



**Check out the new art
exhibition just opened at
Theresa Walker Gallery!**

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Weekly Round Up

5 June 2026

Have you seen '*The Sponge*'?

On Friday, 22 May, at around 2 am, the bronze statue fondly known as '*The Sponge*' was stolen from in front of the Civic & Community Centre.

The bronze statue was commissioned in 1980 by James and Diana Ramsay to South Australian artist John Dowie, which was then donated to the Walkerville Library.

The Sponge is a statue of a small child sitting in a bath, squeezing a sponge overhead. When switched on, water was pumped through the holes in the sponge, creating a bath for the small child.

The statue holds sentimental value for the Council and many residents alike.



Police are continuing to investigate the theft of the statue.

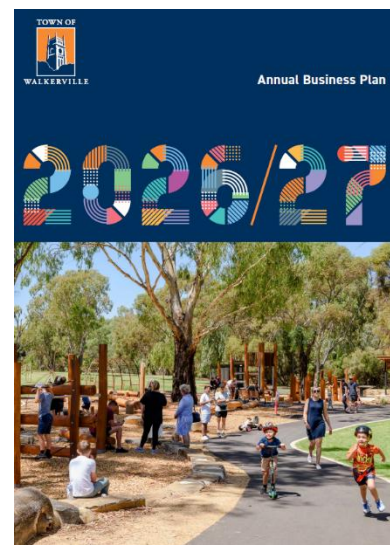
The statue is approximately 80cm tall.

Anyone with information on the theft or whereabouts of the stolen statue or who has CCTV or dashcam footage from the area should contact Crime Stoppers at [Crime Stoppers South Australia – Share crime tips anonymously](#) or 1800 333 000.

Draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan out for consultation

The Town of Walkerville's draft 2026/27 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 2026/27.



The Plan is proposed to be funded by a **proposed average rate increase of 4.9%**, which is the current CPI for the March 2026 quarter. This balanced increase ensures Council's financial sustainability without compromising essential services or future planning.

The Annual Business Plan incorporates:

- Council's ongoing progress with major projects in the Township, including the upgrade of the Walkerville Sports Club, upgrades to Levi Oval and the commencement of early-stage initiatives for the revitalisation of Walkerville Terrace;
- Installing and monitoring CCTV in strategic locations to deter criminal activity;
- Undertaking a detailed design for Council's Fuller Street works depot;
- Establishing a community garden at The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre;
- Park furniture and bin upgrades;
- A range of events and activity opportunities within the Township; and
- The continuation of regular Council services and amenities.

At its Special Council Meeting on Monday, 25 May 2026, Council Members endorsed the draft Annual Business Plan for Consultation. The full Council report can be viewed on the [Council website](#).

The community is encouraged to view the draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and provide feedback.

Consultation is open from 9am on Wednesday, 27 May 2026, until 5pm on Tuesday, 16 June 2026.

You can review the draft 26/27 Annual Business Plan on the Your Say Walkerville website or pick up a hard copy from the Civic & Community Centre.

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

- Provide Town of Walkerville with feedback by undertaking the online feedback survey on [Your Say Walkerville](#);
- Email your written submission to walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au with the subject line "Draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan";
- Post your written submission to:
The Chief Executive Officer
Draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan
66 Walkerville Terrace
GILBERTON SA 5081
- Attend a Public Meeting on the draft Annual Business Plan at 6pm on Tuesday, 9 June 2026, at the Walkerville Town Hall – 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton. There will be a brief presentation from Mayor Melissa Jones and Acting Chief Executive Officer Muhammad Jawad. This will be an opportunity for community members to provide feedback to Council members; or
- Complete a hard copy survey, which is available from the foyer of the Civic & Community Centre – 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton.

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

New art exhibition on display

The Theresa Walker Gallery has a new art exhibition on display as part of Council's Your Art, Our Walls initiative – *Linear Perspectives* by local artists, Simon McIntyre and Lauren Gentile.

The exhibition titled *Linear Perspectives*, is a play on both Linear Park, the explored environment, linear perspective, and the drawing techniques used to create the illusion of three-dimensional space.

