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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to our autumn edition of Alexandrina Alive.

It's been a great start to 2026 for our community. In early February, the State Government announced two locally successful applicants for 'The Power of Her' infrastructure and participation program to empower girls and women in sport.

The Southern Breakers Soccer Club, the Port Elliot Cricket Club and our Council received \$1,070,000 to construct two new female change rooms and refurbish two existing change rooms at the Port Elliot Oval, Port Elliot.

The Adelaide Hills Dressage Club also received \$83,100 to construct three new Olympic-sized dressage arenas at the Strathalbyn Polo and Recreation Grounds, Strathalbyn.

These valuable projects will make a significant difference

to women's and girls' sport in the Strathalbyn and Port Elliot communities.

Council is providing funding support of \$356,671 for the Port Elliot project, which will provide female-friendly and accessible changeroom facilities to cater to the growing popularity of women's and girls' soccer in our region.

The improved facilities will also enable the Port Elliot Cricket Club to introduce female cricket programs and teams, something the club has been unable to do due to the lack of appropriate change rooms. Congratulations to all involved.

February was also the month when two new pedestrian crossings were built in Goolwa at Hays Street, near the entrance to the Wharf Precinct, and on the main street of Middleton near the Middleton Mall.

Funded under the National Road Safety Program, these crossings make it much safer to cross these

busy sections of Department for Infrastructure and Transport roads.

Finally, your Council Members are currently working through the process of completing the draft 2026-27 Annual Community Plan and Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2035 to release for community consultation.

We will be holding four public meetings at Goolwa, Port Elliot, Strathalbyn, and Mount Compass in late May/early June. Head to mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au for details.

I encourage you attend one of these sessions and to provide your feedback through our community engagement process.

Mayor Keith Parkes

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Top image: Senior Breaker Grace McFadden and Junior Breaker Daisy Heath with Port Elliot Cricket Club President Ryan Altus, Southern Breakers President Colin O'Donnell, Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes and Deputy Mayor Michael Scott. Image courtesy Fleurieu Sun.

Front cover: Alexandrina Through Your Eyes submission - 'Friday at Knights Beach' by Tash Mohring. Thank you to everyone who took part in Alexandrina Through Your Eyes, our community photography project. We are collating a photography exhibition using your submissions. The initiative celebrates how local natural places boost community's wellbeing.

Alexandrina Through Your Eyes was delivered as part of Council's broader Wellness in Nature initiative, supported through an Office for Ageing Well grant.

Explore the photos and reflections: mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/through-your-eyes



Australia Day Awards

Alexandrina's 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards were presented on Australia Day at ceremonies held in Strathalbyn and Goolwa.

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

Awards recipients for the region:

> Citizen of the Year

Goolwa & Surrounds: Kate Waldmann for service to the Port Elliot National Trust, to the preservation of local historic records, the Navigator Book Club, the Hotham Uniting Church, and the Horseshoe Hub.

Strathalbyn & Surrounds: No award presented. Selected nomination did not meet the Australian citizenship criteria set down by the Australia Day Council of South Australia.

> Young Citizen of the Year

Goolwa & Surrounds: Django Westmoreland for his dedication to conservation, environmental education and leadership.

Strathalbyn & Surrounds: Isaac McInness for his contribution to the Eastern Fleurieu School, Scouts, sport and the wider community.

> Community Event of the Year

Goolwa & Surrounds: The Rotary Club of Goolwa Carp-A-Thon held in October 2025.

Strathalbyn & Surrounds: Strath Rodeo, presented in November 2025 by the Lower Lakes Stockman's Challenge & Bush Festival.

> Active Citizenship

Goolwa & Surrounds: Diana Keach OAM for service to the Rotary Club of Goolwa and to Rotary Centenary Park at Goolwa Beach.

Strathalbyn & Surrounds: Langhorne Creek Hub 'Community Morning Tea' Coordinators and Bakers.

Strathalbyn & Surrounds: Paul McLoughlin for service to Gilbert's Motor Museum and to the business and tourism sector in Strathalbyn.

> Mayor's Community Service Award

Goolwa & Surrounds: Tooperang War Memorial Hall Inc - February Extravaganza Outdoor Concert.

