

A delightful nature walk



Weekly Round Up

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Successful composting workshop

A successful composting workshop was held by Alan Shepard on the weekend, teaching attendees all they needed to know about composting at home and the vital impact it has on gardens.

Attendees learnt about how compost enriches soil, boosts nutrients, retains water and improves soil structure.

Recycling materials into composting also reduces greenhouse gases, making composting a win both for the environment and the garden.

This event aligned with International Composting Awareness Week Australia and included a pop-up stall from East Waste.

East Waste provided handy information about recycling, reducing waste and composting to anyone who dropped in to the Civic & Community Centre.



St Andrew's Primary School visits River Torrens birdboxes

Students from St Andrew's Primary School visited the River Torrens with Town of Walkerville to learn about the unique local ecosystem and how birdboxes complement it.

There was a nature walk with students observing native wildlife and understanding how living organisms survive, followed by a discussion about the latest birdboxes, which the students from St Andrew's are soon to paint for Council's next birdbox project.

The River Torrens will have a new pop of colour added to the natural landscape thanks to these decorated birdboxes.

These new birdboxes will complement the previous birdbox project from 2022/23.



Callout for local upcoming acoustic superstars!

Are you a budding local musician who needs some live experience? Walkerville will play home to 'A Taste of Tuscany Long Lunch' and an acoustic singer is needed for the event.



Council's Walkerville Community Committee is hosting its fundraising long lunch and is putting the call out to any local upcoming acoustic singers who want to donate their time to perform at the event and boost their portfolio.

A Taste of Tuscany Long Lunch will be held from 12pm-3pm on Sunday, 28 July 2024, in the Walkerville Town Hall.

If you are interested in performing, please email walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au with your name, suburb and a short sample video.

All expressions of interest by 7 June 2024.

If you are a business and would like to sponsor the event – whether that is through desserts, charcuterie items or donated prizes for the door raffle – let us know by emailing walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au and we will promote you at the event.

Road safety around schools

The annual Walk Safely to School Day is here, Friday, 10 May 2024, it's a good time to refresh yourselves on the Australian road rules around our local schools.

The Town of Walkerville has five schools within the Council area and student safety is very important to Council. Do you know the rules around school crossings and zones?



School Zones and Speed Limits

School zone signs are installed on most roads around schools. A zigzag white line is also usually marked on the road to let drivers know they are approaching a school zone.

Drivers must not exceed 25km/h at any time of the day or night when a child is in a school zone, including weekends and school holidays.

Please slow down as you approach a school zone at all times of the day and night to check if there are children in the area. Children can be present outside of normal school hours because of the many activities that take place in or around schools.

Other tips to remember:

- Allow enough time to get your child to the school entrance safely and without rushing.
- Say goodbye to your child on the school side of the road. Never get them to cross the road to their school entrance alone.
- If you can, park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good for teaching your child road safety skills.

School Crossings

When it comes to using a school crossing, near enough is NOT good enough. Make the effort to use the crossings even if it means walking a little further. Crossings are the best place to cross, as drivers will be more alert for pedestrians.



Emu Crossings

An Emu Crossing has a red 'Children Crossing' flag displayed on red and white striped posts. When the flags are displayed drivers must give way to pedestrians either crossing or about to cross the road.

Emu crossings are located within School Zones, which have a speed limit of 25km/h when children are on the road or footpath. If the 'Children Crossing' flags are not up, the 25km/h school zone speed limit still applies if there are children present.

Koala Crossings

A Koala Crossing consists of two yellow flashing lights mounted on red and white striped poles. Koala Crossings operate only when the yellow lights are flashing. A 25km/h speed limit applies between signs on the approaches to the crossing when the lights are flashing, and drivers must stop and give way to anyone using the crossing or about to cross the road.

School monitors may be present at the crossings, and it is important to obey the Stop signs used by the monitors.

**Information courtesy of the City of Unley.*

National Road Safety Week

From 5-12 May 2024, National Road Safety Week will be held across Australia, encouraging people to be better drivers and protect others on the road.

