

# Buckingham Arms development proposal refused



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# Buckingham Arms development refused

**Following deliberation by the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) on Wednesday, the Panel has determined to refuse the Buckingham Arms development proposal.**

Council and community members had raised a number of concerns regarding the development proposal, including the scale of the design and heritage impacts.

The meeting was attended by Mayor Melissa Jones, Deputy Mayor John Zeppel, Town of Walkerville Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald, Council's planning team and local residents.

During the SCAP session, Council was represented by a planning consultant, who explained concerns around the scale of the proposal, as well as density, setbacks, traffic and heritage.

Mayor Melissa Jones said, "Council is pleased that the development proposal has been rejected as the site is deserving of a high-quality appropriately scaled development.

"We believe the proposal was an overdevelopment of the site and did not sufficiently meet the relevant provisions of the planning code.

"Whilst Council is supportive of development in the area, it is our view that the size of the design did not achieve the right balance between growth and impact to the community, as well as heritage considerations.

"Town of Walkerville is looking forward to a new proposal that better fits within the locality of the area and acts as a more appropriate gateway to the Town of Walkerville."

The previous proposal included the construction of a 10-storey mixed-use building, featuring approximately 180 apartments, 11 townhouses, a four-level office building and basement car parking.

For further background information about the site, please visit [Council's website](#).



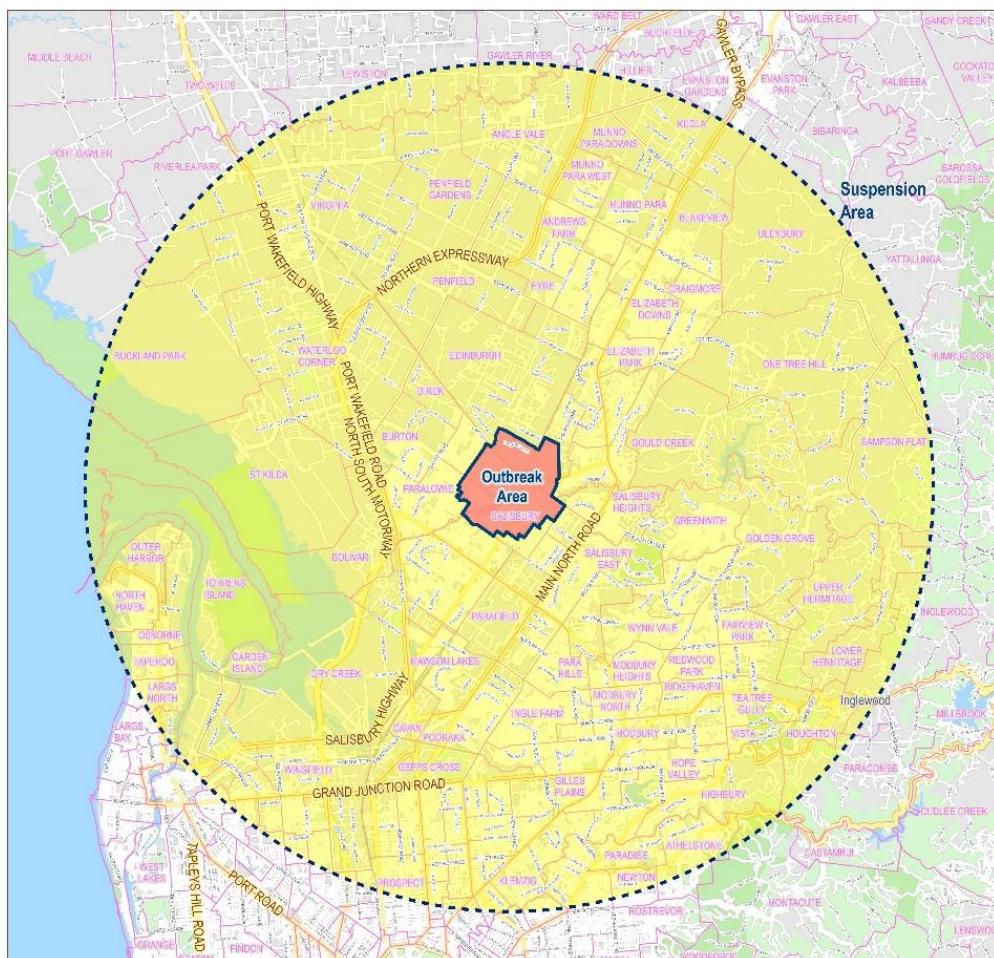
# Fruit fly outbreak impacts parts of Township

A new Queensland fruit fly outbreak in Salisbury will affect parts of the Town of Walkerville.