Strathalbyn & Surrounds: Strathalbyn Strikers Adelaide Hills Junior Football Carnival in September 2025.

> Find out more about our Australia Day Award winners at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/citizenoftheyear26



Top image: Mayor Keith Parkes, right, with Strathalbyn and Surrounds Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award Winners, Strathalbyn Strikers President Nick Brook, left, Paul McLoughlin, Isaac McInness, Kathy Angel, Steve Haggarty and, Esther Stibbard from the Strath Rodeo, and Jenny Verco representing the Langhorne Creek Hub 'Community Morning Tea' Coordinators and Bakers. Bottom image: Mayor Keith Parkes, left, and Deputy Mayor Michael Scott, ASM OAM, right, with Goolwa and Surrounds Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award Winners Kate Waldmann, second left, Diana Keach OAM, David McDonald from the Rotary Club of Goolwa, Tooperang War Memorial Hall Inc President Lee McKenzie and Jimi Westmoreland representing his brother Django Westmoreland.

Partnership driving success in Langhorne Creek

The Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail is a project being delivered with the community, not just for the community.

The project is driven by a community cooperative – the Project Partnership Group (PPG) – bringing together the Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Association, the Langhorne Creek Hub, the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation, and Alexandrina Council.

This collaboration ensures that every stage of the project reflects local aspirations, industry insight, cultural knowledge and a shared long term vision.

The Group is leading the development of the tourism product – the experiences, stories and activations that will turn the trail into a visitor destination.

The project's genuine, community led partnership model, delivered through the PPG, helped secure \$7.06 million in Australian Government funding through the regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) in 2025.

The focus on working with community will continue as the project shifts from planning into delivery and the activation of the trail.

> For the latest, see alexandrina.sa.gov.au/discoverytrail





Good for the Hood @HOME

Council has partnered with online education providers **Good For The Hood** to provide online resources to help our community live more sustainably.

Good for the Hood's signature @HOME program offers FREE expert sessions with knowledgeable presenters on topics such as saving on energy bills, small-space gardening, composting, reducing food waste, sustainable travel and transport.

➤ To find out more about the Good for the Hood collaboration with Council and the calendar of regular webinars, head to goodforthehood.com.au/alexandrina

Turn your backyard into a bushyard

Council is inviting the community to contribute to a greener, cooler, more biodiverse region through our 'Turning Backyards to Bushyards' initiative.

We're offering free local indigenous trees and shrubs to 50 eligible township households who own the property where planting will occur and have sufficient space to plant two native trees and three native shrubs.

Council will run an Expression of Interest (EOI) process which will close 17 May.

EOIs from towns with lower canopy cover or limited public open space will be prioritised.

Selected eligible property owners will be notified before the end of May and will receive two locally grown trees and three shrubs plus plant guards and bamboo stakes.

Successful applicants will receive a voucher to collect their plants from the Goolwa Community Nursery from June through to August.

➤ To submit your EOI, head to mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/backyards-into-bushyards

Milang Biodiversity Project

Council is embarking on a biodiversity improvement project in Milang in a Council reserve known as Jupiter Lyons Park.

Milang has been identified in our Tree Canopy Benchmark Study as one of our townships with a low canopy cover.

Second Nature Conservancy, in collaboration with Council, will undertake two community biodiversity planting events in the reserve during the winter months of June/July 2026, following the first significant rain events. Dates to be confirmed.

➤ For more information, visit mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/milang-biodiversity

Gazania Swap

Council is encouraging our community to remove Gazanias from their gardens and replace them with local native plants – for FREE.

What: Gazania free garden swap event

When: Saturday 2 May, 10am-12pm

Where: Investigator Car Park, Hayborough

Book: Free event.

Scan QR code to book or call Council on 8555 7000



Carefully remove Gazanias from your garden, take a photograph of the Gazanias you removed, dispose of them responsibly in your green FOGO bin, come to Hayborough and show your photograph to collect free local native plants. Please bring a cardboard box, bucket or container to take your new plants home in.

Gazanias are a declared weed that harm our natural environment. Native plants are water-wise, resilient and attract birds and insects.

