On Friday, 26 January 2007 over 130 people attended and enjoyed Council’s Australia Day celebrations, which were held in the Walkerville Town Hall. The morning’s proceedings commenced with Mayor Whiting performing the Australian citizenship ceremony for eight residents, before he announced the winner of this year’s Australia Day, Citizen of the Year Award.

Council received four very worthy nominations for the 2007 Australia Day, Citizen of the Year Award. This year’s joint winners were Bruce and Raye Whitehead. Bruce and Raye Whitehead have been associated with the Walkerville Uniting Church since their childhood. Currently, Mr Whitehead oversees the two treasurers who manage the Church’s finances and he is also the Church’s representative to the Uniting Church Synod.

The Walkerville Uniting Church has a strong community focus and they hold “Eat ‘n’ Greet” luncheons, with guest speakers every month. These luncheons are enjoyed by many elderly Walkerville residents. Both the Whiteheads are involved with the organisation of these well attended luncheons and Mr Whitehead is an active member of the “Eat ‘n’ Greet” Committee. Mrs Whitehead is the Uniting Church’s music co-ordinator as well as being their volunteer Secretary.

Mr and Mrs Whitehead have been Members of the Wesleyan Cemetery Committee since it was formed in October 2001. Until recently Mrs Whitehead was the Committee’s Secretary and both the Whiteheads have spent many hours with their Cemetery colleagues painting grave railings, weeding and raking leaves at the Cemetery’s working bee. They have also consistently supported the Cemetery’s fund raising activities.

Mayor Whiting presented Trevor and Denise Langton with a certificate of commendation for their tremendous work in improving the State and Federal Governments’ recognition of Grandparents, who have taken over the role of primary carer for their grandchildren. Mr and Mrs Langton have been working with Federal politician, Mr Christopher Pyne for some months in their endeavour to approach both the State and Federal Governments to provide assistance for grandparents who have taken over the ‘parenting role’ for various reasons. The Langtons have formed a group called “Grandparents for Grandchildren” and they have worked tirelessly on this project. They have already been successful in obtaining funds to establish an office and they have negotiated changes to current State and Federal bodies regulations, including access to legal aid, Centrelink and Family Assistant support as well as Medicare benefits.

Mr John Thompson has been a major contributor to the Walkerville Historical Society since its inception and he has been the Vice President since 2000. The growing interest in the Historical Society, within Walkerville and further afield, can be attributed to the Committee. Mr Thompson and his late wife Mary have given over ten years of service to the Town of...
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Walkerville. He was a North Walkerville Councillor from 1985 to 1991 and his wife also served as a North Walkerville Councillor from 1979 to 1983.

Mr Thompson is also an active member of the Walkerville Probus Club.

Mr David Mason has had a long association with the Walkerville Sports Club. He is a keen sportsman and he played junior sport for Walkerville and 253 Senior Football Games for the Walkerville Football Club from 1975 to 1995. He has also played senior cricket for the Walkerville Cricket Club for over 25 years, retiring in 2002 as well as playing Men’s Softball whilst representing the Walkerville Sports Club.

Mr Mason’s commitment to the Walkerville Sports Club includes being an active Committee member for over 25 years in a variety of roles. Since 2003 he has been a Director for the Walkerville Sports Club, a position he previously held in the early 1990’s. Mr Mason currently assists the curator with the preparation of the central wicket, a task he was solely responsible for over a number of years. As well as helping the Sports Club in running the kitchen during the football season and the Cricket Club with kitchen duties in summer, he also works full time. He is the Senior Vice President of the Walkerville Sports Club and he is the point of contact for the Walkerville Primary, St Andrew’s and St Monica’s Parish Schools and coordinates their use of the Walkerville Oval.

After the ceremony Elected Members and guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast, generously cooked by the Rotary Club of Walkerville, in the Council courtyard.

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Planning the future is vital for Walkerville

I n her column, also in this edition of the Walkerville News, CEO Helen Dyer has foreshadowed the creation of a new Strategic Management Plan for Walkerville. The new plan is important to all of us, as it will set out our vision for the future of Walkerville as well as the goals we want to achieve and the strategies to make them happen. Council is required by legislation to ensure all aspects of its operation are reviewed in the plan as well as consider our relationship with State and Federal government objectives and those of our neighbouring councils.

This may seem a large and daunting task, especially if it is to be done properly, but it provides an opportunity for creative and innovative planning for the future. The Premier has written to all Mayors emphasising the benefits of the South Australian Strategic Plan and in particular environmental initiatives aimed at creating a more sustainable future for our state.