Vale Park and parts of Walkerville are in a yellow restriction zone, which means residents can only move homegrown fruit and vegetables from their own property, as long as it remains within the yellow zone (see adjacent photo).

If you travel into the red zone with any fruit and vegetables, they cannot be removed again. The fruit or vegetables need to be binned or eaten.

For more information about fruit flies or to view the current outbreak map up close, [click here](#).



## Grow Free cart postponed due to fruit fly outbreak

The recently launched Grow Free cart will be removed from the Civic & Community Centre due to the recent fruit fly outbreak in Salisbury, as parts of the Township are in the yellow restriction zone for fruit and vegetables.

Once the fruit fly issue has been dealt with, Town of Walkerville will endeavour to restart the initiative.



# Expressions of interest for Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee closes today

**Town of Walkerville is establishing a design committee to assist in the upgrade of the Walkerville Sports Club building and adjacent car park.**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 February 2024, Council Members supported the creation of the 'Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee'.

The purpose of this Committee is to:

- work closely with Council's Project Management Team, architect and building contractors to help guide the design direction and scope of the project;
- carefully consider the needs of all key stakeholders;
- provide regular communication with all key stakeholder groups to ensure club design meets the needs of community groups;
- ensure the cost of the renovation remains within Council approved budget; and
- provide advice to Council in relation to the design process and progress.



Mayor Melissa Jones and Councillor James Williams have been appointed to the Committee as Council representatives. There will be three Sports Club representatives and one Walkerville Primary School representative also on the Committee.

To ensure there is community involvement and representation, Council is looking to fill two 'community member' roles on the Committee. The Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee Terms of Reference is available [here](#).

If you are interested in joining the Committee, please apply by filling out the [EOI form](#). Hard copy forms are available in the foyer of the Civic & Community Centre.

**There isn't much time left to apply! The EOI closes at 5pm on Friday, 8 March 2024.**

For more information about the Town of Walkerville's major projects, [click here](#).



## Walkerville Walkers Strength for life breakfast

The Walkerville Walkers had a Strength for Life breakfast workshop at Crawford Reserve, run by Council On the Ageing (COTA) South Australia.

The workshop focused on exercises to help their walking, general fitness and balance.

In between some dancing, singing and jokes, the walkers enjoyed a light breakfast.



The group catches up every week on Monday. The Walkerville Walkers is a Heart Foundation Walking Group.

If you are interested in joining this local fitness and social group, [click here](#).



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# Don't forget to enter the Grow It Local Awards

If you have grown some beautiful or bumpy produce, why not enter it into the 2024 Grow It Local Awards!

This year, they are looking for:

- Australia's Biggest Vegetable
- Homegrown Harvest Award
- Australia's Best Chicken Name
- The 'Why I Love My Patch' Award
- The Wonkiest Vegetable Award
- Sustainable Gardener Award
- School Garden Award – growing the future
- Best Compost Award

Entries will be judged by some of Australia's best gardeners, including Gardening Australia's Costa Georgiadis and River Cottage's Paul West.

To enter:

1. Post a photo on Instagram or Facebook;
2. Tag @growitlocal and use the hashtag #growitlocalawards2024 in your caption, along with the award category you are entering;
3. Mention which local council area you live in; and
4. You also need to be a member of the Grow It Local community – registration is free!

**Entries close on Sunday, 31 March 2024. Winners will be announced in mid-April.**

For more information, [click here](#).



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## Free seed service back again!

Town of Walkerville has partnered with Green Adelaide and Grow It Local to provide a free seed service.

