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## FROM THE MAYOR OF WALKERVILLE

I can't think of a better metaphor for this issue than sharing the news that the redevelopment of the Gilberton Swing Bridge is scheduled for completion before Christmas. After all, this is the season to renew connections, build bridges (and sometimes get over them!)

The bridge has come to represent many things that are deeply valued by people in our community.

It is a unique Heritage-listed structure and has been used as a short cut between Player Court, St Peters and Severn Street, Gilberton for almost a century. Yet, it is much more than that. Many people have a strong association with the bridge and its connection to the nearby Gilberton Amateur Swimming Club. These places recall long ago summers when Club volunteers offered free swimming classes and organised swimming



Mayor Grigg (holding Cobber), Santa and Bev Grigg

competitions, carnivals and social events such as night carnivals, or 'Continental's'; where lights were strung across the river and orchestras played the music of the day.

That's something else we do at this time of the year, share memories and stories.

My favourite memories from 2017 involve the people I have met as Mayor of Walkerville. Inspirational volunteers, such as Rena Pascoe, our 2017 Volunteer of the Year, who celebrated

her 96th birthday this year and started volunteering at 15 years of age. Or current Elected Member (and former Mayor of Walkerville) David Whiting who was recently recognised for 25 years of service to local Government.

Just recently, Peter Golding and a team of volunteers continued to make Christmas magical through the Miniature Christmas Pageant which was held in the Walkerville Town Hall in late November and

attracted people from around the Township and beyond. On the 22nd November, my wife Bev and I, along with the Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Fricker, were delighted to welcome His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Lan Le who came to see the pageant and enjoyed it immensely.

Citizenship ceremonies are also indelible memories – not only for those taking the final step in their citizenship journey but for their families and

friends as well. Once again, I have had the privilege of conferring Australian Citizenship on many individuals who have not only made Australia home, but have chosen to be part of our community.

In big ways, and in small, I am struck by the way individuals of all ages are making connections and wanting to make a difference. A few days before the Walkerville Christmas Fair in November, we received a phone call from a resident whose 11 year old son Hugh wanted to sell his collection of small cacti to raise money for the Animal Welfare League. We were happy to oblige and Hugh was a huge hit at the fair and raised \$153.70 in the process. From small things, big things grow....

A connected community is important to everyone. Recently we have been consulting on a Draft Traffic plan which is part of our vision on how we intend to keep people, goods and services moving in a well-designed, accessible and connected Township. Accessibility and

convenient access is an integral part of this vision. As we go to print, Council is consulting on its Draft Disability, access and inclusion plan and you can read more about that in this issue of About town.

We are finishing the year, with a new look and format for our newsletter. Continuous improvement is something of a mantra for Council. In fact, I only recently learned that the phrase was part of a larger quote attributed to that great observer of the human condition Mark Twain - 'Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection.'

I'll happily raise a glass of Christmas cheer to that! **Wishing everyone in the Town of Walkerville a Christmas full of great memories and a New Year full of great promise.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

Raymond (Ray) Grigg  
Mayor of Walkerville

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Bright  
Futures  
Begin.**

# 2019 Scholarships

**2019 Academic & Music Scholarships available to students in Years 4, 5 & 6 in 2018.**

**Applications close 26 January 2018.**

22 Smith Street, Walkerville. **Registrar:** (08) 8168 5511 or registrar@standrews.sa.edu.au



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## Sterling effort

At the Local Government Association Conference Dinner on Wednesday 15 November 2017, Cr David Whiting was amongst a hand full of Elected Members recognised for their invaluable service to Local Government. Cr Whiting, who is also a former Mayor of Walkerville (2006-2010) has dedicated 25 years of service to this community. Cr Whiting was recognised for his "exceptional devotion and consummate engagement with the community of Walkerville".



Cr David Whiting with Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg, President, LGA

## Safety through design

The Depot team have recently been recognised for their 'out of the box' thinking and a unique design-led approach in modifying a standard Hydralada bucket (see image).

Having identified the risks presented in climbing in, and out, of the bucket, field staff began canvassing the marketplace for alternatives. Not satisfied with what was currently available, they set out to see how they could collaborate with a manufacturing company to develop a custom-made model that exemplified safety through design.

Working with engineers from TopGun Trailers, the team investigated how safety features could be enhanced and advanced.

The result was a specially engineered trailer that can be managed by one person, resulting in greater staffing efficiencies. From a safety perspective, the modified trailer allows the bucket to be positioned almost at ground level making access and egress safer and easier. A unique component of the design modification was a solution proposed, and partially designed, by the depot team. Specifically, this involved fitting specially designed airbags to ensure stability of the equipment.



