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# Message from the Mayor

## I hope you enjoy reading this Autumn Edition of Alexandrina Alive.

The year began with the pontoon back in Horseshoe Bay in Port Elliot, thanks to community collaboration.

In January I was privileged to officiate at our Australia Day Awards Events. In February Council joined nine other organisations in renewing our commitment to the Resilient Hills & Coasts climate action partnership.

This month I am excited to join our Federal and State Government funding partners to mark the completion of our Goolwa Wharf Precinct Project. Fittingly, this ceremony will be held at the restored wharf during our biennial South Australian Wooden Boat Festival on April 26 and 27. I extend an invitation for you to join me.

I wish to finish this message by addressing the Essential

Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) Review on the performance of Council that was released late February.

Council was not surprised by the report which questioned Council's long-term financial sustainability. Through Council's most recent asset valuation reviews, we identified a large increase in the overall value of our assets, resulting in a significant increase in asset depreciation costs. This realisation highlighted the Council's need to reassess our entire operating budget.

As Mayor, I would like to reassure the community that we have already begun this process. Council is working closely with our new CEO and Chief Financial Officer as part of the budget process to develop a new Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP), with the intention to return Council to a surplus in two years. This draft plan also projects a reduction in the above CPI rate increases for Alexandrina's ratepayers from 11% over the next four years to approximately 3.25% across the same timeframe.

Council will need to continue to exercise restraint when it comes to expenditure, but we are focussed on making rates affordable for our community, and ensuring our programs and services are fully funded.

I encourage you to attend our public budget workshops throughout April, and to take part in the community consultation on the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan and Budget process in May.

Mayor Keith Parkes

Image: Deputy Premier Susan Close, front, with Adelaide Hills Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom (back left), Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes, District Council of Yankalilla Mayor Darryl Houston, City of Victor Harbor Mayor Moira Jenkins, Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board Chair David Greenhough, Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Chair James Sexton and District Council of Mount Barker Mayor David Leach.

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Front cover: SA Wooden Boat Festival Chair Mark Harvey will be proudly cruising into this year's festival at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct in the Falcon, a 50ft, 18 ton 'river cruiser' built of Jarrah, Oregon, Pine, and Mahogany timber. Mark and wife Helen bought the Falcon three years ago and are proud to be the custodians of one of the best examples of wooden boat building in SA. The Falcon was built in 1948 by A McFarlane & Sons Birkenhead SA as a river cruiser for a well-known SA family. She was then purchased by the Ansett Family and then by Rob and Mon Bowering, a well-known Goolwa and Mannum family, who restored the Falcon. Come along to the Goolwa Wharf Precinct and enjoy this year's festival which runs over the weekend of 26 and 27 April.

The Alexandrina Council and its communities acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri, Peramangk and Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of our Council district.



## Sign up for digital library collection



Did you know that becoming a digital member of Alexandrina Libraries means you can access Libraries SA's statewide online collection available on phone, tablet, PC or Mac?

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Once you have logged in, you'll have access to:

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Our library staff are more than happy to help you get started with the apps over the phone or in-person at one of our branches or depots.

We are happy to visit your community group or residential care facility to demonstrate the process or explain what is on offer.

➤ Become an Alexandrina Libraries member now at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries) (then click 'join')

➤ Get in touch – call the library team on 8555 7000 or email [libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

## Australia Day Awards

Alexandrina's Australia Day Awards were presented at Australia Day Events in Strathalbyn and Goolwa hosted by the Council on 26 January 2025.

These awards publicly honour those who continue to serve our community and embody the vision to make Alexandrina 'Liveable. Green. Connected'.

