



The Lynch family at the 2017 Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

Photo: Simon Casson

Message from the Mayor of Walkerville

As we head towards a new budget cycle, the Elected Members of this Council are engaged in developing the draft *2017/18 Annual business plan* for public consultation in May.

As Mayor, I oversaw this process in 2015/16 and 2016/17, but that should not imply that the process is ever a standard routine procedure. Quite the reverse. Every year, the context to the budget changes and every year our approach has been one of strategic evolution and continuous improvement.

The first budget we delivered was a break-even budget and we are forecasting a positive outcome for this current budget. Our aim for our third - *and indeed our fourth* - budget is that they continue to be positive budgets, where expenditure does not exceed income revenue and where budgets are supported by financial management plans that are resilient and flexible enough to absorb the impact of unforeseen circumstances.

With this Council now well past the halfway point of its term, my focus is firmly on the future and I want to ensure that we have budgetary processes in place for successive Councils so they don't lose the momentum that we have established.

I look forward to presenting a draft budget to the community in the coming months and I encourage everyone to be part of a robust and informed discussion that is part of the public consultation process. In the coming weeks we will be posting the dates for the public consultation period on our website

and contacting all ratepayers by post to advise them of these details.

When I took on the role of Mayor, I introduced the concept of Mayoral liaison groups. The premise was to provide a forum for sectors in our community to share their ideas and concerns and see how they, and Council, could work more effectively together.

We have established Liaison groups for schools, community groups, sporting associations and businesses. The Elected Members are also involved, with Elected Members 'allocated' to specific groups.

Recently, I hosted a Mayoral liaison group for commercial property owners between Stephen Terrace and Smith Street. Collectively, these commercial property owners play an integral role in the ongoing revitalisation of Walkerville Terrace.

There was an excellent turnout and we had an informal and interactive discussion led by Steve Maras, Group Managing Director & CEO, Maras Group, who shared his experiences with street activation activities.

This issue of *About town* focuses on 'people and places' and there are many community events coming up which I hope will be of interest. Council is once again sponsoring

the 2016 ANZAC Day Dawn Service. If you have not experienced this event presented by the Walkerville RSL then I encourage you to be part of it next month. The details are included in this issue of *About town*.

Nominations for the 2017 Volunteer of the year awards are still open - and the closing date for nominations has been extended until Friday 7 April. From local students, through to our senior citizens, there are so many deserving and dedicated individuals in our community doing good for others - so please take the time to shine a light on their efforts.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency, the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and I am thrilled to announce that His Excellency and Mrs Lan Le will be our special guests at our volunteer awards presentation on the 17 May. This is a tremendous honour for our community and our nominees.



Ray Grigg
Mayor of Walkerville



Navigating Alzheimer's

What is the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's?

What are the early warning signs?

What is the impact on carers and families?



Council is presenting an information session for those who want to learn more about Alzheimer's as well as families, friends and carers. The session will cover issues such as:

- how to maintain a healthy balance in your family life while nurturing someone with Alzheimer's
- the importance of supporting carers to build personal resilience and avoid burnout
- when is the right time for the person with Alzheimer's to stop driving
- tips for visiting and communicating with someone who has memory loss
- how primary carers can release themselves from carer's guilt
- suggestions for respite, nursing home entry and coping with loss.

The session will be presented by Carolyn Cranwell, whose book *Navigating Alzheimer's* draws on her personal experiences caring for her husband who developed younger onset Alzheimer's disease in his early fifties.

Wednesday, 31 May
7pm - 8.30pm
Walkerville Town Hall

To register: email
walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au
(subject line: Dementia Awareness session) or telephone the Council on 8342 7100.

Entry will be gold coin donation to Alzheimer's SA.



Presented as part of Council's Wellbeing strategy.

Where do you sit on

outdoor dining?

Walkerville Council is consulting on its draft Outdoor dining policy.



The policy will provide a framework for how the Council and local businesses manage outdoor dining permits on public footpaths and other Local Government land in the Town of Walkerville. The policy ensures that the needs of pedestrians, road users and business owners are taken into consideration when making decisions on outdoor dining.

The draft policy can be downloaded from the website and printed copies are available from the Council during business hours.

Written submissions to be received before 5pm, 21 April 2017.

By post: Chief Executive Officer, Town of Walkerville
PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081

Email: walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au
subject line: Draft Outdoor dining policy

walkerville.sa.gov.au/outdoordiningpolicy

For more information:



ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Walkerville Council is once again proudly sponsoring the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Presented by the Walkerville RSL, this is one of the most significant community events held in the Township.