This event is a collaboration between the Alexandrina Council, the City of Victor Harbor, Landscape SA Hills and Fleurieu, Green Adelaide and the District Council of Yankalilla.



Right bin, right place, right time

Make sure your bins are presented correctly and placed in the right place to ensure their contents are collected by our waste management service, the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA).

FRWA is encouraging households and businesses to do the following:

- **Look up four metres.** FRWA's truck collection arm works in an arc, with gravity emptying the bin. The arc requires a four-metre clearance above, a closed bin lid and no waste sticking out above the rim. An overfull bin can spill contents into the street or into the truck hydraulics, causing damage.
- **Look back and sideways.** FRWA's truck arm action can also push bins back or sideways, so please leave 50cm clearance behind bins to fences, signage and gardens. Keep 50cm between bins and 100cm between cars, Stobie poles, letterboxes and trees.



More bin tips

- No batteries in any bin. Batteries can ignite. Beware embedded batteries in wearable devices, vapes, rechargeable toys and tools.
- Food waste (including meat, seafood, dairy) goes in the green FOGO (food organics and garden organics) bin.
- Don't contaminate the recycling or green FOGO bins. Repeat offenders risk suspension of collection.
- Paint your house number and street name on your bin to avoid theft or non-collection due to multiple bins being in front of a property.
- Avoid placing the same bins in groups (for example next to your neighbour's bin) unless each bin is painted with separate house details.
- Keep recycling loose. No bags or bin liners.
- Bins must be put out the night before.
- Avoid compaction. Wrap or bag Styrofoam, stir to loosen lawn clippings and moist weeds, avoid wedging cardboard and sticks.
- Only one bin per waste type, unless your bin displays a paid additional or Council-provided Exceptional Circumstances sticker.

➤ For more information head to frwa.com.au

Do you have an Exceptional Circumstances bin?

If you have an Exceptional Circumstances (EC) bin, including the Special Medical Needs category, please be aware that the annual sticker renewal process has changed this year.

All existing EC bin stickers expire on 30 June 2026 and need to be renewed annually for continued collection. For the 2026/27 financial year, renewal applications will now be made through the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) – not Council. Automatic renewal and mailout of Special Medical Needs category stickers will cease, and current medical recipients will now be required to submit an annual renewal application.

Renewal applications will be sent directly from FRWA by 6 May 2026.

It is recommended that current EC sticker holders add admin@frwa.com.au to the safe senders list on their email service and check their email inbox 'spam' or 'junk' folder if they have not received their application after 6 May 2026.

Recipients are encouraged to submit their application in May to allow time for Australia Post sticker delivery.

On receipt of the new sticker, please remove all old stickers and place the 26/27 sticker 20cm down on the front of their EC bin before 30 June 2026. Do not place the new sticker on the bin lid or the back or sides of the bin. EC bins displaying expired stickers will not be collected.

New applications

Please note that this change in process does not apply to new applications from residents applying for an EC bin for the first time. Contact Council for details regarding new applications.

Council's Kerbside Waste Collection Policy – Exceptional Circumstance (EC) conditions, aims to meet the needs of households with five or more permanent residents, those with children in nappies or those living with a medical condition which produces extra waste by allowing, on annual application, one additional 140L general waste bin collected with the regular fortnightly collection.

➤ For detailed information, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/ecbins

Goolwa Heritage Standard

Heritage South Australia has published a Heritage Standard for the Goolwa State Heritage Area.

The Heritage Standard guides development assessment within the State Heritage Area, ensuring clarity and consistency in decision making.

Goolwa was designated as a State Heritage Area in 1987. The designation ensures that future development of properties and open spaces are managed in a way that maintains the area's heritage value.

➤ **To read the Heritage Standard, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/40bQHBO**



Image: Goolwa Railway Station and yard, 1922, State Library of South Australia, SLSA B 59118

Heritage Awards Evening 2026

As part of South Australia's History Festival, we invite you to the Heritage Awards Evening that will be held on Thursday 14 May 2026, 6 pm at Hope Forest Dingabledinga Soldiers Memorial Hall, with guest speaker Liz Harfull.