Award recipients for the Alexandrina region are:

### > Citizen of the Year

**Goolwa & Surrounds:** David Reynolds for service to the Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club.

**Strathalbyn & Surrounds:** Trevor McLean for a wide range of community service.

### > Young Citizen of the Year

**Goolwa & Surrounds:** Jack Breen for service to the Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club.

**Strathalbyn & Surrounds:** Natasha Osmond for service to the arts, youth and the environment.

### > Community Event of the Year

**Goolwa & Surrounds:** Middleton Town and Foreshore Association – Tour Down Under in Middleton.

**Strathalbyn & Surrounds:** John and Bernadette Chaplin, Christmas at Nine Mile.

### > Active Citizenship

**Goolwa & Surrounds:** Corey Anderson for service to the Mount Compass community.

**Goolwa & Surrounds:** Tricia Skewes for service to the Goolwa community including the SA Ambulance Service.

**Strathalbyn & Surrounds:** Jessica Chandler for service to sport and the rural community.

### > Mayor's Community Service Award

**Goolwa & Surrounds:** Duncan Norris for service to the Royal Flying Doctor Service Fleurieu Support Group.

**Strathalbyn & Surrounds:** Roger Miller for service to the Milang community and local heritage.

➤ Find out more about our Australia Day Award winners at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/citizenoftheyear25](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/citizenoftheyear25)



Top image: Australia Day Awards Strathalbyn and Surrounds: Mayor Keith Parkes, left, Trevor McLean, Natasha Osmond, John and Bernadette Chaplin, Roger Miller, Jessica Chandler and Chief Executive Officer Andrew MacDonald.

Bottom image: Australia Day award winners Goolwa and Surrounds. Back from left, Chief Executive Officer Andrew MacDonald, David Reynolds, Mayor Keith Parkes, and Deputy Mayor Peter Oliver. Front, Jack Breen, Tricia Skewes, Corey Anderson, Middleton Town and Foreshore Association President Keith Dommenz, and Duncan Norris.



## Joe's legacy back at the jetty

**A memorial honouring one of Port Elliot's favourite sons is back at the steps of the Horseshoe Bay Jetty.**

A new plaque dedicated to the late Joe Barton was fixed in early 2025 after the original brass marker went missing when the local heritage listed jetty was damaged in a storm two years ago.

Joseph 'Joe' Barton was a former Councillor and Mayor of the former District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa.

He was a well-known local businessman, a stalwart member of numerous community groups and a pivotal figure in Port Elliot where he lived for nearly a century before his death in 2017.

Thanks to the Port Elliot Town and Foreshore Improvement Association, Council and the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay, a bronze bust of Mr Barton was installed in The Strand.

A plaque was also placed on the stairs of the circa 1852 jetty before it was damaged in a storm in February 2023.

The jetty was repaired using partnership funding of \$174,000 from the State Government's SA Jetties Renewal Program.

The Joe Barton plaque has been secured to a custom timber mount, made to replicate the previous version.

It bears additional historical significance this time, with the timber mount crafted using old wood from the Goolwa Wharf, connecting our maritime history across the region.

Top image: New plaque at Horseshoe Bay Jetty. Inset image: Joe Barton bust at The Strand, Port Elliot.

## What's happening at The Haven?

### ➤ Navigating Neurodiversity Support Group

Join us for a free support group for parents and caregivers who care for those with neurodiversity.

**When:** Wednesday mornings, fortnightly, 9.15am–10.30am

**Where:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Enquiries:** 0499 407 237 or call Deb on 0427 208 937

### ➤ Strathalbyn Women's Haven

Meeting weekly for connection and learning, growth and development. Cultivate friendships. Proposed monthly workshops on relevant and interesting topics.

**When:** Wednesday mornings, weekly, 10am–11 am

**Where:** Strathalbyn Library

**Enquiries:** 0499 407 237

### ➤ Phone donations needed

The Goolwa Haven has a donation box for people to donate their old phones (must be working) to assist people affected by domestic violence.

Phones will be sent interstate to the Safe Phones Charity to wipe any remaining data. The phones are sent to Domestic Violence Services and police who provide them to people who are in unsafe situations and have possibly had their original phones tracked or tampered with.

## Heritage Awards Evening

As part of SA History Festival, we invite you to the Heritage Awards Evening that will be held on Thursday 22 May, 6 pm at Centenary Hall, Goolwa, with guest speaker Lainie Anderson.

Hosted by the Alexandrina Council Heritage Advisory Committee, the Heritage Awards recognise excellence in heritage conservation, research and works undertaken within the Alexandrina district.