Tuesday 25 April, 6.15am

Memorial Gardens
Church Terrace, Walkerville

Following the service, breakfast will be served at the RSL Clubrooms at 98 Walkerville Tce, Walkerville
Gold coin donation.

Enquiries to Norm Coleman 8269 7679.

LEST WE FORGET

Photo: Simon Casson



2017 Volunteer awards

Once again, Walkerville Council is celebrating the contribution and compassion of its hardworking community of volunteers.

The Volunteer awards are presented once a year and nominations are welcome in the following categories:

Volunteer of the year:

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is only for people aged over 35 years. This award can recognise a volunteer who has worked in the community for a long-period of time, as well as someone who is new to volunteering, but who has made an outstanding contribution to the Township. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it, through their volunteering activities. Nominations for individuals who live in the Township but who volunteer outside the Council area will be considered

Young volunteer of the year:

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is only for people aged 35 years or under. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it, through their volunteering activities. This award is also open to students from the Town of Walkerville, who have taken part in volunteering, either in their local school, community, or through other volunteering programs.

Community event of the year:

For a local event held between February 2016 and February 2017 in the Town of Walkerville, that demonstrated a strong local community focus and volunteering element.

Individuals can self-nominate for the Volunteer or Young volunteer award. Organisations can nominate their own events for the Community event award.

Repeat nominations and previous recipients are eligible and welcome to submit a nomination.

How to nominate?

Nomination forms can be downloaded from Council's homepage and printed copies are available from the Civic and Community Centre during business hours.

Email: walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au
subject line: Volunteer awards nomination

Post: 2017 Volunteer awards, Town of Walkerville
PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081

Emailed nominations are preferred.

Enquiries to: Fiona Deckert, Manager, Community Development & Engagement telephone 8342 7109 or email fdeckert@walkerville.sa.gov.au.

Nominations extended!
Friday, 7 April 2017

Breaking news! To encourage more people to nominate this year the closing date has been extended and nominations will be received until 5pm, Friday, 7 April 2017.



Family ties

Discover many paths to finding your family story with [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

The popularity of the television series *Who do you think you are?* and websites like [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) prove there is a never-ending fascination with uncovering personal family histories.

Join us for an information session presented by Jason Reeve, the Australian and New Zealand content manager for [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). Jason will present two sessions on how to get the most out of www.ancestry.com with basic tips, hints and troubleshooting advice.

Please note that these sessions are aimed at people who have basic computer literacy.

There are only 2 sessions so book in early.

Monday 15 May

Session 1: 2pm - 3pm

Session 2: 7pm - 8pm

Walkerville Town Hall

Bookings: telephone 8342 7100 or email walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au (remember to let us know which session time you are booking).

Presented as part of the 2017 SA History Festival [historyfestival.sa.gov.au](https://www.historyfestival.sa.gov.au)

Cemetery walking tours

The Friends of the Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery are a group of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that the Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery is promoted and maintained.

They regularly hold walking tours of the site which are extremely popular with people of all ages. As part of South Australia's History Festival, the Friends will be conducting a tour of this fascinating cemetery on Tuesday 23 May at 1pm. Participation is by gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome and the tour is also a good opportunity to find out more about the Friends and their activities.

Tuesday 23 May at 1pm

Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery
Smith Street, Walkerville

Followed by afternoon tea at Walkerville
Uniting Church (opposite the cemetery).

Bookings: Raye Whitehead, mobile 0438 615 205 or brayew@adam.com.au

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Photo: Simon Casson



1967: The referendum Australia had to have

May 27 marks the 50th anniversary of the landmark 1967 referendum that changed the Australian Constitution [s127 and s.51xxvi] and is remembered as the moment Indigenous Australians achieved citizenship in their own land.

This year, a travelling exhibition from History SA will be on display in the foyer of the Civic and Community Centre throughout the month of May. Learn about 'Vote Yes' - the people who worked tirelessly in the long campaign; the groundswell of public support and the constitutional and political context of the referendum which changed Australia's social and political landscape forever.

Monday 1 May - Friday 2 June

Civic and Community Centre foyer

Presented as part of the 2017 SA History Festival [historyfestival.sa.gov.au](https://www.historyfestival.sa.gov.au)

Why waste it? When you can recycle it.

As we all know, residents in the Town of Walkerville are provided with a 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin which is collected fortnightly by East Waste.

Once collected, the recyclable materials go to a recycling facility where, depending on their suitability, they are sold back to the market to recycle into new materials.

How we recycle can have a profound effect on the planet as well as the bottom line. Every Council can realise savings based on the quality and quantity of recyclables collected. In turn, these savings could be redirected to improve assets and infrastructure and towards preserving our natural environment. It is in everyone's interest to reduce contamination and maximise the amount of recyclable materials placed into recycling bins.

