which has been embraced by the administration. We also had the council elections in November which saw us welcome eight new elected members. The Strathalbyn Development Plan was endorsed by the Minister for Planning in September, and we have also made great strides in the Sandergrove Road Revitalisation project. We look forward to progressing the Mount Compass Recreation Park in 2019, following a recent design and procurement process. This community space will be a welcome addition to the social infrastructure of the area.

This year we anticipate a boom in visitor numbers in light of the release of the new Storm Boy film and the 2019 Santos Tour Down Under coming to Alexandrina. I am proud of these opportunities and welcome you to join me in promoting them to friends and family.

Keith Parkes
Mayor

Above: His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, and his wife Mrs Lan Le with Mayor Keith Parkes, Councillor James Stewart and community members at the Kenny Blake Festival launch in October 2018.

Front Cover Image: Finished works for Port Elliot's Harbourmasters Walk - retaining wall and pathway.

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Milang Eastern Fleurieu School art installation

The Milang Library Depot's opening hours have recently been established following public consultation with the tight knit Milang community. To celebrate and give the depot a new lease of life, children from the Milang campus of Eastern Fleurieu School have been enlisted to decorate the library's book return bins.

In November 2018, Council staff visited the students to give the brief. Each student was asked to paint or draw a character, scene or theme from their favourite book. The results are incredibly creative and colourful and will be collated into a design that will give the return bins an identity of their own.

The Milang community will be invited to a special unveiling BBQ at the library to admire and appreciate the works of our youngest generation of book worms. What will we see? Will the magic of the eccentric Dr Seuss grace the return bins or maybe that troublesome little pooch Hairy Maclary will make an appearance?

The Milang Library Depot is located on the corner of Coxe Street and Amaroo Avenue, Milang and is open from 3pm-5pm on Mondays, and from 9.30am-12 noon on Fridays. If a public holiday falls on the Monday or Friday, it will open on Wednesday from 10am-12pm that week.

Keep an eye on Council's website, alexandrina.sa.gov.au for more details about this special opening event and unveiling of the Milang Library Depot return bins.

Port Elliot's Harbourmasters Walk complete

Works to replace parts of the retaining walls along the Harbourmasters Walk were completed in October 2018, following on from previous path upgrades between Horseshoe Bay and Knights Beach.

The project is another milestone for the Port Elliot community, and was no mean feat for Council's Parks and Garden team, given its location on the cliff and extensive civil works involved.

The Alexandrina region is fortunate to boast some of the most picturesque coastlines and reserves in South Australia, and the Harbourmasters Walk certainly takes advantage of the granite outcrops and panoramic coastal expanses it traverses. It is a stunning path to walk at any time of year with the colours, scents and sounds of the great Southern Ocean providing an emotive backdrop.

Council and its community welcome you to explore our many parks and gardens and plan your next adventure in Alexandrina. Visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/parks



Countdown to the 2019 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival

The countdown has begun in earnest for the 2019 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival (SAWBF), which will be held on 27 and 28 April 2019 in and around the Goolwa Wharf Precinct.

Once again, Goolwa will be hosting the biggest freshwater wooden boat festival in Australia. Hundreds of stunning vessels will gather on the River Murray for a fun-filled weekend that has something for everyone on and off-water.

While the Goolwa Wharf Precinct is the festival's traditional location, the 2019 Festival will also extend south to include the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, Armfield Slip and the Goolwa Aquatic Club, providing a number of perfect settings to enjoy the many featured activities.

The SAWBF organising committee and Alexandrina Council are pleased to announce Goolwa & District Community Bank @ Branch as the presenting partner for the 16th instalment of the ever-popular festival.

In announcing the partnership, Goolwa & District Community Bank of Bendigo Bank Board Secretary, Emily Livingston acknowledged the festival and collaboration.

"Goolwa & District Community Bank and the broader Fleurieu Team (Aldinga Beach, Willunga and Victor Harbor Bendigo Bank branches) are excited to support such an iconic event.

"As a presenting partner and major sponsor of the festival, we look forward to this major event on the Fleurieu calendar. It allows us the opportunity to highlight the Goolwa & District Community Bank @ Branch and talk about the Community Bank @ model, and how 80% of our branch's profits are reinvested back into the local community. This is only possible when the community supports its local Bendigo Community Bank @ Branch," she said.

The SAWBF Committee warmly thanks Goolwa & District Community Bank for their generous support and assistance in delivering what will be an outstanding festival in 2019.

The planning of the SAWBF is going smoothly, however the committee is still looking for volunteers to support the running of this free community event.

