

EcoThreads Fest 2026
a huge success!



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Ecothreads Fest a huge success!

Our popular event returned for its third year.

Town of Walkerville held its third EcoThreads Fest on Saturday, 4 July 2026, which brought the Walkerville Town Hall alive with fashion, music and community spirit!

There were 41 rack hirers and stallholders selling their secondhand clothes, jewellery, hats and more.

On the day, coffee was being brewed by Cuppaginos, the local St Andrew's Church held a bake sale and the Rotary Club of Walkerville ran a sausage sizzle. Also, the very talented Courteney Hooper once again provided musical entertainment while people browsed the racks and stalls.

Treasure Boxes, a South Australian not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing essential support to disadvantaged children, set up a Baby Boutique in the Theresa Walker Gallery on the day, selling baby and kids clothing.

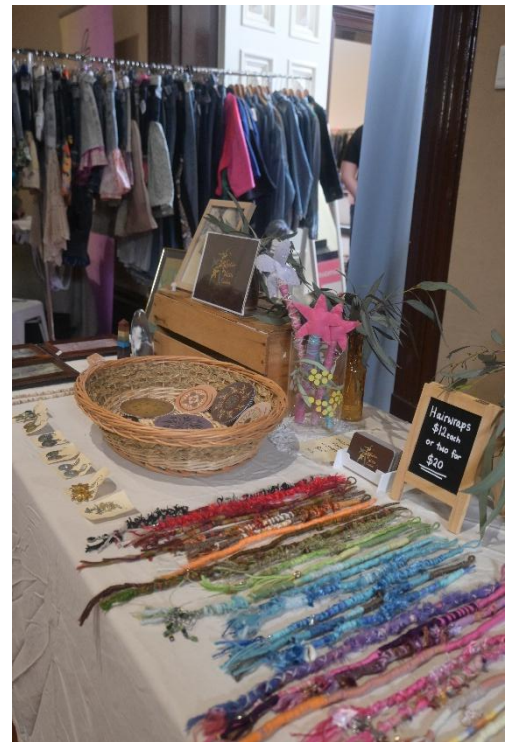
The event was a great opportunity for the community to come together and grab a bargain, while also combating fast fashion – encouraging the re-use of quality secondhand and vintage clothing.

If you are interested in being a rackholder or stallholder in 2027, keep your eyes open early 2027 in the Weekly Round Up and About Town for expressions of interest.



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Chatty Café special guests

We were pleased to welcome South Australia Police (SAPOL) to Chatty Café this week!

On Wednesday, 9 July 2026, SAPOL representative Yasmine caught up with Walkerville residents, Walkerville Community Committee Members, Councillors and staff to share admiration for the Chatty Café initiative. SAPOL was impressed by how this regular event is a no-pressure way for our Township to foster connections and community spirit. Cr Liz Trotter was interviewed by SAPOL about the success of the Chatty Café, encouraging other organisations to follow our lead on developing similar events.

The Chatty Café is a welcoming space where locals can take a seat at our “Have a Chat” table, enjoy a cuppa and connect with others. There’s no cost, no bookings and no pressure – just drop in and say hello!

The next Chatty Café will be held at The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre from 10am on Wednesday, 22 July 2026. All are welcome to attend, no need to book.



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Mayor's Minute

Did you know that Mayor Melissa Jones provides a video update on the latest news and information in Town of Walkerville each month?



You can view the Mayor's Minute on Town of Walkerville's [Youtube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) pages. Keep your eye out for the July edition coming soon!

Wilbur's Wildlife visits the Walkerville Civic & Community Centre

Town of Walkerville's school holiday program for July is in full swing!

On Wednesday, 8 July 2026, Council's school holiday program began with a native animal encounter event. Children got up close and personal with a range of native animals, including a possum, turtle, lizard and snake. Check out upcoming school holiday events [on our website](#).



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AusAlert

A national test for the new AusAlert warning system will occur on **Monday, 27 July 2026, at 1.30pm (ACST).**

AusAlert is a new national warning system that uses the latest technology to send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices during local and national disasters.

