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one plant at a time!

# Weekly Round Up

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# Ascot Avenue streetscape taking shape

## Plants and trees have arrived at Vale Park!

This week marked the commencement of planting works for the new streetscape along Ascot Avenue, Vale Park.

Located at the busy intersection of Ascot Avenue and Harris Road, this new streetscape includes more than 350 new plants, a new irrigation system, footpath upgrades and landscaping to provide a greener gateway into the Township.



It also completes the Ascot Avenue mural project from 2022, which involved the painting of a 100-metre nature mural, inspired by the students of Vale Park Primary School.

Landscaping works are due for completion by mid July.



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# Lego Club experiences it's first smash event!

Our regular Lego Club participants were able to make a range of fun and wacky creations at the most recent session.

This time, the Lego Club not only made their creations, but were also able to smash them afterwards as well!



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# Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan consultation finishes today!

Council's Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan has been developed to deliver services, facilities and programs that support our community and businesses over the next financial year.

As part of the planning process, the Town of Walkerville community is invited to provide feedback on the draft plan for 2023/24.

The Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan will be funded by a proposed average residential rate increase of 6.9% (excluding growth), which is below the rate of inflation over the past 12 months and at the lower end of the projected rate rises in Councils across South Australia.



This Annual Business Plan will continue Council's excellent maintenance of parks and gardens, progress our road and footpath renewal program, create new event and activity opportunities with the Township, and continue public consultation on important projects, policies, and initiatives.

At a Special Council Meeting on Monday, 5 June 2023, Elected Members endorsed the Draft Annual Business Plan for consultation. The full Council report can be viewed on the [Council website](#).

The consultation for the Annual Business Plan closes today at 5pm!

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There are a number of ways you can be involved in the Annual Business Plan consultation process:

- Review the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan, which is available on the [Your Say Walkerville website](#)
- Provide Town of Walkerville with feedback by using the feedback survey on the [Your Say Walkerville website](#)
- Email your written submission to [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au) with the subject line “Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan”
- Post your written submission to:  
*The Chief Executive Officer*  
*Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan*  
*66 Walkerville Terrace*  
*GILBERTON SA 5081*
- Undertake a hard copy survey, which is available from the foyer of the Civic and Community Centre, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton

A Special Council Meeting was held on Thursday, 29 June 2023, to provide a presentation on the draft budget to the community, as well as give an opportunity for residents to give their feedback.

**Feedback on the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan must be received by no later than 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023.**

If you choose to post your submission to Council, we ask that you allow sufficient time for the postal delivery service so that your submission arrives at our offices by 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023.

All submissions will be considered by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Monday, 17 July 2023, in accordance with Council’s Public Consultation Policy.



# Let's reminisce: William Ricketts' statue

Within the safety of the Theresa Walker Gallery stands a William Ricketts statue, surrounded by the Council's collection of Mary P Harris artworks.

How did we come to have this statue when William (Bill) Rickett lived and worked in Victoria?

His sanctuary at Mount Dandenong was well-known for his clay statues of Aboriginal people, which were set amongst the trees and shrubs.

Bill was a close friend of local artist and icon, Mary P Harris, who lived in Walkerville, and whenever he was travelling through Adelaide, he would visit her.

Mary had been quietly campaigning for some time for the beautification of Howie Reserve, which separated her home, Bundilla, from the River Torrens. She managed to persuade Bill to donate a major work for placement in the Reserve, with enthusiastic support from the Council.

It was indeed a major work, depicting the almost life-sized upper torso of a male Aboriginal Elder, as well as the heads of children and possums mounted into the form to give the impression of the adult overseeing the future.

Bill called it, "PMARANUKA: My Country".

The official unveiling of the work took place on 31 March 1970, with the Mayor of Walkerville, E.C. Scales, conducting what was reported as "a short ceremony".

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147 At the unveiling of Pmaranuka: My Country in Howie Reserve, Walkerville [page 251], Bill explains the work to Pippa Dörner. Courtesy of the Advertiser.



148 The vandalised Pmaranuka before it was relocated to the Walkerville Council works depot. Photo courtesy of Mary Wilding.

Sourced from *Whitefella Dreaming* - authorised biography of William Rickett by Peter Brady.

It was a dream come true for Mary, as it was her wish that Bundilla be preserved intact as a permanent sanctuary after her death.

The addition of Bill's work to Howie Reserve complemented the works already within the grounds of Bundilla, bolstering Mary's hopes that Bundilla and the Reserve would become one.