The artists describe this exhibition as a reflection on the experience of living alongside Linear Park in the Walkerville and Vale Park area.

"As a local resident, I spend a significant amount of time along the river, engaging in everyday activities with family and friends. Linear Park functions as both a meeting place for the local community and as a quiet retreat for individuals seeking connection with nature or time for personal reflection. These dual roles strongly inform the direction of this body of work," says Simon.

Since 2018, when Lauren met Simon's wife through a CAFHS mothers' group, their families have developed a close connection living within walking distance of one another and raising children of the same age.

While both artists have their own artistic practices, are independent and materially distinct, the exhibition is united by a shared context: their families, their neighbourhood and the landscape that shapes their daily routines.

Linear Perspectives will be on display until the end of August 2026. Next time you're in the Civic & Community Centre, be sure to check out the display.

Are you looking to showcase your work and take your artistic practice to the next level?

The Town of Walkerville invites artists to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for upcoming exhibition opportunities in the Theresa Walker Gallery, located within the Civic & Community Centre. To learn more or to put in an application, [click here](#).



Chatty Cafe

Join us at the next Chatty Café session next Wednesday, 10 June.

The Walkerville Community Committee will be running its next Chatty Café session this Wednesday! Pop down for a cuppa and a chat!

Come to a welcoming space where locals can take a seat at our “Have a Chat” tables, enjoy a cuppa and connect with others.

There's no cost, no bookings and no pressure – just drop in and say hello!

10am - 11am on Wednesday, 10 June 2026, at St Andrew's Church, 43 Church Terrace, Walkerville.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you're on your own, with a friend, a carer, a parent with young kids, or a grandparent – people of all ages and from all walks of life are welcome.

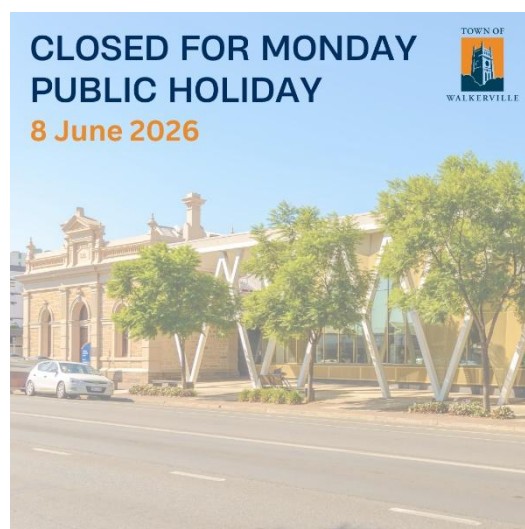


Public Holiday closure

Town of Walkerville and Walkerville Library will be closed on Monday, 8 June 2026, for the King's birthday.

Bin collections will continue as usual.

For any urgent issues, please contact Council's out-of-hours service provider on 8342 7100.



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Council Elections 2026

South Australian Council elections are held every four years, with the next elections coming up in November 2026.



Council elections provide an opportunity for community members to choose a Mayor and council members to represent their area.

You can get involved in various ways, either by nominating as a candidate, voting for your preferred candidate, or by helping raise awareness of the elections in your community.

As a resident or business owner in Town of Walkerville, you can participate in council elections and influence what happens in your local community by:

- nominating for a position on council – nominations open Tuesday, 25 August 2026 and close 12noon, Tuesday, 8 September 2026;
- voting for a candidate who represents your views – ballot packs will be sent out from Thursday, 15 October 2026. Voting closes (polling day) at 5pm on Wednesday, 11 November 2026.

To make sure you can vote or nominate, you must be enrolled on the state (House of Assembly) electoral roll. If you're enrolled for state elections, you'll automatically receive a ballot pack in the mail.

Voting in council elections is voluntary.

For more information on Council Elections, [click here](#).

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What's on at The W?

Social Table Tennis

Come and enjoy a friendly game of Social Table Tennis every Thursday at The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre.

