



TOWN OF WALKERVILLE

2020 - 2024

Living Walkerville:

wellbeing for every
age and stage

The Town of Walkerville acknowledges the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of this land, and respects their spiritual relationship with their country.

The Town of Walkerville recognises the generations of stewardship the Kaurna people have provided to this land, and respects that their cultural heritage and beliefs are as important today, as they were for their ancestors.

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a message from the mayor

The Town of Walkerville developed its first wellbeing strategy – Living Walkerville: wellbeing for every age and stage in December 2016 following extensive community consultation. The strategy is reviewed every four years and the updated 2020-2024 Living Walkerville: wellbeing for every age and stage was guided by community feedback and adopted by Council on 20 July 2020. As a Council, we understand that the wellbeing of individuals is linked to the wellbeing of our community. Just as we plan for infrastructure, open spaces and traffic management – Council also has a role in fostering the wellbeing of its community.



Elizabeth Fricker
Mayor of Walkerville



community wellbeing

Community wellbeing is about the health and happiness of the community in which we live. Our sense of wellbeing is affected by our physical and mental health, the relationships between us, the natural and built environments in which we live, the economy and our ability to have our say in decisions that matter to us.



wellbeing alliances

The Town of Walkerville's wellbeing plan takes into consideration other key strategies of both a local, state and federal nature. These alliances ensure the community aspirations conform to wider visions for all Australians.

Living Walkerville: wellbeing for every age and stage feeds into the regional public health plan for the Eastern Health Authority (EHA) constituent councils of Walkerville, Burnside, Campbelltown, Prospect and Norwood, Payneham & St Peters. The *2020-2025 Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan* acknowledges that public health is a key concern for all constituent councils and it focusses on regional activities that require collaboration between local government and community partners.

The Town of Walkerville's wellbeing plan also acts as a local branch of the state's wellbeing strategy - *Open Your World*. This plan harnesses some of our state's great strengths and assets. It aims to protect the most vulnerable and help all South Australian's explore what wellbeing looks like for them.

The Town of Walkerville is:

- accredited as a dementia-friendly organisation;
- a corporate member of Active Ageing;
- a corporate member of Alzheimer's SA;
- a member of Volunteering SA-NT;
- a partner of the Recharge Scheme - a national not for profit organisation which provides access to free power sources for people to recharge mobility devices;
- council works with the Eastern Health Authority (EHA) which serves five constituent metropolitan councils, including the Town of Walkerville, and provides public health services, such as immunisation clinics.

key themes of *Living Walkerville*: *wellbeing for every age and stage*

theme 1: young people 0 - 25

theme 2: women and men

theme 3: inclusivity and cultural diversity

theme 4: literacy

theme 5: mental health

theme 6: safety

theme 7: active ageing

theme 8: support at home



theme 1: young people 0 - 25

initiative	desired outcomes
Supporting positive health outcomes for babies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families have access to Eastern Health Authority (EHA) services, such as immunisation clinics
Supporting early childhood development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families have access to a range of development opportunities that encourage social interaction and early learning skills
Young people are inspired to pursue their dreams and aspirations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people access community fund grants that support sporting, cultural or other endeavours Council provides programs that support young people, such as Youth FM Council delivers a range of activities and resources targeting young people
Young people are engaged with their local community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council provides a Civic and Community Centre environment that encourages use by young people Council partners with local schools in arts and culture events Council encourages contribution from students and young adults in community leadership
Partnering with local schools and community groups on intergenerational projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants from local schools are nominated for the Young Volunteer of the Year award Council runs intergenerational programs



Key Pillar 1.
Places and spaces
 Create useable open space facilities that meet community needs and promote physical activity.

theme 2: women and men

initiative	desired outcomes
Partnering with peak bodies that advocate for equal participation, gender pay equity, the prevention of domestic violence and elder abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and resources available in a range of languages, formats and channels Council is an equal opportunity employer (EEO) and complies with EEO policies and legislation Town of Walkerville is an accredited White Ribbon workplace
Providing volunteering opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities are offered and supported for volunteers within the Civic and Community Centre Volunteers are recognised and celebrated at annual volunteer lunches
Existing assets are investigated for use as a community garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing site or sites in the Town of Walkerville are used as a community garden
Clear pathways for men to connect with programs and activities that specifically address men's issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council meets with community groups (including Men's Probus, Rotary, RSL) to ascertain what activities and programs are currently available and identify gaps



**Key Pillar 7.
Leadership**
A responsible
and influential
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organisation.