The strategic planning process will provide all Walkerville residents with the opportunity to have input to the final plan. We will be holding public meetings, probably towards the end of April this year and I urge all residents to become involved. The time and content of these meetings will be widely advertised in our local community.

Council is keen to improve its Development Plan, a process which will be commenced this year. In particular, Council will look at the issues of houses that are inefficient by design and contribute to high energy use. Council, by acting now, will provide an improved urban environment for Walkerville’s future generations. To this end, Council is determined that all new buildings will have specific performance criteria for energy management incorporated into their design and building approval.

Council will also seek to strengthen provisions that require the efficient storage and use of rainwater from all new buildings. There are some state regulations on this matter, but as a recent press article has highlighted, builders have found a loophole in the legislation allowing the requirement to do the work to be passed on to homeowners.

Council will consider a variety of measures, including the integrated approach to development approval starting with much better basic design. Past building practices of constructing homes with wide eaves and higher ceilings suitable for Australian conditions and siting homes to take advantage of the sun, should be reintroduced.

This approach was often coupled with appropriate plantings providing shade in summer and heat from the sun in winter.

This knowledge seems to have been cast aside in our ever increasing requirement to achieve urban consolidation. The Plan Amendment Process will provide Council with the opportunity to rethink strategies in this area as with its Strategic Plan. Your input will be sought when this process goes to public consultation later in the year.

Citizenship

On Australia Day this year our community welcomed eight Walkerville residents as new Australian citizens. I congratulate Maria Walker, Linda de Ionna, Karin Koch, Melanie and Phillip Allgeuer, Sanjeeva Illukkumbura, Jonas Magaya and Abraham Yoak for making the decision to become part of our Australian community.

Some years ago, I was employed as the manager of the Federal Government’s Migrant Services Unit and it was my great pleasure to help new migrants make the transition to our society through the training and development assistance available at the time. It is particularly pleasing to see that across Australia, many of those migrants have now embraced our community and taken the important step of becoming citizens and I welcome you all to our great society.

Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award

David Mason, John Thompson and Trevor and Denise Langton were recognised for their contribution to our community with Bruce and Raye Whitehead being awarded the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award for their services to Walkerville. I intend to talk in more detail about the value of volunteering in a future edition of the Walkerville News, but at this time I congratulate all of our abovementioned residents for their wonderful contribution to our community.

David Whiting
Mayor

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville has prepared a draft Plan Amendment Report to amend Council’s Development Plan. The Local Heritage (Supplementary) Plan Amendment Report came into interim effect on 8 February 2007 for a period of 12 months.

The Draft Plan Amendment Report is intended to amend the Development Plan by adding the following properties to the current list of Local Heritage Places.

- 52 Church Terrace, Walkerville (“Monklands”)
- 2 Edwin Terrace, Gilberton
- 3 Edwin Terrace, Gilberton (“Craigmellon”)
- 4 Edwin Terrace, Gilberton
- 9 Edwin Terrace, Gilberton (“Ivanhoe”)
- 20 Edwin Terrace, Gilberton (“Aston”)
- 20 Robe Terrace, Medindie
- 20 Devonshire Street, Walkerville (“Holmwood”)
- 15 Briar Avenue, Medindie (“The Briars”)
- 12 The Avenue, Medindie (“Willyama”)
- 1-18 Margaret Street, Walkerville (“Somerset Cottages”)

The Town of Walkerville has a strong commitment to heritage conservation and the Draft Plan Amendment Report, on interim effect, follows the Heritage Places and Areas Plan Amendment Report, authorised on 8 February 2007, which added some 700 Local Heritage and Contributory Places to the Council’s Development Plan.

The Local Heritage (Supplementary) Plan Amendment Report is on public consultation until 13 April 2007 and is available for viewing either at the Council office or on its website - www.walkerville.sa.gov.au. Written submissions should be received at the Council Office by 13 April and are required to be placed on public exhibition until the public hearing. The public hearing will be held at the Town Hall at 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton on Monday 14 May 2007 at 7pm.

People wishing to speak in support of their submission should contact Anthony Marroncelli, Manager Planning & Development at the Walkerville Council on 8342 7105.
Walkerville is now settling into post general election mode. In true form Walkerville led the way at the recent elections with the highest voting participation rate across the metropolitan area. There were also record numbers of candidates and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who are interested enough in their community to have nominated and gone through the election process. There will be many opportunities over the coming months for these people and others within our community to have input into shaping the future directions of the Town.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the former Members of Council and their families for their contribution. Being a Councillor requires much dedication. There is a significant time commitment and a high level of responsibility. People sometimes forget the private sacrifices made by those who take on this role on behalf of their community.