**When** Thursday 22 May, 6 pm

**Where** Centenary Hall,  
14 Cadell Street, Goolwa

For further information and to register for the awards evening, visit [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards)

Image: Heritage Award 2024 recipient, Pago Luxury Retreat, Middleton





## Shade and shelter at historic cemetery

**The Langhorne Creek Cemetery now has a place for visitors to sit and shelter from the elements.**

The heritage-style shelter was built in late 2024 and was designed to reflect the historical significance of the cemetery and its surrounding landscape.

The shelter features a timber structure with enclosed ends for wind protection, bench seating for visitors, and provisions for interpretive signage.

**Council built the shelter acting on feedback from the Langhorne Creek community during our 2023 Village Conversations.**

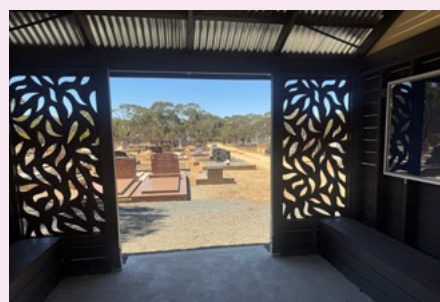
The project was funded through the Village Innovations Plans Capital Budget as approved in the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Other Village Conversation capital projects included the Mount Compass Recreation Park half-court basketball court and playground shade sail and a concept design for a Middleton Skatepark.

The Langhorne Creek Cemetery is located off Lee Road.

**Cemetery Records for Alexandrina Council cemeteries are available through Council offices and on our website at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/cemeteries](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/cemeteries)**

Images: Shelter at Langhorne Creek Cemetery



## Easter and Anzac Day waste & recycling hours

**Bin collections on public holidays STILL OCCUR**

**Public holiday opening hours for the Waste and Recycling Depots:**

|                                           | Goolwa Depot | Strathalbyn Depot |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Friday 18 April</b> – Public holiday   | CLOSED       | CLOSED            |
| <b>Saturday 19 April</b> – Public holiday | CLOSED       | CLOSED            |
| <b>Sunday 20 April</b> – Public holiday   | CLOSED       | 8am–4pm           |
| <b>Monday 21 April</b> – Public holiday   | 8.30am–4pm   | CLOSED            |
| <b>Tuesday 22 April</b>                   | 8.30am–4pm   | 9am–4pm           |
| <b>Wednesday 23 April</b>                 | 8.30am–4pm   | CLOSED            |
| <b>Thursday 24 April</b>                  | 8.30am–4pm   | 9am–4pm           |
| <b>Friday 25 April</b> – Public holiday   | CLOSED       | CLOSED            |
| <b>Saturday 26 April</b>                  | 9am–3.30pm   | CLOSED            |
| <b>Sunday 27 April</b>                    | 9am–3.30pm   | 8am–4pm           |

## Don't dump a fire starter!

**Batteries hidden in waste are potential fire starters.**

After recent fires caused by batteries at both the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Depots, the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority urges users of kerbside bins and depots to recycle batteries by taking them to the nearest depot for **FREE** disposal.

Empty gas bottles up to 9kg can now also be recycled for **FREE** at depots.

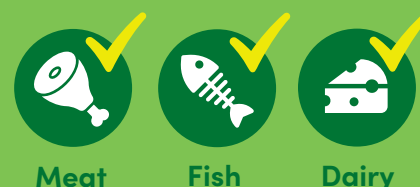


## Remove outdated bin stickers

**Have you got one of these stickers on your green bin?**  
Please remove it as the information is outdated.



Food scraps, including meat, fish and dairy can go in the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin.



**Collect a new sticker for your FOGO bin from the Goolwa or Strathalbyn Waste and Recycling Depots. For more information, call 8555 7405 or visit [frwa.com.au](http://frwa.com.au)**

# South Australian Wooden Boat Festival

26–27 April 2025



## Back at the Goolwa Wharf and better than ever

**The South Australian Wooden Boat Festival returns to the Goolwa Wharf Precinct this year with a program celebrating the State's rich maritime history.**

Supported by the South Australian Tourism Commission, this festival is being held over the weekend of April 26 and 27 and will feature more than 100 wooden boats – new and vintage and under sail, steam, motor and paddle.

Enjoy sailing races, paddle steamer cruises, steam train trips, maritime exhibits, the Rough 'n' Ready boat building competition, live music, great food, family-friendly entertainment with the Little Pirates Tent and the Little Picassos art exhibition, plus a lights display and fireworks on the Saturday evening.

