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FROM THE MAYOR OF WALKERVILLE

In this issue of *About town* we have published a letter from Lyn O Grady, the current President of the Walkerville Historical Society. Later this year, Lyn will be stepping down and the committee will need new members if it is to continue in its current format.

In the corporate world it's called succession planning – and it is an issue that a number of local community based organisations are dealing with as their core membership dwindles.

As it happens, I am reflecting on the Council's succession plan.

For the record, I will not be seeking re-election this year and will be standing down as Mayor following Local Government elections in November. I made a deliberate decision at the onset to only serve for one term. That decision was the catalyst for beginning my term with a clear and achievable vision for the next four years. Since 2014, Council has worked collaboratively and consistently towards achieving the following outcomes by 2018:

- long-term financial sustainability
- responsible debt management
- improved infrastructure
- maintaining our independence
- an enhanced 'village' atmosphere
- a revitalised Walkerville Terrace
- a level of service to the community that exceeded expectations.
- greater ease of movement around the Township – for motorists, pedestrians & cyclists
- beautification of the Township; and a
- focus on community wellbeing.

I am confident that the strategic direction and planning documents endorsed during this current term will continue to serve our community well – particularly in regard to traffic management, beautification programs, cross-council collaborations, strategic financial programs and wellbeing programs.

And the work continues. Following a process of public consultation the 2018-22 *Traffic Plan* will be

endorsed this year and the *Disability access and inclusion plan* will be presented to Council in March for endorsement. Last year we entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Prospect to develop a master plan for our adjoining boundaries on Main North Road and North East Road. An investment strategy identifying opportunities to create greater vibrancy, a mix of business development opportunities and ways to enhance the aesthetics of this arterial corridor will be the subject of a workshop with the Elected Members in the coming weeks.

As we enter into the budget season for 2018/19, we are close to completing our *Financial strategy policy* to ensure Council's long term financial and strategic planning will not be impeded or reinvented as a result of local Government election cycles.

Sadly, the actions of some Councils have caused a media storm, that in the lead up to the State Election, seems determined to taint all Councils with the same brush.

Our Council 'walks the talk' on accountability and transparency, particularly when it comes to gifts and credit card expenses. Our gift register is published online, salaries and conference attendances and travel are published each year in the annual report. It has only been in recent years that Council directed Administration to cease submitting their credit card statements into the Chamber as we felt the necessary checks and balances were being adhered to. Even media responses to journalists are published online in the *Weekly roundup* so that residents can make their own conclusions regarding the information provided to media and the subsequent reporting.

Maybe not all Councils are created equal but Local Government is arguably the most accountable and transparent tier of Government and we consult more often than our State and Federal counterparts. That still leaves room for reform and rigorous improvement to ensure continued value for money for ratepayers.



Mayor Robert Bria and Mayor Ray Grigg, Photographer Andre Castelluci

In late 2016 we completed a benchmarking investigation – based on the Victorian Local Government's performance measures. In all, the process took 12 months. This investigation was ground-breaking for us, providing a deeper understanding of our costs and activities compared to other Councils and highlighting the areas to outsource or collaborate on service delivery.

The Local Government Association (LGA) has followed Council's lead on benchmarking and Walkerville Council supports regulated benchmarking across Local Government. If you would like to know more about where we stand on Local Government reform you can download our response to the LGA's discussion paper: *Strengthening Local*

Government: options for councils from our homepage (see State Government submissions).

Finally, in January, Mayor Robert Bria from the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters and I, officially opened the new Gilberton Swing Bridge at a community BBQ. The new structure incorporates a respect for the past with innovative technologies. So whilst the original frames were maintained for their heritage and aesthetic purposes – almost 400,000 plastic bags were recycled to make the new decking. That seamless integration of old ways and new thinking is something everyone in Local Government can learn from.

Raymond (Ray) Grigg

Raymond (Ray) Grigg
Mayor of Walkerville



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Works about town

Below is a summary of works about town. Council communicates with residents in affected streets and areas with regular updates and more detailed information.

Boardwalk blues, Linear Park

Residents are reminded that access to the Gilberton boardwalk (Gilbert Street to Lower Level Bridge) remains closed until repair work to the embankment is undertaken by SA Water.