Still on election matters, Walkerville will have a supplementary election shortly to fill the casual vacancy created as a result of the resignation of Walkerville Ward Councillor Pat Eady. Nominations will open on 26 April 2007 and close at 12 noon on 10 May 2007.

The next 12 months will be a critical time for the Town of Walkerville as we move to prepare a Strategic Management Plan and a 10 year financial management plan. These plans are critical; not only are they required by legislation, but they will provide a framework for the development of the Town over the coming 10 years. The Strategic Management Plan will set out the vision and development of the Town over the coming 10 years. The next 12 months will be a critical time for the Town of Walkerville as we move to prepare a Strategic Management Plan and a 10 year financial management plan. These plans are critical; not only are they required by legislation, but they will provide a framework for the development of the Town over the coming 10 years. The Strategic Management Plan will set out the vision and future direction for the Town and the financial management plan will link budget and asset management considerations to the Plan. Community consultation is planned to occur on the Strategic Management Plan in late April. Additional details will be provided as the time approaches and the consultation plan is finalised.

In terms of the current budget the Council is working to achieve a balanced result for the 2006/2007 financial year. To this end the Council has undertaken two budget revisions and has now reduced the projected deficit to $30,455. The 2007/2008 budget process will commence shortly and will see a shift to a whole of working capital approach in line with one of the key recommendations of the Financial Sustainability Review undertaken by the Local Government Association (LGA) in 2005.

The Council, along with Local Government generally will also be focussing on asset management. Council as custodians of much of the State’s infrastructure - roads, footpaths, buildings and parks, must determine how best to fund the maintenance and replacement of these assets over the long term. This is another key issue coming out of the financial sustainability inquiry. Walkerville is in an enviable position, although an older area the infrastructure management regime has been active over many years and accordingly the infrastructure assets of the Council are quite robust given regular maintenance.

The Town Centre project continues to occupy the Council’s attention as with most major projects the Town Centre project has its share of diversity of opinion. The Council has sold the land facing Walkerville Terrace including the Rusk Cottages and 36 Warwick Street to Holcon, and development on these sites is expected to commence shortly.

The Rusk Cottages, along with many other historic properties are now listed as formal Local Heritage Places in the Council’s Development Plan providing additional security for the long term protection. Recently advertised for sale by tender by the new owner, the Council has been advised that the subsequent purchaser proposes to use the cottages for residential purposes and Holcon will undertake the refurbishment in line with its contractual obligations. This includes having regard to the Conservation Management Plan that Council commissioned and which was prepared by renowned Heritage Architect Ms Elizabeth Vines.

The Council has a legally binding contract with Holcon (parts of which have been publicly released) and must abide its obligations contained in the contract. To this end the Council continues to negotiate in relation to the Transport SA land. The Council continues to seek to fulfil its contractual obligations and work for the best possible outcome for the community.

Recently released documents including Agendas and Minutes (with some masking to ensure Council does not breach its contractual obligations) are available on Council’s website and at the office and Council will seek to make available all possible information as it comes to hand.

Further details will be provided in the next edition of Walkerville News.

The Council has recently established and commenced operation of its Development Assessment Panel with four independent members. The Panel now comprises Mr Bill Chandler (Chairperson), Cr Phil Cheseman, Cr Carolyn Wigg, Cr Heather Wright, Ms Skye McDonald, Ms Stephanie Johnsen and Mr Doug Johnston.

Expressions of interest have been called for membership to its Audit Committee. This is a new committee required as a result of changes to the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Regulations. It is likely that this committee will commence operating mid-year.

Finally for this Edition, Council recently amended its meeting times. Council now has ordinary meetings on the 1st Monday of the month commencing at 7.30pm in the Chambers at 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

Overall therefore it can be seen that we are in the midst of a very exciting and busy time for Walkerville.

Helen Dyer
CEO

Walkerville Council Public Holiday Closures

EASTER

Office - The Council Office will be closed from 5pm Thursday 5 April 2007 and will reopen at 9am Tuesday April 10 2007

Library - The Library will be closed from 8pm, Wednesday 4 April and will re-open at 9.30am, Tuesday April 10 2007.

Weekly Refuse and Recycling Collection - There will be no collection of household refuse and recycling collection on Good Friday, 6 April 2007. Please put your bin out on the Friday night or before 6am on Saturday, 7 April 2007 and leave until emptied.

Anzac Day, Wednesday 25 April 2007

Queen’s Birthday, Monday 11 June 2007

Please note that the Council Office and Library will be closed on these public holidays. Rubbish collection will be as normal.