The festival will also mark the unveiling of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct Project, a multi-million-dollar endeavour by Council, the Australian Government and the Government of South Australia to preserve and enhance the heritage sites in the precinct.

The festival opening will also feature the Steam Salute, a unique event where the SteamRanger train and the Paddle Steamer PS Oscar W exchange whistles.

On Sunday afternoon, the festival will conclude with the Grand Parade of Wooden Boats, a breathtaking spectacle as vessels take to the water for a final celebration of craftsmanship and tradition.



## Sail into the night with lights display and fireworks

**An unmissable highlight of the festival will be the lights display and fireworks on the Saturday night.**

Wooden boats adorned with twinkling fairy lights will line the waterfront at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct.

Then, as night falls, the sky will come alive with a spectacular fireworks display launched from the Hindmarsh Island Bridge. The dazzling bursts of colour will reflect over the water, casting a magical glow over the wharf.

Bring the family and watch from the waterfront, aboard a paddle steamer, or from a scenic spot in town.

Find out more at  
[sawoodenboatfestival.com.au](http://sawoodenboatfestival.com.au)



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN  
**WOODEN  
BOAT  
FESTIVAL**  
RIVERPORT OF GOOLWA



# SAWBF Program

## Saturday 26 April

|                |                                                                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>9am</b>     | <b>Festival Opens</b>                                                            |
| <b>10am</b>    | Live Music commences – Main Stage                                                |
| <b>10.30am</b> | PS Oscar W Cruise (1 hour)                                                       |
| <b>11.30am</b> | <b>Official Wharf Launch &amp; SA Wooden Boat Festival Opening</b> – Wharf Stage |
| <b>12.25pm</b> | Steam Salute                                                                     |
| <b>1pm</b>     | Rough 'n' Ready Boat Building Challenge (Day 1)                                  |
| <b>1.30pm</b>  | Vintage Tiger Moth Bi Plane Aerial Display                                       |
| <b>4pm</b>     | PS Oscar W Cruise (1 hour)                                                       |
| <b>6pm</b>     | Live Music – Storm Boys – Main Stage                                             |
| <b>7pm</b>     | PS Oscar W Twilight Cruise (2 hours with viewing of Fireworks)                   |
| <b>7.30pm</b>  | Fairy Light Exhibition                                                           |
| <b>8.30pm</b>  | Fireworks Display                                                                |
| <b>9pm</b>     | <b>Close of Festival</b>                                                         |

## Sunday 27 April

|               |                                                 |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>9am</b>    | <b>Festival Opens</b>                           |
| <b>10am</b>   | Live Music commences – Main Stage               |
| <b>11am</b>   | PS Oscar W Cruise (1 hour)                      |
| <b>11am</b>   | Live Music – Navy Band – Main Stage             |
| <b>1pm</b>    | Rough 'n' Ready Boat Building Challenge (Day 2) |
| <b>1pm</b>    | PS Oscar W Cruise (1 hour)                      |
| <b>1.30pm</b> | Vintage Tiger Moth Bi Plane Aerial Display      |
| <b>2pm</b>    | Festival Trophy Presentations                   |
| <b>2.45pm</b> | Rough 'n' Ready Boat Race                       |
| <b>3pm</b>    | PS Oscar W Grand Parade Cruise (1 hour)         |
| <b>3.30pm</b> | Grand Parade – All Boats                        |
| <b>4pm</b>    | <b>Close of 2025 Festival</b>                   |

## SAWBF Goolwa Wharf Map



### Key

- 1 Visitor Information Centre
- 2 Authorised vehicle car park
- 3 Accessible car park
- 4 Cittaslow Market
- 5 Rough 'n' Ready Boat Building Competition
- 6 On land boat display
- 7 'Little Pirates' kids tent
- 8 Signal Point Experience Centre / Yuntulun Ku:li-war
- 9 Wharf Shed and Goolwa Riverport Heritage Centre
- 10 On land boat display
- Exhibitors
- Road closed
- Main stage
- Wharf stage
- Food and hospitality area
- Toilets
- Railway station

# Partners affirm commitment to climate resilience

**The 10 members of Resilient Hills & Coasts have renewed their commitment to a cross-sector partnership to build climate resilience in the region.**

At a formal ceremony held at Laratinga Pavilion in Mount Barker, Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, the Hon. Susan Close MP, renewed the five-year sector agreement with all partners.

