



**2026 Citizen of the Year
Award winner, Richard
Trotman-Dickenson AM**

Weekly Round Up

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Citizen of the Year Award winners announced!

While Backyard BBQ was unable to run due to the heat, Council continued ahead with its Citizen of the Year Awards at Walkerville Town Hall on Australia Day.

From colourful Stobie pole artworks that bring local streets to life, to elite sporting achievements, community events and tireless service to veterans, the 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards celebrated the people who make Walkerville extraordinary.

Council received nominations across four categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Active Citizenship.

The winner of the Citizen of the Year Award was **Richard Trotman-Dickenson AM** for his dedicated professionalism, precision and deep respect for the community and its veterans through his ongoing work as Master of Ceremonies for the ANZAC Day Dawn Services and Remembrance Day Services.



2026 Citizen of the Year Award winners and nominees with Acting Mayor Steven Rypp and the 2025 Citizen of the Year, Professor Greg Crawford AM.



Richard Trotman-Dickenson AM, 2026 Citizen of the Year Award winner (right).

The winner of the Young Citizen of the Year Award was **Sasha Hardin** for her commitment as a local athlete, performing at the top level in basketball and football for her age group, including her second successive NBL1 and SANFL seasons with the North Adelaide Rockets and North Adelaide Roosters.

The winner of the Active Citizenship Award was **Travis Cox** for his extraordinary passion and community spirit, showcased through his voluntary public art installations in Walkerville. His works have not only enhanced the Township streetscapes, but also sparked conversation, connection and joy across the community.

The Community Event of the Year was given to the inaugural Walkerville Big Freeze, delivered by the Walkerville Football Club Committee. This grassroots community fundraiser supported FightMND, raising awareness and over \$13k in funding for motor neurone disease.

Council also wishes to congratulate the shortlisted nominees, Nawal Usmani, for Young Citizen of the Year, and Lidija Simkute-Pocius, for Citizen of the Year.

For more information and photos from the event, head to the [Council website](#).



Travis Cox, 2026 Active Citizenship Award winner.



Walkerville Football Club, 2026 Community Event of the Year winner.

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New citizens conferred on Australia Day

On Australia Day, 20 citizens were conferred citizenship by Acting Mayor Steven Rypp.

The new citizens have come to live in Australia from across the globe, including Pakistan, Germany, China, the United Kingdom, France, India, Malaysia, Colombia and Hong Kong.

For more photos from the event, head to the [Council website](#).



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Increase in school safety patrols

To improve safety around local schools, Council's Community Safety Officers will be undertaking additional patrols during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

The safety of students is a top priority for Council, especially at the start of the new school term.

Over the coming weeks, Officers will have an increased presence around school zones to encourage safe driver behaviour and support a safer environment for children, families and school staff.

Council staff will also be visiting schools during this period to engage with parents and caregivers to provide school safety information and answer any questions.

These patrols form part of Council's ongoing commitment to student safety and focus on education and awareness.

Officers will initially issue warnings to help raise awareness, however, vehicles found breaching traffic or parking regulations may face penalties following this period.

Council encourages all road users to take extra care when travelling near schools and to respect parking restrictions. By working together, we can create a safer environment for students, families and the wider community.



Future of South Australia's libraries depends on updated funding deal

State Government funding for public libraries in South Australia is falling short of what's needed to maintain existing service levels and staffing, placing further pressure on one of the State's most heavily used and trusted institutions.

Ahead of the March State Election, the Local Government Association is urging the next State Government to commit to a funding model that recognises the increased public demand, rising operating costs and the expanded role public libraries are facing in communities.

This includes adding annual indexation as part of a new public libraries funding agreement that will ensure existing programs, staffing and other key services remain sustainable in the future.

Under the current agreement, which must be renegotiated by the end of January, the State Government's annual contribution of \$20.7 million toward public libraries has dropped to \$20.1 million.

LGA is calling to increase funding and include indexation in a new agreement, worth close to \$3 million over the next two years, based on average CPI figures.

Town of Walkerville is asking you to show your support for public library funding by contacting your local State MP, [the Honourable Lucy Hood](#), to let her know why you value the Walkerville Library and want the State Government to continue funding public libraries.



Outdoor Movie Night

The Walkerville Community Committee proudly invites you to the first Outdoor Movie Night at Walkerville Oval.

Join the Walkerville Community Committee for a viewing of *Smurfs* on Friday, 13 February 2026. Gates open at 6.30pm, with the movie starting at 7.30pm.

Smurfs is a fun, family-friendly movie to enjoy on the big screen at the Walkerville Oval on Smith Street, Walkerville.

Enjoy a sausage sizzle, some popcorn and fairy floss while the Smurfs entertain you for the evening with their antics. No bookings required, just turn up!