Dogs - Issues relating to dogs control on public holidays/after hours - please phone the Council Office on 8344 7711 for the after hours service.
Development Assessment Panel

The need to select Independent Members for Council’s Development Assessment Panel (DAP), arose from State Government legislation. The Development (Panels) Amendment Act 2006 requires the appointment of at least four Independent Members (one of which is to serve as Presiding Member) to Council DAP’s by 26 February 2007.

The Town of Walkerville sought expressions of interest from the community through public notices being placed in The Advertiser and Messenger Press as well as selecting from candidates who registered an interest directly with the Local Government Association (SA). An Elected Member Committee was established to shortlist and interview candidates and reported its recommendations to Council at the 5 February 2007 meeting, where it was resolved that the following members be appointed to the Town of Walkerville Development Assessment Panel for a period of 2 years:

- Mr Bill Chandler (Presiding Member)
- Ms Skye MacDonald
- Mr Douglas J Johnston
- Ms Stephanie J Johnston
- Cr Philip Cheesman
- Cr Carolyn Wigg
- Cr Heather Wright

The DAP assesses approximately 10% of Council’s total number of development applications, with the remainder delegated to staff for assessment. The DAP will only assess applications under the following circumstances:

- where a person who has been invited to make a written representation in response to a development proposal, and has indicated an interest in appearing before the DAP personally or by a representative in support of the representation; or
- the particular development application includes the construction of three or more dwellings, or
- the person holding the position of Manager Planning and Development, has determined by written notice to the Chief Executive Officer, that the circumstances warrant consideration or determination by the Development Assessment Panel; or
- where the particular development application involves the proposed removal, maintenance, and/or damage to a tree deemed ‘significant’ pursuant to the Development Act, 1993.

As from May 2007, the DAP will meet on the second Monday of the month at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers. The public are welcome to attend, with the agenda posted on Council’s website on the Friday prior to the meeting. Further information on the DAP can be obtained by contacting Anthony Marroncelli at the Walkerville Council on 8342 7105.

Gawler Terrace – Road Reconstruction

Council has called tenders for the reconstruction of Gawler Terrace, Walkerville. The works, which will extend from Stephen Terrace to Warwick Street and from Warwick Street to Smith Street, will include the following:

- Reconstruction of the road pavement to a narrower road width of 11m which is consistent with other wider roads within Walkerville.
- Reconstruction of kerb & gutter.
- Reconstruction of driveway crossovers. The existing footpaths will be retained and relayed where damaged by tree roots or subsidence.
- Extension of the existing Warwick Street storm water drain to the junction of Smith Street and Gawler Terrace. The new drain will assist with the drainage of the northern arm of Gawler Terrace and provide for future drainage in Smith Street and North East Road.

The project will also include the following traffic control measures which are designed to reduce vehicle speed and improve vehicle and pedestrian safety:

- Construction of threshold treatments (distinctive road pavement at narrowed junctions) at the Northcote Terrace and Smith Street ends of Gawler Terrace.
- The installation of a centre island blister adjacent to the cemetery. A blister is best described as an oval shaped central median with kerb protuberances that reduce vehicle speeds in a similar fashion to a roundabout.
- A give way sign and associated line marking will be installed in Warwick Street on the approach to Gawler Terrace. This will reduce the speed of vehicles travelling north along Warwick Street as they approach Gawler Terrace.

It is expected that work on the Gawler Terrace reconstruction project will commence in May. Further information can be obtained from Mark Draper, Manager Works & Infrastructure at the Council Office on 8344 7711.

Justice of the Peace service available

Council has recently introduced a new community service to enable people to have regular access to a Justice of the Peace.

A volunteer is available at the Council Office on:

- Mondays – 9am - 10.30am and 1pm – 3pm
- Tuesdays – 10am – 12noon and 1pm – 3pm

It is best to contact the Council Office on 8344 7711 before visiting, to ensure a Justice of the Peace is available.

Refer also www.justice.sa.gov.au – click on ‘links’, then ‘Justice of the peace’ then ‘find a JP’. You are then able to access a JP in an area that best suits your needs.

Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch – Guest Speaker

Mal Hyde

Police Commissioner Hyde enthralled approximately 120 residents at the first Annual General Meeting of our new combined area, The Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch on Tuesday 6 March 2007. Commissioner Hyde spoke about Youth crime.

He then responded to numerous questions fielded from the audience - some of these questions were controversial but all were answered competently and comprehensively by the Police Commissioner.

