



# ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2023/24

Draft for public  
consultation

Have your say in  
the 2023/24  
Council budget!



## Weekly Round Up

9 June 2023



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# Have your say on the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan

Council's Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan has been developed to deliver services, facilities and programs that support our community and businesses over the next financial year.

As part of the planning process, the Town of Walkerville community is invited to provide feedback on the draft plan for 2023/24.

The Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan will be funded by a proposed average residential rate increase of 6.9% (excluding growth), which is below the rate of inflation over the past 12 months and at the lower end of the projected rate rises in Councils across South Australia.



**DRAFT 2023/24  
ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN**

Now open for public  
consultation

Consultation closes  
**5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023**

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This Annual Business Plan will continue Council's excellent maintenance of parks and gardens, progress our road and footpath renewal program, create new event and activity opportunities with the Township, and continue public consultation on important projects, policies, and initiatives.

At a Special Council Meeting on Monday, 5 June 2023, Elected Members endorsed the Draft Annual Business Plan for consultation. The full Council report can be viewed on the [Council website](#).

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The consultation for the Annual Business Plan opened at 9am on Thursday, 8 June 2023, and closes at 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023.

There are a number of ways you can be involved in the Annual Business Plan consultation process:

- Review the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan, which is available on the [Your Say Walkerville website](#)
- Provide Town of Walkerville with feedback by using the feedback survey on the [Your Say Walkerville website](#)
- Email your written submission to [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au) with the subject line “Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan”
- Post your written submission to:  
*The Chief Executive Officer*  
*Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan*  
*66 Walkerville Terrace*  
*GILBERTON SA 5081*
- Attend a Special Council Meeting on the draft budget at 6pm on Thursday, 29 June 2023, at the Council Chambers, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton.

This will be an opportunity for community members to present a deputation with feedback to Elected Members. If you wish to make a deputation, please register your attendance with your submission in writing by 12pm on Thursday, 29 June 2023, by emailing [office@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:office@walkerville.sa.gov.au)

- Undertake a hard copy survey, which is available from the foyer of the Civic and Community Centre, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton

**Feedback on the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan must be received by no later than 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023.**

If you choose to post your submission to Council, we ask that you allow sufficient time for the postal delivery service so that your submission arrives at our offices by 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023.

All submissions will be considered by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Monday, 17 July 2023, in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy.

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## Asset Management Plan

(Page 28 and 29 of the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan)

The majority of funding across each asset class for Council-owned infrastructure remains steady across the 10-year funding program to maintain current service levels, with the following exceptions:

- Roads 2025-2028 – Roads renewal funding slightly increases over these years to compensate for a reduction in the roads program in 2022-2024 to assist with funding of major strategic projects. This funding increase will help get Council road renewal back to the current service standard provided to the Township and allow the program to return to a more consistent funding model from 2028-2029.
- Plant and Equipment 2023-2025 – There is an increase in funding over two financial years as two major pieces of plant have reached their end of useful life in those years.
- Buildings 2024-2026 – There is a significant increase in funding over these two financial years due to anticipated additional work required in relation to the Walkerville Oval redevelopment and 39 Smith Street refurbishment, which is not covered by the relevant grant funding.





## Expressions of interest for stallholders and food vendors for future Council events

Town of Walkerville is calling on all small businesses and community groups to express an interest in being a market stallholder or food vendor for upcoming outdoor events.

This is a great opportunity for local businesses to put their hand up and be a part of future outdoor events by the Town of Walkerville.

Applications for the expressions of interest (EOI) process are due by 5pm on Sunday, 16 July 2023.

To complete the application, head to the [Walkerville website](#), or for more information contact the customer service team on 8342 7100.

It should be noted that there is criteria that needs to be met to be successful in the EOI process.



# Upcoming Resilient East webinars

National sustainability organisation, Renew, will be delivering more webinars in June and July bringing trusted independent advice on making more sustainable home and lifestyle choices.

The next upcoming webinar is about electric vehicles, taking place at 6.30pm on Thursday, 15 June 2023.

This webinar delves into electric vehicles, what sort of home setup is required and what things to look out for when buying an electric vehicle.

Following this, the next two webinars are in July – Buying GreenPower and All-Electric Homes.