Sadly, the statue became another example of the futility of placing Bill's clay works in public. It survived intact until late 1984 or early 1985, when vandals took to the head and shoulder of the Elder with a blunt object, smashing it to pieces.

The remains were gathered and transferred to the Council works depot. Council contracted ARTLAB Australia in July 1992 to conserve the work.

Although large sections of the face, the left shoulder, shoulder blade and the lower back were missing – Amber Row, objects conservator, took up the challenge and spent approximately 59 hours on the conservation.

Ms Rowe successfully located the 27 surviving pieces and incorporated them into a special Araldite resin. The completed process, while not attempting to disguise the repairs, regained "PMARANUKA'S" former glory.

In late 1992, it was again unveiled to the people of Walkerville to reside safely inside the Theresa Walker Gallery – where the statue currently lives.

This throwback is part of the Town of Walkerville's monthly history series, touching on iconic and famous moments, people and places in Walkerville history.

This history of this art installation was researched and collected with assistance from local historian, Lyn O'Grady.



*The current statue in the Theresa Walker Gallery at the Civic & Community Centre.*



## Winter hall walks wrap up for the season

Our recent winter hall walks have come to an end, which included an array of entertainment over the course of the initiative, such as live music and a live comedian.

The initiative was part of a funding program from Wellbeing SA, activated by Libraries SA, to encourage health and wellbeing through activities like walking.



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## Walkerville Oval – redevelopment update

Elected Members wish to assure the community that they remain committed to completing the Walkerville Oval project – whether in its current design, a revised design or a refurbished design.



Council considered the next steps for the Walkerville Oval redevelopment at a Special Meeting of Council on 26 June 2023, where they decided to investigate future possibilities to ensure the project would proceed.

Elected Members agreed upon their dedication to completing the redevelopment – but acknowledged the need to consider other potential options in light of large cost blowouts since the original estimated project cost.

The currently approved knockdown rebuild plan for the Walkerville Sports Club and Walkerville Bowling Club was estimated at \$8 million (which included a \$4 million grant from the State Government). The project cost is now expected to be in the vicinity of \$15 million.

Mayor Melissa Jones confirmed Council was determined to progress the project to ensure the buildings and associated facilities were upgraded to meet the needs of the growing community.

“Whilst it is disappointing that the oval project is delayed, Council is steadfast in its commitment to delivering a redevelopment that improves the site from its current standards to meet the needs of the community,” Mayor Jones said.

“However, as a result of the recent and significant increases to the original project budget – which has nearly doubled due to the current global economic environment and heightened inflation costings – we need to be very cautious of increased costs.

“Council is being diligent in its planning and we need to look at exactly how we move forward to ensure we are providing a relevant redevelopment that is in the scope of our budget and borrowing capacity.”

At the Special Council Meeting, Elected Members decided to defer any further action on the Walkerville Oval redevelopment so that the incoming Chief Executive Officer could undertake a review into the options – which may include a potential refurbishment or redesign of the sports and bowling clubs – and report back to the Chamber by Thursday, 30 November 2023.



# Plastic Free July is here

How are you planning to reduce your plastic usage this month?

Town of Walkerville is encouraging all residents to take the pledge and reduce their plastic intake over Plastic Free July.

The global movement aims to show people that they can be part of the solution to plastic pollution, resulting in cleaner streets, oceans and communities.

Taking the Plastic Free challenge means you will use the month of July to incorporate different tips and tricks to reduce your plastic usage – as seen in the 31 day challenge (right).

The challenge will send you weekly emails to keep you motivated over the

month. Town of Walkerville is a member Council with the Plastic Free Foundation and East Waste. To learn more and take the pledge, head to the [Plastic Free July website](https://www.plasticfreejuly.org).

On Monday 10 July 2023, there will be a Plastic Free July pop up stall from 10am-1.30pm in the Walkerville Civic and Community Centre foyer, which is free and for all ages.

**PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG**  
**2023**  
**JOIN THE CHALLENGE**

## Joining 31 Days of Plastic Free Choices

|  |  |                                    |  |   |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Choosing a small step                 | 2. Using what you have   | 3. BYO shopping bags               | 4. Choosing reusable drink bottles       | 5. Ditching disposable coffee cups          |
| 6. Skipping the straw                    | 7. Choosing reusable utensils  | 8. Choosing loose produce          | 9. Storing food in reusable containers   | 10. Avoiding bottled soft drinks            |
| 11. Choosing plastic free packaging      | 12. Choosing loose tea   | 13. Hosting a morning tea          | 14. Staying and enjoying                 | 15. Choosing plastic free cleaning products |
| 16. Switching to plastic free stationary | 17. Choosing plastic free laundry products                               | 18. Making homemade snacks         | 19. Reducing plastic in the bathroom     | 20. Reducing plastic with pets              |
| 21. Picking up and avoiding litter       | 22. Making personal care products  | 23. Choosing natural fibre fabrics | 24. Choosing reusable menstrual products | 25. Switching from bottle to bar            |
| 26. Choosing plastic free toys           | 27. Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle                                       | 28. Learning more                  | 29. Reducing plastic when travelling     | 30. Reducing plastic when celebrating       |
| 31. Small steps, big difference          | Join millions of people worldwide choosing to refuse single-use plastic. |                                    |  |   |