The Commissioner stated that Neighbourhood Watch is a worthwhile community organisation, which also provides valuable support to SAPOL. In general, the qualified and professional speakers who have addressed Neighbourhood Watch Meetings have all emphasised the importance of attempting to prevent crime before it happens. This includes among other things, support for dysfunctional families and educative rehabilitation of apprehended criminals. Ongoing funding is needed to implement and continue programmes of this nature.

There will be three more public meetings in 2007 on 5 June, 4 September and 4 December. All meetings will be held at 7.30 p.m. in the Walkerville Town Hall. We have a judge and a forensic expert arranged as speakers so far.
INSURANCE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

The cost of insurance cover has been an issue for a number of community groups and not-for-profit organisations in the last few years. Many groups have limited revenue raising opportunities and insurance costs have become a huge burden. In 2006 a Parliamentary Inquiry was commissioned to investigate affordable public liability insurance for community groups and one of the key recommendations was that the Minister for Local Government and the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) were to review the insurance arrangements between councils and organisations using council facilities with the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme.

As the majority of community groups are considered “extremely low risk” in relation to insurance claims, the Local Government Risk Services has expanded the insurance cover scheme to be able to offer any community group or not-for-profit group, with an annual turnover of up to five million dollars, ‘affordable’ insurance cover for them to purchase.

The newly named “Local Community Insurance Services” (LCIS) will cover:

• public products liability insurance ($10 million limit of indemnity)
• volunteer accident insurance (capital and weekly benefit coverage)
• associations and officials indemnity (covering claims against the committee).
• property damage package cover (assets, money, class etc).


PROSPECT AND WALKERVILLE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We welcome the arrival of our very first Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) member, William Wallace. Will brings to the Prospect/Walkerville YAC group inspiring ideas for the young people of Walkerville.

He has taken on a leadership role of implementing a consultation strategy for the young people in the Prospect and Walkerville areas. He has also been a great support in bringing the National Youth Week events to the young people of Prospect and Walkerville.

As the membership of the Prospect YAC has now expanded to include the Town of Walkerville, members have decided to change their Committee’s name to Essential Youth : Agents of Change.

YAC members are a group of young people committed to providing opportunities for young people aged between 12-25. There are openings in the group for more young people from Walkerville. Get involved and take the time to be instrumental in providing opportunities for young people.

If you would like to know more, check out www.myspace.com/essential_youth or contact Council’s Youth Officer Ms Cate Keane on 8342 8119 or alternatively cate@prospect.sa.gov.au

National Youth Week
April 14- 22

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville and the City of Prospect (in conjunction with the Prospect/Walkerville YAC now known as Essential Youth : Agents of Change) are pleased to present the following events during National Youth Week.

Watch this Space
1 April —29 April : Prospect Gallery Year 12 Art Exhibition
Opening 1st April 3pm-5pm
Youth Media Forum Tuesday 17 April 5.30pm – 8.30pm Prospect Gallery
BYO piece of Political/World Issues Argumentative Writing : Facilitated by Essential Youth. Open to all ages!
Under age gig Wednesday 18 April 7-10pm
12 –17 years : Granny Flat LIVE! : Sussex Hotel The Terrace room.

Over age gig: What are Your Standards? Thursday 19 April 7pm –
18-25 years : She’s Alright & Granny Flat LIVE! Sussex Hotel The Terrace room.

‘Meet the Robinsons’ Are you a young mum or dad or aged up to 25?
Bring your family or yourself to this free movie : Friday 20 April 7pm Piccadilly Cinema.

For more information contact Cate on 8342 8119 or cate@prospect.sa.gov.au
Proudly brought to you by: Essential Youth : Agents of Change
(Prospect and Walkerville YAC)
www.myspace.com/essential_youth
awareness, using the unique equipment and coordination, balance, posture and body exploration with the development of physical skills.

encouragement to the child to practise and together the worthwhile pursuits of play.

their parent/caregiver’s faith in their child’s ability.

testing their self-confidence and often form the basis of support and friendship that are so valuable with children at this age.

environment of a gymnastic club. The classes often form the basis of support and friendship groups that are so valuable with children at this age.

further enhance these programmes, Gross Motor Skill’s sessions for pre-schoolers and junior primary children have now commenced on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

An “All Abilities” Rhythmic Gymnastics and Sports Acrobatics programme is also being planned for the near future. Please contact the Centre to register your interest.