Hand in your Walkerville Big Summer Read logs

The Big Summer Read challenges you to pick up a book and keep reading over the holidays.

Anyone between the ages of 0-18 are welcome to participate and log any book they read, that is read to them or listened to as an audiobook, or log the number of days spent reading.



Reading can be lodged at readbooks.com.au/bsr for your chance to be in the national running for some fantastic prizes! Your reading logs need to be returned by Monday, 9 February 2026!

In between reading, Walkerville Library encourages you to get creative and design your own bookmark. Pick up a template during Library opening hours from 1 December and return it back by 31 January to enter and win a prize. One prize per age category: 0-5 years, 6-11 years and 12-18 years.

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Walkerville Residents' Association AGM

All residents of Gilberton, Medindie, Vale Park and Walkerville are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Walkerville Residents' Association (WRA).

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will feature guest speakers Mayor Melissa Jones and Mr Phil Harris, architect and Adjunct Professor from the University of Adelaide.

Phil Harris is a founder of Troppo Architects (established in 1979) and has practised widely across Australia, working in bush, regional and urban settings. His work spans more than 50 Aboriginal communities, as well as projects for local, state and federal governments, private clients, NGOs and commercial entities. Troppo Architects has also undertaken work internationally, including in Vanuatu, Malaysia and Africa.

Phil and Troppo co-founder Adrian Welke were recipients of the Paris-based Global Sustainability Award in 2010, and the Australian Institute of Architects' highest honour, the Gold Medal, in 2014. Phil has delivered numerous public addresses in Australia and overseas and has held a professorial role at the University of Adelaide.

A long-term local resident, Phil has lived on Gilbert Street, Gilberton since 1987. His work is driven by a passion for designing with and for people, with a strong focus on the fine grain of neighbourhoods, adaptive reuse and the character of traditional high streets. His thinking has been shaped by studies throughout Europe, Asia and the Pacific.

At the AGM, Phil will speak on *Challenges of planning inner city areas – a call for a more strategic pro-active approach to planning in the Town of Walkerville*.

The AGM will be held from 5.30pm to 7pm on Monday, 9 February 2026, in Room 1855 at the Walkerville Civic & Community Centre, corner of Walkerville Terrace and Stephen Terrace, Gilberton.

Nominations for the Management Committee for 2026 can be sent to contact@walkervilleresidents.org.

Nominations are particularly encouraged from residents of Vale Park and Medindie. For more information or to keep up to date with WRA news, head to www.walkervilleresidents.org.

Stay alert this summer!

Stay safe during the summer season by downloading the Alert SA app.

With Summer in full swing, now is the time to ensure every South Australian is emergency prepared by downloading the Alert SA app.

The Alert SA app is the only Government-endorsed app that gives you timely information and warnings about fire, flood, severe weather, heatwave and hazardous materials across the State.

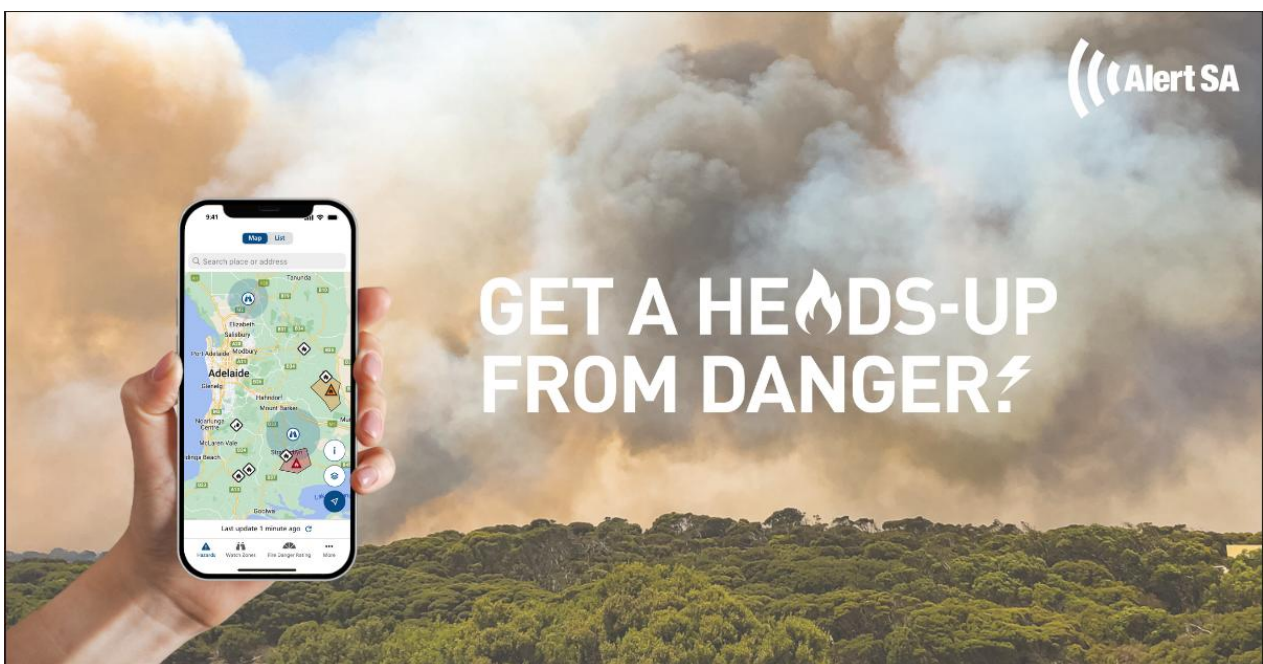
The app allows you to create up to 10 customisable Watch Zones to receive push notifications about incidents and warnings specific to that area.