Over this week, it asks people to take the road safety pledge and to learn all about being a good driver.

National Road Safety Week also runs at the same time as Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, 10 May 2024.



National Road Safety Week 2024

5-12 May

For more information on Road Safety Week, [click here](#).

National Families Week

From 13-19 May 2024, National Families Week promotes and celebrates the vital role that families – in all their diversity – play in Australian society.

The theme of this year's National families Week 2024 is 'celebrating family diversity and connections', which involves recognising and embracing the unique circumstances, backgrounds and dynamics that make each family special.

For more information or to find an event for National Families Week, [click here](#).



- 1 Create time to play, and have fun with your family.
- 2 Use technology in a way to connect with each other.
- 3 Appreciate your family, friends and community – everyone matters!
- 4 Regularly check in with each other "how was your day?"
- 5 Do an exercise or relaxation class as a family group, or play a team sport.
- 6 Celebrate your family's achievements, large and small.
- 7 Have confidence in your abilities and celebrate the positive aspects of family life.
- 8 Ask others for support to navigate the challenges.
- 9 Help and support others whenever you can.
- 10 Build connections and learn from others.

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Government House Open Day

Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mr Rod Buntin are pleased to welcome members of the public to explore Government House and its grounds at a special Open Day on Sunday, 12 May 2024.

Held in conjunction with South Australia's History Festival, Government House Adelaide will be open from 10am-2pm and guests will have the opportunity to view the public rooms of the oldest continuously occupied Government House in the country.



Members of the public can learn about the architectural features, historical artefacts, and daily operations of Government House, as well as explore a range of exhibits.

There will be a range of activities, including garden tours, live music, children's quizzes, SAPOL Police display and interaction, and food and drink vendors.

The Lions Club City of Adelaide will host a sausage sizzle and the 'Grounds for Growth' coffee van, operated by participants in Novita's Transition to Work program, will be on hand to provide hot drinks and share information about their programs.

Admission to the Open Day is free, and all are welcome to attend. Bookings are not required. For more information, please visit governor.sa.gov.au or contact Government House on 8203 9800.

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Enter the ICAW competition

During International Composting Awareness Week Australia, running from 5-11 May 2024, take part in any of the below initiatives to go into the draw for your chance to win a gift voucher.

You can:

- ask questions about International Composting Awareness Week;
- collect flyers and information from the pop-up in the foyer of the Civic & Community Centre;
- collect a kitchen caddy or bio bags (if eligible); or
- register for a green bin.



Talk to our friendly staff to enter.

DV Safe Phone collection

Your old phone could save a life.

Domestic Violence (DV) Safe Phone is an initiative, which aims to provide domestic violence victims with a secondary 'safe' phone they can hide in case they need to contact emergency services. In January 2021, the Town of Walkerville became a partner of the program and an official phone collection point.



The collected phones will be distributed to registered domestic violence organisations to assist domestic violence victims. During domestic violence incidents, one of the first items to be broken or taken is the mobile phone, but this is often the only way victims can reach out for help. The DV Safe Phone program ensures your old phone has been fully erased, tested and distributed to those in desperate need. The Town of Walkerville wishes to thank members of the community for donations of mobile phones and encourages others to drop any unused phones to the concierge at the Civic & Community Centre during business hours.

To find out more about the DV Safe Phone initiative, [click here](#)

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The theme for South Australia's History Festival 2024 is **POWER**.

Power means a lot of things, in a lot of places and spaces. There is power in science, power in art, power in the food we share and the clothes we wear. There is power in industry. There is power in storytelling. Above all, there is power in people.

1-31 May 2024

Town of Walkerville

Talk

The Myrtles, Goyder and Muecke: History in Houses

In this illustrated talk by Lyn O'Grady, we explore the timeless power of bricks and mortar. Beyond construction, these historical homes serve as poignant reminders of the past, enabling the retelling of stories. Bookings required online.