The YMCA is about to embark on some exciting new programmes and information is available at www.inea.ymca.org.au or by calling 8344 3811 or visiting us at 39 Smith Street, Walkerville.
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What’s On

WALKERVILLE RESIDENTIAL CARE CENTRE

Autumn Market

On: SATURDAY 14 APRIL 2007
Time: 9am to 12.30pm
Where: Walkerville Residential Care Centre, 160 Walkerville Terrace
What to buy: cakes and biscuits; jams and preserves; woolly caps, rugs and jumpers; gifts; “old and new” stall; sausage sizzle; raffle
Refreshments available at the Quick Cuppa Coffee Shop

GIANT QUALITY BOOK SALE
BIGGER & BETTER THAN LAST YEAR
Walkerville Bowling Club - Smith St Walkerville

Sunday April 22nd – 9.00am – 3.00pm
A huge variety of books and some audio materials will be on sale at great bargain prices - most books at new prices.
Free tea and coffee
Scones, jam & cream - $3.00
Raffle tickets - $1.00 – Prizes will be drawn at 3.00pm
Bar open - alcohol and soft drinks available
Everyone is a winner
Hope to see you there

Walkerville Historical Society Inc.
PO Box 54, Walkerville SA 5081
The Walkerville Historical Society invite you to join them at their meetings.
They’re held in the Walkerville Town Hall on the third Wednesday of the month. We move quickly into the presentation of our guest speaker and finish with a delicious supper.
Do come along for an enjoyable evening.
Meetings commence at 7.30pm.
18 April Ray Stanley “Gallipoli Revisited”
16 May Helen McBryde “Flora of the Torrens Banks in Walkerville”
20 June Rev David Paech “Persecution, detention, or Internment of Lutherans in South Australia in two World Wars”
Enquiries: Lyn O’Grady 8269 5982

Anzac Day Dawn Service

The Walkerville Sub-Branch, Returned and Services League of Australia will be conducting a Dawn Service at the Memorial Garden, Church Terrace on Wednesday 25 April, commencing at 6.30am. Breakfast will be served in the Sub Branch’s Clubrooms at 98 Walkerville Terrace – gold coin donation will be greatly appreciated. All attending the Dawn Service are welcome to join the RSL Members for breakfast.

There will be entertainment throughout the day at the Clubrooms - please call the RSL on 8269 7679 for further information.

Rotary Club of Walkerville
Cordially invites you to the next
Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concert

Sunday, 29 April
at the Walkerville Town Hall, commencing at 2.15pm
Afternoon tea provided.
Entertainment - Eliza Tones Flute Ensemble with special guests Janet Hattam (singer) and Jane McKenzie (Bagpipes)
If you require transport to the concert please contact Rex Adams on 8344 6100 or Jeff Davy on 8344 6787 by 17 April.
(If you require transport the club will reimburse you on the night)

WALKERVILLE UNITING CHURCH
Smith St, W. Walkerville

2007 HOLY WEEK SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY, 6 April, 2007
9.00 a.m. Preacher: Rev’d R. Grant Dunning (please note time)

EASTER DAY, 8 April, 2007
9.30 a.m. Preacher: Rev’d R. Grant Dunning

“EAT ‘N GREET”
Walkerville Uniting Church, Smith St, Walkerville on the following dates from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Programme for April, May, June 2007 is as follows:
Thursday 12 April, 2007 - Australian Museum
– Childhood Toys
Thursday 10 May 2007 – Crime Stoppers
Thursday 14 June, 2007 – Mrs Libby Kosmina

Come and join us at 11.00 a.m. for a cup of tea.
$6.00 to cover food costs
Enquiries: Tel. Bruce 8261 5205 or Sue 8261 0171
GOOD FOOD, GOOD FUN AND GOOD COMPANY, SO PLEASE COME!
WALKING YOUR DOG

It is imperative, when exercising or walking your dog in a public place to carry and use the necessary equipment so that the environment is not polluted by dog faeces. It is an offence under the Dog and Cat Management Act not to pick up after your dog. A fine of $55 applies. Doggy Doo bags are provided along the Linear Park, as well as being available from the Council Office.

It is State law that all dogs must be on a lead of no longer than 2 metres when in the street. Owners risk a fine of between $80 - $250 if their dogs are unleashed.

Dogs can be let off their lead along Linear Park but owners are still responsible that their dog is under effective control at all times.

LOST DOGS

Officers contracted to the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville attend to any after-hours calls. Officers will attempt to contact owners where the dog is registered with the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville. However, if contact is not achieved then dogs picked up will be delivered to the Animal Welfare League Kennels at 1-19 Cormack Road, Wingfield. Owners can be reunited with lost dogs by providing the appropriate identification and paying the required fee to the Animal Welfare League.

