



Pickleball champ
visits The W!

Weekly Round Up

31 July 2026

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Pickleball world champion at The W

It's not everyday we have a world-renowned athlete come to play.

Talia Saunders is a pickleball superstar, ranked #5 in Australia, a gold medallist at the 2025 Australia Pickleball championships and a Team Australia player in the Pickleball World Cup. She's also a local Adelaide girl.

Not that she spends much time at home anymore. Talia hasn't been back in Adelaide since Christmas last year, with her pickleball commitments keeping her travelling across the world. She's just been in the USA with the rest of Team Australia, and soon she'll head to Vietnam for the upcoming Pickleball World Cup.

She's managed to squeeze in a quick trip back to her hometown this week. Donned in her green and gold, Talia has been at The W training for her upcoming games, taking advantage of our state-of-the-art courts. She's a big fan of The W's facilities and programs. "I love it. The W has a really fun atmosphere and very inclusive," she said.

She's also been making time to encourage our local social players, dropping in on the weekly [Active Connections session](#). Active Connections is a joint initiative between Town of Walkerville and City of Prospect – a social sports program where participants enjoy a friendly mix of coach-led sports. With a focus on blending fitness, friends and fun, staff and participants were thrilled to have a world champ in the mix. Some even had their pickleball paddles signed by Talia – certainly something to treasure!



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Garden Demolition Rescue

Once destined for landfill, unneeded plants get a second chance with Garden Demolition Rescue.

If you've ever had a house demolished or undertaken an extension, you've probably lamented the loss of some lovely established plants that are simply in the wrong spot. Not-for-profit initiative, Garden Demolition Rescue, is saving those very plants and giving them new homes.



Rescuing established plants is a great way to maintain urban green space and biodiversity, ensure the continuation of heirloom plants and reduce the amount of healthy plant material entering landfill.



Jane Marr is the founder of the community initiative, and has inherited her green thumb from her father and great grandmother who were both passionate and resourceful gardeners.

"Established gardens are being demolished across Adelaide at an alarming rate, decreasing biodiversity and increasing the urban heat island effect. The destruction of gardens lovingly nurtured for years is heartbreaking, unsustainable and environmentally damaging, so I decided to do something about it," says Jane.

If you have an upcoming demolition project, or would like to volunteer, contact Garden Demolition Rescue on 0418 370 077, gardendemolitionrescue@gmail.com, or via [their website](#).

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Community Bus a “marvellous” service

Did you know that Council provides a door-to-door community bus service for residents who do not have private transport options and have difficulties using public transport?

Each Friday, Town of Walkerville residents eagerly await the arrival of the Community Bus at their doorstep – a service that is essential to their social wellbeing as it is to their day-to-day independence.

Anne Marsh, a long-time bus passenger, has nothing but praise for the service. “It is so good, we are so lucky,” she says. “It is really marvellous – I look forward to it every week.” Council’s Community Bus collects eligible residents from their homes and makes the trip to the nearby North Park/Sefton Park Shopping Centre. After some time spent at the shops, the bus delivers them safely home again.



“The drivers are so helpful and courteous, real gentleman”, says Mrs Marsh. She knows a thing or two about great community initiatives, having been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2025 for ‘service to the community, particularly women and youth’. She makes sure newcomers to the bus feel comfortable, saying “the atmosphere is so welcoming. If there are new people on the bus, we get to know them and go for a coffee to connect.”

To register for the Community Bus, call our friendly Senior Customer Service Officer, Kathryn on 8342 7100 or [see more information here.](#)

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Small Business Week

Small Business Week is 17–21 August 2026, delivering five days of practical ideas, expert insights and meaningful connections for small businesses across South Australia.

Whether you're starting out, growing, adapting or planning ahead, Small Business Week gives you the tools, knowledge and inspiration to build a stronger, more resilient business.

With events across metropolitan and regional South Australia, you'll hear from industry experts, business owners and thought leaders sharing practical strategies you can apply straight away.

Explore topics around the theme of business resilience, including artificial intelligence, digital capability, continuity planning, succession, sustainability and more, designed to help your business adapt, innovate and thrive.

No matter your stage of business, Small Business Week 2026 is your opportunity to learn, connect and invest in your future. Browse the program, register for sessions and join thousands of South Australian business owners building stronger businesses.

Feature Event - Open Doors: Industry Connect

Join businesses from across Adelaide for industry-focused networking designed to build connections, explore new opportunities, and grow your business.

4.30pm-8pm on Monday, 17 August 2026, at Henry's Bar and Eatery, 68 King William Street, Kent Town.