The first 50 new members to Grow It Local can have three different seed types delivered straight to your door! This includes scarlet nantes carrot, purple kohlrabi and Chioggia beetroot.

All the ingredients you need to create a brilliant and tasty rainbow coleslaw.

To register, [click here](#). Registration for the service closes on Thursday, 21 March 2024.



## Closed for the public holiday

The Civic & Community Centre and the Walkerville Library will be closed on Monday, 11 March 2024, for the public holiday.

Both the Library and the Centre will be back open, as usual, on Tuesday during business hours.

For any urgent issues, please contact Council's out-of-hours service provider on 8342 7100.



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## Free advice service now available to local businesses

**A new Business Advisory Service has been launched to assist and support local businesses in the Township.**

The Town of Walkerville, along with the Cities of Burnside, Campbelltown, Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Prospect and Unley, invite local businesses to take part in a new small business advisory service that has been established to provide businesses with access to three, free, one-on-one advisory sessions with experienced business advisors across a range of areas.

Applications to access the service can be submitted [here](#).

Enquiries can be made to Amy Skewes, ERA Business Support Officer, at [askewes-era@campbelltown.sa.gov.au](mailto:askewes-era@campbelltown.sa.gov.au)



## Lighting up the centre for National Sunflower Day

**On National Sunflower Day, Wednesday, 6 March 2024, Town of Walkerville lit up the Civic & Community Centre yellow for the Shine Like A Sunflower campaign by Scleroderma Australia.**

The campaign aimed to light up 120 landmarks across Australia yellow to raise awareness about the condition, scleroderma.

Scleroderma, or systemic sclerosis, is a chronic connective tissue condition that is classified as an autoimmune rheumatic condition.

A common symptom of the condition is thickening or hardening of the skin, which can affect many parts of the body. It can cause serious damage to lungs, heart, kidneys, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract.



You can find more information about the campaign and organisation [here](#).

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## Let's reminisce: Adelaide's first bridge club

In 1932, Miss Kitty Longbottom was in the newspaper as having established the first contract bridge club in her home in Herbert Street, Medindie.

Miss Longbottom had said that the demand to learn contract bridge had become so great that she felt it could be adequately catered for only by the opening of a club.

*"But," she said, "as I am basing my idea of a bridge club on those existing in London and elsewhere abroad, it will not only be a centre where the game is taught, but a place where members can entertain their friends in private rooms for four or eight players where cards, scorers, tables, and tea or supper will be provided. Many hostesses in the other states regard their bridge clubs as indispensable. The fact that young and old have been caught by the fascination of bridge, either contract or auction, helped me to decide to open Adelaide's first bridge club."*



However, the news wasn't met with total acceptance! In a newspaper letter, a correspondent signing herself 'mother' said that many women were going "bridge mad".

"The game was ruining home life and creating an army of social climbers," she said. "Families of bridge players were not properly fed, and bridge parties involved expenditure that most of the women could ill afford."

Prominent Adelaide bridge players were both annoyed and amused when consulted.

*"Bridge is a pleasant mental relaxation for women," Miss Longbottom said. As for the game encouraging social climbing — "Utter rot!" she said firmly. "It has just the opposite effect. Personally, I would not care if I played the game with Mrs Jones, the washwoman, or Lady Vere de Vere - in fact, I would prefer Mrs Jones if she were the better player. Bridge, rather than being an inducement for social climbing, tends more to sweep away the barriers of class."* (The Mail, 20 February, 1932).

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. The history of this bridge club was researched and collected with assistance from local historian, Lyn O'Grady.



## Draft Long Term Financial Plan consultation

The Town of Walkerville is currently consulting on its draft Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2024-2033, which sets out Council's financial goals for the next 10 years.

The proposed Plan provides a roadmap for the long-term financial position of Council that will guide decision-making in areas such as sustainable services and responsible debt management levels, timing of major projects and revenue requirements, including annual rate rises.

For Council and the wider community, the LTFP is a key component of Council's strategic management framework.

This document is also particularly important with Council embarking on four new major projects, which will develop and change the community landscape and its spaces for residents.