All enquiries regarding lost dogs in the first instance should be directed to Council on 8344 7711, all hours. As dogs may also be picked up by Inspectors from neighbouring Councils or a member of the public and taken to the Animal Welfare League dog owners may also wish to contact the Animal Welfare League direct on 8268 4188 or 8268 4221 during the opening hours of 10am-4pm seven days a week.
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MAYOR

David Whiting
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Mayor David Whiting is Walkerville’s longest serving current elected member. Elected as Councillor for Vale Park Ward in 1993, David has served as Deputy Mayor and Chairman of a number of committees including the last seven years as chairman of the Development Assessment Panel.

A Mayor with a strong community focus, David has also been a member the Vale Park Primary School Governing Council for 12 years to 2007 and has regularly conducted quiz nights to raise funds for schools, community organisations and charities.

David, together with his wife Heather, have conducted a habitat restoration and sustainable landscapes project in the River Torrens Linear Park and at Vale Park Primary School for a number of years. The project, aimed at improving the physical appearance and biodiversity of the River Park & school gardens, has concentrated on planting waterwise native plants as well as removing invasive weeds. This project will continue in 2007. David is a member of the Walkerville Historical Society and is a strong believer in the “Village of Walkerville”. He is also very keen to promote better building design, sustainable energy use & storm water management as key features of Council’s upcoming residential development plan.

David is particularly keen to see better community facilities for our Town, especially for our older residents, including upgrading the Library facilities and meeting rooms for clubs and organisations. (Profile provided by David Whiting)

COUNCILLORS MEDINDIE/GILBERT WARD

Rex Adams
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Resident in Gilberton for 24 years. He is involved with Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch and many local community projects with the Rotary Club of Walkerville. A Councillor since 1995, he has served as Chairman, Community Services Committee, Walkerville Environmental Advisory Group and was a member of the Development Assessment Panel. He is Chairman, Region Seven Murray Darling Association (Metropolitan/ Country Councils) which advocates for water and environmental issues affecting the Murray-Darling Basin and the metropolitan area. Committed to the community and maintaining the unique residential character and quality living for residents in Walkerville Council area through sensible town planning. He plans to continue his involvement in community service, environmental issues especially revegetation projects adjacent to the River Torrens involving local schools. Rex is also involved in organizing regular concerts for the elderly in the community.

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Carolyn has lived in Gilberton for over thirty years and believes those qualities which make Walkerville such a special place must be identified and considered, in order to guide a sustainable future for its citizens. These qualities include open spaces, river access, attractive streetscapes, distinctive buildings and heritage places and intangibles such as amenity, quality of life, sense of place, space, community spirit, human scale, access to sunlight and biodiversity. Carolyn is an architect with qualifications in management, planning and building surveying. She has had considerable experience in policy formulation and implementation in the public sector and professional organisations. Carolyn has been appointed to the Development Assessment Panel, Audit Committee and she is Council’s representative on the Eastern Health Authority Board of Management.

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Paul chooses to live in Gilberton because he values the natural beauty and built heritage of Walkerville, the friendly village ambience of our town centre, the strong community spirit, and recognises the high standards of our public and private schools. Paul seeks sustainable development and growth that does not compromise our environmental and social future and incorporates improved community service facilities. He wishes to improve transparency and accountability in local government and believes strongly in the residents’ right to know what their Council is doing. Paul was involved in the establishment of the Walkerville Residents Association and became its founding President. He has had a senior manager career in the University sector, a job that gives him extensive planning, policy formulation, large budget, and committee experience. He is currently the Deputy University Librarian at the University of Adelaide.
COUNCILLORS WALKERVILLE WARD

(At the time this edition of the Walkerville News was printed there was a vacancy in the Walkerville Ward)

Phil Cheesman  
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Since 1975 Phil Cheesman has lived in the suburbs of Walkerville and Vale Park. He is married to Lyn and has an adult son Craig. He is an Electrical Engineer as well as being a commercial arbitrator and mediator. He has worked in both the public (for ETSA) and private sector (Consulting) and currently has a consulting Engineering Business on Walkerville Terrace. He has been a Member of National and State Professional Committees as well as Sporting and Social Clubs. He was the President of the Walkerville Contract Bridge Club in the early 1980’s.

In addition to being a Councillor for the Walkerville Ward, he is also a Member of the Development Assessment Panel (DAP), Council’s representative on Wastecare and he is the Chairman of the recently established Walkerville’s Audit Committee.

John Rich  
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John Rich was Mayor of Walkerville between 2000-2006 and a Councillor for Medindie/Gilbert Ward since 1995. He is currently President of the LGA and a Board member of Eastwaste (responsible for 25% of Adelaide’s Waste). John enjoyed his work as Mayor but believed it was time to pass the reins to someone else.