[Book your free ticket here.](#)



**SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
SPECIAL EVENTS**

Monday 17 August 4:30pm - 8pm	Open Doors: Industry Connect Two Sessions available Kent Town - Register Now
Tuesday 18 August 10am - 2pm	Resilient You, Resilient Business Half day Workshop Campbelltown - Tickets limited
Friday 21 August 7:45am - 9:30am	Retail and Commercial Lease Essentials Breakfast provided Prospect - Booking essential

City of Burnside | Campbelltown City Council | City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters | City of Prospect | The City of Unley | Town of Walkerville

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Community Engagement Policy consultation open

The Town of Walkerville is currently consulting on its draft Community Engagement Policy.



The draft Community Engagement Policy provides a clear, practical and proportionate framework for how Council will undertake community engagement when required under the *Local Government Act 1999* and in compliance with the Community Engagement Charter.

The draft Community Engagement Policy aims to:

- ensure compliance with all mandatory Charter requirements;
- provide flexibility to tailor engagement to the significance of each decision;
- avoid consultation fatigue;
- maintain transparency and accessibility for the community; and
- support efficient operational decision making.

The draft Community Engagement Policy introduces:

- different categories of consultation, based on the significance and community impact of the decision being considered;
- minimum engagement requirements for each category, as specified by the Charter;
- flexibility in how Council may meet these requirements; and
- an emphasis on deeper engagement for more significant decisions.

This ensures Council has a clear, structured and compliant approach while retaining the ability to tailor engagement to local needs and capacity.

You can provide feedback on the draft Community Engagement Policy in one of these ways:

- email your submission to walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au with the subject line "Draft Community Engagement Policy consultation"; or
- post a written submission by posting to:
The Chief Executive Officer
Draft Community Engagement Policy consultation
66 Walkerville Terrace
GILBERTON SA 5081

The draft Community Engagement Policy consultation will run from 9am on Tuesday, 21 July 2026, until 5pm on Monday, 10 August 2026.

For more information, head to the [Your Say Walkerville website](#).

Walkerville Terrace Banners Consultation

Council is planning to install a series of banner frames along Walkerville Terrace as part of our broader Walkerville Terrace Amenity Improvements project.

The purpose of the banners is to help strengthen the village feel of the precinct, create a more welcoming main street and support local businesses by improving streetscape presentation.

Earlier this year, community feedback highlighted a desire for some activation and streetscape improvements along Walkerville Terrace. As the longer-term masterplan for the precinct is scheduled for 2030 under the TOWards2035 Strategic Plan, Council has identified several upgrades that can be delivered in 2026/27 to address this feedback.



You can provide feedback on the proposed installation of the banners by:

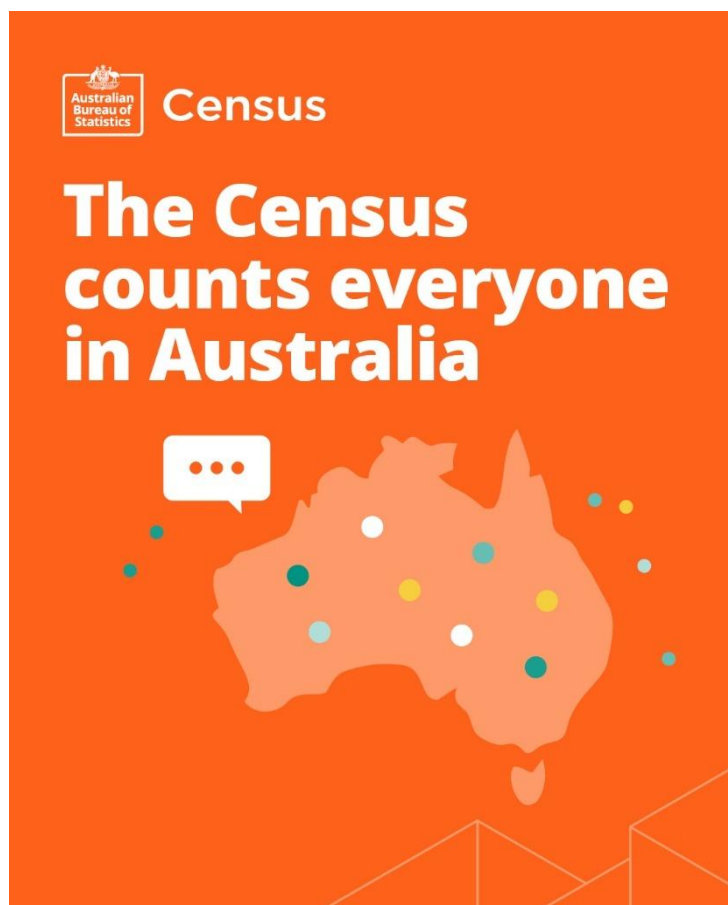
- Undertaking the [brief online survey](#);
- Completing a hard copy survey, available at the Civic & Community Centre;
- Emailing your submission to walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au with the subject line "Walkerville Terrace Banner Consultation"; or
- Providing a written submission by posting to:
The Strategic Projects Coordinator
Walkerville Terrace Banner Consultation
Town of Walkerville
66 Walkerville Terrace
GILBERTON SA 5081

The Walkerville Terrace Banner consultation will run from 9am on Tuesday, 21 July 2026, until 5pm on Monday, 10 August 2026.

