

**A big Merry Christmas
from everyone at the
Town of Walkerville**



Weekly Round Up

22 December 2023

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Christmas closure for Council

The Civic & Community Centre and Walkerville Library will be closed over the Christmas break – offices shut from 12pm on Friday, 22 December 2023 and reopen at 9am on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

Walkerville Library

Walkerville Library will be closed for the Christmas break.

All books and audiobooks borrowed before Wednesday, 20 December 2023, will automatically have a six-week loan period (instead of the regular four-week loan period) so that the community is not required to return these items over the Christmas closure. The returns chute at the Civic & Community Centre is available for drop-offs.

Public holiday waste collections

Waste collections will change slightly due to Christmas. There will be no bin collections on Christmas Day. Collections from 25-29 December 2023 will occur the day after normal pick-up.

There will also be no bin collections on New Year's Day. All collections will move to the next day.



Santa with Deputy Mayor John Zeppel and Mayor Melissa Jones.

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Council outdoor teams

Please note that Council crews are continuing to attend to damaged areas from the recent storms, clearing up debris from local streets, parks, playgrounds and reserves.

Street tree failures, blocked drains and the River Torrens have been the focus of clean-up efforts.

If your request requires immediate attention during the Christmas closure period (e.g. poses a danger to pedestrians or traffic), please call Council's out-of-hours service provider on 8342 7100.

All other inquiries will be responded to following the closure period.

Councillors and Administration want to thank the Town of Walkerville community for a fabulous year. We wish you a happy and joyous Christmas and New Year break.



Town of Walkerville Councillors: James Williams, Steven Rypp, Liz Trotter, Jay Allanson, Mayor Melissa Jones, James Nenke, Aman Kaur, Deputy Mayor John Zeppel and Anthony Vanstone.

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Condolences to the Yung family and the Young family

Town of Walkerville extends its condolences to the Yung family, following the passing of their father, friend and loved one, Dr Michael Yung last week.

Council is deeply saddened by the event that came to pass in Gilberton – an incident that has shaken the community as a whole.

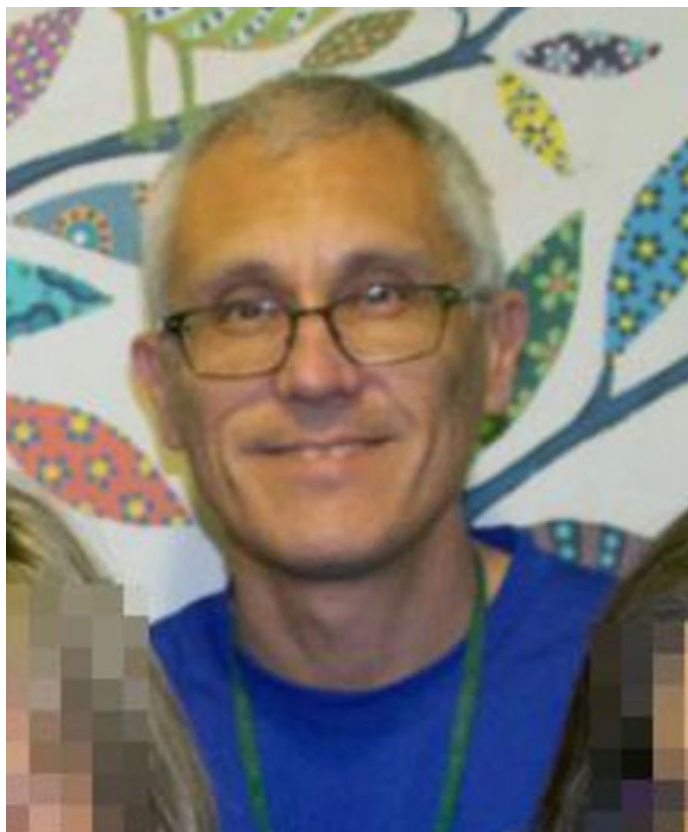
Michael was a highly-regarded member of the Walkerville community, with his influence and expertise stretching far and wide across the State – helping many young children and families over his career.

A legacy that will live on for many years to come.

Council also wants to extend condolences to the family of Ashleigh Young, who passed away last week.

Ms Young was a well-known figure in the Township for her role in the sporting community.

She was the Director of Sport and Recreation at Wilderness School and had an extremely positive influence on young women across multiple sports in South Australia, including through her work at the Norwood Football Club and the SANFL.



A year in review for Town of Walkerville

From industry awards to big local events, it has been a massive year for the Town of Walkerville! We look back on the highlights...

Walkervillage Christmas Fair

This year's Walkervillage Christmas Fair was a site to behold!

In 2023, the event included the inaugural – and popular! – pavlova eating competition, as well as a special Welcome to Country.

The event had something to entertain everyone! From markets and food stalls to rides and games.



Council wins SA IPWEA Sustainability Award for Alfred Street



Town of Walkerville won the Excellence in Environmental Sustainability Award at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) South Australia awards on 8 September 2023 for its Alfred Street project.

IPWEA judges recognised the Alfred Street project due to its unique design, which showcased how green corridors can be created within restricted urban environments.