There are many roles to fill so if you would like to assist our team, please contact our Council's Volunteer Support Officer on 8555 7000 or at info@sawoodenboatfestival.com.au

Phone 1300 466 592

www.sawoodenboatfestival.com.au

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Kenny Blake Festival

Strathalbyn honoured one of its favourite sons in October 2018, when the Strathalbyn and Lakes Tourist Association hosted a festival in his name – The Kenny Blake Festival of Motorcycling.

Kenny Blake was raised in Strathalbyn, attending the local school before gaining employment at Gilbert Motors on High Street as an apprentice panel beater. Ken bought his first bike at 16 and when he was 18 years old, he moved to Adelaide, and later Melbourne, to pursue his dream in becoming a professional motorcycle rider. Kenny was a natural and won his first ever professional race start in 1969.

An illustrious career followed, which included 11 Australian Motorcycle Championships, and race starts across Europe, the USA and Venezuela.

Tragedy struck in 1981, at the Isle of Man's famous race, the 500cc TT. In what was to be his final race before retirement, Kenny was killed instantly in an accident on the final lap. He had started from the back of the grid due to a mechanical fault and clawed back over five long laps, overtaking 103 riders and finding himself in 8th position before the accident.

This amazing career wrote Kenny Blake into the history books and put Strathalbyn on the map of motorcycle legends.

Motorcycle enthusiasts from Strathalbyn and beyond, came together, and celebrated the life of one of the greats with a range of motorcycle appreciation events across the town.

On Sunday, 28 October, the Kenny Blake Memorial Sculpture was unveiled on the corner of High Street and Grey Street by His Excellency, the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia. The amazing, life-size sculpture was created by James Stewart and took over three months to build, using around 4,000 pieces of scrap metal and mechanical parts. James was duly commended for his artistic creativity and sheer ingenuity, resulting in a superb and unique memorial to the memory of Kenny Blake. The memorial sculpture was graciously commissioned through the Kenny Blake Festival organisers, with funding contributions from Council and the Kenny Blake Foundation.

Our region is blessed with a myriad of talented artists, supported by Council's 2019 Just Add Water Program. James Stewart will have a solo exhibition, Control Has Left Me, at Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct from 1 March to 24 March 2019.

View more of our upcoming Arts and Cultural Program for 2019 at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/jaw



Fire prevention, keeping our community safe

Council's Fire Prevention Officers inspect around 15,000 properties and issue an average of 1,000 legal notices in the fire danger season each year.

Leading into the 2018 fire danger season Council's Community Safety team tried a new and proactive approach in an effort to help keep our community safe earlier in the bushfire season.

A community education process was trialled with the production of a general advice brochure to assist property owners to reduce the risk of fire on their own properties. An advisory letter was also sent to owners of properties who have been issued with a legal notice in the past, requesting their action to reduce bushfire risk ahead of the pending fire danger season.

This resulted in only 132 legal notices being issued, instead of the usual 1,000 – an outstanding outcome which helps to keep our communities safe from bushfire.

Residents are encouraged to keep the momentum and schedule some time ahead of the fire danger season each year to reduce bushfire risks on their properties.

Learn more at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/fire



Immunisation Clinics at Council

Dates for Council's monthly community immunisation clinics have been set for 2019. These clinics are run from the Council offices in Goolwa from 10.30am-12 noon and in Strathalbyn from 2.00-3.30pm:

20 February 2019	17 July 2019
20 March 2019	21 August 2019
17 April 2019	18 September 2019
15 May 2019	16 October 2019
19 June 2019	20 November 2019
	18 December 2019

For further information, please visit Council's website

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/environmentalhealth



Alexandrina the Heart of Storm Boy Country

As Storm Boy fever hits the nation and our cinema screens in January, our beautiful region is set to be the star as locals across the Alexandrina region prepare for a busy summer season. The Goolwa community is enormously proud to be in the heart of Storm Boy Country. Alexandrina, and in particular Goolwa, is a gateway to the Coorong, Kangaroo Island, Adelaide Hills and Langhorne Creek regions. You can explore beautiful coastline, scrublands, historical towns, unique inland waterways, world class wine regions and amazing regional produce.

There are plans-a-plenty underway in the region to coincide with the release of the new 'Storm Boy' film including special screenings of the original 1976 Storm Boy film in our very own Centenary Hall, Goolwa's performing arts space. Council is proud to support the screening of the original Storm Boy film for an entry fee of \$5 per person on Saturday 12 January at 7pm, Sunday 13 January at 3pm and Wednesday 16 January at 4pm. Don't miss out, as seats are filling quickly. Bookings can

be made in person at the Goolwa Visitor Information Centre, by phone on 1300 466 592 or online at www.visitalexandrina.com. The new 'Storm Boy' film will be released in cinemas in Adelaide and beyond on 17 January 2019.