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theme 3: inclusivity and cultural diversity

initiative	desired outcomes
Greater community interaction and participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity in our community is recognised and celebrated. We live and work in an environment that values a diverse range of views, knowledge and experiences and uses this to maximise our service delivery capabilities
Build socially cohesive communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of stronger community relations and the development of sustainable community partnerships
Accessible information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information is available for people from different cultural backgrounds Information and programs are adapted for people with hearing loss or deafness, impaired vision, blindness or other disabilities



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theme 4: literacy

initiative	desired outcomes
Build literacy, language and lifelong learning skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range of library services and resources continue to grow and adapt to meet community needs through literacy and learning programs and individual support
Help our community connect around the issue of literacy, offering ways to network, and work together to improve literacy for every individual, through book groups, author events and workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library offers a range of language collections (print and audio) Library offers early childhood reading resources and activities The library is recognised as a safe community “literacy hub” Programs on offer combine language and digital literacy activities The community has access to the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) online
Empower the community to become digital citizens and gain the skills and knowledge to use digital technology to participate in society, communicate with others and create and consume digital content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate access to programs for existing and emerging digital technologies that develop skills and knowledge for digital citizenship Staff are given effective tools, skills and information to support them in assisting customers with literacy and digital needs



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theme 5: mental health

initiative

Engage with key stakeholders in the mental health sector to raise awareness of mental health illnesses and understand the impact of mental health on communities.

desired outcomes

- Awareness and understanding of mental health exists in the community through displays, forums, website and Council's promotional networks
- Staff are given effective tools, skills and information to support them in dealing with customers living with mental health illnesses



Key Pillar 2. Safety
Support the provision of a safe and supportive social environment that contributes to people and families feeling safe.



theme 6: safety

initiative	desired outcomes
Diversity of seniors and their right to safety is recognised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs and forums targeting high risk groups are provided
Increase awareness and understanding of digital safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults and young people have access to cyber safety information and education programs to support digital safety
Support the provision of a safe environment for the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with key stakeholders and coordinate forums on how to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour



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theme 7: active ageing

initiative	desired outcomes
Enhanced health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active living is promoted and encouraged Partner with the Heart Foundation for walking programs
Services and programs are inclusive, empowering and responsive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy lifestyle is promoted Key stakeholders are engaged to provide forums and workshops on relevant topics
Dementia friendly organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walkerville is an accredited dementia friendly organisation Staff are trained to understand and assist people living with dementia



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theme 8: support at home

initiative	desired outcomes
Ensure diverse needs of older people are supported and acknowledged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs and services are offered for vulnerable members of the community, especially for those that are socially isolated • Members of the community with mobility issues have access to the Home Library Service
Support people to remain in their own home for as long as they wish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic assistance and home maintenance services are available • Information is available on government funded programs and accessibility to services • Continue to extend the reach of library services into the community for those who are unable to visit the library
Fostering a sense of belonging and connection for families and carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families and carers have access to organisations that provide support services and information • The community has a range of ways to express their interests and needs of library and council services



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community partnerships

Council also partners with local community groups to support activities that enhance and foster community wellbeing.

To support the work and contribution of local community groups, Council waives all hire fees and charges. Many groups, including Men's Probus, Rotary and the Friends of the Walkerville Library, choose to hold their regular meetings and events at the Civic and Community Centre.