This collaborative partnership includes six councils – Alexandrina, Adelaide Hills, Kangaroo Island, Mount Barker, Victor Harbor, and Yankalilla, the Department for Environment and Water, the two Landscape Boards for Hills and Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, and Regional Development Australia (RDA) Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island.

These partners, who have been working together since 2014, also affirmed their commitment to the Regional Climate Action Plan 2025–2030 which sets out the direction for Resilient Hills & Coasts and their collaboration to accelerate climate



action and community resilience in our region.

The first Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan was launched in 2016. Since that time the collective has successfully received \$1.2 million in external funding and undertaken 28 projects and more than 40 advocacy and engagement activities.

Projects have included the delivery of climate risk governance assessments, coastal adaptation plans, enhanced understanding of climate resilient housing, capability raising on water-sensitive urban design and resilient agriculture.

Resilient Hills & Coasts is overseen by a Steering Committee with representatives from each organisation.

Top Image: Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes. Bottom image: Deputy Premier Susan Close, seated front, with Resilient Hills & Coasts Steering Group Committee members.



## Food and Community as a Climate Solution

**Are you passionate about strengthening our local food system and building resilience to climate change?**

Join us for some community workshops focused on fostering collaboration and strengthening our local food systems to help build resilient communities in the face of climate change and rising living costs.

With funding from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, The Food Embassy, in partnership with Council and Second Nature Conservancy, will host three workshops on Thursdays at 6pm on May 1, 8 and 15 at the Strathalbyn Natural Resource Centre.

These workshops aim to engage community members in identifying local food solutions that encourage growing, sharing, buying, and selling food locally.

These workshops will bring together community members to explore gaps and opportunities for food initiatives. The group will work together to develop a local food project, which the Food Embassy will support and help implement over six months.

Don't miss the chance to be part of this exciting project – come and help create a more sustainable, resilient food system in our community!

Register now at [events.humanitix.com/food-democracy-strathalbyn](https://events.humanitix.com/food-democracy-strathalbyn)



# Cool Road Collective – Pioneering Sustainable Logistics for Local Producers

**How cool – and quiet! South Australia’s first electric (EV) refrigerated truck arrived at Peninsula Providore at Tooperang last month as part of promotional activities for the ‘Cool Road Collective’ initiative.**

The Cool Road Collective is a collaboration of local small food producers who shared resources to combine their transport coordination to reduce cost, save time, and help the environment.

Supported by Council and the Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, and operated through The Food Embassy social enterprise, the collaboration ran a trial for five months.

The EV refrigerated truck joined the trial in the final weeks.

Taking part in the trial were four Fleurieu-based producers – Peninsula Providore, Gut Feeling, Choice Mushrooms, and Smiling Samoyed Brewery.

**Besides saving costs and time, pooling transport logistics resulted in a 75 per cent reduction in collective greenhouse gas emissions and a 75 per cent reduction in distance travelled.**

Looking beyond the pilot, the Cool Road Collective is exploring opportunities to secure a dedicated vehicle and the necessary technology to transition into a self-sustaining small-scale logistics operation.

➤ **Find out more at**  
[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/foodsystem](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/foodsystem)



Image: Stacey Bateson, GM Community Alexandrina Council, Mel Hollick, producer Peninsula Providore, Dan Fehrenbach, Driver, Cool Road Collective, Amber Cawsey, Coordinator Cool Road Collective, Liz Sanders, The Food Embassy, Rebecca Martin, Alexandrina Council, Craig Phillips, Cool Road Advisor.

## Big wins for local farming

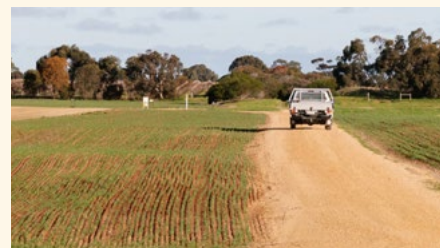
**The Hills and Fleurieu Local Food Future Project is building a stronger, more sustainable food system for our region.**

**This initiative brings together councils, industry groups, and community organisations to support local farmers and food producers to create a thriving food economy.**

At the heart of this project is Liz Sanders, the Local Food Activator from The Food Embassy. Liz has been working closely with farmers, First Nations groups, and others in the food industry to address challenges and develop practical solutions.