Other activities in Goolwa, the heart of Storm Boy Country, include Mr Percival's Pop-up Gallery exhibition at the South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa from Monday 14 January to Sunday 10 February 2019. The exhibition celebrates the majestic pelican, featuring the artwork of locals to the Southern Fleurieu in a variety of media.

Goolwa and the extended region look forward to welcoming you to Alexandrina, Storm Boy Country, this summer. Relax, enjoy, unwind and explore. Visit www.visitalexandrina.com for more events and tourism in the region.



Christmas came early at Mount Compass Long Table Lunch

Every term Alexandrina Council's Community Connect program works with Mount Compass Lifestyle Group to run a session called 'Long Table Lunch' which focusses on healthy eating and building social connections over food. On Monday 12 November a committed group of 11 women could be found in the kitchen of the Mount Compass War Memorial Hall preparing a selection of healthy Christmas foods.

Everyone's unique skills and talents were needed to bring this 'Long Table Lunch' to fruition to share with a group of very special guests – the students and teachers of Mount Compass Kindergarten.

Twenty-two children and their three teachers arrived and sat in a circle around the shared table of food and eagerly listened as the Lifestyle Group's members introduced themselves. The two groups – elders of the community and the next generation – enjoyed a shared morning tea of healthy Christmas foods including Watermelon Christmas Trees, to baked Cinnamon Stars, a Fresh Fruit Platter in the shape of a Christmas tree and Mini Christmas Pizzas. Both children and adults alike appeared to enjoy the morning's bounty as numerous empty plates would attest!

The children then presented a handmade card to the Mount Compass Lifestyle Group to thank them for the invitation to the 'Long Table Lunch'. Recipes were shared and another visit in 2019 was discussed.

Community Connect and Mount Compass Lifestyle Group would like to thank Mount Compass Kindy for being involved in the Christmas 'Long Table Lunch'. We look forward to another shared 'Long Table Lunch' in 2019.

Did you know?

Almost 90% of the original native vegetation in the Alexandrina Council has been cleared and what remains is fragmented in small patches across the landscape? Managing fuel loads, including the selective clearance of native vegetation, is a key part of being bushfire ready which needs to be balanced against further degradation and loss of our local biodiversity.

With the exception of some large trees within the 1956 floodplain area of the River Murray, you can reduce, modify or remove all vegetation - including native vegetation - within 20 metres of your home without the need for approval, however in many cases, removing grassy and woody weeds will be a more suitable way to reduce fuel loads.

If you want further advice about getting bushfire ready whilst protecting native vegetation on your property, please contact the Country Fire Service (CFS) for advice. The CFS can help you decide how best to manage bushfire risks whilst minimising the impacts on native plants, animals and their ecosystems.

For further information visit the native vegetation management section of the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au



Thank you to our wonderful dog owners

We would like to thank dog owners for following dog leashing requirements on our beaches over the busy holiday season. The additional leashing restrictions which come into effect on 1 December each year are in place to ensure that our beautiful beaches can be enjoyed by all. Further information about dog leashing requirements can be found on Council's website www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/dogsonleash