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Inaugural “Walkerville comes alive” SALA event

Council held its first Walkerville comes alive event for this year’s South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival.

The event was a huge success, with many residents praising the event.

There were six lucky winners who won the very art that was created live on the day.



New Sustainability Committee established for Walkerville



Council established a new Sustainability Committee to look at the current social and environmental challenges facing the Town of Walkerville area, as well as to consider how to address these issues into the future.

The new Committee includes Mayor Melissa Jones (Ex-Officio), Deputy Mayor John Zeppel, Councillor James Williams and Councillor Aman Kaur.

Netflix’s *Desert King* filming takes place in Walkerville

The Township was abuzz in November when filming began in Walkerville for the new Netflix TV series, *Desert King*.



This new six-episode neo-western TV series is set to air in 2024.

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Hamilton Reserve's nature play area wins State award



The landscaper of Hamilton Reserve, LCS Landscapes, won an award at the Master Landscapers of SA Excellence Awards for Commercial Landscape Construction \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 for the rejuvenation project of Hamilton Reserve.

The Reserve was finalised and open to the public in January 2022 and has been a popular park for residents and visitors.

Walkerville Library launched Wattle the Walkerville Wallaby

In a bid to encourage more children to sign up to the Walkerville Library and engage in the wonders of reading, the Library created a mascot, Wattle the Walkerville Wallaby.

The Walkerville Wallaby campaign saw over 100 children sign up to the library. The first 100 children that signed up also received a free Walkerville Wallaby gift pack.

At the end of the campaign, the library held a launch event for the wallaby mascot with children able to meet a range of Australian animals. The Library also gave away a tablet with access to all the library apps for reading, audiobooks and e-magazines.



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Township-wide Community Survey consultation undertaken



A six-week Community Survey consultation was undertaken in 2023.

The last Community Survey occurred a number of years ago, as a result of disruptions from COVID-19.

Council received positive results from the public in the survey, which found that Town of Walkerville was outperforming other councils in overall community satisfaction, along with a range of other areas, such as customer services, parks and consultation.

New Chief Executive Officer starts at Town of Walkerville

Council appointed a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to Town of Walkerville in 2023 – Andrew MacDonald (pictured right with wife Katrina).

Andrew brings a wealth of knowledge to Council with more than 15 years of Local Government experience, including at Wakefield Regional Council as CEO, Kingston District Council as CEO and holding management role positions at Adelaide City Council.

Prior to his time in Local Government, Andrew spent 20 years serving in the Navy.

Over his first few months at Council, Andrew has settled into the role and enjoyed getting to know the Councillors, Administration and local community members.



What was your biggest highlight from the year? Let us know by sending an email to walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au.

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Notice of public meeting to reactive the Walkerville Residents' Association

A meeting will be held early next year with the aim to reactivate the Walkerville Residents' Association (WRA), which has been inactive for the past four years.

The meeting, open to all residents of the Town of Walkerville, will be held from 6pm-7pm on Monday, 5 February 2024, at the Walkerville Civic & Community Centre in Room 1855 (entrance will be available via the rear car park, off Stephen Terrace).

Residents will be aware that a proposed new development on the site of the Buckingham Arms Hotel is currently under consideration by the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP). This proposed new development consists of three 10-storey towers with some 180 residences. Several residents in the Walkerville Council area have significant concerns about this development.

A revived Walkerville Resident's Association, open to all residents of the Walkerville, Vale Park, Gilberton and Medindie areas, aims to discuss the proposed design and size of the development, including traffic and environmental aspects at the entry to Walkerville Terrace.

Residents are encouraged to attend this short meeting and consider nominating themselves for the Management Committee (eight members required). For further information, please contact Mike Duigan at mikeduigan19@gmail.com or 0459 506 281.



Weekly waste tips – Christmas edition

This Christmas, don't forget these tips to ensure you are properly recycling waste after the holidays.

Merry Christmas



EastWaste

- Do not put seafood waste into local park or street litter bins, as it can create unpleasant smells in public spaces;
- Bones, meat and seafood often end up in landfill after Christmas, however, all this waste can be put in the green bin;
- Polystyrene packaging, which often comes with larger Christmas gifts, should not be placed in the recycling bin as it is a 'No Foam Zone'. You can find a drop-off location for polystyrene [here](#);
- If you receive a new electronic device for Christmas, make sure to properly recycle your old devices through e-waste recycling options in the area – which you can find [here](#); and
- Make your New Year's resolution to recycle more and waste less!

[Click here to find out other helpful Christmas tips!](#)

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2024 bin calendars are now available!

Council's waste contractor – East Waste – has released the Town of Walkerville kerbside collection maps.

Drop into the Civic & Community Centre to collect a hard copy or [click here](#) for a digital copy of the kerbside collection calendar.

Alternatively, download the My Local Services App, which helps you stay up to date with your recycling and waste collection, including weekly notifications on when to put your bins outs.

This app can be downloaded on iPhone and Android. Search “My Local Services” in the App Store or the Play Store.

Use the summer break to visit the Township's parks and reserves!