Now in its second year, the project has already secured \$110,000 in grants this financial year.

This includes a \$71,000 grant from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Farming to help Futures Farmers SA grow the



Hills and Fleurieu Regenerative Agriculture Network by supporting the five local groups and conducting educational workshops aimed at supporting landholders to farm productively and regeneratively.

➤ **Find out more at**  
[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/foodfutureproject](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/foodfutureproject)

# Mount Compass 'Hang Out' off to flying start

**A new after-school program is giving young people in Mount Compass a place to connect, create, and have fun.**

Launched this year through a collaboration between Alexandrina Council, headspace Victor Harbor, and the Mount Compass War Memorial Community Centre, the Mount Compass Hang Out is fast becoming a favourite spot for local young people.

The Hang Out was shaped by ideas from Mount Compass Area School students.

The program offers an inclusive space with a range of activities such as Dungeons and Dragons, arts and crafts and Nintendo Switch gaming.



Delicious food and drinks are also provided to keep the energy going.

Whether you're an avid gamer, a creative soul, or just looking for a relaxed place to hang out, there's something for everyone.

➤ Find out more at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/youngpeople](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/youngpeople)

Image: Playing Dungeons and Dragons at the Hang Out group.

## Looking for more youth activities?

Here's a taste of what's available for young people in Alexandrina:

➤ **Alexandrina Youth Theatre and Film**

Mondays, 4–6pm  
(School Term), Goolwa

➤ **Milang Youth Hub**

Fridays, 4.30–6pm  
(School Term), Milang

➤ **Nunga Youth Group**

Fridays, 3–6pm  
(School Term),  
Victor Harbor & Goolwa

➤ **Fleurieu School Holiday Program**

View the autumn school holiday program at  
[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/schoolholidays](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/schoolholidays)

## Sharing information about ageing well

**My Aged Care information sessions were held in Goolwa and Strathalbyn in February as part of Council's Community Information Series.**

Around 50 people attended the events with feedback overwhelmingly positive.

With a range of changes affecting Federal Aged Care services through the My Aged Care system after 1 July 2025, we will be scheduling more sessions in the second half of the year to keep you informed.



## Little Picassos dive into nautical art

**Council and the Goolwa Community Centre are excited to showcase the creations from the Little Picassos youth arts program at the SA Wooden Boat Festival in April.**

Little Picassos provides young people aged 12–18 years with the opportunity to experiment with different art styles, guided by local professional artists.

Thanks to a \$12,185 Carclew Youth Arts Grant, the group dived into 10 weeks of hands-on workshops.

Image: Little Picassos Caly Mason, Tashi Davidson, Kiara Shepherd, Ocean Blake, Azrah Lang, Steph Pitcher (facilitator), Molly Hogan, Kaya Spencely-Ford and Oliver Carver with their artworks



Check out their vibrant creations at the festival's Little Picassos exhibition.

If you're feeling crafty, bring the whole family along to the Cardboard Creations Workshop on the Saturday 26 April where you can make your own nautical-inspired masterpiece.

➤ Find out more about our youth programs at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/youngpeople](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/youngpeople)

# Project updates

## Mount Compass Half-Court

The half-court basketball court at the Mount Compass Recreation Park is complete with new irrigation and turf.

Onsite works to install a public toilet compliant with DDA standards have also been completed.

The shade sails for playground equipment were installed in March.

## Peters Terrace

Council has finished upgrading the surface of Peters Terrace in Mount Compass. The project included the installation of kerbing on the residential side between Tay Road and Clyde Terrace, the upgrade of the track between Clyde Terrace and Roadmans Reserve with a spray sealed surface, plus asphaltting and enlargement of the intersection of Clyde Terrace and Peters Terrace with a change to the intersection priority to improve traffic safety.