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2026 Census

The 2026 Census is happening this August and every answer matters.



The next Census is on Tuesday, 11 August 2026.

The Census is a snapshot of Australia's people and housing, and tells the story of how we are changing. Census data helps governments, community groups and businesses plan services for individuals, families and communities, where and when they are needed.

Every household and person in Australia on Census night must be included on a Census form, including visitors to Australia, international students and babies.

Instructions on how to complete the Census will be delivered to households from late July. If you know where you'll be on Census night, you can complete your Census as soon as you receive your instructions. You can complete online, by paper, or with help from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The information you provide in the Census is confidential and protected by law. Your information is not shared with anyone, including other government agencies.

In the Census, every answer matters to help us understand what Australia needs now and into the future.

For more information visit info.census.abs.gov.au

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SALA - Walkerville Comes Alive

From free children's face painting to a live caricature artist and a roving street band, Walkerville Terrace will truly come alive this August.

For the upcoming South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival, Walkerville will be transformed with art, music and creative activity along the Terrace.

On Sunday, 30 August 2026, you are invited to explore Walkerville Terrace and visit participating local businesses as artists and musicians activate the street.



Be immersed in the entertainment and creativity, interact with the artists, and enjoy the music filling the village. It's a day for the Town of Walkerville community – art lovers, music fans and families alike. [See more information on our website.](#)

Calling all local businesses

Are you interested in being part of the Walkervillage Christmas Fair this year?

Town of Walkerville is encouraging suitable local businesses that are interested in being part of the Walkervillage Christmas Fair on Sunday, 29 November 2026, as a market or food vendor, to complete an [expression of interest form](#).

Please note this is an expression of interest form only. All applications will be reviewed, and successful vendors will be notified.



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What's on at The W?

Check out everything happening at The W in the [Program Guide!](#)

Walking Basketball

Get moving with Walking Basketball! Looking for a fun, social and active way to stay fit? Come along, meet new people, enjoy some gentle exercise, and discover why Walking Basketball is one of the best ways to stay active. Suitable for all fitness levels!

Mondays from 1.30pm-2.30pm, \$8 per session.

Pickleball

Due to ever increasing demand, Pickleball now runs six days per week at The W!

The W's Social Pickleball sessions:

- Tuesdays: 10.45am-12.45pm
- Wednesdays: 12pm-2pm
- Thursdays: 1.30pm-3.30pm
- Fridays: 12.30pm-2.30pm

No bookings required, \$5 per session.

Northern Stars Pickleball Session at The W:

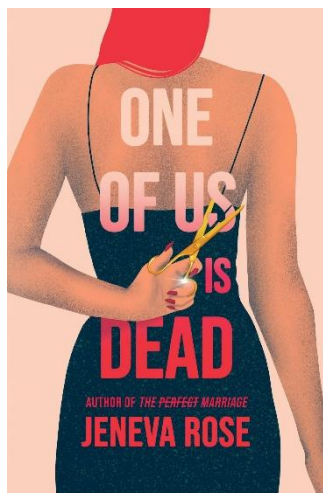
- Mondays: 11am-1pm
- Wednesdays: 4pm-5.30pm (Juniors)
- Thursdays: 6.45pm-8.45pm
- Sundays: 3pm-5pm

[Register online](#) for Northern Stars sessions.



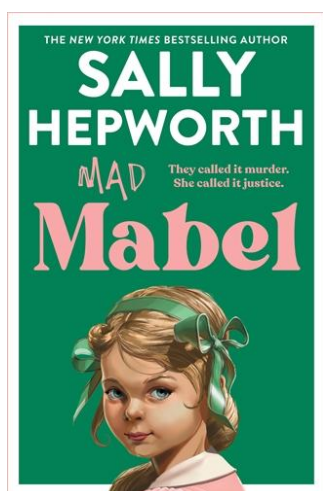
Between the Stacks

Check out some book reviews from the Walkerville Librarians!
Visit the [library catalogue](#) to place a hold on your next read.