Recycling materials that are too contaminated most likely end up as landfill and recyclable materials that are placed in the blue or green bins will also end up as infill.

East Waste has developed a new campaign called 'Why waste it?' to educate and encourage residents to make informed choices when it comes to recycling.

Check out the whichbin.com.au website that has a comprehensive A-Z directory listing more than 400 common household items. The directory has information on what goes into 'which bin' and how to divert resources from landfill and transform them into reusable and recyclable materials.



To support this campaign, Council has invited KESAB to present a free information session on the importance of recycling and what happens to all the 'stuff' we throw away. The session will have loads of 'tips' (no pun intended!) on being a becoming a better recycler.

Monday, 27 March, 6pm

Walkerville Town Hall

Free entry, tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Registration essential: telephone 8342 7100 or email walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au (subject line: KESAB info session)



Flowing along: update on ERA Water

Eastern Region Alliance Water (ERA Water) is the first subsidiary established in accordance with the SA Local Government Act to capture, store and market stormwater.

The three constituent Councils of ERA Water are: Town of Walkerville, City of Burnside and the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters.

The project commenced in 2009 and will be finished 2017. This landmark project is of particular significance to the Town of Walkerville, not only because it is a constituent Council, but because it was a Walkerville-led project initiated by CEO, Kiki Magro.

Progress update:

- 23km of pipeline installed
- Contractors currently installing pipeline in the Linear Park area
- Felixstow Wetlands under construction
- Reserve and Hamilton Park Reserve pumps stations are nearing completion.

For more information go:

www.era.sa.gov.au or contact the project team on 1300 309 660 during business hours.



Felixstow Reserve



1914



1919



1920



1960s

When the Great War came to Walkerville...

On the 24 February, Ray Grigg, Mayor of Walkerville, was a special guest at a dedication ceremony hosted by the Gilberton Amateur Swimming Club and Walkerville RSL.

The Mayor joined a gathering of special guests for the unveiling of a new memorial dedicated to the 54 men of Walkerville, Gilberton and Medindie who gave their lives in service of their Country during World War 1.

The new memorial is not the first time the Gilberton Amateur Swimming Club has honoured service men and women from the local community.

World War 1 had a profound effect on what was then the District Council of Walkerville. Five women enlisted as nurses and 363 men enlisted for service - which at the time represented 24% of the male population.

Those that remained at home also did their patriotic duty by raising funds and supporting our service men and women however best they could. The Gilberton Amateur Swimming Club Committee actively played their part in the war effort. When it was over, they wanted to create something that would honour the dead and serve as a memorial for future generations.

The Club redeveloped the land along the River Torrens into a Soldiers Memorial Swimming Reserve. In time, this Reserve would also come to represent those who served in subsequent wars.

The memorial can be accessed via Severn Street, Gilberton (look for the Archway) and is located on the Linear Park pathway between Severn and Gilbert Streets.

Postscript: Eventually, the deterioration of the River and the competing attractions from suburban public pools would lead to the demise of the Club. When it closed in the 1960s it was the last remaining swimming Club along the Torrens.

However, the Club continued to make a vital contribution to the community through an investment scheme that enabled neighbouring schools to offer free swimming lessons to children for decades to come.

In 2015, the Club celebrated its Centenary and published a nostalgic historical tribute to the hey-day of the Club in a publication called *Meet you at the Gilby!*

In July 2016, the Club officially came to a close and the management of its investment nest egg was divided up among various schools including Vale Park and Walkerville Primary Schools. This final step was a fitting gesture to the Club's legacy of teaching children to swim and be safe in the water.



Ukes for Libraries launch

“ If everyone played the ukulele, the world would be a better place. ”

Jake Shimabukuro (ukulele virtuoso)

Visitors dropping into the Civic and Community Centre on a Monday evening may have found themselves lulled into a state of bliss by the sounds of the ukulele drifting out from the Walkerville Town Hall. Late last year, Council introduced a six-week *Learn to play ukulele* course for beginners. The classes are conducted by Rick Whitehead, an outstanding ukulele teacher and a passionate advocate for the therapeutic powers of music. These classes are a wellbeing initiative inspired by Council's new wellbeing strategy - *Living in Walkerville: wellbeing for every age and stage*.

Beginning in April, the Walkerville Library will be the first library to be a part of the *Ukes for Libraries* program by offering ukuleles for loan.

To celebrate the introduction of ukuleles into the library collection there will be a launch on Saturday 1 April at the Civic and Community Centre. Come along between 10.30am - 12.30pm and enjoy a range of free activities including: performances by Bubble Gum Strum, the official launch of the *Ukes for Libraries* program, informal jam sessions and workshops with Rick and his helpers.