The informal entry to Peters Terrace from Victor Harbor Road has been permanently closed as this vehicle path is not recognised by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.

## Nangkita Road

Work is scheduled to start in late April to upgrade an additional 2.9km section of Nangkita Road using a mix of Lightly Bound Cement (LBC) and Foam Bitumen Stabilisation (FBS) treatments to enhance the pavements of heavily water-impacted road segments. The works will upgrade segments of the road not addressed in the previous year's program.

Once the pavement upgrade is completed, a final spray seal will be applied using an improved emulsion formula.

## Billabong Road Stormwater

This project focuses on stormwater issues on Billabong Road in Goolwa South from Beach Road through to Jumbuck Road, including kerb and gutters along Bunyip Street and Bunyip Court. Catchment analysis is almost complete with Council to review concept engineering designs in April. Council will go out to tender with final construction designs. Work is expected to start in late 2025.

## Recreation Precinct

Council considered the progress of the Strathalbyn Recreation Precinct (Lot 10 Langhorne Creek Road) at a Special Council Meeting in March.

Council resolved, subject to external funding, to progress Stage 1. This stage includes a two-court indoor facility, with potential expansion to four courts, as well as a dog park, playing fields, and an RV park/campground.

Council also resolved to seek further information from the Strathalbyn Harness Racing Club in relation to their proposed harness racing facility.

## Strathalbyn Town Hall

New Council contractors have recommenced works to complete the Strathalbyn Town Hall upgrade. The work is scheduled to be finished in May 2025.

The building upgrade includes installation of air conditioning in the main auditorium, reconfiguring the front foyer and balcony areas, new A/V and stage lighting, DDA compliance enhancements including platform lift to stage and accessible toilet modification, refurbishment of existing toilets, roof and floor structure repairs, extension to the existing stage and installation of solar power system.

## South Coast Growth Strategy

Council will consider the draft South Coast Growth Strategy at a workshop in April or May. The draft strategy seeks to provide clear guidelines to Governments regarding the scope of any future development at Goolwa, Hindmarsh Island, Middleton, and Port Elliot. The strategy went out to community consultation late last year. The considerable feedback received will be considered by Council during the workshop.

## Reserve Shelters, Port Elliot

Council has completed final detailed designs on the renewal of two shelters within Freeman's Knob Reserve in Port Elliot. A Development Application has been submitted with construction scheduled to begin in the second quarter of 2025.

## Port Elliot Obelisk

Repairs on the historic Obelisk at Freeman's Knob at Port Elliot are expected to proceed in the coming months.

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

Work was delayed last year due to the complexity of the internal structure of the landmark.

Council is working with design engineers and considering the advice of State Heritage.

## Shower Facility, Middleton

A freestanding shower facility and foot tap were installed over summer in the Lorraine Avenue Car Park off Surfers Parade in Middleton. The project came about as a result of community feedback during Council's Village Conversations consultations.

## Middleton Public Toilet

Council is working on concept designs to replace the public toilets behind the Middleton Hall.

This project has been included for consideration in the draft 2025/26 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

## Clayton Bay Shade Sail

New shade sails were installed at the Clayton Bay Reserve Playground. Work was completed in March.

## Strathalbyn Cemetery Toilet

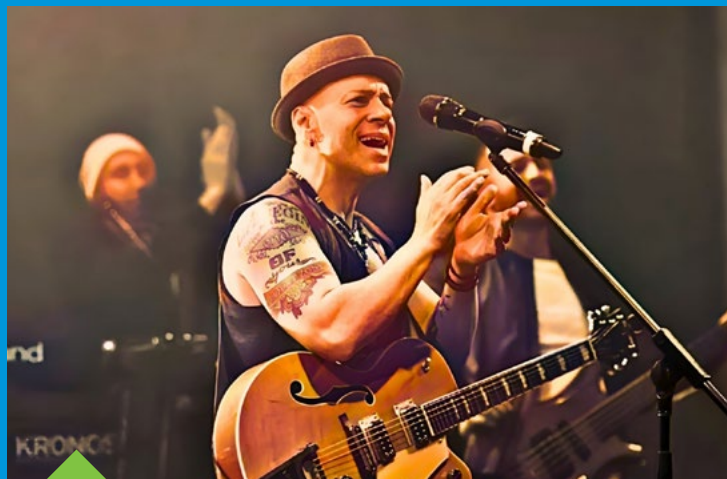
Council is investigating options for a single public toilet unit to be placed in the north-east corner of the Strathalbyn Cemetery on Parker Avenue.

