

Something exciting
is growing in
Walkerville!



Weekly Round Up

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New Citizens conferred for Citizenship Day 2026

On Wednesday, 23 September 2026, the Walkerville Town Hall was filled with applause as Mayor Melissa Jones conferred citizenship on 17 new Australians.



Australian Citizenship Day is recognised nationally every year in September, and is an opportunity for all Australians to reflect on the meaning and importance of citizenship.

Our new residents have come to Australia from across the globe, including China, Colombia, India, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Taiwan, the United States and Vietnam.

On the day, Mayor Melissa Jones said, "Australian Citizenship Day is an opportunity for all Australians to reflect on the meaning and importance of citizenship, the responsibilities we uphold, the privileges we share and the values that unite us. Whether we are citizens by birth or choice, it is a day to take pride in who we are, celebrate our democratic beliefs and recognise the diverse stories that shape our nation."

Welcome to our 17 new citizens!



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Grant funding awarded for Walkerville Community Garden!

The Northern Community Health and Research Foundation (NCHRF) has awarded the Walkerville Community Committee a grant of \$25,000 to a new community garden.



Plans for the first community garden within the Town of Walkerville are moving ahead, following the Walkerville Community Committee's successful application for \$25,000 in funding from the Northern Community Health & Research Foundation (NCHRF).

NCH Research Foundation Chair Nino Di Sisto attended the Walkerville Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 30 September 2026, to formally present a promotional cheque and celebrate the funding milestone.

The new community garden will be located at The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre, and will create an accessible and welcoming space where members of the community can come together, plant, learn new skills and build social connections.

Stay tuned for updates as this exciting project continues to develop!

To learn more about the Walkerville Community Committee, [see our website](#).

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Draft Public Health Plan is open for community consultation

The Plan says what Council will do to support the community's public health and wellbeing for the next five years.



Public health action is about promoting health and wellbeing, including mental health, preventing illness and injury and protecting communities from environmental risks.

Public health includes things such as:

- Infrastructure to support healthy and safe activity (open space, sports facilities, paths);
- Programs and information to support wellbeing, healthy living and mental health;
- Immunisations and public hygiene;
- Environmental health and food inspections; and
- Greening, stormwater and waste management.

How to get involved:

- fill in the [online survey](#);
- email us with your feedback at walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au
- complete a hard copy survey, which is available at the Civic & Community Centre and The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre;
- request a hard copy survey to be sent to you via walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au or by calling 8342 7100; or
- provide a written submission by posting to:
The Chief Executive Officer
Draft Public Health Plan
Town of Walkerville
66 Walkerville Terrace
GILBERTON SA 5081

The draft Public Health Plan consultation will run from 9am on Wednesday, 30 September 2026, to 5pm on Tuesday, 20 October 2026.

At the end of the consultation period, Council will consider all the feedback received and decide on the Public Health Plan.

For more information, visit the [Your Say Walkerville website](#).



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Walkerville Art Show 2026 opens this week!

The 17th annual Walkerville Art Show returns to showcase an incredible mix of Australian talent.



The Walkerville Art Show has been a yearly highlight for the Walkerville Community since 2009, and this year promises another dazzling array of paintings, sculptures, photography and more.

The Show is run by volunteers of the Walkerville Rotary Club and raises money for a range of charitable projects, including wildlife regeneration, mental health research, education in developing countries and more.

The Show's Opening Night event will be held from 6pm tonight (Friday, 2 October 2026), at St Andrew's School. The event will be hosted by South Australian critic, journalist and actor Peter Goers, with complimentary wine and nibbles. [Tickets are available online.](#)

For more information and Show opening times, see the [Walkerville Art Show website.](#)



Best Photograph or Digital Art Prize 2025 winner, *Lake Hawdon* by Stuart Templeton.

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Free seeds available now!

Grow It Local is back for spring, with spring seeds available from Friday, 2 October 2026.

GROW IT LOCAL

Town of Walkerville has partnered with Grow It Local to give you free access to expert growing advice from Costa, Paul West, and Australia's top gardeners.

That means free seeds delivered to your door PLUS everything you need to get growing!

Free seeds

SPRING
COLLECTION



GROW IT LOCAL

You'll receive:

- Free seasonal seeds for Spring;
- Learn-to-grow videos with Costa, Sahar El-Chiekh, and Paul West;
- Free growing advice through Grow It Local's Ask An Expert email service; and
- Live workshops with gardening experts.

Whether you've got a backyard, balcony, courtyard or a sunny little patch – there's never been a better time to grow your own.

Ready to grow? Register at growitlocal.com/lga/walkerville to get growing!

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Council Elections

Ready to 'Shape your World'? Make sure you're enrolled to vote.