The 10-year Long Term Financial Plan ensures that Council is undertaking its normal daily duties and community services, while also delivering major projects in a safe and financially sustainable way. Council is also meeting legislative requirements under the *Local Government Act 1999*.

At the February Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council Members endorsed the draft Long Term Financial Plan for consultation. The full Council report can be viewed on the [Your Say Walkerville website](#).

**The draft Long Term Financial Plan consultation will run from 9am on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 until 5pm on Tuesday, 12 March 2024.**

You can provide feedback on the draft Long Term Financial Plan in one of these ways:

- Email your submission to [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au) with the subject line "Draft Long Term Financial Plan consultation"; or
- Post a written submission by posting to:

*The Chief Executive Officer  
Draft Long Term Financial Plan consultation  
66 Walkerville Terrace  
GILBERTON SA 5081*

A hard copy of the draft Long Term Financial Plan is available at the Civic & Community Centre.

# Are you a local resident looking to get involved with your community?

The Walkerville Community Committee (WCC) is seeking expressions of interest for new 'community members'.



Residents looking to make a difference in the community by creating a greater sense of inclusivity within the Council area are encouraged to apply to join the Committee.

Members on the Committee will be involved in a range of activities, including:

- **Planning and workshopping programs, events and initiatives focussed on the inclusivity and wellbeing of the Town of Walkerville community.**
- **Organising fundraising projects to fund activities and services that benefit people in the Township.**
- **Engaging and liaising with residents, community groups, local schools and organisations.**

The Committee meets a minimum of four times per year. Events planned for 2024, both run by and involving WCC, include a Town of Walkerville long lunch, Miniature Christmas Pageant and Walkervillage Christmas Fair. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to assist in the organisation of these events, as well as suggest and execute their own ideas. They will also have the opportunity to work closely with Council Members that sit on the Committee – including Mayor Melissa Jones, Deputy Mayor John Zeppel, Councillor Liz Trotter and Councillor Aman Kaur – as well as independent Community Members Jenna Dennison and Rupa Jandu.

The expressions of interest process is open for application to all residents and ratepayers in the Town of Walkerville Council area.

All applications must be received by **5pm on Thursday, 21 March 2024**. [Click here to apply.](#)

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## Healthy habits workshop

Have you ever entered the vicious cycle of making and breaking healthy habits? Well, you are not alone. A local dietitian and a psychologist will share practical hacks to help you maintain your health and wellbeing goals.

**6pm-7pm, Thursday, 14 March 2024.**

**Walkerville Town Hall, adults, \$5 per person.**

**Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at**

**[events.humanitix.com/healthy-habits-workshop](https://events.humanitix.com/healthy-habits-workshop)**

## Movie Matinee – *Ticket to Paradise*

*Ticket to Paradise* is an amusing romantic comedy where George Clooney and Julia Roberts play a divorced couple on a mission to prevent their daughter from making a relationship mistake. The film weaves together humour and heart, delivering an entertaining exploration of second chances in love. Light snacks and drinks provided.

**10:30am-12:30pm, Tuesday, 26 March 2024,**

**Walkerville Town Hall. Adults, gold coin donation at the door. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or**

**at [events.humanitix.com/matinee-movie](https://events.humanitix.com/matinee-movie)**



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## Rhythm sticks & dance

Whilst regular children's programs are on a break for the holidays, why not join rhythm sticks & dance in the park. Combining movement to music and dance with coordination and fine motor skills.

**10am-11am, Wednesday, 17 April 2024,  
Creswell Park. \$2 per child, children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/rhythm-sticks-and-dance](https://events.humanitix.com/rhythm-sticks-and-dance)**

## School holiday movie day: The LEGO Batman Movie

Whilst Join us for the hilarious adventure of The LEGO Batman Movie, where Batman battles his archnemesis, the Joker, in a blocky Gotham City. **Light snack and drink provided.**

**11am-1pm, Thursday, 18 April 2024,  
Walkerville Town Hall. \$2 per child (adults free), children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/lego-batman-movie](https://events.humanitix.com/lego-batman-movie)**



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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 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
		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

## Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 18 March 2024.