The air bag system is used in place of traditional coil and leaf springs and allows for suspension transportation to site. Once on site, air is bled from the airbags to lower the platform to a level where the trailer self-balances. This ensures it is at a safe height, and at the correct centre of gravity to prevent tipping or movement.

**In November 2017, the project was recognised with the LGA Mutual Liability Risk Management Major Award.**

## Why waste it?

A popular attraction at the 2017 Walkerville Christmas Fair on Levi Oval was the East Waste stand. Megan Bekesi, Education and Promotions Coordinator, East Waste, was busy throughout the day answering questions from residents of all ages keen to do the right thing when it comes to recycling and reducing waste. Not only did Megan bring her considerable knowledge and enthusiasm, East Waste directly supported Council's event by providing bins for the event. Each bin was clearly marked for general waste, recycling and organics and it was clear that the messaging was effective as materials were correctly separated and Levi Oval was left practically litter free after the event. East Waste and Council are committed to reducing waste and the

2018 kerbside collection calendar is included in this issue of *About town*. Attached to your fridge, the calendar is the easiest way to keep track of binweek. *PS. If you need an East Waste magnet, you can pick one up from the Council.*

The kerbside collection calendar as well as other waste and recycling information and bin

reminder alerts are now available via the My Local Services App. The app is free to download from the App Store or Google Play.

Still not sure what goes in which bin? Go to **whichbin.com.au** for an A to Z listing of hundreds of household terms and which bin they go in as well as useful information alternative recycling and disposal options.



## Are you prepared for summer?

Heatwave risks are no laughing matter. In South Australia, the State Emergency Service (SES) is responsible for issuing extreme heat warnings to the community to manage heatwave risks and keep people and communities informed and prepared.

Here are some simple things you can do to reduce the impact of extreme heat:

- **Stay hydrated** – Drink two to three litres of water a day even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid 'fizzy', alcoholic and caffeinated drinks and do not take salt tablets (unless instructed to by a doctor).
- **Dress for summer** – Lightweight, light coloured clothing reflects heat and sunlight and helps your body maintain a normal temperature.
- **Check on those at risk** – Visit at-risk individuals such as the sick and elderly at least twice a day and keep an eye on children. Watch for signs of heat-related illness.
- **Minimise sun exposure** – Keep out of the sun as much as possible. If you must be in the sun, wear a shirt, hat and sunglasses. Also make sure you wear sunscreen to prevent sunburn, which limits the body's ability to cope with heat.
- **Prepare your home** – Prepare your home early. Service or replace your air conditioner before you need it. Curtains, awnings and blinds can also help to keep the home cool.
- **Make use of air conditioning** – If you don't have air conditioning, make use of public facilities such as shopping centres, art galleries or public libraries. Portable fans are also useful in drawing in cool air, or exhausting warm air from a room.
- **Remember your pets** – Pets can be particularly vulnerable to the heat so make sure they have shade and plenty of cool water to last the day.
- **Seek medical advice if necessary** – For medical advice telephone Healthdirect Australia on **1800 022 222**. For immediate medical assistance phone **000**.

## Register with Telecross REDi (SA)

The Telecross REDi service supports vulnerable and isolated people by regularly calling them during heatwaves to check on their wellbeing. This is a free service but you must register beforehand to receive the service. To register call the Red Cross on **1800 188 071** or [telecrossredi@redcross.org.au](mailto:telecrossredi@redcross.org.au)

## 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:** 10.30am Wednesday, 24 January 2018  
**Place:** Walkerville Town Hall  
**Bookings essential**

**Tel:** 8342 7100 or  
**Email:** [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au)

## Draft Disability, access and inclusion plan: open for public consultation until Friday 5 January 2018

The Town of Walkerville is committed to creating and supporting an environment that is pro-active about facilitating access and inclusion for everyone.

In line with Council's wellbeing strategy 2016-2020 *Living Walkerville: wellbeing for every age and stage*, Council has commissioned a draft plan that covers disability access and inclusion. The draft plan identifies actions and recommendations that we

believe can make the Town of Walkerville accessible and inclusive for everyone. It references the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and has been developed to comply with a raft of Australian and South Australian legislation and frameworks.

To make the consultation process easier a summary document has been produced which sets out the actions and recommendations in the full report.

### Get involved and tell us what you think:

Printed copies of the draft plan and summary are available from the

Civic and Community Centre for viewing during business hours or can be downloaded from [www.walkerville.sa.gov.au](http://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au)

Please review the plan and send us your feedback in writing.