2019 Just Add Water Program hits the stands

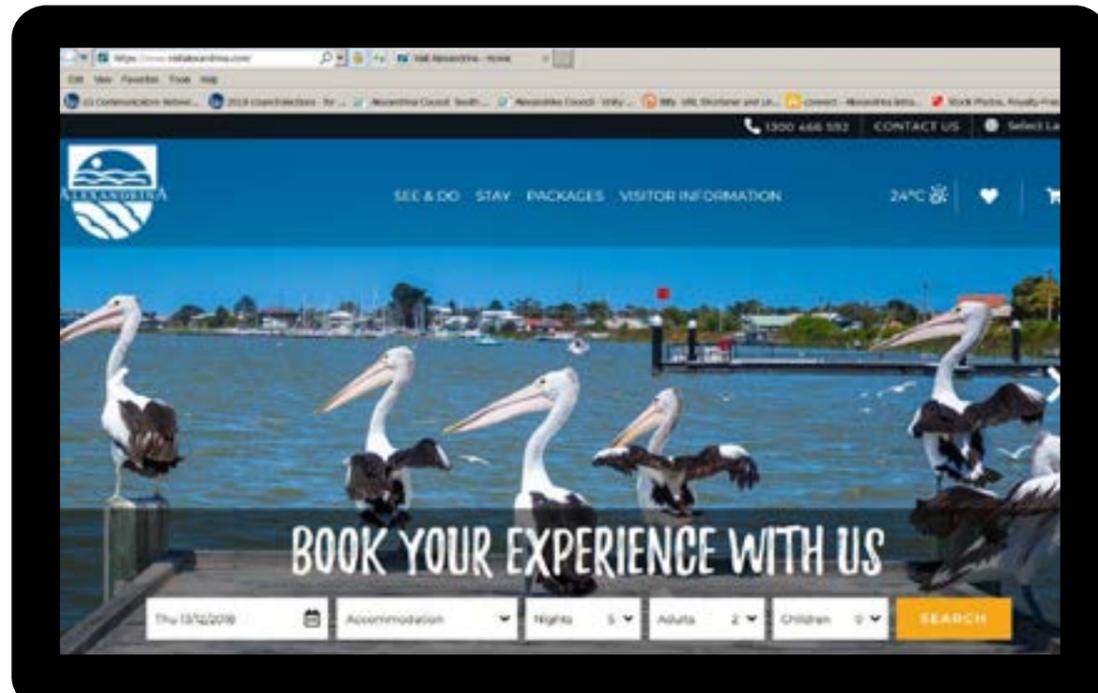
An enthusiastic crowd gathered at Signal Point Gallery in the Goolwa Wharf Precinct in December for the release of the eighth Just Add Water (JAW) Alexandrina Arts and Culture Program for 2019. An eclectic array of cultural offerings is available for the whole community, with 85 performances and exhibitions to be hosted throughout 18 venues across 9 townships in Alexandrina.

The 2019 JAW program presents shows in all major towns of the district including Goolwa, Mount Compass, Port Elliot, Langhorne Creek and Strathalbyn and is set to spark the interest of all age groups and backgrounds. Events include individual performances, concerts, workshops and school holiday activities; and numerous visual art exhibitions and installations at venues and galleries across the Alexandrina region, the variety and breadth of experiences to enjoy in 2019 is a feast for the senses.

Culturally significant Council events including NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week activities are part of the program again in 2019 and recognise the achievements of our people and embrace our rich cultural tapestry.

The launch was a fantastic celebration of our unique arts and culture community in Alexandrina, with two amazing exhibitions opening at the gallery on the same day. The ATLAS and Journey in Human Landscape exhibitions will remain open at the gallery until 13 and 20 January respectively.

The 2019 JAW Program offers every member of the community, whatever their culture, age or ability, an exciting chance to discover new experiences, express themselves in new ways and come together to celebrate our diverse community. **Copies of the 2019 Just Add Water Alexandrina Arts and Culture Program can be collected at the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Libraries and Visitor Information Centres, and at the South Coast Regional Arts Centre Signal Point Gallery and Centenary Hall (available during performance) in Goolwa. A digital copy can be viewed and downloaded at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/jaw or www.visitalexandrina.com**



Alexandrina tourism receives a boost

Tourism in Alexandrina has received a significant boost through the upgrade of Council's tourism website, Visit Alexandrina.

The modern and impressive new web interface showcases the heritage, social and natural charms of the region with visually appealing images; saturated by the full spectrum of our seasonal colour palette. Images featured on the new site include those resulting from a photo competition earlier in the year, in which renowned landscape photographer, Pete Dobrè, chose a series of best images to represent the best of Alexandrina.

The new website was introduced with a special launch at the Alexandrina Council Chambers in Goolwa on Tuesday, 18 December. A presentation at the event also recognised winning photographers from the competition, and offered a morning tea and 'virtual tour' of the new site.

The upgraded site allows visitors to learn more about the region's townships, upcoming events, tourist trails, local parks and precincts, and history.

It also enables users to book local tours, accommodation and Just Add Water performance tickets from their fingertips.

Alexandrina Council Mayor Keith Parkes recognises the importance of tourism in Alexandrina and what it means for local economy.

"Tourism is a key industry in Alexandrina and provides an income and livelihood for numerous individuals and businesses. As the state's most visited region outside of Adelaide, the Fleurieu Peninsula is a jewel in South Australia's crown and we plan on promoting our corner of the Fleurieu to support this trend," he said.