The Buying GreenPower webinar, on Tuesday, 4 July 2023, explores GreenPower, which is a Government accredited renewable energy product offered by most electric retailers to households and businesses in Australia.

The All-Electric Homes webinar, on Tuesday, 25 July 2023, is an essential session to learn about making your home sustainable as can be. You will learn how to transition away from gas, get tips on creating an efficient all-electric home and gain further understanding on all the benefits of going all-electric at home.

These webinars are brought to you by our local Regional Climate Partner, Resilient East, with the Town of Walkerville.

Join us for our free:  
**SUSTAINABLE HOMES  
EXPERT WEBINARS 2023**

**renew.**

**May**  
Winter Comfort for Renters  
Winter Comfort at Home

**June**  
Electric Vehicles

**July**  
Buying GreenPower  
All-Electric Homes

**August** Introduction to Sustainable Building and Renovation

**September** Solar & Batteries

**November** Summer Comfort

REGISTER NOW!

All webinars are FREE, on Tuesdays or Thursdays  
6:30-8pm on Zoom, with lots of time for questions!  
[www.resilienteast.com/sustainable-homes-webinars](http://www.resilienteast.com/sustainable-homes-webinars)

This online event series is presented by Renew on behalf of four Regional Climate Partnerships:

ADAPT WEST  
RESILIENT EAST  
resilient hills & coasts  
Resilient South

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# Preparations underway for Township street tree program

More than 120 street trees are planned for planting this year around the Town of Walkerville.

Council's field team is in the process of planting a multitude of new street trees across the Township in a variety of locations, as part of its commitment to Council's Urban Forest Strategy.

Some residents have received a notification this week that they will be receiving a new street tree out the front of their property.



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The development of the street tree program is a detailed process where Council's field staff map potential planting spaces across the Township to try to improve the local urban forest within a confined urban environment.

**Considerations that are taken into account when selecting planting spaces and tree species include:**

- Likelihood of species success
- Surrounding tree species
- Underground and above ground services
- Surrounding infrastructure
- Maximising canopy cover and cooling
- Setbacks from properties and driveways

**Why is it important to establish and maintain a healthy street tree stock?**

Street trees can:

- Reduce energy costs for buildings shaded by trees;
- Increase property values for houses on leafy tree-lined streets;
- Contribute to stormwater management by filtering rainwater and slowing run-off;
- Absorb odours and air pollutants;
- Increase native habitat and supporting wildlife conservation;
- Enhance community wellbeing – spending time around trees can reduce stress and anxiety, and increase happiness and productivity.

Planting is will commence this month (June 2023).

Residents are reminded that it is an offence to damage or vandalise street trees.

If you have any objections to a proposed street tree out the front of your property, please contact Council in writing, [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au), as soon as possible so that the matter can be reviewed prior to planting.

# Greening Ascot Avenue

Town of Walkerville will be commencing landscaping works along the northern verge of Ascot Avenue, near the intersection with Harris Road in Vale Park, the week beginning Monday, 5 June 2023.



In 2022, this area was beautified with the addition of a 100m-long mural by Street Artist Marciano Arents of Senman Creations.

With the addition of verge-side planting, this area will soon become a lush and welcoming gateway into the Town of Walkerville.

The proposed landscaping will include an extensive variety of plant species, colours and textures to compliment the artistic mural. The existing concrete footpath, which runs through the site, will also be renewed as part of the project.

Works are expected to take approximately six weeks.



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## Supporting our local libraries

With the upcoming State Budget getting closer, local councils are campaigning to encourage the State Government to include annual indexation for libraries to keep things running smoothly.

Local councils invest \$86 million each year into libraries, but the current State Government deal will see local libraries lose \$16 million over five years due to annual indexation.

This could lead to cuts to books and programs, shorter opening hours and fewer staff on hand.

South Australian libraries provide lots of valuable services, including:

- Knowledge and education: Local libraries offer a wealth of resources – from books and magazines to digital tools and online courses – fostering learning and bridging access to opportunities for the community.
- Community wellbeing: Libraries serve as inclusive gathering places, where people of all ages can connect, share ideas and find support.
- Hours of entertainment: With a vast range of digital services including eBooks, audiobooks, music, films and streaming options, local libraries provide endless entertainment options for everyone to enjoy.