John is the sole Australian Local Government Association representative on the Australian Landcare Council. He is keen to assist the community and Council to make the Town successful. As Councillor and LGA President John can assist the community and Council with State Government relations and the challenges that inevitably lie ahead. A retired General Manager from the private sector, he brings a practical business approach to local government and has a keen interest in the environment, planning and local heritage.

COUNCILLORS VALE PARK WARD

Tony Reade  
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Community leadership is a major interest for Tony. His track record in voluntary community service stretches back to the mid 1960s and has included local, national, and international initiatives. Tony has worked to address youth substance abuse, unemployment and, more lately, national leadership training. A past district governor of Rotary International and National Chairman of Rotaract Australia, he has lived and worked in the Town since 1967. His three year Presidency of the Walkerville Historical Society illustrates his strong interest in local heritage and history. As a marketing and communications professional, he is in touch with current community and business issues. Previously a Councillor for seven years for Vale Park Ward he is looking forward to again representing residents and keeping development in our beautiful town in scale with existing streetscapes. He promises four years of enthusiastic and energetic involvement in issues concerning the residents of Vale Park.

Helen Rossis  
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Helen is 33, a medical practitioner, married with a young family. Helen grew up in the Walkerville Council area in Medindie and all her primary and secondary schooling also took place at a local school. Helen understands the area very well. Helen has served as a Vale Park Ward Councillor since 2003, and has a good knowledge of the workings of council. She is committed in being a “younger” voice on Council, and represents the many young families that now reside in all of the Walkerville town area, as well as those in Vale Park. Helen Rossis has been Council’s representative on the Eastern Health Authority Board of Management since 2005. She firmly believes in the sensitive development of the Walkerville town centre, and that this will encourage new business into the area, as well as help the already established businesses to thrive.

Heather Wright  
(DEPUTY MAYOR)  
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In 1965 Heather moved to Milne Street Vale Park as a newly married woman. By 1970 a group of residents, of which Heather was one, successfully lobbied for Vale Park to join the Walkerville Council.

When ‘Roseneath’ in Cluny Avenue came up for sale in 1971, her first husband and Heather took up the challenge of renovating it. She also became a volunteer at both St Andrew’s and Walkerville Primary Schools.

In 1984 she began working in the Walkerville Library where she continued to work until her retirement in 2003. Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch was established in 1987 and she also became a volunteer for this organization. Continuing ever since, this experience has contributed to her appointment as the Local Government Association’s representative on the WatchSA Advisory Board of Management.

In the meantime Heather enjoys her involvement with the Friends of the Wesleyan Cemetery and the Walkerville Historical Society. A Walkerville Council supplementary election occurred in the Vale Park Ward in late 2004 and although Heather had vowed and declared that she would not stand for Council, she had a change of heart and was successful in being elected.

The parts of being an elected Councillor that Heather enjoys most are representing Walkerville Council in the wider community, meeting residents and acting on their behalf where appropriate. She was re-elected as Ward Councillor for Vale Park in November 2006.

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The Baby Bounce and Rhyme programme has celebrated its first birthday with balloons, new rhyme booklets made available through The Little Big Book Club, and of course party cakes. Twenty babies with their mothers and some toddlers attended the birthday celebrations on Monday, March 6. This programme has been a great success.

What a wonderful opportunity for parents of babies to meet and share some relaxing time together, singing songs, reciting rhymes and listening to some simple stories.

The Library is happy to have new mothers join us on the first and third Monday of the month at 10.30am. Please contact the Library staff on 8344 7711 for further information.

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**SWAP cooperative project**

On Wednesday, 28 February the SWAP Library Network officially launched its latest exciting venture for libraries, “your tutor” which is now available through Public Libraries SA.

Students requiring help with homework can log onto a tutor service free of charge, simply by logging onto the SWAP Library website – www.swaplib.sa.gov.au and clicking on the weblink to “your tutor”. This service will connect students to expert tutors in the fields of Maths, Science and English as well as helping with assignments and research. Moreover, “your tutor” is available on weekdays from 4pm to 8pm.

Staff from local schools also attended the official SWAP launch and they were very enthusiastic about the role of “your tutor” in providing additional educational facilities for students.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica Online Library Edition is now also accessible through the SWAP webpage. Users can access the encyclopaedia from the SWAP Library website, again, by keying in your membership number at the Britannica icon.

If you are not a library borrower, please apply for membership at the Walkerville Library.

These two new features of the website will open up a new world of knowledge and understanding for the student.