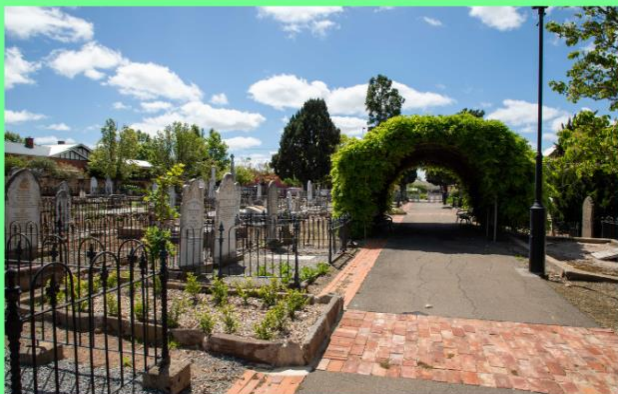
Wed 29 May, 6pm-7pm

Walkerville Town Hall 66 Walkerville Tce, Gilberton

Tess Bennett, 8342 7100,
tbennett@walkerville.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/history-in-houses



Town of Walkerville

Guided tour

Cemetery Tour

Embark on a journey through time as you tour Walkerville's Wesleyan Cemetery. Ceasing burials in 1973, this registered local heritage site offers a unique glimpse into South Australia's early urban history. Explore stories from a past era and discover the rich history that Walkerville holds. Bookings required online.

Sat 18 May, 11am-12pm

Wesleyan Cemetery 10 Smith St, Walkerville

Tess Bennett, 8342 7100,
tbennett@walkerville.sa.gov.au

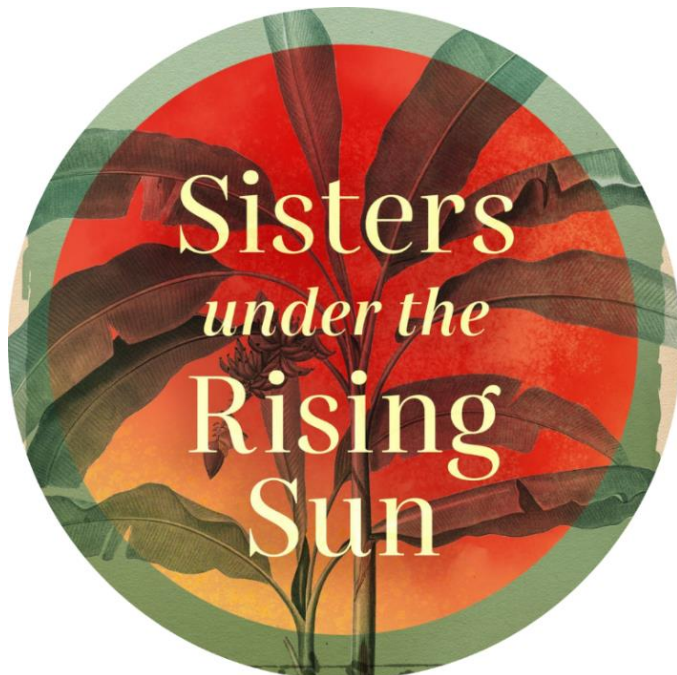
Event costs apply Per Person: \$2

Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/cemetery-tour-2024

National Simultaneous Storytime 2024 - *Bowerbird Blues*

Join us for an outdoor storytime under the shade of a bell tent, where children will read *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker, followed by a fun craft activity.

10am-11am, Wednesday, 22 May 2024, Mary Harris 'Bundilla' Reserve. Free, suitable for children aged 3+, children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/nss-2024



Author talk – Heather Morris

Join this author talk and extend a warm welcome to Heather Morris, the bestselling author behind literary gems such as *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *Cilka's Journey* and *Three Sisters*. Books will be for sale at the event.

6pm-7pm, Saturday, 25 May 2024, Walkerville Town Hall. \$10, suitable for adults. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/author-talk-heather-morris

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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.



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
			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, 20 May 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.

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?