Hosted by the Alexandrina Council Heritage Advisory Group, the Heritage Awards recognise

excellence in heritage conservation, research and works undertaken within the Alexandrina district.

When Thursday 14 May, 6pm
Where Hope Forest Dingabledinga Soldiers Memorial Hall

➤ **For more information and to register for the awards evening, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards**

Local Government Elections 2026

Whether you're intending to vote or planning to become a council candidate, there are key dates to keep in mind.

➤ **Enrolment closes 5pm, Friday 31 July 2026**

To vote in your local council election, you must be enrolled on the South Australian electoral roll or your council's voters roll.

It only takes a minute to enrol or update your details before the close of rolls.

➤ **Nominations open Tuesday 25 August 2026**

Guides and information sessions will be available for intending candidates.

➤ **Nominations close 12pm, Tuesday 8 September 2026**

Your nomination to become a candidate must be received before nominations close.

➤ **Voting opens - Thursday 15 October 2026 to Wednesday 21 October 2026**

Voting in council elections is by post or if you are eligible, by telephone. Ballot packs will be sent to the mailing address for your enrolment. Instructions and guides on how to vote are included in the ballot pack.

➤ **Voting closes - 5pm, Wednesday 11 November 2026**

This is your last day to vote for your preferred candidate(s) running for your council.

➤ **Scrutiny and count - from 9am, Saturday 14 November 2026**

Votes are counted and scrutinised with the final results declared by the Electoral Commission of South Australia.

➤ **For more information visit councilelections.sa.gov.au**

This content is authorised by CEO Andrew MacDonald, 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa SA 5214.





Visitor Information Centre co-location

Exciting News: the Goolwa Visitor Information Centre (VIC) is moving to the Signal Point Experience Centre (SPEC)!

Following a Council resolution in January 2026, the Goolwa Visitor Information Centre is co-locating to SPEC.

This move will support activation of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct and provide an enhanced visitor experience through integrated services within a modern arts, culture, and storytelling centre.

The Centre will be a vibrant hub where visitors can receive information, view exhibitions, shop, and engage with local makers.

The full transition will be completed by the end of June 2026.

We've just wrapped up a school holiday pop-up and look forward

to welcoming you and enhancing your visitor services and arts and culture experiences when the Goolwa VIC relocates to SPEC.

Map of walking trail from current Goolwa VIC to new VIC location



Strathalbyn Town Hall venue hire

Are you looking for the perfect venue for your next event?

Council's Strathalbyn Town Hall, located on High Street in Strathalbyn, has been transformed into a modern and multifunctional facility that can cater for a diverse range of events.

With a long list of features and amenities, this Hall is an excellent option to consider with hire costs from \$50 per hour (conditions apply).

This beautiful venue can hold a large-capacity and is ideal for:

- Wedding receptions
- Theatre and large productions
- Kids shows and community events
- Concerts and performances
- Private events and celebrations.

Council has a range of other facilities in the area available for hire. All venue hire can be easily booked and paid online via SpacetoCo. Terms and conditions apply.



➤ Learn more about Council's venues and hire spaces at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/venuehire or call to speak with Council's Community Bookings Officer on **8555 7000** or email aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Sparkling connection

Council is looking to collaborate with the community on a project to reduce loneliness and help residents build meaningful, supportive connections with others.

The project 'Spark' invites interested community members to come together with Council staff, Adelaide University academics, Skylight Mental Health and local organisations to co-design initiatives to address loneliness in Alexandrina.

The design process will involve three workshops to create the initiatives and then volunteer 'Sparkies' are trained up to run the activities in the community.

The workshops will be held in the coming months.

➤ Head to alexandrina.sa.gov.au/wellbeing for future updates or connect with our Community Development Team by emailing alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Image: Participants in a similar Spark pilot project underway in the Adelaide Hills

Youth & Family news

Would you like to stay across the programs, training and grants that are available for children, young people and families in our region?

Sign up for Council's online newsletter – *Alexandrina Youth and Family News*.

➤ Contact the Community Development team on 8555 7000 or email alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au to request to join.

Grant program opening May

Our 2026-27 Grants Program is opening soon.