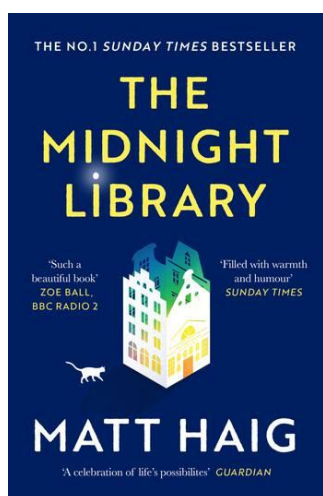
One of Us is Dead by Jeneva Rose

Desperate housewives meets real housewives in this riveting story about ambition, secrets and lies. Very entertaining from start to finish. Jeneva Rose fans will not be disappointed.



Mad Mabel by Sally Hepworth

Mad Mabel was absolutely brilliant! Mabel herself was surprisingly lovable, and I found myself utterly invested in her story. Very highly recommend.



The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

An impressive and engaging book that was easy to visualise throughout. Although the main character can be frustrating at times, the story concludes in a satisfying way.



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Library and Information Week 2026

27 July 2026 until 2 August 2026 marks Library and Information Week, and this year's theme is *Truth Be Told*.



Did you know that libraries play a key role in shining a light on misinformation and disinformation? Navigating the digital world can be tricky at the best of times and has only become more challenging with the advent of AI.

Walkerville Library, along with other public libraries in the LibrariesSA network, regularly assists customers with accessing correct, relevant, and timely information.

From freely available newspapers to a considered, current, and well-curated non-fiction collection, your local libraries and librarians are a fantastic source of knowledge and learning.

Public PCs and Wi-Fi are also available, meaning Walkerville residents can be well equipped to access vital online resources, such as MyGov and the upcoming Census.

To learn more about Library and Information Week, [visit the Australian Library and Information Association's website.](#)

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English support assistance

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ENGLISH



SUPPORT

ASSISTANCE

10AM-11.30AM | MEETING ROOM 2

FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.
EXCLUDES SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

JOIN ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY SESSIONS, DESIGNED FOR ANYONE
LOOKING TO IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH AND GAIN CONFIDENCE.
THE SESSIONS ARE LED BY A VOLUNTEER AND FORMER TEACHER
WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HELPING PEOPLE WITH THEIR ENGLISH.

WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH:

- PRACTISING EVERYDAY ENGLISH CONVERSATION AND WRITTEN SKILLS
- COMPLETING FORMS AND UNDERSTANDING DOCUMENTS

**FREE, DROP-IN SERVICE
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL COUNCIL 8342 7100
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Walkerville Bowling & Community Club Sports Night

Walkerville Bowling and Community Club

Sports Night

 Friday 31st July 2026

 5-7pm

 Members Draw

 New Food Menu



- ★ Fremantle v Geelong on the big screens plus darts, table tennis, indoor bowls
- ★ Happy Hour: 5-7pm (20% off of Members prices)
- ★ Members Draw: \$100 Bar Card (valid for drinks and meals) **
- ★ Main Menu: \$20 - Schnitzel, Fish of the Day, Burger & Pasta / Risotto. All meals served with Chips and Salad, or Mash and Vegies.
- ★ Kids Meals: \$15 - Pasta, Chicken Nuggets, Fish & Chips

** members must be present to win. If the member is not present, the amount will jackpot to the next Members draw

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Family Faith Bingo



A colorful poster for a 'Family Faith Bingo' event. The title is written in large, multi-colored, hand-drawn letters. Below the title, the date and time are listed on a dark blue brushstroke background. Three circular icons represent the activities: a fork and spoon for dinner, a group of people for games, and a heart for connection. A teal speech bubble contains a welcome message. A yellow box with an envelope icon provides contact information for registration. At the bottom, a purple brushstroke contains the phrase 'Hoping you can join us!'. The poster is decorated with various icons like a heart, a sun, a cross, and a Bible.

FAMILY FAITH BINGO

Saturday 8th August, 5-7pm
in the Parish Centre.

-  Dinner & dessert
-  Family-interactive games
-  A great time to connect with family and friends!

Other family friends are more than welcome!

For set-up and catering purposes, please let Tracey know if your family can attend.
tracey.gracey15@gmail.com.au

Hoping you can join us!

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Walkerville Football Club Family Day

WALKERVILLE
— FOOTBALL CLUB —



FAMILY DAY!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



FACE PAINTING



SCAVENGER HUNT



FREE SAUSAGE & JUICE BOX
FOR ALL KIDS!