Lansdowne Terrace works and stormwater upgrade, Vale Park

Council has appointed CivilTech Pty Ltd to undertake the Lansdowne Terrace road and stormwater upgrade. This contractor has a strong background and extensive experience in civil works and have recently completed the upgrade to the Gilberton Swing Bridge on behalf of Walkerville and Norwood, Payneham, St Peter's Councils. CivilTech have commenced the first stage of works at the start of Lansdowne Terrace (Linear Park end).

Walkerville Oval Playground, Walkerville

An upgrade to the existing playground is expected to commence in April. The playground will be closed

to the public during the upgrade which is expected to take 6-8 weeks. Design drawings will be available for viewing on site by the end of March 2018.

School safety project: Tonkin Street, Vale Park

Council will shortly be seeking feedback on the upgrade to the school/pedestrian crossing near Vale Park Primary School. Work is expected to commence in April.

Park Terrace Service Road, Gilberton

Parking bays in this area will be realigned to accommodate the historic Moreton Bay Fig Tree at the site. Works are expected to start after Easter.

Robe Terrace, Medindie

New plantings and irrigation will be installed along sections of Robe Terrace. Work is expected to start after Easter.

Darling Street, Medindie

Work on a footpath upgrade is scheduled to commence after Easter.

Rose St and Park Terrace Service Road, Gilberton

Significant construction work on this intersection is scheduled to begin after Easter.

2018 ANZAC Day Dawn Service

6.15am, 25 April

Memorial Gardens, Church Terrace, Walkerville
Enquiries: Norm Coleman 8269 7679

Volunteer of the year awards

Nominations for the 2018 Volunteer of the year awards are now open in the following categories:

Volunteer of the year

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is for people aged over 35 years. This award can recognise a volunteer who has worked in the community for a long-period of time, as well as someone who is new to volunteering, but who has made an outstanding contribution to the Township. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it, through their volunteering activities. Nominations for individuals who live in the Township but who volunteer outside the Council area will be considered.



Young Volunteer of the Year

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is for people aged 35 years or under. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it, through their volunteering. This award is also open to students from the Town of Walkerville, who have taken part in volunteering, either in their local school, community, or through other volunteering programs.

Community event of the year

For a local event held between February 2017 and February 2018, that demonstrated a strong local community focus and volunteering element.

Nominating is easy and what better way to recognise the often unsung local legends who make such a difference to the life of our community through their compassion and service.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from **www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/VolunteerAwards**

Printed copies are available from Council offices.

Enquiries: Fiona Deckert, Manager, Community Development & Engagement telephone **8342 7109** or email **fdeckert@walkerville.sa.gov.au**

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: FRIDAY 30 MARCH 2018.

Individuals can self-nominate for the Volunteer of the year award and young volunteer of the year award.

Organisations can nominate their own events for the Community event of the year award.

30 minutes to save a life

Would you know what to do if someone had a cardiac arrest and you were the only person on the scene?

Community CPR-30 is a free, 30 minute session presented by the SA Ambulance Service. The session teaches compressions only CPR and includes Automated External Defibrillator (AED) familiarisation and activation.

Date: 6pm

Monday 23 April 2018

Place: Walkerville Town Hall

Bookings essential

Tel: 8342 7100 or

Email: walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au

Light supper provided

ADVERTISE WITH US

Enquiries from local businesses to: **sdenicola@walkerville.sa.gov.au** (subject line: about town advertising).

Deadline for advertising for the Winter issue is 1 June 2018

Mobile muster

Council is collecting old unwanted mobile phones to be recycled by Mobile Muster. This free service keeps mobiles and accessories out of landfill and ensures that phones are recycled safely, securely and ethically. Most importantly – all data is destroyed and nothing is resold. Simply bring in your old mobile phones, batteries, chargers and accessories



and place them in the clearly marked collection bin in the Civic and Community Centre foyer.

For more information www.mobilemuster.com.au



The Women of Walkerville Foundation is hosting a special high tea event, for the community.

Enjoy a glass of bubbly and find out more about their fundraising activities for 2018.

Joining the 'gals' will be media personality and provocateur Peter Goers OAM

Tickets: \$40 per person

2pm for 2.15pm - 4pm **Tuesday 8th May**

Nest Café, Walkerville Woolworths Shopping Centre, Walkerville Terrace

Bookings essential: <https://wowhightea.eventbrite.com.au>

RSVP: Tuesday 1 May

Enquiries: 8342 7100

Funds will go towards Council becoming an accredited White Ribbon organisation.