If you are looking for things to do this summer break, why not check out the parks and reserves Town of Walkerville has to offer?

You could have a picnic in one of the Township's beautiful reserves or go for a run along the Linear Park River Torrens.

For a list of local Council parks and reserves, [click here](#).



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If you see it, report it

Town of Walkerville wants to assure the community that the security, safety and sense of wellbeing of our residents is of the utmost importance.

Council always aims to ensure everyone in the Township feels safe, no matter whether they are in their own home or out and about in the community.

Town of Walkerville will be liaising with SA Police to discuss potential ways to support and establish community safety initiatives at a council level.

Council also wants to encourage residents to reach out if they have any concerns about safety in the Township via walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au.

A reminder to community members to report all crime incidents to SAPOL to ensure police are getting an accurate record of local crime and can distribute resources accordingly.

If you witness a crime or suspicious behaviour, contact the SA Police non-emergency line on 131 444. If it is an emergency, immediately call Triple 000.



We are hiring

People & Risk Officer

- Competitive salary and benefits package
- Opportunities for professional development and training
- Great staff wellbeing programs
- Working with the community

The Position:

The People & Risk Officer is responsible for the development and engagement of a consistent and positive people and safety culture across the organisation.

The role will provide advice and support to employees on WHS, HR and Risk-related issues and report on and investigate any hazards in a timely manner.

They will be a key resource in identifying corrective and preventative actions and coordinate associated action and review WHS plans. The role will also focus on championing and promoting health and wellbeing programs and opportunities to all staff providing guidance and support as required.

The role is responsible for administering human resources activities and programs relating to training coordination, policy and procedure reviews and industrial relations and compliance advice.

This role provides advice and responses to queries regarding human resources policies and procedures within the organisation and supports initiatives to enhance employee engagement and performance levels.

This role requires the incumbent to have WHS and Injury Management knowledge; experience with Microsoft Office Suite and Adobe Acrobat Pro; experienced written and verbal communication skill; a driver's license or equivalent reliable transport method and a police clearance (ability to attain).

To find out key responsibilities and essential qualifications, or to apply, [click here](#).

Applications close at 5pm on 19 January 2023.



Movie Matinee session

Join screen legends William Shatner, Christopher Lloyd and Jean Smart in this delightful comedy – *Senior Moment* – where a retired NASA test pilot loses his license after a wild drag race in Palm Springs. Stripped of his wheels, he must embrace public transport and encounters Caroline, sparking a journey of rediscovery in love and life. Coffee, tea and snacks provided. Genre: Comedy, Romance Rating: M

Free to book, gold coin donation on arrival.

10.30am-12.30pm, Wednesday, 10 January 2024. Walkerville Town Hall.

Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/matinee-movie

Escape room games

Can you solve the puzzle? Come along and join the fun and try to beat the Games Master. Follow the clues to solve the puzzle and complete the game mission!

First session: 10.30am-11.30am. Suitable for children aged 8-10 years.
Second session: 12pm-1pm. Suitable for children aged 11-13 years.

Friday, 12 January 2024. \$2 per child, Walkerville Town Hall. Must be supervised by an adult. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/escape-room-games



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Water wise workshop

Join gardener extraordinaire Alan Shepard as he shares tips on managing your garden's water usage during the hot summer. Discover how to conserve water effectively in your garden.

2pm–3.30pm, Monday, 22 January 2024. \$2 per person, Walkerville Town Hall. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/water-wise-workshop

'Circle of Security' parenting program

Join the six-week parenting program focused on nurturing secure and safe family relationships.

Centacare will guide parents through weekly educational and behavioural exercises to foster a safe family home.

Free event. Suitable for adults.

5.30pm–6.30pm, Tuesdays, 6 February to 12 March 2024. Free, Meeting room 1855. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/security-parenting



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.



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;
- Do not park caravans, trailers or boats on the road for extended periods.

Main Roads	Gilberton/Medindie	Walkerville	Vale Park
			27/12/2023
3/1/2024	10/1/2024	18/1/2024	24/1/2024
31/1/2024	7/2/2024	15/2/2024	21/2/2024
28/2/2024	6/3/2024	14/3/2024	20/3/2024
27/3/2024	3/4/2024	11/4/2024	17/4/2024
24/4/2024	1/5/2024	9/5/2024	15/5/2024
22/5/2024	29/5/2024	6/6/2024	12/6/2024
19/6/2024	26/6/2024	4/7/2024	10/7/2024
17/7/2024	24/7/2024	1/8/2024	7/8/2024
14/8/2024	21/8/2024	29/8/2024	4/9/2024
11/9/2024	18/9/2024	26/9/2024	2/10/2024
9/10/2024	16/10/2024	24/10/2024	30/10/2024
6/11/2024	13/11/2024	21/11/2024	27/11/2024
4/12/2024	11/12/2024	19/12/2024	27/12/2024

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Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 15 January 2024.



Questions for public question time may be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by 12pm on Monday, 15 January 2024, via:

- email (governance@walkerville.sa.gov.au);
- post (Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 55 Walkerville SA 5081); or
- hand delivery (Community & Civic Centre, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton).



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