Now is the time to check your enrolment status to ensure you can vote in the 2027 Council elections.

You will automatically be included in the Council Voters Roll if you are on the State electoral roll and your place of residence is within the Town of Walkerville area.

Not enrolled on the State Electoral Roll within the Town of Walkerville? You may still be entitled to vote in the 2027 Council election if you own or occupy a property or business in the Council area. If so, you'll need to apply for inclusion on the Council Voters Roll. If you've enrolled for a previous Council election, you'll need to submit a new application for 2027.

Applications for the Council Voters Roll are due 4 January 2027.

Enrolment forms can be found here: www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/council/elections

Need to check your enrolment status? Give Council a call on 8342 7100 for more information.



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Bird Flu Community Webinar



**Bird flu
Community
Webinar**

Pets and backyard poultry

When: Wednesday 14 October
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Where: Online, Microsoft Teams

birdflu.sa.gov.au

Government of South Australia

Do you have pets or backyard chickens at home and want to learn more about how H5 bird flu may affect them?

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is holding a free online community webinar to share practical steps you can take to help protect your pets and flock from H5 bird flu.

Hear from South Australia's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Skye Fruean, along with representatives from the Department for Environment and Water, RSPCA and SA Health, as they discuss:

- the current H5 bird flu situation and preparedness measures in place;
- how H5 bird flu spreads and the signs to look out for; and
- simple biosecurity measures you can put in place at home.

The webinar will be held from 6pm-7.30pm on **Wednesday, 14 October 2026**.

Register online via <https://bit.ly/3VTsm4t>.

For the latest updates on bird flu, visit birdflu.sa.gov.au.

If you see sick or dead birds or other wildlife, do not touch them. Avoid contact, record what you see, and report it to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

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Community Bus Service

Did you know that Council provides a door-to-door community bus service for residents who do not have private transport options and have difficulties using public transport?

The community bus service to Prospect Central runs every Friday from 10am.

Residents must be registered to use the service. Call us 8342 7100 to register, or [see more information here.](#)

Weekly Waste Tip

Life can be hard. Let's make your hard rubbish easy!

Got unwanted furniture, appliances or other bulky items? Book your hard rubbish collection online anytime — day or night!

Simply choose a convenient date and book online whenever you need it.

Book now via eastwaste.com.au/our-services/hard-rubbish/



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What's on at The W?

Have you ever tried walking sports?

Walking sports are a fantastic way to stay active in a way that's accessible, low impact and gentle. The W offers two great walking programs – Walk(erville) Netball and Walk(erville) Basketball!

Walk(erville) Basketball

1.30pm-2.30pm, each Monday. All ages and experience levels are welcome. \$8 per session.

Walk(erville) Netball

1pm-2.15pm, each Tuesday. All ages and experience levels are welcome. \$8 per session.



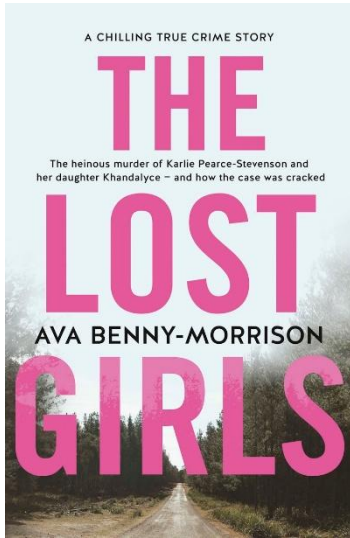
Want to know what else is happening at Walkerville Recreation Centre? Take a look at our latest [Program Guide](#) to see all activities, classes and events currently on offer.

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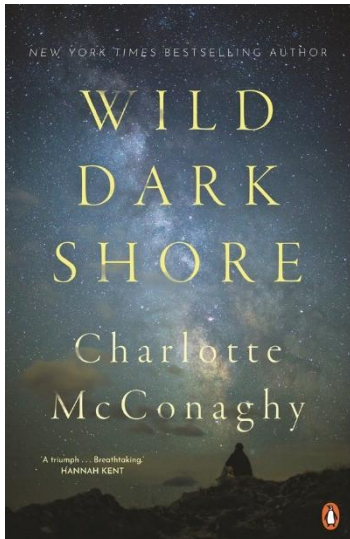
Between the Stacks

Check out some book reviews from the Walkerville Librarians! Visit the [library catalogue](#) to place a hold on your next read.