Applications will open on Monday 4 May and close on Monday 15 June 2026.

More information about grant categories, grant guidelines and a link to the online application forms will be available on our website from Monday 4 May.

Available funding for the 2026-27 Community Grants Program is subject to adoption by Council of the 2026-27 Grants Program budget.

➤ For more information head to alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants

Image: Christine Jackson, front, and Gloria Jones cook up Coorong mullet at the River Lakes & Coorong Action Group's recent River Science Forum at Clayton Bay, supported through Council's 2025-26 Grants Program.



Strath Hangout

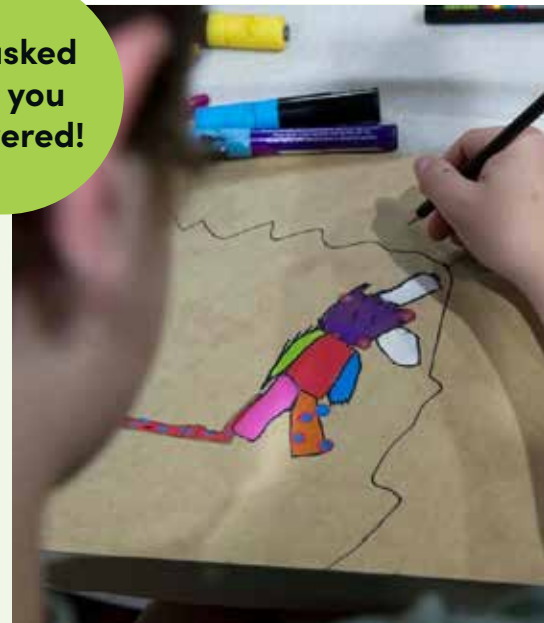
We asked and you answered!

Strath Hangout is a new after-school program designed with Eastern Fleurieu School students, for young people in Strathalbyn.

Strath Hangout offers a free 'third space' away from home and school where young people can relax, connect and have fun.

Sessions offer a changing mix of activities they've asked for, including movies, music, gaming, art and more.

If you know someone aged 12-19 years looking for a safe, welcoming space to spend time



with friends or make new ones, this is the spot for them.

This program is proudly brought to you by headspace Mount Barker and Strath Neighbourhood Centre, with support from Alexandrina Council.

- **When:** Fortnightly Thursdays, 3.30pm-5pm
- **Where:** Strath Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Parker Avenue Strathalbyn
- **Bookings:** events.humanitix.com/strath-hang-out



➤ For more youth programs, visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/youngpeople

New home for Goolwa Immunisation Clinic

We're excited to share that our community immunisation clinic has recently relocated from the Goolwa Council Office to the Goolwa Children's Centre, 42 Brooking Street, Goolwa.

This move gives us a wonderful opportunity to work more closely alongside the CaFHS (Child and Family Health Service) nurses and other services and groups who are based at the Centre. By co-locating our services, we're creating more opportunities for collaboration, easier referrals, and strengthen the network of care available in our community. It also allows us to better support families as they prepare their children for kindy or school.



Importantly, the clinic remains open to everyone in our community. Our focus is, and always will be, supporting the wellbeing of our whole community.

We look forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces in our new location and continuing to support a healthy, connected community.

Goolwa Clinic

- **Where:** Goolwa Children's Centre, 42 Brooking Street, Goolwa
- **When:** Monthly on Wednesdays, 10.30am–12pm

Strathalbyn Clinic

- **Where:** Alexandrina Council Library, Colman Terrace, Strathalbyn
- **When:** Monthly on Wednesdays, 2pm–3.35pm

➤ We encourage any person, of any age, to use our immunisation clinics – book online at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/immunisation

Neurodiverse workshops

A two-year program for young people called Stay Connected, Stay Healthy kicked off in Alexandrina and other areas of SA late last year.

The program, co-designed with young people aged 12–15 years, will support inactive youth in schools across Alexandrina to re-engage with physical activity.

The program includes two free community workshops in Alexandrina focused on 'Embracing Neurodiversity'.