You also can also view the location, operating hours and services available at relief and recovery centres that are opened during major emergencies, as well as sandbag locations.

The app is free to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play – simply search “Alert SA”.

Stay safe this summer and download the Alert SA app and set up your Watch Zones.

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



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Vale Park works

Council contractors are undertaking work on Arundel Street in Vale Park, near Vale Park Primary School.

The work includes pedestrian safety fencing and pram ramp modifications. These works will be finished prior to school term starting.

Residents and people travelling in this area should expect traffic condition changes.

Vale Park Primary and its school committee approached Council asking for safety improvements to the streets surrounding the school.

This small upgrade is part of a range of traffic safety options that Council is considering for the Vale Park Primary School area.

Council is investigating large projects around Vale Park Primary School in the 2026/27 financial year, in a bid to improve traffic flow and student safety.



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Road Renewals 2025/26

Council's annual road renewal program is about to commence.

When is it happening?

Works are expected to be completed by Friday, 6 February 2026, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Works will generally occur from 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. However, due to the nature of the works, some activities may occur outside these hours at times.

What can I expect?

Residents and businesses expected to be impacted by these works will be contacted the week prior to work commencing.

Council will aim to minimise disruption during these works. However, some localised construction impacts may be experienced, such as:

- speed restrictions, lane closures and footpath detours around work sites during construction hours, as required;
- temporary loss of street parking and driveway access (affected residents will be notified in advance to ensure the works are coordinated appropriately);
- temporary relocation of bus stops, as required; and
- increased levels of noise and dust.

Council contractors will attempt to reduce this impact as much as possible.

List of roads on the renewal schedule:

- Dutton Lane - Dutton Terrace to End, Medindie;
- Cambridge Street – Ilford Street to End, Vale Park;
- Shergis Avenue - Harris Road to End, Vale Park;
- Church Terrace – Fuller Street to Burlington Street, Walkerville;
- Fuller Street - Walkerville Terrace to End, Walkerville;
- Monaro Court - Walkerville Terrace to End, Walkerville; and
- Wayside Lane - Walkerville Terrace to End, Walkerville.

For more information about these works, please contact Council's Assets & Infrastructure team on 08 8342 7100 or email us at walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au.

ENGLISH



SUPPORT

ASSISTANCE

STARTING WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026

10AM-11.30AM | MEETING ROOM 2

FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

EXCLUDES SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

JOIN ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY SESSIONS, DESIGNED FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH AND GAIN CONFIDENCE. THE SESSIONS ARE LED BY A VOLUNTEER AND FORMER TEACHER WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HELPING PEOPLE WITH THEIR ENGLISH.

WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH:

- PRACTISING EVERYDAY ENGLISH CONVERSATION AND WRITTEN SKILLS
- COMPLETING FORMS AND UNDERSTANDING DOCUMENTS

**FREE, DROP-IN SERVICE
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL COUNCIL 8342 7100
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Safer Suburbs Grant Program

Helping residents and businesses feel safer at home and at work, the Town of Walkerville's Safer Suburbs Grant Program offers eligible applicants funding support for the installation of safety cameras.

The program reflects Council's commitment to fostering safe, resilient and connected communities, and directly supports the delivery of the Strategic 10-year Plan – TOWards2035.

This Policy applies to eligible applicants, including residents, local businesses, not-for-profit organisations, community groups and volunteer-based entities operating within the Township.



To be eligible for a Safer Suburbs Grant, applicants must be:

- a Town of Walkerville ratepayer living in the Council area;
- a resident living within the Town of Walkerville area (must provide written approval from property owner or landlord for installation of equipment);
- a not-for-profit organisation or community group based in the Town of Walkerville; or
- a local business operating within the Town of Walkerville that has an Australian Business Number, has current public liability insurance and, where relevant, have landlord and/or development approvals.