**PlasticFreeJuly.org**

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## Come along to the Propel SA Business Breakfast

The popular Propel SA Business Breakfast is nearly here, taking place at the Norwood Football Club on Wednesday, 19 July 2023.

Two iconic South Australians will be sharing their business stories, including Frank Agostino, Managing Director of Agostino Group, and George Belperio, Director of Fasta Pasta.



Both organisations have spanned up to 40 years of business, with their success and endurance a testament to the hard work and adaptability in an ever-changing landscape.

The speakers will be talking about leadership, evolving in different economic markets, how they set up their business for success, and much more.

This event will include a full breakfast and juice, tea and coffee.

7.30am-9.30am, Wednesday 19 July 2023, Norwood Football Club function room.

Member tickets: \$55. Non-member tickets: \$70. Bookings for tickets close on Sunday, 16 July 2023. Part of the proceeds from tickets will go to charity partner, Treasure Boxes.

[Click here to book.](#)

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## Ochre play session for NAIDOC Week

Learn about the customary uses of ochre in Aboriginal culture in this school holiday event. This session is a unique insight into traditional Aboriginal art and the use of traditional paints. Participants are encouraged to develop their own story using these symbols, painting a picture based on their personal experiences.

10am-10.45am, Monday 10 July 2023, Walkerville Town Hall. \$5 per person suitable for children aged 3-8 with accompanied adult who can also participate. Book by calling 8342 7100 or [events.humanitix.com/ochre-play-23](https://events.humanitix.com/ochre-play-23)



## Learn Japanese drumming

Experience the thrill of Japanese drumming by trying Taiko, no prior music training required! All you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to try your best. Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn and enjoy the art of Taiko drumming!

10.30am-11.15am, Saturday 15 July 2023, Walkerville Town Hall. \$2 per person.

Book by calling 8342 7100 or

[events.humanitix.com/japanese-drumming](https://events.humanitix.com/japanese-drumming)





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## Healthy bodies and healthy minds

Join local dietitian Rebecca and pilates instructor Kos to learn how you can feel better through tasty food and mindfulness exercise. This two-hour program includes a fun pilates session, a mindfulness art activity and preparation of nourishing healthy snacks.

10am-12pm, Wednesday 19 July 2023, Walkerville Town Hall. Children aged 6-10 years of age. \$5 per child, must be supervised by an adult guardian. Book by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/healthy-bodies-23](https://events.humanitix.com/healthy-bodies-23)



## Medication management workshop

Hear from the local Terry White Pharmacy team on Dose Administration Aids (DAA) and medication management reviews. They will also cover topics including dementia and stroke awareness.

10am-11am, Tuesday 1 August 2023, Walkerville Town Hall. Book by calling 8342 7100 or [events.humanitix.com/medication-management](https://events.humanitix.com/medication-management)



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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 in streets where issues are present generally 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  |
|------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|
|            |                    |             | 12/07/2023 |
| 19/07/2023 | 26/07/2023         | 3/08/2023   | 9/08/2023  |
| 16/08/2023 | 23/08/2023         | 31/08/2023  | 6/09/2023  |
| 13/09/2023 | 20/09/2023         | 28/09/2023  | 4/10/2023  |
| 11/10/2023 | 18/10/2023         | 26/10/2023  | 1/11/2023  |
| 8/11/2023  | 15/11/2023         | 23/11/2023  | 29/11/2023 |
| 6/12/2023  | 13/12/2023         | 21/12/2023  | 27/12/2023 |

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## Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 17 July 2023.



The public gallery has now reopened during Council Meetings, however, ordinary meetings will continue to be [live streamed via YouTube](#) allowing residents to view meetings from the comfort of their own home.

Questions for public question time may be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by **12pm on Monday 17 July 2023** via email ([office@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:office@walkerville.sa.gov.au)), post (Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 55 Walkerville SA 5081) or hand delivery (Community and Civic Centre, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton).



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