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](mailto: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?**

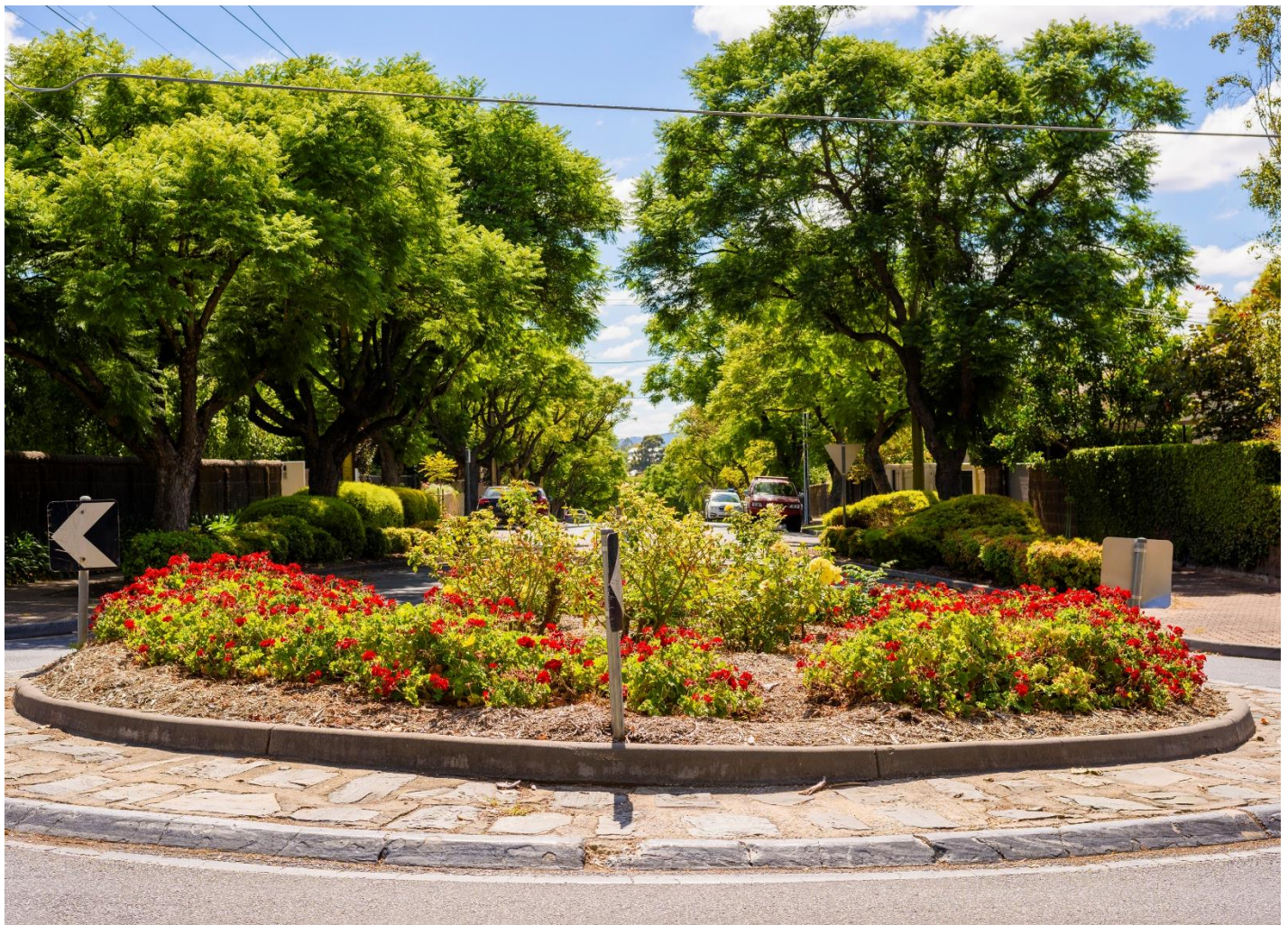
Sign up to the Town of Walkerville e-news today!

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.

For instance, Council regularly provides updates on major projects, like the Walkerville Oval, in the e-news.

To subscribe, click here: [www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/subscribe](http://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/subscribe)



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