Funding will be provided towards the purchase of security camera/s, including CCTV installation and home security doorbells.

Residential applicants are eligible for a grant of up to \$100 per application, priority residents may be eligible for up to \$200 per application, and businesses and not-for-profit/community groups are eligible for a grant of up to \$500 per application.

For more information regarding the Safer Suburbs Grant Program, including the relevant Policy, and how to apply, [click here](#).

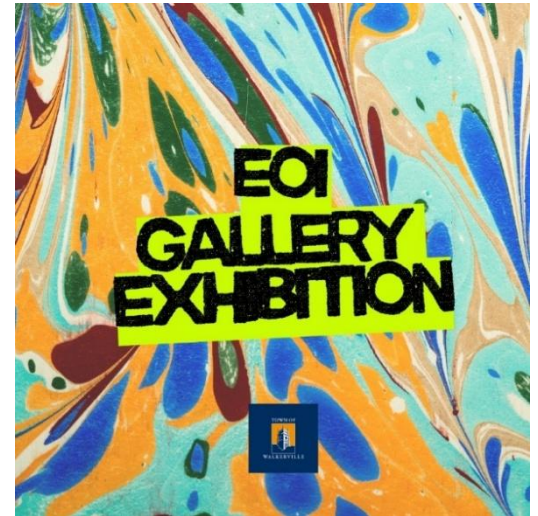
Your Art, Our Walls: Exhibit at the Theresa Walker Gallery in 2026

Are you looking to showcase your work and take your artistic practice to the next level in 2026?

The Town of Walkerville invites artists to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for upcoming exhibition opportunities at the Theresa Walker Gallery, located within the Civic & Community Centre.

Whether you're a painter, photographer, or a textile artist — we are looking for passionate, innovative and diverse creators to showcase their work in this open community space.

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



Waste tip: Always keep your recyclables loose!

When placing items in your recycling bin, make sure they go in loose — never in plastic bags.

If a bag of recyclables arrives at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), it's sent straight to landfill due to contamination and safety risks.

Plastic bags, strapping, hoses, string and rope can tangle in machinery, causing breakdowns and slowing down recycling operations.

Soft plastics also get caught in the paper and cardboard stream, causing contamination and reducing their recyclability. All soft plastics belong in your landfill bin. For more information, [click here](#).



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Wiggle, Giggle, Bubbles

Come along to Wiggle, Giggle, Bubbles! With songs and rhymes, lots of smiles, bubbles and special times! Wiggle, Giggle, Bubbles is a weekly interactive session focused on the first three years of development.

Every Monday morning. *Excluding School and Public Holidays. Suitable for children 4+. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. **10am-10.30am, starting back on Monday, 2 February 2026, at the Walkerville Town Hall. Free to attend.**



U Can Uke Term 1

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.

Course material included. Bring your own uke or borrow one of ours. **Starts Monday, 2 February 2026, at the Walkerville Town Hall. \$6 per person, single session; \$45 per person, eight weeks. Bookings: [Click here](#) or call 8342 7100.**



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My Aged Care information session

Find the help you need from the representatives at My Aged Care in this handy information session. My Aged Care is the starting point to access Australian Government aged care services and information about the different types of services available. There will be a short presentation and plenty of time for a Q&A.

Services Australia will be in attendance on the day.

10.30am-11.30am, Tuesday, 10 February 2026, in the Walkerville Town Hall. Free, suitable for adults. Bookings: [Click here](#) or call 8342 7100.

Author Talk: An evening with Lainie Anderson

Come along to an evening with murder mystery author, Lainie Anderson. Lainie will talk about her new book, *Murder on North Terrace*, the second book in the *Petticoat Police Mystery* series. This book is packed with Australian history and follows *The Death of Dora Black*, Lainie's best-selling debut cosy crime book, inspired by the true story of Adelaide's pioneering policewoman, Kate Cocks.

Glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage on arrival. Books available to purchase on the night.



6pm-7pm, Wednesday, 18 February 2026, in the Walkerville Town Hall. \$10 per person, suitable for adults. Bookings: [Click here](#) or call 8342 7100.

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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; and
- do not park caravans, trailers or boats on the road for extended periods.

Main Roads	Gilberton/Medindie	Walkerville	Vale Park
4/2/2026	11/2/2026	19/2/2026	25/2/2026
4/3/2026	11/3/2026	19/3/2026	25/3/2026
1/4/2026	8/4/2026	16/4/2026	22/4/2026
29/4/2026	6/5/2026	14/5/2026	20/5/2026
27/5/2026	3/6/2026	11/6/2026	17/6/2026

Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 16 February 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.

For instance, Council regularly provides updates on major projects, like The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre or the Walkerville Bowling & Community Club, in the e-news.

To subscribe, click here: www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/subscribe



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