- **When:** Thursday 30 April, 2pm–4.30pm
- **Where:** Strathalbyn Library (Community Centre space)
- **Bookings:** events.humanitix.com/embracing-neurodiversity-strathalbyn

- **When:** Monday 11 May, 6–7.30pm
- **Where:** Port Elliot Oval Clubrooms
- **Bookings:** events.humanitix.com/embracing-neurodiversity-port-elliott

The program is being delivered by Reclink Australia, in partnership with Alexandrina Council, the City of Port Adelaide Enfield, Connected Self, and community recreation providers and has been funded through the 2024–25 Active State Collaboration Program.

My Aged Care info session

Council is hosting information sessions on the Australian Government's My Aged Care system.

Presented by representatives from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the sessions are aimed at helping the community to navigate My Aged Care.

Goolwa

- **When:** Tuesday 12 May, 10am–11.30am
- **Where:** Goolwa Library

Strathalbyn

- **When:** Tuesday 12 May, 1.30pm–3pm
- **Where:** Strathalbyn Library

Bookings required at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/events

Wellness in Nature update

As part of Council's Wellness in Nature project, we are working with well-known local photographer Libby Tozer to create a video celebrating nature-based volunteer organisations, and the positive impact these opportunities have on people's wellbeing by spending time in nature.

Wellness in Nature is funded through Office for Ageing Well, Age-Friendly SA Grant.

The initiative celebrates how local natural places boost community's wellbeing.

➤ Stay up to date on the project here alexandrina.sa.gov.au/olderadults

Community Art Project with Kyla McHugh

Learn basic weaving techniques with First Nations artist Kyla McHugh through The Haven Community Arts Project being run at our Goolwa library every Friday during May, 11am–12.30pm.

The pieces produced will be joined to form one sculptural piece of an animal from our region to be displayed in the library.

➤ Book through our library website alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraryevents

Paint trial takes the heat out of Council infrastructure

Council's Alexandrina Wastewater division is trialling new paint technology to cool down the temperatures inside cabinetry housing essential electrical equipment.

The Australian-developed thermal paint can reduce the internal temperature of electrical cabinets by up to 15 degrees, significantly reducing the risk of operational problems and system failures due to extreme heat conditions.

Council recently compared temperatures inside two pump station cabinets located in full sun a kilometre apart in Goolwa over a seven-day period.

The pump station with the new thermal paint on the exterior reached a maximum temperature of 37 degrees.

The pump station with standard exterior paint reached a maximum of 55 degrees.



Image above: Colour-testing of available options using the new paint technology.

As a result of the trial, Alexandrina Wastewater will progressively repaint Council cabinet assets with the new thermal paint.

The challenge is selecting appropriate colours that provide the best thermal performance with acceptable community aesthetics.

Alexandrina Wastewater is Council's water management division and operates 24/7 to maintain the five Community Wastewater Management Schemes across our district.



The lighter the colour, the better the thermal properties but light, bright colours don't often blend in with certain environments.

Top image: Arctic White was the new paint technology shade used at Kessell Road in Goolwa as part of the trial.

Third image: The shade Paperbark was used at Goolwa Beach for the paint technology trial.

Long service recognised

Council recently presented Local Government Service Awards to 21 employees, including our longest serving employee Allan Pomery who has worked for Council for 45 years.

Thelma Vivian was also recognised for 30 years of service with Alexandrina Libraries.

Local Government Service Awards are long-service recognition awards that acknowledge individuals' contribution to local government across SA.

- Colin Shackleford and Kerry Abbott (25 years)
- Stacey Bateson, James Horwood and Mark Hicks (20 years)
- Lachlan Miller, Deb Gregory, Lianda Deans and Julie Payne (15 years)
- Travis Griffen, Gary Lyons, Cheryl Ludgate, Doug Jones, Kylie Markow, Anna Schmidt, Andrew Rodda, David Heath, Shannon Hirniak and Braden Wray (10 years).

Image: Mayor Keith Parkes, left, with long serving Alexandrina Council employees Allan Pomery and Thelma Vivian.



Thank you to our volunteers

Volunteers do so much to reflect our Council values to make Alexandrina 'Liveable. Green. Connected'.