Women of Walkerville Foundation



Take Home Meals, Condiments & Canapés

Want to take the stress out of cooking for you and your family? The Caterers offer a range of home-cooked take home meals, canapés (frozen and fresh) and our very own range of sauces and dressings.

Shop Opening Hours:

Wednesday – Friday: 9am – 6pm

47 Lansdowne Terrace, Vale Park SA 5081

t. 08 8342 3550

m. 0424 206 700

e. thecatererorders@internode.on.net

www.adelaidecaterer.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

An open letter from the Walkerville Historical Society

I am writing to the community to appeal for someone to take over the running of the Walkerville Historical Society.

I have been involved with the committee for the past 17 years, the last four as President and my husband has served as Treasurer. In September 2018, we will be leaving the committee. This will leave 3 committee members remaining and place the Society at a cross-roads.

Does the Society continue to be part of our community or will it cease altogether? For the Society to keep going it needs 3 to 5 people to join the committee and take it through to the next chapter. Whether it stays the same or changes, time will tell.

The Society brings together people with a passion for our social history, to reminisce about the old days and the people who tried to make changes. Currently we have about 60 members and 20

to 30 people attend monthly meetings and stay for supper.

Local history doesn't have to be one hundred years old. It could be about the 1970s when the Gilberton Swimming Pool closed and the North Adelaide Aquatic Centre opened. It could be about the Boy's Home in Walkerville or the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital in Medindie which both closed in the 1980s. It could also be about the billiard hall, gun shop, laundress, timber yard or grocer that once traded on Walkerville Terrace. In other words, local history captures our own personal histories, experiences and memories.

Through the Society, my husband and I have made lots of lovely friends, and we have learnt so much about our local history. Now we feel it's time to pass on the mantle. Give me a call if you have any questions or come to our next meeting and see what's involved.

Sincerely,
Lyn O'Grady
*President,
Walkerville Historical Society*

Walkerville Historical Society: upcoming events

The Society meets the third Wednesday of the month and features interesting speakers, lively conversations, good company and light supper.

Visitors are always welcome.

Miss Gladys Sym Choon:

Presented by Margaret Allen, Professor Emerita in Gender Studies at University of Adelaide (and grew up in Walkerville). This talk will explore the fascinating life and times of Gladys Sym Choon, The Society is also planning a daytrip to the Migration Museum to see the Gladys Sym Choon exhibition.

**7.30pm – 9pm,
Wednesday 21 March**

Early eating houses of Adelaide 1838-1960.

Darryl Thompson provides an appetising selection of anecdotes and memories from Adelaide's eating culture.

**7.30pm – 9pm,
Wednesday 18 April**

Carys: diary of a young girl in Adelaide 1940-42:

Ann Barson will present excerpts from her mother's diary chronicling love and loss, the 'Angry Penguins' and Adelaide society in a time of war.

**7.30pm – 9pm,
Wednesday 16 May**

Lacemakers of Calais and their migration to South Australia:

presented by Jim Longmire
2pm, Wednesday 20 June

Walkerville Uniting Church meeting room

17 Smith Street, Walkerville
Enquiries: Lyn O'Grady on **82695982** or email **walkervilleHS@gmail.com**

Tennis rolls on through Autumn

Summer may be over but there is still time to pick up a racquet and ask 'Tennis anyone?' The Walkerville Lawn Tennis Club season continues until the end of April. The Club plays on Saturday afternoons (social, mixed doubles). Tuesday afternoons (social men's doubles), and Wednesday

mornings (social women's doubles). The courts are located on the corner of Stephen Terrace and Creswell Court, Gilberton.