AUG 15
— AT WALKERVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB —

*BRING THE FAMILY, WEAR YOUR BLUE & WHITE AND ENJOY A GREAT DAY AT THE **CATTERY!***

GO CATS!

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St Andrew's Church Movie Afternoon

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
WALKERVILLE



MOVIE

Afternoon

• FUNDRAISER •




SUNDAY
AUGUST
23RD


1.30
pm


\$25
PER PERSON
INC SNACK & DRINK


THE REGAL
THEATRE
275 KENSINGTON RD,
KENSINGTON PARK



TICKETS - [TRYBOOKING.COM/DNBNL](https://trybooking.com/DNBNL)

ENQUIRIES - PH 8269 5420

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Celebration of Pets



**St Andrew's
School**
Est 1850



**St Andrew's
Church**
Walkerville

Celebration of Pets

Hosted by St Andrew's School
and St Andrew's Church
Walkerville

DATE: Sunday 16 August

TIME: 2pm
Followed by afternoon tea
and interactive activities

VENUE: Parish Centre Courtyard
on Church Terrace

All creatures, great and small, are invited.



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Learn



Laugh



Inspire

U can Uke Term 3

Beginners Ukulele- 4pm-5pm

This course introduces participants to learn the ukulele in a fun way. Basic chords and strums are included for new beginners and those who have just begun to play.

Beyond Beginners- 5.30pm-6.30pm

The course is for ukulele players who have mastered the basics and want to move on. The course content varies to accommodate skill levels of participants.



Starts Monday, 20 July 2026, in the Walkerville Town Hall. 8 week term, \$45 per person, \$35 for concession, suitable for adults and children aged 10+.

[Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100. Children must be supervised by an adult.

Community planting day

It's time to get your hands dirty and join us in collaboration with Greening Australia for a fun, community planting day! Together, we will revegetate a section of Linear Park into a thriving, green haven by planting native species.



Local resident and volunteer of the Lansdowne Terrace Revegetation Group, John Rolls, was successful in securing a Grassroots grant from Green Adelaide to revegetate Levi Slope. **9.30am-1pm, Sunday, 9 August 2026, at Willow Bend Reserve.** Free, Children must be supervised by an adult.

[Register via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100.

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Laugh



Inspire

Science week: Scientific Bubble Show

Marty McBubble will amaze you with his incredible bubble creations and the scientific wonders that make them possible. With quirky gadgets and plenty of comedy, Marty will create bubble rockets, volcanoes, tornadoes, bubble cubes and carousels, bubble jellyfish and more.

4pm-4.50pm, Tuesday, 18 August 2026, in the Walkerville Town Hall. \$3 per child, suitable for children.

[Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100.

Children must be supervised by an adult.



2026 Children's Book Week



Join Walkerville Library as we celebrate 2026 Children's Book Week! This year's theme is *A Symphony of Stories*, representing the "many different elements that come together to make one harmonious whole – kind of like a book!".

Step inside the Nylon Zoo's giant inflatable native animal, where we'll dress up, hold a parade, and come together for a special storytelling session. Costumes provided.

4pm-4.45pm, Wednesday, 26 August 2026, in the Walkerville Town Hall. \$2 per child, suitable for children 3+. [Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100. Children must be supervised by an adult.

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Street sweeping helps keep the Township clean

Our street sweeping programs are seasonally adjusted to effectively manage the level of risk relating to street tree litter.



The autumn leaf sweeping program has commenced, in addition to our weekly program. Streets will be assessed week by week from April to July for excessive leaf accumulation. Sweeping will be programmed accordingly in coordination with Council’s contractor to ensure an efficient and responsive service.

While we make every effort to keep our streets clean year-round, you can help out by doing the following:

- avoid sweeping leaves or clippings onto the road; and
- do not park caravans, trailers or boats on the road for extended periods.

Main roads	Gilberton/Medindie	Walkerville	Vale Park
6/8/2026	12/8/2026	19/8/2026	26/8/2026
3/9/2026	9/9/2026	16/9/2026	23/9/2026

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Council meetings

The next Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 16 August 2026.



All community members are welcome to attend the gallery and ask questions of Council Members during meetings, without prior notice.

For further information or to email a question in advance, please contact Council's Governance Team via governance@walkerville.sa.gov.au

Council meetings are held at the Civic & Community Centre, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton.



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Sign up to the Town of Walkerville e-news

Do you want to stay connected with news, information and events in the Town of Walkerville?

Sign up to the Town of Walkerville e-news today!

The e-news is a weekly newsletter that provides you with all you need to know about what is happening in and around the Township.

It is also an important avenue for you to keep up to date with Council projects and initiatives.

To subscribe, visit our website at www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/subscribe



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