Late last year our Volunteer Recognition event honoured 152 volunteers who gave 7,329 hours of service to Council programs and activities in 2025.

National Volunteer Week is being held from 18 to 24 May in 2026.

Once again, Alexandrina and other nearby councils will be providing the opportunity for volunteers to watch a movie FREE of charge at Wallis Cinema Mount Barker.

➤ Registrations for this event open early May at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/volunteering

Project updates

Pedestrian Crossings

Funded under the National Road Safety Program, \$400,000 was committed in 2025 towards two pedestrian crossings for Goolwa and Middleton. The works on Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) roads were project-managed by Council and completed in February including, a pedestrian crossing point on Hays Street, Goolwa, and Goolwa Road, Middleton, near Thomas Street.

Braeside Road Ford, Finniss

A project to replace the Braeside Road Ford Crossing at Finniss was completed in March. The works involved the replacement of the concrete crossing and culvert, minor upgrades to the road approaches for the crossing, and the replacement of floodway and depth signage for the crossing.

Toilets Middleton & Chiton

Works to upgrade the public toilets behind the Middleton Arts and Crafts Building and near the Chiton Rocks Surf Life Saving Club began in February. These projects involve replacing the current aged facilities on Goolwa Road and Hindmarsh Esplanade. The new toilets will comply with current disability access standards and building codes. The designs include accessible, gender-neutral and ambulant toilets, baby change facilities, and energy-efficient appliances. The existing 2016 mural by artist Barbary O'Brien at the Chiton Rocks facility will be retained and incorporated into the new design (with the artist's input).

Langhorne Creek Public Toilet

Council has awarded the contract to undertake renewal works at the public toilet near the Langhorne Creek Memorial Hall. The contractor has been engaged to install a compliant wastewater system with a holding tank and an alarmed monitoring system. The works are expected to be completed by 30 June 2026.

Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail

Tenders for the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail closed on 20 February and were assessed in March. The successful design and construction firm is expected to be announced soon. Construction is scheduled to begin in the second half of 2026 with project delivery by April 2027. For updates on the project visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/discoverytrail

Milang Jetties

Council has approved additional budget to renew five public jetties at Milang. However, the end of the main Milang jetty was closed in late January due to damage from a berthing vessel. This has delayed the project and is likely to incur extra costs. The incident impacted the structural integrity of this part of the jetty and will require further engineering assessment, including an inspection by certified divers. Council is reviewing the project to determine whether works on the other jetties can commence in the interim.

Milang Tennis Courts

Council has awarded a tender to a landscape architect to develop concept designs for multi-use and recreation space at the tennis courts located on the corner of Cox and Luard Streets in Milang. Community consultation on the multi-use space proposal is scheduled during late April and early May. Visit mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au for details.

Port Elliot Cemetery Plinth

A new concrete plinth was recently constructed at the Port Elliot Cemetery. Community members interested in leasing newly available plots should contact Council for further information.

Port Elliot Road Resealing

Council has approved additional funding to undertake road sealing works at the intersection of Montpellier Terrace and North Terrace, Port Elliot, to improve pedestrian safety. The works will include car parking modifications, line marking, road resealing and verge works. DIT has approved construction drawings. Works were scheduled to begin in April.

Braewood Road Bridge

Council has completed detailed designs to address structural issues identified with a bridge located in Sandergrove, along Braewood Road. Council has applied for State Government grant funding to assist with the works. The bridge project is being considered as capital works in the draft Annual Community Plan 2026/27.

Strathalbyn Recreation Precinct

Alexandrina Council has commissioned and completed a Masterplan, Business Case and scoping for the Strathalbyn Recreation Precinct at Lot 10 Langhorne Creek Road, Strathalbyn. Council has resolved to progress detailed designs and Planning Consent for Stage 1 of the Precinct, which will include the indoor recreation centre, playing fields, a dog park and an RV Park. This work is ongoing with relevant community stakeholders. Council is advocating for funding to enable the playing fields to be developed via Council's State Government Advocacy Plan. Detailed designs and Planning Consent for Stage 1 are expected to be ready during the second half of 2026.