Enquiries: Margaret on **8269 3212** or Rick on **0408 855 442** or **Email: runder@adam.com.au walkervillelawntennisclub.com**

Helping hands for Rotary

Did you know that around 300,000 women and 3 million babies die each year from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth? Most of these deaths occur in developing countries.* Susan Paltridge from Walkerville Rotary is looking for volunteers to put together 200 birthing kits with materials Rotary have purchased. These easy to assemble kits will be distributed to places in East Africa and South Asia, giving women the chance to experience a safe and clean childbirth and post-natal environment. **Refreshments provided.**

Assembly workshop:
6pm to 8pm, 28 March
The Meridian,
21 – 39 Melbourne Street,
North Adelaide
RSVP **Email: info@adelaidequalitycare.com.au**

*Source: Birthing Kit Foundation

Make your meetings matter: free workshop

As the saying goes: 'A meeting is an event at which the minutes are kept and the hours are lost!' While that doesn't always need to be the case - effective, efficient and productive meetings do require specific skills and tactics. Walkerville's Rostrum Club is holding a free workshop to show people how to maximise the potential of meetings. This workshop is proudly supported by a grant from Council's Community Fund program.

6.50pm for 7 pm start – 9pm, Monday 9 April 2018
Walkerville Town Hall
Enquiries and bookings to: Peter Martindale, **0418 820 702** or email **walkerville@rostrum.com.au**

Rostrum welcomes new members who are seeking to improve their public speaking in a friendly and supportive environment.

Meetings are held from **12.30pm to 1.30pm, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday** at the Walkerville RSL Hall on Walkerville Terrace.



Wondering if you might need orthodontic treatment?
Heard that early orthodontic assessment can save money and reduce treatment times?

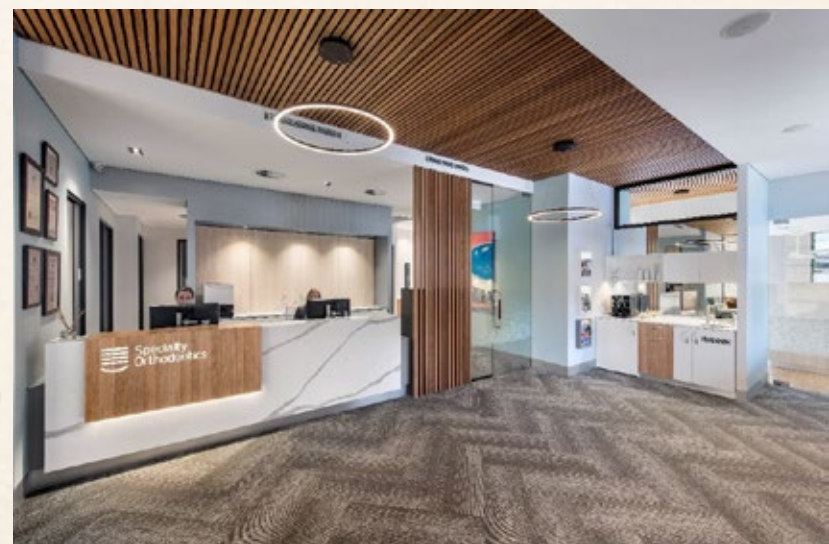
Have these, and ANY other orthodontic related questions answered when you visit Dr Sarah Dan and her team at Specialty Orthodontics in Walkerville.

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Web: www.specialtyortho.com.au



COMMUNITY NEWS cont...

THRIVE WITH AGE

Throughout 2018, the Walkerville Uniting Church is offering wellbeing inspired programs for the over 55s in our community. Their message is clear: you can thrive with age!

Programs include:

Live, age, thrive. you are not done yet

Understanding the various transitions in life and knowing how to work through the stages.

Come alive @ 55. Exploring ways to have a thriving mindset throughout life.

My life story using current and past photographs to create a professional book illustrating a life well lived.

Five easy ways to solve the age care puzzle. Gathering information that makes this stage a little easier.

10 things to do before you go. Exploring proactive ways to be prepared for the inevitable.

A series of **Death Cafés** during the year to have conversation about life and death over coffee and cake.

Gravity fighters Simple exercises to keep the body supple and energized.

Enquiries and expressions of interest can be made by calling Rhonda Smedly, Secretary, Walkerville Uniting Church **83425875** or **0413476557** or **admin@walkerville.unitingchurch.org.au**

Pleasant Sunday afternoon concerts

Presented by Walkerville Rotary and showcasing the musical talents and charms of the Tea Tree Gully Troubadours.

2.15pm, Sunday 8 April Walkerville Town Hall. Afternoon tea will be served after the concert. Admission by gold coin. All welcome.