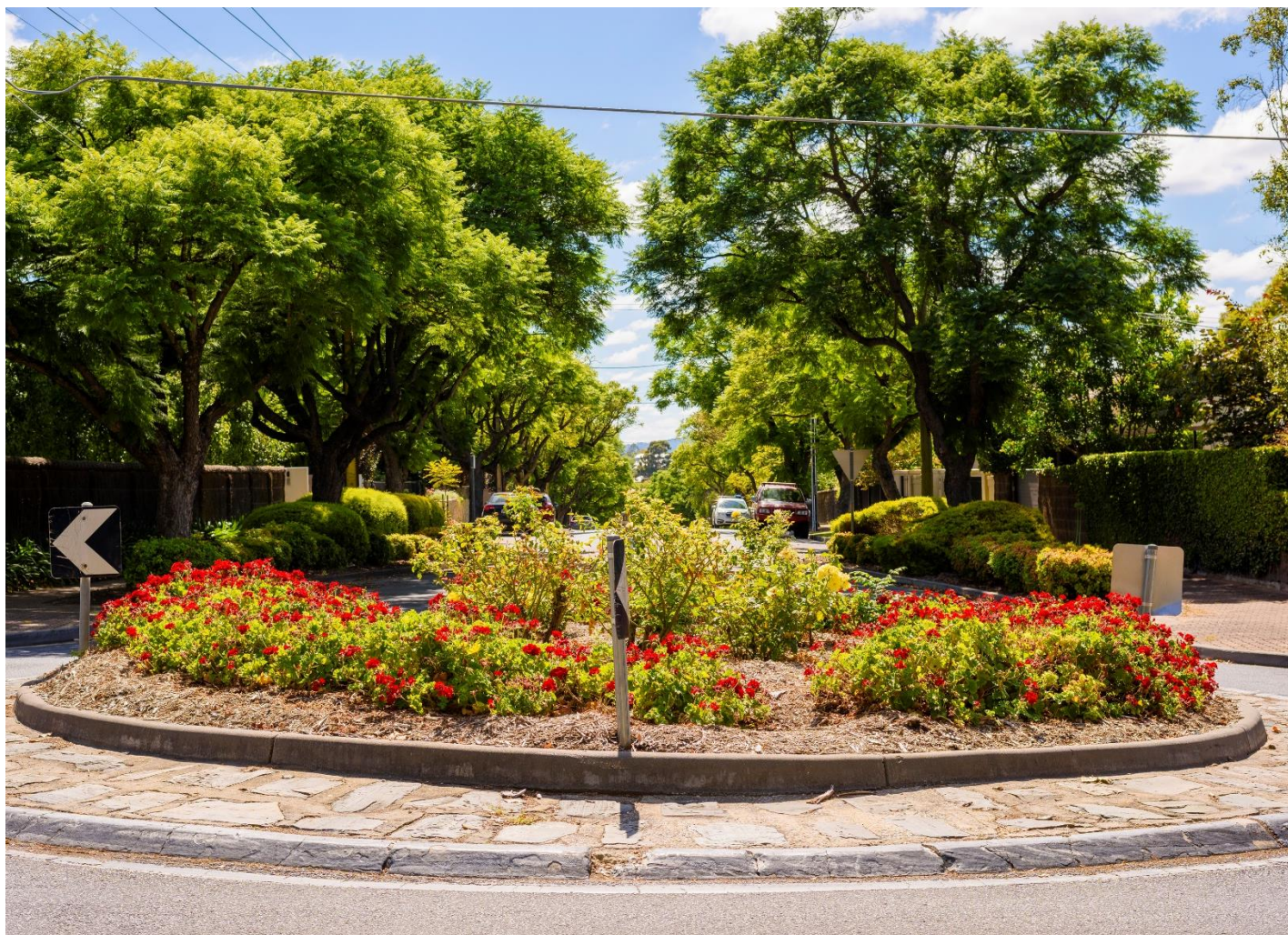
Sign up to the Town of Walkerville e-news today!

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



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