Whether you're a beginner or a regular player, everyone is welcome in this fun and relaxed social session

- all equipment provided
- no bookings or registrations required
- Just turn up and play
- \$5 per person to join



For more information on all programs on offer at The W, visit the link below.

[Check out the full program guide here.](#)



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High Spirits Harmony

High Spirits Harmony is a multi-award-winning Adelaide women's singing group based in Walkerville. If you love to sing, then why not contact them to find out more about joining the group.



RAISE YOUR VOICE
JOIN HIGH SPIRITS HARMONY!

Tuesday Nights - 7:00 - 9:30pm - Walkerville



Why Join Us?

- Great harmonies, amazing people
- Modern and uplifting a cappella music
- Inspiring performance opportunities
- A warm and supportive community
- Friendship, laughter, FUN!

Homes with history: Edwin Terrace

As part of South Australia's History Festival, local historian, Lyn O'Grady, held a talk – Homes with history: Edwin Terrace.

The presentation covered the fascinating history of Edwin Terrace, Gilberton, which was once known as Grocer's Alley, as it was home to numerous people who held respected positions within the draper and grocery store industry.



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Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026/27 to 2035/36

Town of Walkerville is currently consulting on its draft Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2026/27 to 2035/36, which sets out Council's financial goals for the next 10 years.

The proposed Plan provides a roadmap for the long-term financial position of Council that will guide decision-making in areas such as sustainable services and responsible debt management levels, timing of major projects and revenue requirements, including annual rate rises.



For Council and the wider community, the LTFP is a key component of Council's strategic management framework.

This document is also particularly important as Council progresses its major projects, which will shape and transform the community landscape and its spaces for residents.

The 10-year LTFP ensures that Council is undertaking its normal duties and community services, while also delivering major projects in a safe and financially sustainable way.

Council is also meeting legislative requirements under the *Local Government Act 1999*.

At the Special Council Meeting on 25 May, Council Members endorsed the draft Long Term Financial Plan for consultation. The full Council report can be viewed on the [Town of Walkerville website](#).

The draft Long Term Financial Plan consultation will run from 9am on Wednesday, 27 May 2026, until 5pm on Tuesday, 16 June 2026.

For more information or to provide feedback, [click here](#).

Let's Reminisce

Who was John Walker, after whom Walkerville was named?



'Captain' John Walker was a man of mixed reputation. His early years in Adelaide earned him praise as "valuable" and "a fine, bluff, and genial English sailor" who immersed himself in the social circles of South Australia's elite. However, by 1841 Walker found himself jailed for unpaid debts, his reputation and social standing in tatters.

Walker was a retired British Navy Lieutenant and was working in Tasmania as a merchant, trading with India, when he met and married Theresa Chaunsey who had connections to Adelaide. In early 1838, they settled in Hindley Street, where Theresa had a block of land. Walker had a letter of introduction from the Duke of Wellington under whom he served in the Peninsular War and at Waterloo. He presented this letter to Governor Hindmarsh with a request to be appointed a Commissioner of Police. Walker became good friends with the Governor, and was often invited to dine at Government House.

When land selections were possible, Governor Hindmarsh selected Section 476 (Walkerville) and two other sections, and sold them to a syndicate as he was being recalled to England. Walker represented the syndicate in collecting the instalments from the new landowners. On the 25th November 1838 the naming of the village and of the streets was decided. There was much discussion as to who should be honoured and it was finally settled that the jovial 'Captain' Walker should be the man. It should be noted that Walker was not in fact a Captain, but fashioned his name as such.

Walker never lived in Walkerville, although it was rumoured that he did. He owned a piece of land that stretched between Warwick St and Smith St; it was sold due to Walker being declared bankrupt in 1841. He was arrested and imprisoned as a result of his unpaid debts, and following his release he failed to regain the societal standing he had previously enjoyed. Walker eventually retreated back to Tasmania in 1848 with his wife. He died there aged 58, and was warmly eulogised as "ever the warm-hearted friend, and an excellent companion; he lived respected and died lamented".

Sports Round Up

Annual Ball – Walkerville Football Club and Walkerville Netball Club

Join the Walkerville Football Club and the Walkerville Netball Club for their Annual Ball – an evening to celebrate the season so far. Hosted at the beautiful Ayers House, this will be a night filled with great company, music and dancing. Make sure you dress to impress!