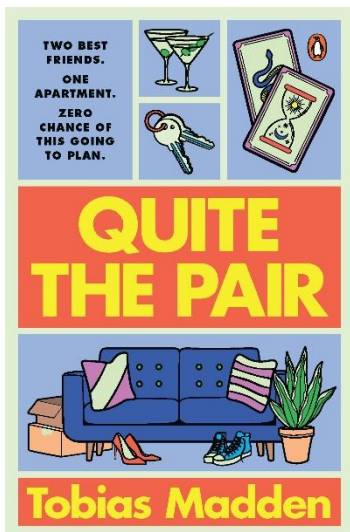
The Lost Girls by Ava Benny-Morrison

A chilling true crime account that I remember unfolding in real time. This book pieces together the timeline of events from 2008 to 2015 and follows the journey to justice.



Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

I really enjoyed *Wild Dark Shore*. I was stuck in a rut of reading too many of the same kind of books (see below!), and needed something excellent to break the cycle. This was interesting, intense, suspenseful, and emotional – highly recommend.



Quite the Pair by Tobias Madden

I've recently fallen victim to reading the 'same' book over and over – that is to say, I've been starving myself of variety. My review of *Quite the Pair* might've been more positive if I hadn't read so many others like it recently. The main characters Austin and Sydney were terribly unlikable, and the plot was mediocre.



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Walkerville Bowling and Community Club



Friday Fun Sessions



Social Bowls



Free Coaching



Morning Tea

**FREE
Event**



Every Friday

10am - 12pm

Everyone Welcomed

| All Experience Levels

| All Ages



Contact

John Toovey
0408 855 600

Come & have a Roll

*You might discover a new
obsession and a whole new
community!*

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Walkerville Netball Club Premier League Trials

Walkerville Netball Club invites current and new players to trial for their 2027 Premier League, Premier League Reserves and Extended Squad on Tuesday, 6 October 2026, at The W.

[See more information here.](#)



Vale Park Preschool

Vale Park Preschool Enrolment for 2027 are now open.

Vale Park Preschool is now accepting enrolments for 2027. If your child is eligible, contact the school for more information and submit a registration of interest form. For further details about the enrolment process and important dates, please visit the school website or call the staff at the Preschool on:

- Phone: 8261 0228
- [Vale Park Preschool Website](#)
- [Vale Park Preschool Registration of Interest Form](#)



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Walkerville Cricket Club – Cricket Blast



IMAGINE THE FUN

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed specifically for kids, our weekly 60-90 minute sessions are filled with game-based activities that get kids moving and having fun!

Walkerville Cricket Club



Wednesday Afternoons
2 time slots



Walkerville Oval



Starts 14th October



Term 4: 8 Sessions - \$109
Term 4 & 1: 14 Sessions - \$140



[Q Play Cricket](#)

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Learn



Laugh



Inspire

Create your own seed mandala

Wind down and relax with this hands-on Nature Festival workshop where you'll create your own take home, colourful mandala from seeds and natural materials. All materials provided, no experience necessary.

6.30pm-8.30pm, Thursday, 8 October 2026 in the Walkerville Town Hall. \$5 per person, suitable for adults. [Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100.



Springtime at Carrick Hill



Discover the Carrick Hill formal gardens designed by Ursula Hayward and modelled on the English country park. Carrick Hill's art and craft style garden was once an elegant setting for social events and tennis parties. Following the guided garden tour, you can explore the 1930s mansion at your own pace. There will be time for morning tea, **at your own expense.**

9.40am-2pm, Thursday, 22 October 2026. Meet at the Civic & Community Centre carpark.

\$15 per person, adults 60+, Town of Walkerville residents only. [Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100.

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Laugh



Inspire

Come & try Ukelele

If learning to play the Ukelele has been on your mind, now is your chance to come and try, completely free! This session is perfect for beginners wanting to make a start and learn more about our eight-week courses led by Chris Carr.

We'll have a limited number of ukuleles available, so if you have your own, please bring it along.

4pm-5pm, Monday, 12 October 2026, in the Walkerville Town Hall. FREE, suitable for adults and children aged 10+. [Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100. Children must be supervised by an adult.



Recycling Adventure



This National Recycling Week, children will set off on an exciting, eco-friendly journey with their new friends Lucy Litterbug and Captain Recycle. Through music, movement, roleplay, and storytelling, we explore the power of recycling – and how small hands can make a big difference!

10am-10.45am, Thursday, 12 November 2026, in the Walkerville Town Hall. \$2 per child, suitable for children 2-5 years.

[Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100. Children must be supervised by an adult.

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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.



The autumn leaf sweeping program has commenced, in addition to our weekly program. Streets will be assessed week by week from April to July for excessive leaf accumulation. Sweeping will be programmed accordingly in coordination with Council’s contractor to ensure an efficient and responsive service.

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.

Vale Park	Main roads	Gilberton/Medindie	Walkerville
7/10/26	14/10/26	21/10/26	29/10/26
4/11/2026	11/11/26	18/11/26	26/11/26

Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 19 October 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.

To subscribe, visit our website at www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/subscribe



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