AusAlert messages keep communities informed so they can take action, saving lives and property. It's another way we're helping to keep Australia safe.

AusAlert was created in response to the [2020 Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements](#). It found that mobile-device-based emergency warning systems are especially effective at keeping communities informed during disasters.

AusAlert will be ready to use in October 2026, but before it launches, the system needs to be tested across Australia.

An AusAlert national test will be sent to all compatible mobile devices in Australia on Monday 27 July 2026.

This is just a test, you do not need to do anything when you receive the test alert.

For more information on AusAlert, please see ausalert.gov.au.



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Plastic Free July

Join Plastic Free July by taking the pledge to refuse single-use plastics.

Plastic Free July is a shared global movement that helps millions of people reduce plastic waste through simple, everyday choices and be part of the solution to plastic pollution. Visit the display currently available at the Walkerville Civic & Community Centre to learn more, or visit plasticfreejuly.org.



Calling all local businesses



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

Town of Walkerville is encouraging suitable local businesses that are interested in being part of the Walkerville 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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Avian influenza (Bird flu)

On 24 June 2026, South Australia recorded its first confirmed case of H5 bird flu in a vagrant migratory seabird found on a beach on the Fleurieu Peninsula. There has since been one additional case confirmed.

This is currently being treated as an isolated incident, and there are no detections in poultry anywhere in Australia at this time.

The South Australian Government is working with equivalent agriculture, environment and health agencies at a state and national level to coordinate emergency animal disease response activities.

You can learn more about H5 bird flu here: [Bird flu \(Avian influenza\) - DAFF](#).



Bird flu mostly affects birds but does spread to other animals. Rarely, it can also affect people. For more information, visit the Australian Centre for Disease Control.

The current advice from the Australian Government is that if you notice multiple sick or dead birds or animals, you should not touch them or get too close. Record your location and [report it](#) to the **24-hour Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888**.

Remember:

- Avoid contact with sick or dead birds and keep pets away.
- Record relevant details, including date, time, location, species and numbers.
- Report observations to the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888**.

Please note – Council cannot assist with sick or dead birds or animals. Please contact the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888**.

What's on at The W?

Wallaby Workout will be back after school holidays.

Our Wallaby Workout program will be taking a two-week break over the school holidays to make way for our school holiday programs. We'll be back for Term 3 on Wednesday, 22 July 2026, from 9.30–11.30am.



Junior Pickleball Program returning for Term 3.

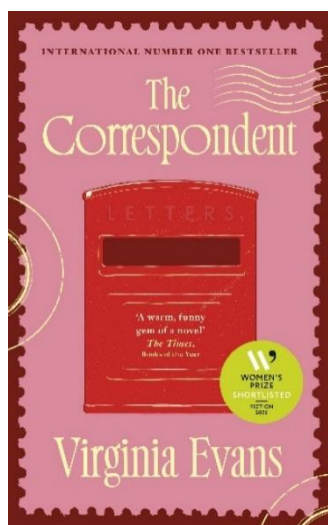
The very popular Junior Pickleball Program run by the Northern Stars Pickleball Club is returning to The W for another term! Whether your child is brand new to pickleball or keen to continue developing their skills, this fun and welcoming program is a fantastic way to stay active, build confidence and make new friends. [Book online here.](#)

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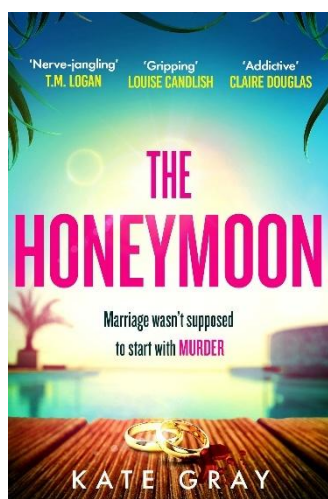
Between the Stacks

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



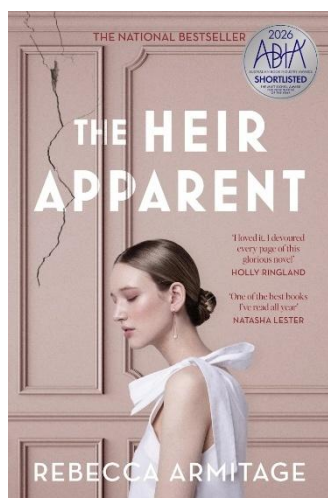
The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Written entirely through letters and emails, this was a heartfelt, wholesome story of a life fully lived. It beautifully explores grief, self-forgiveness, regret and the courage to keep moving forward.