## Clayton Bay Public Toilet

Council has selected a successful contractor to build the new public toilet at Clayton Bay. Detailed design work is currently underway. Construction is scheduled for third quarter of 2025. Temporary public toilets will be available during the construction. Work is expected to be completed in late 2025.

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





## The Aussie Anthems Songbook

From the harmonious sounds of Little River Band and the anthemic rock of Cold Chisel, to the unforgettable melodies of John Farnham and the global success of INXS, this show brings together a carefully curated selection of classics from legendary Australian artists.

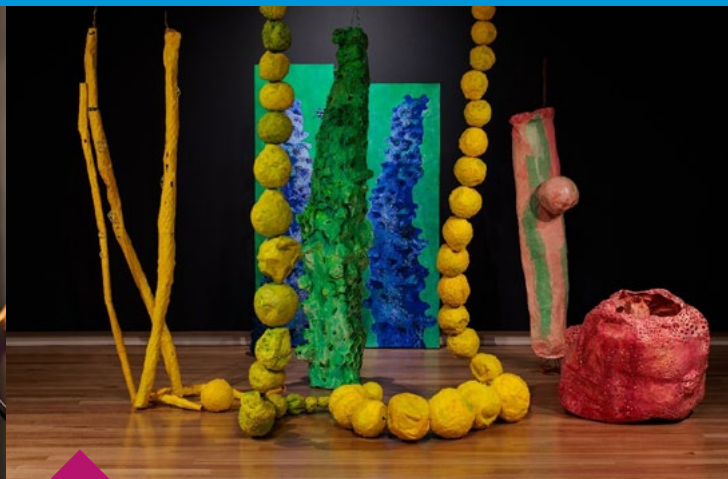
**When** 23 May, 2pm

**Where** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Cost<sup>^</sup>** All tickets \$20

**Age** All ages

**Bookings** 8555 7000 or [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)



## Harbingers\*

The exhibition title presents an ultimatum: care for our planet or face environmental collapse. This proposition, drawn from the artists' practices and their works, offers both a sense of urgency and the potential of hope.

**When** 9 May to 27 July

**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](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

Artwork: Chris De Rosa, Under here my dreams are made of water, 2021.

## Alexandrina Youth Theatre and Film

**When** Mondays during school term, 4pm–6pm

**Where** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Duration** 120 minutes

**Cost<sup>^</sup>** \$5 per child

**Ages** 12–18 years

**Bookings and enquiries** 8555 7000 or [aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

## Yuntulun Ku:li-war\*

**When** Permanent exhibition

**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](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

## The Movement of Water\*

**When** 5 April to 4 May

**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](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

## Reigniting the Passion\*

**When** 11 April to 4 May

**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](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

## Normie Rowe - The Story So Far

**When** 26 April, 4pm

**Where** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Duration** 110 minutes

**Cost<sup>^</sup>** All tickets \$70

**Ages** All ages

**Bookings** 8555 7000 or [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

## South Australian Wooden Boat Festival\*

**When** 26 to 27 April

**Where** The Goolwa Wharf Precinct

**Ages** All ages

**Enquiries** 1300 466 592 or [sawoodenboatfestival.com.au](http://sawoodenboatfestival.com.au)

## Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards 2025\*

**When** 22 May, 6pm

**Where** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Bookings** [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards)

## John Wood & Dave Allen - Our Rock & Roll Journey

**When** 20 June, 2pm

**Where** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Duration** 70 minutes

**Cost<sup>^</sup>** All tickets \$20

**Ages** All ages

**Bookings** 8555 7000 or [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

## The Stones AUS - Australia's #1 Rolling Stones Tribute

**When** 22 June, 3pm

**Where** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Duration** 150 minutes

**Cost<sup>^</sup>** \$45 Concession, \$50 Adult

**Ages** All ages

**Bookings** 8555 7000 or [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

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\*Free event!

<sup>^</sup>Transaction fee applies