South Coast Growth Strategy

The South Coast Growth Strategy was adopted at an Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 February 2026. The Strategy outlines the progression of future development in Goolwa, Hindmarsh Island, Middleton and Port Elliot. It will inform the Local Area Plan (Housing Strategy) for the South Coast townships required by the State Government and it will also inform any other relevant strategic planning decisions.

Sugars Beach Public Toilet

Council joined a Walk on Country with the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation in December, which involved a discussion on the location of the new public toilet at Sugars Beach. At the January Council Meeting, Council Members endorsed the southeastern end of the Sugars Beach foreshore area car park as the preferred location for the toilet. Council will now progress the project to detailed design and construction. One of the outcomes of the Walk on Country was a preference for a toilet facility to be constructed in a similar size, style and colour to the toilet at Mundoo Channel Boat Ramp.

South Coast Regional Arts Centre

Council has awarded the tender for repair and renewal works to the roof of the South Coast Regional Arts Centre. Work was scheduled to start in April 2026 and be completed by the end of the financial year.

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





The Unifying Thread*

Four local artists explore a range of media including painting, pastel, gouache and photography. Flora, fauna, and the stunning landscapes of the region feature in their work.

When 14 March to 26 April

Where Signal Point Experience Centre

Gallery hours Wed to Sun 10am–4pm

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

Artwork: Making Hay, Middleton, artist Paul Whitehead.



No 2 Ways: Night Fever, The Ultimate Bee Gees Tribute

No 2 Ways brings you the ultimate Bee Gees musical tribute, showcasing some of the most celebrated songs ever written.

When 21 June, 2pm

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

Cost^A Adult \$55, Concession \$50, Youth \$39, Group 6+ \$48

Bookings trybooking.com

Pipes*

Where Signal Point Experience Centre at Goolwa Wharf Precinct

When 2 May to 28 June

Gallery hours Wed to Sun, 10am–4pm

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

Just Floyd – Pink Floyd's Greatest Hits

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When 2 May, 7.30pm

Cost^A Adults \$60, Concession \$55, Youth \$45, Group 6+ \$45

Bookings trybooking.com

I am Woman - by Ameila Ryan & Libby O'Donovan

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When 15 May, 2pm

Cost^A All tickets \$22

Bookings trybooking.com

The Beatles Experience

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When 17 May, 2pm

Cost^A Adult \$50, Concession \$45, Youth \$30, Groups 6+ \$45

Bookings trybooking.com

Gounod's FAUST at Goolwa

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When 27 May, 6pm

Cost^A Adult \$69, Concession \$55, Student \$29

Bookings trybooking.com

ORBISON by Greg Hart

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When 30 May, 8pm

Cost^A Adult \$49, Concession \$46

Bookings trybooking.com

Punorama - The Landscape of humour*

Where South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

When 6 June to 19 July

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

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

Feelin' Groovy - The Songs of Simon and Garfunkel

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When 7 June, 2pm

Cost^A Adult \$55, Concession \$50, Youth \$39, Group 6+ \$48

Bookings trybooking.com

Band of the SA Police (2 shows)

Where Centenary Hall, Goolwa

When 19 June, 2pm & 5pm

Cost^A All tickets \$22

Bookings trybooking.com

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*Free event! ^ATransaction fee applies

SA History Festival events in Alexandrina

History Festival

Free events. Bookings required via alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraryevents

Community Weaving Project

Where Goolwa Library

When Every Friday in May, 11am

Voices of the Land and Sea - a shared history

Where Strathalbyn Library

When 6 May, 10am

Searching & Interpreting Land Titles (Goolwa and Strathalbyn)

Goolwa Goolwa Library, 7 May, 11am

Strathalbyn Strathalbyn Library, 7 May, 3pm

Stories Behind the Headstones:

Currency Creek Cemetery tour

Where Currency Creek Cemetery, 59 Peel Road

When 13 May, 2pm

History of the Men's Shed Movement

Where Goolwa Library

When 19 May, 11am

Ferry Sound Industries: audio-visual presentation

Where Goolwa Library

When 21 May, 4pm

Exploring family, silence, and the hidden lives of the past with historian Alan Atkinson

Where Strathalbyn Library

When 27 May, 10am