On the day we will be giving away a new ukulele. To be in the running snap up a free 'raffle' ticket from the Library.

Saturday 1 April
10.30am - 12.30pm
Civic and Community Centre



JUST COME ALONG
& GET STRUMMING!



Presented as part of
Council's Wellbeing strategy.

Friends of Walkerville Library

Year after year, the Friends of Walkerville Library do amazing work supporting the library and the community with fund-raising activities and events. The Friends were established in 1986 and like many local community groups are actively seeking new members to fill their ranks.



So what does it take to be a Friend? The best endorsement is President and Chair, Jenny Hills who has shared her story with *About town* to encourage other people to get involved.

“ My interest in books started from a very early age when my mother got tired of reading to me and told me to learn to read them myself! ”

This I did, and they have become a wonderful balance in my life reading non-fiction and fiction, transporting me around the world, firing up my imagination but most of all, broadening my outlook on life. My family arrived from Melbourne in 1976 to live in Walkerville where we were introduced to the Library. What a wonderful find!

Jenny Hills, 2016, nominee, Volunteer of the Year with Mayor Grigg.
Photo: Simon Casson

On retiring from paid work in 2003 and feeling I would like to try and repay the Library in some way, I spoke to the President/Chair of the Friends who invited me to their next board meeting where I was invited to join the Board. Through the association I have had with the Library and the Board, I have met some wonderful people and made some great friendships. Eventually, I became President/Chair and still hold this position.

We support the Library by financially helping the Library to fulfil their 'wish list' and we hold regular author events in the Walkerville Town Hall.

I encourage anyone who has a love of books to become a subscriber to 'Friends of the Walkerville Library', just speak to any of the staff working behind the desk. Your donation helps to provide funds for the wonderful Walkerville Library.”

If you interested in finding out more please call the Walkerville Library or speak to a staff member next time you visit.

Hats for Heroes

In 2014, the Library became involved in a project called 5000 Poppies a national initiative to plant a field of handmade poppies in Melbourne's Federation Square on ANZAC Day 2015. The Walkerville Poppy Group was established and at the conclusion of the project almost 5000 hand-made poppies were created. Many of these poppies were woven into a magnificent banner that is often displayed in the Civic and Community Centre in the lead up to ANZAC Day.

Since then the craft group has continued to support other initiatives. Their latest project is *Hats for Heroes*. The group have recently donated 60 beanies to send to service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. The beanies will sit underneath their helmets to help keep them warm during the colder months.

every Wednesday at 10.30am

Civic and Community Centre
66 Walkerville Terrace,
Gilberton

Everyone is welcome
to join in.

**For more information
contact the library
on 8342 7150 or
email library@walkerville.sa.gov.au**



St Andrew's community events

Church drop-in

Since 2001, a team of people have led a Thursday group dedicated to providing an afternoon of entertainment and fellowship. Held on the third Thursday of each month at 2pm.

Car boot sale

Held on the first Saturday of each month in the car park (entrance off Fuller Street). Buyers and sellers welcome. \$10 per car for sellers. 8am start. BBQ, tea, coffee available.

St Andrew's Church
Church Terrace, Walkerville

T 8269 5420

f @StAndrewsChurchWalkerville

Town of Walkerville

Civic & Community Centre:
66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton SA 5081 T 08 8342 7100 (24 hours)
walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au

t @walkerville5081 f @TownOfWalkerville f @WalkervilleLibrary

Rostrum in Walkerville

Rostrum is an Australian not-for-profit association for people who want to improve their communication skills under a trained mentor in a friendly environment. Membership is very inexpensive. Rostrum is starting a new Club in Walkerville. Everyone is welcome to attend a no-obligation information session.

Wednesday, 5 April, 12.30pm

RSL Club
98 Walkerville Terrace, Walkerville

**Enquiries: Peter Martindale petermd@internode.on.net
or 0418 820 702.**

Walkerville Men's Probus Club: introducing Richard Price

Men's Probus is a Club for retired and semi-retired men. As part of its activities, the Club regularly invites people to speak to their members on a broad range of topical issues. The speaker for May is no exception. Richard Price, Executive Director, Defence and Industry will be speaking on the impact of defence contracts on the South Australian economy.

Tuesday, 16 May, 10am

Walkerville Town Hall
66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton

Visitors welcome.

**For more information contact
Ross Fletcher tel 8344 2389.**



Creative connections

Council would like to get in touch with established or emerging visual artists who live, work or have a connection to the Town of Walkerville for a project it is developing for SALA 2017. If this sounds like you - please send your details to sdenicola@walkerville.sa.gov.au.