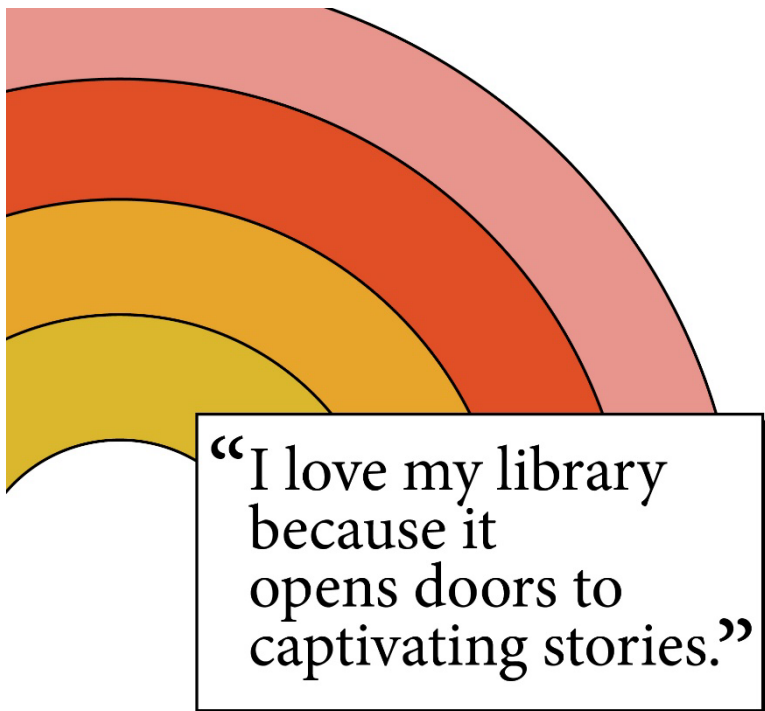


## So how can you help?

South Australians love their local libraries – and we want to prove it loud and clear.

Here's how you help ensure local libraries keep their funding with only a few minutes of your time.

1. Spread the word! Encourage your friends, family, and colleagues to visit their local library and discover all the amazing resources on offer. You can also show your support for the campaign on social media.
2. Attend library events! There are lots of programs in your area. Check our [events page](#) for upcoming activities that interest you.
3. Share your story! Tell us on social media: "Why I love my library...". We would love to feature your words and showcase why your library is important to you and how it makes a difference in your life.



With your support, we can help ensure that libraries continue to be a vital community resource generations to come.

You can also show your support for public library funding by contacting local State MP, Lucy Hood, to let her know why you value the Walkerville Library and want the State Government to continue funding public libraries.

For more information about this local libraries campaign, head to the [Local Government Association of South Australia](#) website.





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## Winter hall walking

Step into the Town Hall and boost your health at our indoor walking event! Walk at your own pace, enjoy the entertainment, and make new friends along the way. Not only will you improve your fitness, but also boost your mood and mental wellbeing. Stay for as long as you like, rest whenever you need and enjoy a hot beverage after walking before you brave the winter weather to head home. Anyone is welcome to join, but men aged 55+ are highly encouraged.

10am–11am, Fridays: 9, 16, 23 & 30 June 2023.  
Walkerville Town Hall, free to attend and bookings encouraged at

[events.humanitix.com/hall-walking](https://events.humanitix.com/hall-walking).

*Event funded by Wellbeing SA campaign activated by Libraries SA.*

## Native bees in your backyard

Learn about the many varieties of native bees and how to attract them to your garden. Explore the special role of these fascinating creatures in our environment and make a “bee hotel”. Event suitable for adults and families.

10am–12pm, Saturday, 24 June 2023,  
Walkerville Town Hall. All ages, \$5 per person.  
Children aged 5+ with accompanied adult.  
Booking essential by calling 8342 7100 or at  
[events.humanitix.com/june-native-bees-workshop](https://events.humanitix.com/june-native-bees-workshop)



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## 'Beyond the kerb' tour

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of resource recovery! On this tour, you will have the opportunity to visit a range of sites and discover what happens to your stuff once you are finished with it. Participants will be accompanied by environmental organisation KESAB and enjoy a morning tea and lunch at Ikigai Cafe on the day. The tour includes a range of interesting sites, such as the Integrated Waste Services Transfer Station, YCA Recycling and Habitat for Humanity shop ReStore.