**Email:** [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au)

Subject line: *Draft Disability access and inclusion plan*

**Post:** Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 55, Walkerville, SA 5081

**All written responses to be received by Friday 5 January 2018.**

## My Gov information session

Learn how to set up and use a MyGov account and access services such as Centrelink and Medicare. Representatives from the Department of Human Services will guide you through the process and answer all your questions. Bring your own tablet or laptop or use one of ours.

### Participants need to bring:

- customer reference number (CRN)
- Medicare card
- drivers licence (for proof of identity)
- email address and password
- tax file number.

**Date:** 1.30pm – 3.30 pm, Wednesday, 24 January 2018

Walkerville Library  
**Bookings required**  
8342 7150 or [library@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:library@walkerville.sa.gov.au)

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## From door to store

Council offers a free weekly community bus service that will pick you up from home, take you to North Park Shopping Centre\* and bring you (and your shopping) home.

The community bus runs every Friday and eligible residents can utilise the service as many times as they like. Pick up times are 10am, 11am and 12noon. This community service is primarily intended for people who do not have private transport options or who have difficulties using or accessing public transport.

If you – or someone you know – could benefit from this free service contact: **Fiona Deckert, Manager Community Development & Engagement**, to find out more.

**Tel: 08 8342 7109**  
**Email:**  
[fdeckert@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:fdeckert@walkerville.sa.gov.au)

*\*North Park Shopping Centre is located at 264 Main North Road, Prospect (near the Regency Road intersection). As well as Coles and Woolworths there are many speciality shops, including a number of banks & Australia Post.*

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## A Christmas service

On the morning of Christmas Eve, the Walkerville Uniting Church will be presenting a family nativity play in which everybody can participate. The service is particularly aimed at helping children to connect with the original story and meaning of Christmas.

**9.30am 24 December 2017**  
Walkerville Uniting Church  
17 Smith Street,  
Walkerville, 5081

**Enquiries: 0413 098 965**  
or [www.walkerville.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.walkerville.unitingchurch.org.au)



Rev David Kowalick sharing the nativity characters with children Kieran, Oscar and Mia (back) and (in front) Isaac and Ava.

## 2018 Walkerville Historical Society events

Throughout the year, on the third Wednesday of the month, the Walkerville Historical Society (WHS) presents a range of informative and engaging presentations.

The Society happily welcomes new members and their events are a perfect way for local history buffs to meet like-minded people. To find out more contact the Society's president, Lyn O' Grady.

### Upcoming presentations:

**7.30pm, 21 Feb:**  
Protecting our natural and built treasures presented by the National Trust of SA.

**7.30pm, 21 March:**  
Miss Gladys Sym Choon, a story of an orientalist, racism and modernity, presented by Professor Margaret Allen

**7.30pm, 18 April:**  
Early eating houses of Adelaide 1838-1960, presented by author Daryl Thompson.

**Walkerville Uniting Church,**  
17 Smith Street,  
Walkerville 5081.

PS: If you are interested in researching family history Lyn O'Grady is in the library on Mondays from around 4pm. However, Lyn is currently taking a break and sessions will resume in mid-January.

**Enquiries:**  
[walkervilleHS@gmail.com](mailto:walkervilleHS@gmail.com)  
or **phone 8269 5982.**

**Stay in touch on Facebook**  
[@Walkerville Historical Society Inc](https://www.facebook.com/WalkervilleHistoricalSocietyInc)

## Walkerville Men's Probus

Men's Probus is for retired and semi-retired men. As part of its activities the Club invites keynote speakers to their events. Their first guest speaker for 2018 is the SA Victims of Crime Commissioner Michael O'Connell.

**10am, Tuesday 20th February** Walkerville Town Hall, Visitors welcome  
**Bookings:** Ross Fletcher  
**8344 2389**

## Summer of tennis

The Walkerville Lawn Tennis Club recently had a successful season opening and is seeking players to play social tennis on a casual basis. 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 Tce and Creswell Crt, Gilberton.

**Enquiries:** Margaret on **8269 3212** or Rick on **0408 855 442** or **Email:** [runder@adam.com.au](mailto:runder@adam.com.au)  
[walkervillelawntennisclub.com](http://walkervillelawntennisclub.com)