The following local groups entered into Memorandum of Understanding arrangements to have hire costs waived in 2019/20:

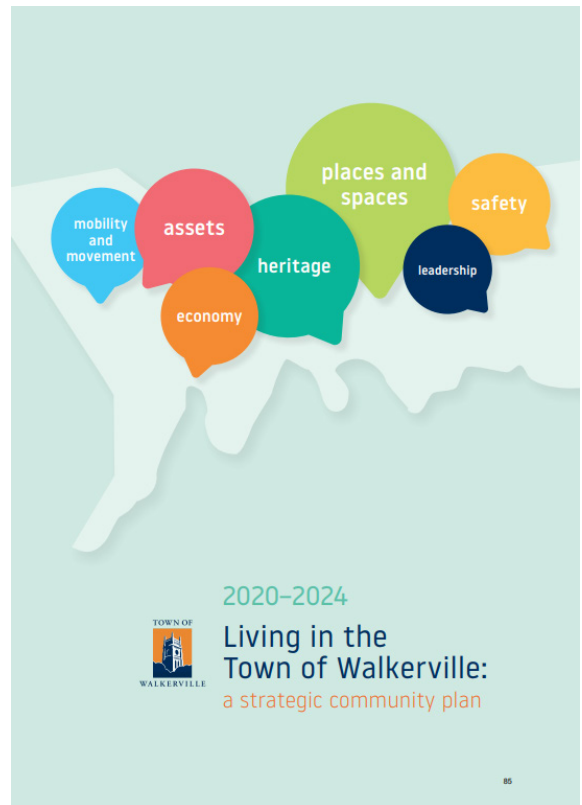
- Friends of the Walkerville Library;
- Men's Probus Club of Walkerville;
- Rotary Club of Walkerville: Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concerts;
- Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant (Peter Golding).

Council's Community Fund Program supports the aspirations of people, in particular the young people of our community.

Council's Sponsorship Program provides funding to support projects, programs, activities or operational costs, for example, newsletters that benefit the Town of Walkerville community and capital purchases in support of a community project, program or activity.

In line with its strategic focus areas, the Town of Walkerville supported the following community events in 2019:

- 2019 Anzac Day Dawn Service, presented by the Walkerville RSL;
- 2019 Miniature Christmas Pageant, presented by Peter Golding;
- 2019 Walkerville Art Show, presented by Walkerville Rotary.



strategic alignment

to 2020-2024 *Living in the Town of Walkerville: a strategic community plan*

This wellbeing strategy aligns with the Council's *2020-2024 Living in the Town of Walkerville: a strategic community plan*, which provides a framework for decisions about infrastructure investment, assets, community and corporate services. Future projects and budgets will be assessed on their capacity to deliver the targets in the plan, as well as for how they align to the aspirations of the seven key pillars. Three of the seven pillars speak directly to *Living Walkerville: wellbeing for every age and stage*:


- Pillar 1: places and spaces
- Pillar 2: safety
- Pillar 7: leadership

In addition, the wellbeing strategy aligns with the wider goals and aspirations of South Australia as it feeds into the State Government's wellbeing strategy – which aims to build public resilience and support physical, social, mental and community wellbeing.



2020-2024 Living in the Town of Walkerville: a strategic community plan

Pillar 1: Places and spaces

objective	desired outcome
<p>Create useable open space, facilities that meet community needs and promote physical activity.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public space amenities are improved, providing a variety of active and passive public infrastructure • Areas of planted visual amenity are developed to compliment the village appeal • Use of public space is encouraged for cultural activities to stimulate social cohesion • People-oriented activities at key town precincts are promoted and encouraged • Public Art Strategy is developed and implemented • Signage and wayfinding to amenities and places of interest across the town are expanded

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Pillar 2: Safety

objective	desired outcome
<p>Support the provision of a safe and supportive social environment that contributes to people and families feeling safe.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighting is improved throughout the township• Outdoor activity is encouraged and provided for• Programs that target socially isolated or vulnerable groups are introduced• Activities for teenagers and support for vulnerable groups are provided• Collaboration with key stakeholders to identify and respond to crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour





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Pillar 7: Leadership

objective	desired outcome
<p>A responsible and influential local government organisation.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek out shared-services opportunities • Promote accountable and transparent management of Council's finances and governance • Flexible and adaptable in our decision making • Support and advocate on behalf of community groups • Maintain and regularly review an equitable property rating framework • Maintain and regularly review equitable fees and charges of Council services • Represent and promote the needs, interests and aspirations of the community • Position the Town of Walkerville as a centre for excellence in local government • Develop strategies to encourage the community to participate in consultation activities • Develop ecologically sustainable initiatives that contribute to better use and management of waste, energy and water • Develop adaptation strategies to effectively respond to the impact of climate change



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