The Honeymoon by Kate Gray

Right up until the very end of this one, I thought I had the story all worked out. Then the lies, blood, and betrayal just kept coming! When you think you've made up your mind, this story takes a twist and a turn, right off the edge of the cliff.



The Heir Apparent by Rebecca Armitage

I didn't mind this one - it wasn't my favourite book, but was fun for some escapism. For those who enjoy 'what if' alternate realities, I recommend *Rodham* by Curtis Sittenfeld over *The Heir Apparent*.



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An Evening with David Baldacci – online event

BorrowBox is hosting an exclusive online 'In Conversation' event with a best-selling author.

Join one of the world's most widely read thriller authors, David Baldacci, live as he dives into the suspense, characters and high-stakes storytelling behind his latest release, *Hope Rises*.

A promotional image for an online event. On the right, a man (David Baldacci) in a light blue suit stands against a red brick wall. On the left, a dark rectangular box contains white and green text: 'AN EVENING WITH DAVID BALDACCII'. Below this, in white text, is 'Exclusive online event', 'Join us Tuesday, 21st July 2026', and 'at 6:30pm ACST'. At the bottom left of the box are two book covers: 'DAVID BALDACCII HOPE RISES' and 'DAVID BALDACCII NASH FALLS'. To the right of the covers, white text reads 'David Baldacci titles available now on BorrowBox'. On the far right of the box is a QR code with the text 'Scan to register' above it, and the 'BorrowBox' logo with the tagline 'Your library in one app.' below it.

In this exclusive online event, David will share insights into his latest work, his writing process, and the ideas and influences that shape his storytelling.

The session will include a live Q&A, giving the audience the chance to ask questions about *Hope Rises*, *Nash Falls*, and the bestselling series that made him a global reader favourite across the thriller world.

Tune in on Tuesday, 21 July 2026, from 6.30pm.

[Sign up to watch the event live here.](#)

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LibrariesSA Customer Survey

You are invited to take part in the South Australian Public Library Network Customer Survey!

A dark blue rectangular graphic with white and purple text. On the left, the text 'Your opinion matters!' is in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is 'Your feedback helps us improve your library'. In the center, a large purple speech bubble contains the text 'HAVE YOUR SAY' in bold white capital letters. To the right of the speech bubble is the LibrariesSA logo, which consists of four vertical bars in yellow, red, green, and blue, followed by the text 'Libraries SA'. Below the speech bubble is the URL 'libraries.sa.gov.au/feedback'. In the bottom right corner of the graphic is a square QR code.

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libraries.sa.gov.au/feedback

The library network is unique to South Australia – with just one library card you have access to millions of library items and resources, regardless of where you live.

The purpose of this survey is to improve the services we deliver to the library users of South Australia, and survey results will help to inform how the library network should prioritise their effort, funding, resources and projects, to provide better value to the community.

The survey should take around 10-12 minutes to complete, and there are no right or wrong answers.

[Complete the survey now.](#)

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Firstival

Try something new at Walkerville Library this July!



Explore the entire [Firstival program](#), or see Walkerville Library's [event lineup](#).

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East Waste and KESAB artwork competition

Calling all schools in Town of Walkerville – enter to have your artwork on an East Waste truck!

East Waste and KESAB Environmental Solutions are officially launching the East Waste Schools Food Waste Artwork Competition. Students are encouraged to research food waste reduction and diversion in order to create artworks along with a message and call to action. Schools can submit their best five artworks in the competition. The winner across all the schools will have their artwork featured on an East Waste truck.