8.45am-3pm, Tuesday ,27 June 2023, meet at the Walkerville Civic and Community Centre car park. Adults, \$10 per person. Bookings essential as seats are limited! Contact KESAB on 8234 7255 or email [eloise@kesab.asn.au](mailto:eloise@kesab.asn.au).

## Ochre play session for NAIDOC week

Learn about the customary uses of ochre in Aboriginal culture in this school holiday event. This session is a unique insight into traditional Aboriginal art and the use of traditional paints. Participants are encouraged to develop their own story using these symbols, painting a picture based on their personal experiences. Adults/guardians are encouraged to take part in the session too.

10am-10.45am, Monday, 10 July 2023,

Walkerville Town Hall. For adults and children

3-8 years. \$5 per person, children must be supervised by an adult guardian.

Book by calling 8342 7100 or by [events.humanitix.com/ochre-play-23](https://events.humanitix.com/ochre-play-23)



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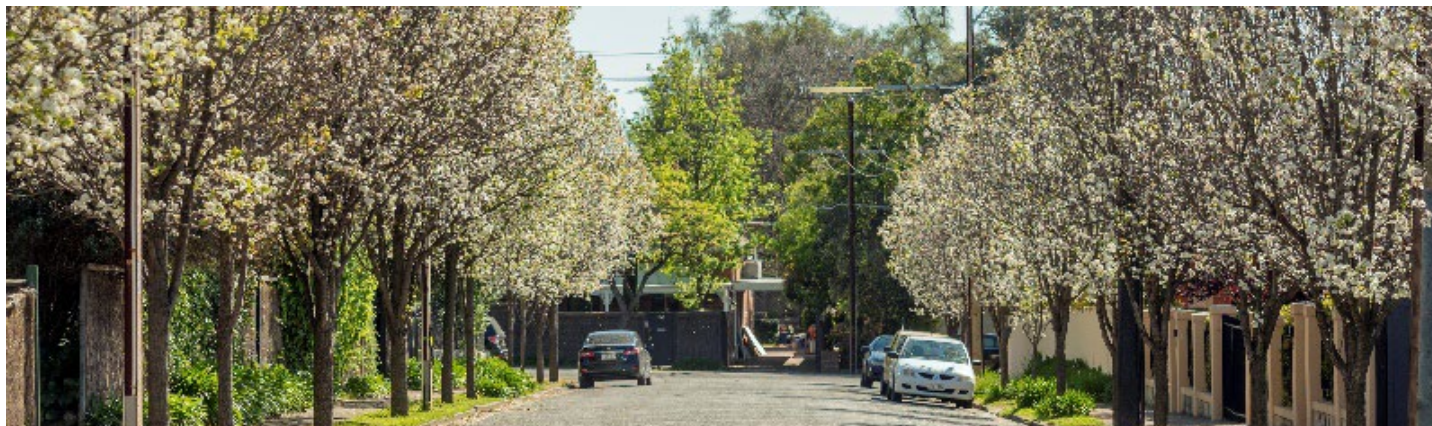


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# Street sweeping helps keep the Township clean

Our street sweeping programs are seasonally adjusted to effectively manage the level of risk in streets where issues are present generally 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
			14/06/2023
21/06/2023	28/06/2023	6/07/2023	12/07/2023
19/07/2023	26/07/2023	3/08/2023	9/08/2023
16/08/2023	23/08/2023	31/08/2023	6/09/2023
13/09/2023	20/09/2023	28/09/2023	4/10/2023
11/10/2023	18/10/2023	26/10/2023	1/11/2023
8/11/2023	15/11/2023	23/11/2023	29/11/2023
6/12/2023	13/12/2023	21/12/2023	27/12/2023

## Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 19 June 2023.



The public gallery has now reopened during Council Meetings, however, ordinary meetings will continue to be [live streamed via YouTube](#) allowing residents to view meetings from the comfort of their own home.

Questions for public question time may be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by **12pm on Monday 19 June 2023** via email ([office@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:office@walkerville.sa.gov.au)), post (Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 55 Walkerville SA 5081) or hand delivery (Community and Civic Centre, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton).



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