Enquiries: John Pohl **0412956177**

St Monica's Parish School: Principal's tours

Throughout the year, St Monica's Parish School conducts tours of the school. These are a fantastic way to familiarise yourself with the school and its community.

Upcoming dates:
9:30am Wednesday 30 May
9:30am Wednesday 15 August
9:30am Wednesday 7 November

RSVP: 8344 2384 or **info@stmonica.catholic.edu.au**
92 North East Rd, Walkerville

Discover the Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery

During History Month the Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery Committee will present a guided walk though this site of historical significance.

1pm – 3pm, Tuesday 22 May
The tour will be followed by afternoon tea the Uniting Church rooms on Smith Street (across the road).

Bookings and enquiries: Raye Whitehead on **0438 615 205**

Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch:

Neighbourhood Watch, meets four times a year and meetings include a keynote speaker.

2018 DATES
7.30pm Tuesday 5 June
7.30pm Tuesday 4 September
7.30pm Tuesday 4 December

Walkerville Bowling Club Church Terrace, Walkerville

Enquiries: Andrew Stoler, Area Coordinator on **8344 3528** or **nwwalkco@gmail.com** or **nwatchwalkerville.org**

A tale of three bins

Megan Bekesi, Education and Promotions Coordinator, East Waste is holding a one hour Q&A session answering all your questions on waste and recycling and what goes into which bin.

6pm – 7pm, Monday 16 April
Bookings: **8342 7100** or **walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au**
For an A to Z listing of what goes into which bin go to: **www.whichbin.com.au**



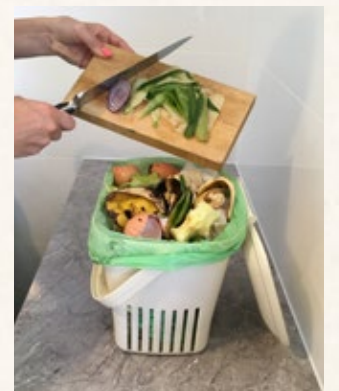
Yogabubs and mums

Yogabubs and mums offers gentle classes for mothers and babies. Classes help mum to release tension, strengthen their body, improve posture and restore energy - bonding mum and baby through communication, massage, connection and play. Suitable for babies 6 weeks postpartum to crawling. Classes are run by Tammy Pahl from Blooming Hearts yoga and wellness.



Six week course runs from: 4 May – 8 June
10am – 11am, Fridays Walkerville Town Hall
Cost: \$60 per course.
Bookings essential: **8342 7100** or **walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au**
Mats and equipment supplied.

Kitchen caddy giveaways



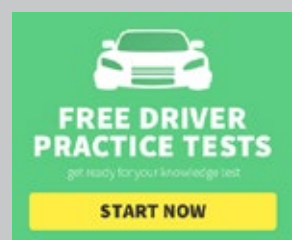
Approximately 60% of the material in household bins is organic material and the most convenient way to stop it becoming landfill is to use a kitchen caddy system. Council has 250 kits to give away to residents including a complimentary role of compostable bags which should last approximately 12 months. Filled compostable bags go into the green organics bins.

Pick up a caddy and bin liners from Council offices during business hours.

Our deadline for local community news for the next issue is 1 June 2018.
Enquiries: **sdenicola@walkerville.sa.gov.au**

Get ready for your SA Learners test

Walkerville Library has joined forces with Aussie-Driver.com to offer free practice tests based on the State's official driver manual. Each practice test has hints



and explanations to help you prepare for the real test. Any wrong answers will be placed in your 'Challenge Bank' so you can review and focus your future studying. Once you're ready, you can take the test simulator in exam mode. You'll be driving with confidence in no time!

Start your engines at **walkerville.aussie-driver.com/south-australia**

My aged care information session

Need help to live independently home, but don't know where to start? If you're finding it a bit harder to do the things you used to at home, you may be eligible for support.

My Aged Care is a Federal Government website and phone line. Getting in touch with My Aged Care is the first step in finding

out which services may be available to you. This free information session is designed to help people through this first step. Our friendly volunteers are there to answer your questions and concerns and will help you find out what support is out there. Bring a family member, friend or neighbour.

1 – 2.30pm, Friday 20 April Walkerville Town Hall
Bookings essential: **8342 7100** or email **walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au**

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