Your ticket includes:

- 4 hour drinks package (beer, wine and soft drink)
- Food throughout the evening
- DJ and dance floor



Please contact the clubs' directly if you require a non-drinking ticket, or are under 18 (you will need a parent or guardian present and must vacate by midnight).

[Purchase your ticket here.](#)

Walkerville Football Club @ Walkerville Oval

Head down to Walkerville Oval to support our local teams in Round 8 and 9:

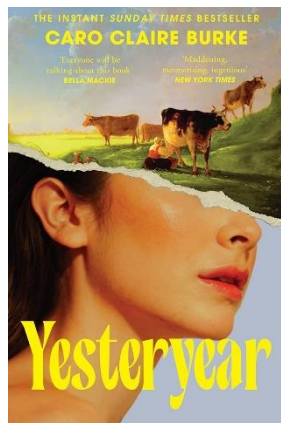
Round	Date	Time	Division	Opponent
8	Saturday, 13 June 2026	10.15am	Men's Division C8	Pembroke OS
8	Saturday, 13 June 2026	4.45pm	Women's Division 5	Houghton Districts
9	Saturday, 20 June 2026	10.15am	Men's Division C3	Pembroke OS
9	Saturday, 20 June 2026	12.15pm	Men's Division 3 Reserves	Pembroke OS
9	Saturday, 20 June 2026	2.15pm	Men's Division 3	Pembroke OS

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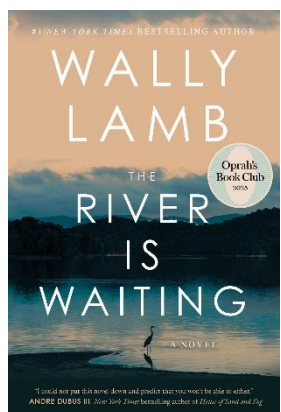
Between the Stacks

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



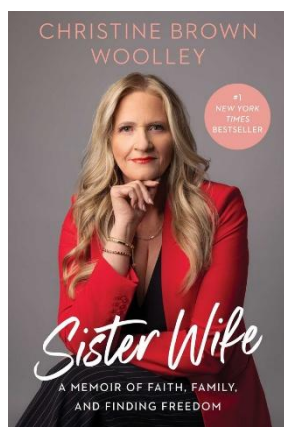
Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke

Yesteryear was one of those books that constantly kept me off balance—in the best and worst ways. It isn't a straightforward or comfortable read, but it's certainly memorable.



The River is Waiting by Wally Lamb

The River is Waiting was an emotionally powerful read, and I really enjoyed the exploration of grief, guilt, and the possibility of redemption. It was heartbreaking but compelling, and left me with a real sense of hope.



Sister Wife by Christine Brown Woolley

A courageous and heartwarming memoir with fascinating revelations. Beautifully written with humour and positivity. An engaging story from start to finish.



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Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concert



WALKERVILLE ROTARY CLUB

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT

PRESENTS

Jude Toye



SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2026, 2.00-4.00PM

Doors open at 1.15pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

Walkerville Town Hall, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton

*Jude Toye has around 300 songs in her repertoire and
happily takes song requests*

For more information contact
Peter Sowden of the Rotary Club
0402 491 255.

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English support assistance

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ENGLISH



SUPPORT

ASSISTANCE

10AM-11.30AM | MEETING ROOM 2

FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.
EXCLUDES SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

JOIN ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY SESSIONS, DESIGNED FOR ANYONE
LOOKING TO IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH AND GAIN CONFIDENCE.
THE SESSIONS ARE LED BY A VOLUNTEER AND FORMER TEACHER
WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HELPING PEOPLE WITH THEIR ENGLISH.

WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH:

- PRACTISING EVERYDAY ENGLISH
CONVERSATION AND WRITTEN SKILLS
- COMPLETING FORMS AND
UNDERSTANDING DOCUMENTS

**FREE, DROP-IN SERVICE
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL COUNCIL 8342 7100
DURING BUSINESS HOURS

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One-on-One Support meeting with the Office for Small & Family Business

Small business owners in Town of Walkerville and City of Prospect can book a free 45 minute one-on-one session with a representative from the Office for Small & Family Business to receive tailored business support.



A Business Support Officer from the Office for Small and Family Business will be visiting Payinthe, on Prospect Road on Wednesday, 10 June to meet with local business owners. Sessions are 45 minutes, and there are only five spots available. During the free one-on-one session, the Business Support Officer can help you:

- Navigate government support services
- Connect with resources
- Access grants or funding
- Uncover tools and tips that will help your business grow

When: Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Time: 45 minute session between 9am and 2pm

[Book your spot here.](#)

Don't delay, secure the time that works best for you.

If your preferred time is already booked, please contact the Economic Development team at the City of Prospect at business@prospect.sa.gov.au, and we will add you to the waiting list.

The Office for Small and Family Business provides support and advice for businesses to access state government information, support and services.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
SAFER COMMUNITIES



POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2026

**Do you know a police officer
who deserves recognition for
service to the community?**

**Here's your chance to say
thanks for a job well done!**

**NOMINATE
NOW!**



All submissions are welcome.

For further details about the award, or to
download the nomination form visit our
website www.unleyrotary.org.au.

Submit your completed nomination form by email to
pooty@unleyrotary.org.au or by post to SA Police
Officer of the Year Award, Rotary Club of Unley,
PO Box 18, Unley SA 5061.

Nominations close Friday, 10 July 2026.

Proudly sponsored by:

Rotary
Club of Unley



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Inspire

In conversation with Hannah Kent

Join us in conversation with multi-award-winning author Hannah Kent as she speaks with Michelle Prak about her latest book, *Always Home, Always Homesick: A Memoir*.

This is Hannah's love letter to Iceland, a land that has forged a nation of storytellers and her ode to the transcendent power of creativity.



6pm-7pm, Wednesday, 24 June 2026 in the Walkerville Town Hall. \$10 per person, includes a glass of wine or non-alcoholic drink on arrival.

[Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100, suitable for adults.



Vickers Vimy Exhibition tour

Join us for a guided visit to Adelaide Airport's Vickers Vimy Exhibition, which commemorates the 1919 England to Australia flight by brothers Ross and Keith Smith, previous residents of Walkerville. See the restored Vickers Vimy bomber on display and enjoy a personalised tour with a volunteer guide, featuring stories and insights. Following the visit, we will enjoy a light lunch at the West Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

9.20am-2pm, bus departing at 9.30am, Monday, 29 June 2026. Meet in the Civic & Community Centre carpark. \$15 per person, Town of Walkerville residents over 60+.

[Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100.

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Whatever the Weather, We're in This Together

Join us for a special edition of Wiggle, Giggle, Bubbles with Channel Nine weather presenter, Jessica Braithwaite. Together, we will read and sing along to her new book, *Whatever the Weather, We're in this Together*.

Book available to purchase with personalised signings on the morning.

10am-10.30am, Monday, 29 June 2026 in the Walkerville Town Hall. Free, suitable for children 0-6.

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



Intro into Dungeons & Dragons

Ever wanted to jump into a world where your choices shape the story? Come along to this Dungeons & Dragons intro session where you'll be guaranteed fun and adventure.

No experience needed, small group, **bookings essential**. Free, suitable for teens 13+.

4pm-6pm, Monday, 6 July 2026 in Room 1855 at the Walkerville Civic & Community Centre.

[Book via Humanitix](#) or phone Council on 8342 7100.

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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.

Main roads	Gilberton/Medindie	Walkerville	Vale Park
		11/6/2026	17/6/2026
24/6/2026	1/7/2026	9/7/2026	15/7/2026
6/8/2026	12/8/2026	19/8/2026	26/8/2026
3/9/2026	9/9/2026	16/9/2026	23/9/2026

Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 15 June 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.

For instance, via the e-news, Council regularly provides updates on major projects, like The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre or the Walkerville Bowling & Community Club.

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



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