



Congratulations to  
this year's Volunteer  
of the Year Award  
winners!

# Weekly Round Up

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## Volunteer of the Year Award winners

Town of Walkerville recognised the hard work and dedication of local community members at yesterday's Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Council held its annual Volunteer of the Year Awards in the Walkerville Town Hall, which included a speech from the Mayor of Walkerville, Melissa Jones.

Mayor Jones said, "These awards support the notion that there is no greater measure of a society's strength than the people who make up its community.

"This years' nominees are both outstanding and diverse. We recognise these volunteers for not only their contribution, but also for the example they set for others."



*William Shaw OAM from the Adelaide Male Voice Choir, Mayor of Walkerville Melissa Jones, Peter Sowden from the Rotary Club of Walkerville, Raina Nechvogold from Walkerville ECH College Grove, and Barry Butler from the Walkerville Bowling Club.*

The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Peter Sowden from the Walkerville Rotary Club for his dedication to volunteering at the Club.

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Mr Sowden is the Director Community Service and runs multiple community events, such as the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concerts, fundraising barbecues, works to maintain Rotary's tree growing facility, and fronting the ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast at the Walkerville RSL.

While accepting the award, he said, "Being a part of the Walkerville Rotary is simply about giving back to the community."

"I am constantly surprised by the good feeling I have from doing a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concert, or a barbecue, or any other event we do."

"I encourage people to volunteer because it is a good feeling. There is a lot of people who do what I do, so this award is for all of us!"

Community Event of the Year was awarded to the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concerts.

The popular event is held four times a year by the Walkerville Rotary Club. For 25 years, this concert has been held to support the Township and bring a few hours of joy to the community.

Mr Sowden accepted the award on behalf of the Rotary and said that the whole point of the concert was to give back to the community.

The Mayor's Choice Award was presented to Barry Butler from the Walkerville Bowls Club.

A stalwart volunteer of the club since 1988, Mr Butler has been bar manager for the club



*Peter Sowden from the Rotary Club of Walkerville and Mayor of Walkerville Melissa Jones.*



*Mayor of Walkerville Melissa Jones with Barry Butler from the Walkerville Bowling Club, winner of the Mayor's Choice Award.*

for 35 years and run the Night Owls for 26 years. Mr Butler was made a life member of the Walkerville Bowling Club in 2000.

Certificates of Commendation were also awarded to runner-up nominees. Raina Nechvoglod received a commendation as runner-up for the Volunteer of the Year Award, and William Shaw OAM received a commendation on behalf of the Adelaide Male Voice Choir for being a runner-up in the Community Event of the Year Award category.

During Mayor Jones closing speech, she said, "Thank you for embracing the spirit of volunteerism to make all of our lives better.

"Please continue to seek opportunities to serve our communities and help those in need so that we can be the change we want to see in the world."



*Mayor of Walkerville Melissa Jones presented the awards to each award recipient.*



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## 39 Smith Street site set for refurbishment

Town of Walkerville is excited to announce the recent Council decision to refurbish the 39 Smith Street site, bringing the community hub back to its former glory.

At the [Monday 17 April 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting](#), Council endorsed the budget refurbishment, which will include mandatory upgrades to the services of the building, as well as the improvement of toilet facilities, renewal of car parking, new landscaping and an upgrade to modernise the façade of the building.

Council has endorsed a \$6.5 million refurbishment option and is currently in the process of workshopping the building design.

Council will be allocating \$1.5 million in the 2023/24 budget and the State Government has granted \$5 million towards the project, through Member for Adelaide Lucy Hood MP.



*Mayor Melissa Jones is looking forward to the exciting new developments for the 39 Smith Street site.*

The upgrade will reactivate the former recreation centre into a useable and practical space for the community, as well as improve spaces for squash, basketball and gymnastics.

Following completion of detailed designs, a tender will be released and a works timeline will then be scheduled.



*Member for Adelaide, Lucy Hood MP, and Mayor of Walkerville, Melissa Jones.*

An expressions of interest process for users of the refurbished facility is also expected to take place later in the year.



*The first initial concept design of the 39 Smith Street refurbishment.*

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# Policies for consultation

There are three policies currently out for public consultation.

Council regularly reviews policies to ensure they are up to date and meeting the needs of the community.



Policies currently up for consultation include the:

- **Draft Public Consultation Policy**
  - Formerly the Community Engagement & Consultation Policy, the Public Consultation Policy has been reviewed to guarantee a balance is achieved between the need to understand community views, reach timely decisions, meet legislative requirements, provide information, and maintain commercial confidentiality.