## Specialty Orthodontics

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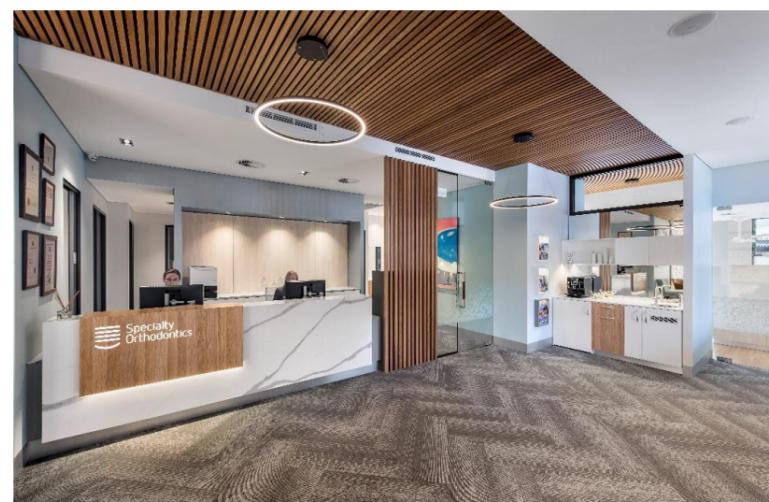
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**Address: 73 Walkerville Terrace, Walkerville, SA 5081**  
**Web: [www.specialtyortho.com.au](http://www.specialtyortho.com.au)**



## COMMUNITY NEWS cont...

### 2018 Night owls

The Walkerville Bowling & Community Club is a community-based club with a reputation for friendliness as well as for the quality of its superb grass greens.

2018 Night owls starts at **6.30pm, Wednesday 10th** and **6.30pm Thursday 11th January** with a free BBQ on both nights.

Free loan bowls are available.  
**Enquiries:** Night Owls coordinator, email [secretary@walkervillebowls.com.au](mailto:secretary@walkervillebowls.com.au) or telephone **08 8344 2064** [www.walkervillebowls.com.au](http://www.walkervillebowls.com.au)

### INEA YMCA vacation care – summer program

The INEA YMCA vacation care program is for primary school children who attend any school in Adelaide. INEA YMCA is open Mondays to Fridays, 8am-6pm during the school holidays, except for public holidays and the weekend between Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Their action paced summer program includes excursions to Ingle Farm Recreation Centre and a trip to Piccadilly Cinemas to watch *Ferdinand* or *Paddington 2*.

The centre will also host an action packed program with something for everyone including: massive waterslide jumping castle, magic shows, cartooning, video gaming

and stargazing workshops, disco party, water games, pirate adventures, crafts, boardgames, gymnastics and so much more!

**The Summer program is on now and ends 25th January 2018**

**Enquiries:** Andrew Stacey, mobile **0455 534 490** or [astacey@ineaymca.asn.au](mailto:astacey@ineaymca.asn.au)  
**General enquiries:** **08 8344 3811**

**Bookings:** Download the full program and booking form from [www.facebook.com/ineaymca](http://www.facebook.com/ineaymca) or [www.inea.ymca.org.au](http://www.inea.ymca.org.au) or pick up a hard copy from the Centre.  
**Booking forms** can be emailed to [inea@ymca.org.au](mailto:inea@ymca.org.au) or posted to: 39 Smith Street, Walkerville 5081 [www.inea.ymca.org.au](http://www.inea.ymca.org.au)

### Rostrum in Walkerville

Since its first meeting in Walkerville in April 2017, Rostrum has gone from strength to strength. It provides an important service in helping people gain confidence and take their communication skills to the next level. Whether you are looking to improve your presentation skills for the corporate world – or making a speech at a social event – Rostrum offers a supportive environment, to gain new skills and the opportunity to work with accredited coaches.

**Rostrum Club has changed its meetings days** to the second and fourth Wednesdays of each

month, but will continue to meet from 12.35pm to 1.30pm at the RSL Club on Walkerville Terrace.

With the assistance of a Community Fund grant from the Council, the Club is planning a series of free workshops for local residents. The workshops will focus on how to manage effective meetings and mastering the subtle art of persuasion.

Rostrum is taking a break through December/January but will be back in February 2018.

**Enquiries:** Peter Martindale, [walkerville@rostrum.com.au](mailto:walkerville@rostrum.com.au) or **0418 820 702**

## ABOUT TOWN OFFERS FREE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS IN THE TOWN OF WALKERVILLE

**The next issue of About town will be published in March 2018. Our deadline for community news is the 1 February 2018.**

Please email details to: [sdenicola@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:sdenicola@walkerville.sa.gov.au) (subject line: community news).

## Walkervillage Christmas Fair



The fair was held on **Sunday 26 November** at **Levi Oval** and everyone had a wonderful time.



## ADVERTISE WITH US

As you can see from this issue, businesses operating in the Town of Walkerville can now advertise in About town. Advertising rates and specifications can be downloaded from [www.walkerville.sa.gov.au](http://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au) and all enquiries to [sdenicola@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:sdenicola@walkerville.sa.gov.au) (subject line: about town advertising).

**Our deadline for advertising for the Autumn issue is 1 February 2018.**



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