



**Enter the Grow It Local Awards with your stellar homegrown produce!**

# Weekly Round Up

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## Bee happy!

Town of Walkerville recently had a member from the Beekeepers' Society of South Australia remove and relocate a bee colony, which was living in a fallen tree trunk in Vale Park.

A couple of weeks ago, a tree had fallen and the existing bee colony that lived in the cavity of the trunk was in need of a new home.

An apiarist from the Beekeepers' Society attended the scene this week and relocated the bee colony to an apiary at a biodynamic farm in Adelaide Hills.

The Society was pleased with Town of Walkerville's awareness around the importance of supporting our local bees!



## Words Grow Minds campaign launches

**Town of Walkerville is excited to be part of Words Grow Minds, a campaign to help parents engage with their little one in their early years.**

The Words Grow Minds campaign gets straight to the heart of how parents and caregivers can help babies and young children thrive — it's as simple as talking, reading, playing, and singing together from birth.

Every time you talk, play, read, and sing with your baby, you are helping grow their mind.

With up to 85% of your baby's brain developing in their first three years, it is important we interact and engage early on.

Town of Walkerville will be sharing activities and ideas from the Words Grow Minds team to help you meaningfully engage with your child and grow their mind. Stay tuned!

Find out more on the [Words Grow Minds website](#).



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## Let's celebrate Harmony Week together!

Harmony Week is an annual celebration of Australia's cultural diversity and the benefits it brings to the entire Australian community. This year, Harmony Week runs from 18-24 March.



The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. It's an opportunity to recognise that Australia welcomes people from all over the world and values diversity. Australia's success as a resilient and vibrant multicultural society stems from the mutual respect we show one another.

Town of Walkerville prides itself on its diversity and welcoming and supporting the different cultures among our residents. The Township has more than 8,000 residents and more than 30% were born overseas. Additionally, more than 40% of our residents have parents who were born overseas.

Diversity and culture within our Township is something to be celebrated and the community should always strive to embrace each other and ensure a sense of belonging is experienced by everyone!

To find out more about Harmony Week, [click here](#).

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## Last chance to get free seeds!

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 their 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](#). Registrations close on **Thursday, 21 March 2024**.



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

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

This year, the award categories include Australia's Biggest Vegetable, Homegrown Harvest, Australia's Best Chicken Name, 'Why I Love My Patch', Wonkiest Vegetable, Sustainable Gardener, School Garden and Best Compost.

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 post a photo on Instagram or Facebook, tag @growitlocal and use the hashtag #growitlocalawards2024 in your caption, along with the award category you are entering and what your local council area is. 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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## Buckingham Arms development refused

Following deliberation by the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) recently, 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 recent decision 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](#).

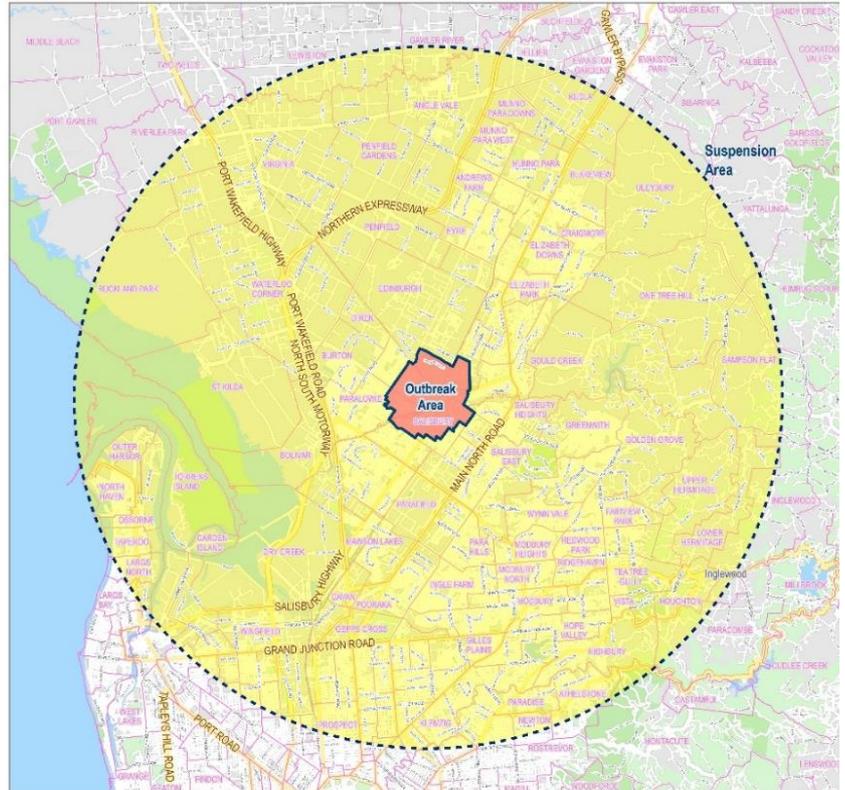
# Fruit fly outbreak impacts parts of Township

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](#).



## 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)

# 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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## 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)**



## 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)**

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## School holiday movie day: *The LEGO Batman Movie*

Join us for the hilarious adventure of *The LEGO Batman Movie*, where Batman battles his arch-nemesis, 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)**



## Balloon twisting workshop

Have you ever wanted to create your very own balloon animal? Join the balloon twisting workshop and learn how to make a range of fun and colourful balloon creations.

**10am-11am, Friday, 19 April 2024, Walkerville Town Hall. \$5 per child, children 7+. Parent supervision required at all times. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/balloon-twisting-workshop](https://events.humanitix.com/balloon-twisting-workshop)**



# 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
			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

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## 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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