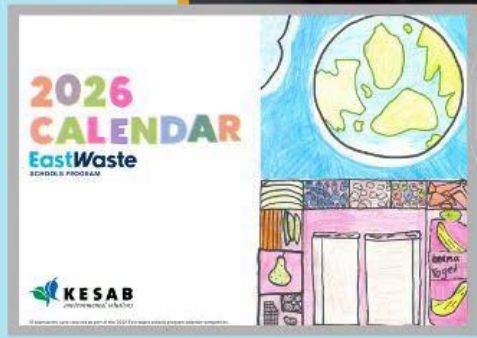
ARTWORK COMPETITION

East waste schools can enter food-waste informative related artwork and top tips to reduce food waste!

Competition closes Friday 11th September, 2026.

GRAND PRIZE:
Artwork featured on an East Waste truck.





FINALISTS:
Artwork featured in 2027 calendar.



EastWaste
SCHOOLS PROGRAM

KESAB
environmental solutions

Scan to find out more!

Submissions close on Friday, 11 September 2026. [Visit the KESAB website for more information.](#)

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ThinkUKnow

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program led by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

The presentation will cover:

- what young people see, say and do online;
- the challenges they may face, as they relate to online child sexual exploitation; and
- how to report, get help and support.

When: Wednesday, 22 July 2026

Time: 6pm – 7.30pm

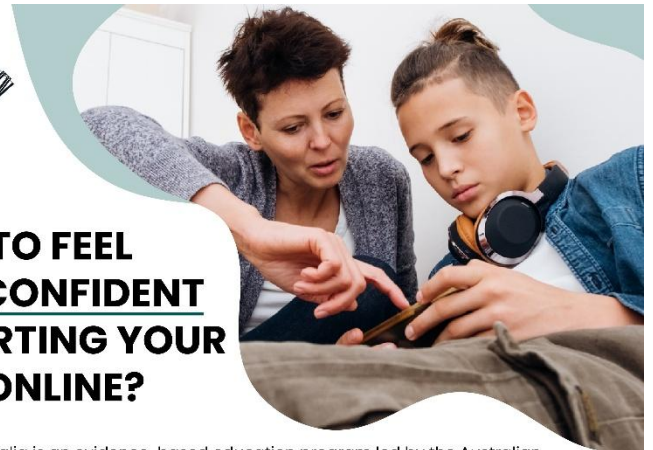
Where: Wakerville Town Hall

Free event, suitable for adults only.

Bookings essential.

[Please click here to book.](#)

The program is pro-technology and incorporates up-to-date research, real case studies, and examples from reports made to the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation.



WANT TO FEEL MORE CONFIDENT SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ONLINE?

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What the presentation will cover

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face, as they relate to online child sexual exploitation
- How to report, get help and support

The program is pro-technology, and incorporates up-to-date research, real case studies, and examples from reports made to the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation.

Delivered by a volunteer network from the following partner organisations



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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.

Movie Matinee: *Maria*

Starring Angelina Jolie, *Maria* tells the story of famous Opera singer Maria Callas, one of the most iconic performers of the 20th century. After spending her life in the spotlight, Maria retreats to Paris to live out her final days. She must now face the realities of her tumultuous and glamorous life as she reckons with her identity outside of the public eye. Light snacks and refreshment provided. **Genre: Drama Rating: M**



10.30am-12.40pm, Thursday, 6 August 2026 in the Walkerville Town Hall. Gold coin donation, suitable for adults. [Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100.



Learn



Laugh



Inspire

Dancing kids

Kids will learn fun, challenging moves and exciting themed dances set to popular music. The class is high-energy and engaging, helping the students develop strength, flexibility, coordination, rhythm, and confidence.

9.30am-10am, Tuesday, 14 July 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.



Storybook yoga

Children will learn yoga poses while going on fun adventures - meeting superheroes, mermaids, and monsters. This class will include mini meditations cleverly woven into games, making mindfulness fun and engaging.

10.15am-10.45am, Tuesday, 14 July 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.



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
			15/7/2026
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, 19 July 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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