Visitors and locals alike, can learn more about the beauty of Alexandrina and its tourism offerings by visiting

www.visitalexandrina.com

Major Project Update

MOUNT COMPASS RECREATION PARK

Council will deliver the masterplan's most desired elements in 2019 including a skate park, BMX track and nature play space. As tender estimates received were greater than the allocated budget, options will be presented and considered by Council in 2019. While the start date is not confirmed at this stage, Council's endorsement of the project's budget will move the project forward for its eagerly anticipated commencement in 2019. It is expected to take four to six months to complete.

For regular updates on the project visit,
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/mcrecpark

GOOLWA SLSC FACILITY

The development of the Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) Facility continues on schedule. It is business as usual for the local cafe and Goolwa Beach users, while traffic and parking restrictions are in place. For regular updates please visit,
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwa-slsc

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



Events



Summer Swell Outdoor Cinema



Where	Commodore Reserve, Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot. Lawn area between The Flying Fish Café and the Port Elliot SLSC
When	Sat 16 February at 6.30pm till late (movie to commence at dusk)
Cost	Free, bookings not required
Age	Movie Rated G - General exhibition
Enquiries	jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
Things to know	Food and drinks available for purchase on site, provided by the Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club. BYO picnic, cushions, rugs or low chairs. Dry zone 10pm-6am, 7 days/wk

Storm Boy – The Original 1976 Film
12 January (7pm), 13 January (3pm), 16 January (4pm)
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Greyhound Hour*
13 January from 10am-11am
Location: Port Elliot Dog Park
Enquiries: 8555 7000
Bookings: www.mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/ghhour

Mr Percival's Pop-up Gallery*
14 January – 10 February
Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Out of the Blue*
14 January – 28 February
Location: Signal Point Gallery Ground Floor, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Summer & Spokes in Strathalbyn*
Santos Tour Down Under Stage 5 Finish
19 January
Location: Sodiers Memorial Gardens, Strathalbyn and enroute in Port Elliot, Middleton, Goolwa and Currency Creek
<http://tourdownunder.com.au/race/mens/stages/stage-5>
www.visitalexandrina.com

About Time – Brief Retrospectives of Six Artists*
1 February – 24 March
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

ABBA GOLD
2 February at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Workshop with Deb Sleeman – About Time
2 February from 10am-4pm
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries and bookings: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Greyhound Hour*
10 February from 10am-11am
Location: Port Elliot Dog Park
Enquiries: 8555 7000
Bookings: www.mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/ghhour

Moving Lands – Lise Temple*
15 February – 17 March
Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa
Lise Temple has been painting South Australian landscapes for 15 years.
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Animal Farm
1 March at 1pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
State Theatre Company South Australia presents this South Australian Education Show for schools.
A blistering new one-man version of George Orwell's political classic. Tickets must be pre-purchased
Bookings: 8415 5307
www.statetheatrecompany.com.au

Adelaide Writers' Week 2019*
3 March (Goolwa), 4 + 5 March (Strathalbyn) at various times
Locations: Goolwa Library Council Chambers and Strathalbyn Community Centre
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.adelaidefestival.com.au

Dr Krop the Relationship Expert!
8 March at 7pm
Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa
Kevin Kropinyeri is Dr Krop the Relationship Expert.
Kevin is one of ten siblings and a huge extended Aboriginal Family.
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Practically Perfect – The Music of Julie Andrews
9 March at 7.30pm
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
A glorious stage production, be taken on an all singing, all dancing journey from the West End to Broadway and on to Hollywood.
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Fringe in Goolwa Weekend!*
A full weekend of Fringe in Goolwa with multiple venues at Goolwa Wharf Precinct. Starting on Friday evening with comedy and live music and continuing Saturday and Sunday with activities, art workshops, performances and more.
Fashion on the Fringe! Childrens' Workshop*
9 March from 9am-11.30am
Location: Goolwa Library Entrance Courtyard, Goolwa

The Goolwa (Fringe) Caravan*
10 March from 10.30am-1.30pm
Location: Jaralde Park, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
At The Wharf - The Steve Brown Band*
10 March from 1.30pm-5pm
Location: Signal Point Gallery Deck, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Greyhound Hour*
17 March from 10am-11am
Location: Port Elliot Dog Park
Enquiries: 8555 7000
Bookings: www.mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/ghhour

Dogs Day Out on the Fleurieu
17 March 10am-2pm
Location: Lakala Reserve, Port Elliot
Enquiries: 0407 075 216
www.portelliott.org.au

Kunyi June Anne McInerney – My Paintings Speak For Me*
21 March – 5 May
Location: South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

Submerged – Stories of Australia's Shipwrecks*
25 March – 6 May
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com
Keep up to date with upcoming and new Council events by visiting Council's website or via the tourism website:
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au
www.visitalexandrina.com

* Free event