The primary change includes the removal of the requirement for personal details (name and street address) to be provided in order for a submission to be considered.



- **Draft Plaques Policy**

- The Plaques Policy has been reviewed to ensure a consistent approach to the selection and installation of plaques affixed to Council-owned furniture or similar infrastructure in public open spaces and community land within the Town of Walkerville.

The changes are a result of a scheduled review of the Plaques Policy to ensure there is a consistent approach to dealing with plaque-related matters.

- **Draft Rating Policy**

- The Rating Policy has been reviewed for the 2023/24 financial year, which includes minor changes and has been reviewed in conjunction with the recent internal rates audit. The Rating Policy must undergo an annual review.

If you wish to provide feedback on any of the above policies, you can:

- Send an email to [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au) with the subject line filled with the relevant policy
- Post a response to Council to:

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer  
\*name of policy\*  
66 Walkerville Terrace  
GILBERTON SA 5081*

Hard copies of the draft policies are available from the Civic and Community Centre – 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton.

These three draft policies are open for consultation from **9am on Tuesday 16 May 2023 to 5pm on Monday 5 June 2023**.

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

## Wiggle Walk

The first Wiggle Walk, following the regular Wiggle, Giggle, Bubbles session on Monday, encouraged our participants to experience how 'A walk can work wonders'.

Regular Wiggle, Giggle, Bubbles participants set off on a 30-minute walk before ending up at Nest Café on Walkerville Terrace, where they were treated to a free coffee and cake.

This initiative from Wellbeing SA, and activated by Libraries SA, will be running after Wiggle, Giggle, Bubbles for the next month.



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# Domestic Violence Awareness Month

This month is an opportunity to raise awareness of the ongoing domestic violence epidemic in Australia.



Domestic violence does not discriminate, affecting people of all ages, races, beliefs, backgrounds and social positions. Town of Walkerville aims to **stand up, speak out** and **act** to prevent violence against women.

As part of Council's White Ribbon commitment, it has partnered with the Domestic Violence (DV) Safe Program as a collection point for old (working) mobile phones. The mobile phone is often one of the first items to be thrown, broken or stolen during domestic violence, leaving the victim cut off from the outside world, with no way to call emergency services or helplines for assistance. The DV Safe Program:

- Encourages the community to donate unwanted phones and repurposes them for those vulnerable members who need a "safe" phone in times of emergency.
- Handles the security requirements around the disposal of old mobile devices (they individually factory reset and test every phone, as well as destroying any removable SD cards).
- Meets the environmental requirements around disposal of old mobile devices (if the phone is unusable due to age/damage, it is recycled through an official mobile phone recycling centre).

A mobile phone collection box is in the foyer of the Walkerville Civic and Community Centre. For more information on DV Safe Phone, visit the [website](#).

## Weekly waste tip

Do you know how to best utilise your kitchen caddy and green bin in your home?

All food scraps, tissues, paper towel, shredded paper, and more can be composted through your green bin.

If you're worried about the smell or the bugs that can sometimes come with use of your green bin, here are some handy tips:

### Kitchen caddy tips

- Empty your caddy when it's full, or every two to three days, so the scraps aren't sitting on your bench getting smelly.
- Dry materials like tissues, paper towels, paper serviettes, shredded paper, toilet paper rolls and brown paper bags can all go in your kitchen caddy, and are great for soaking up odour and moisture.
- Sprinkle bi-carbonate (baking) soda on top of your food scraps to soak up some of the odour.

### Green bin tips

- Line the base of your green bin with things like newspaper, shredded paper, cardboard (with any plastic packaging tape removed), pizza boxes, egg cartons, dry leaves or garden clippings to help food from sticking.
- On sunny days, leave the lid of your green bin open to allow for aeration and to help the materials dry out.
- Keep your green bin in the shade if you can.

For more information, head to the [Which Bin website](https://www.whichbin.sa.gov.au).



# Walkerville Terrace freshen up

New plantings, footpath repairs and tree maintenance this week.

Council staff and contractors were out in force this week along Walkerville Terrace as part of a maintenance blitz to freshen up the feature streetscape sections.

Works included upgrading the garden beds out the front of Walkerville Terrace Shopping Centre, canopy lifts to the avenue of pear trees, and maintenance works to remove trip steps along the paved footpath.

Come and have a chat to our staff next time you are out and about to see what they are up to next!



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# Footpath renewals and repairs

Council's annual footpath program is about to commence.

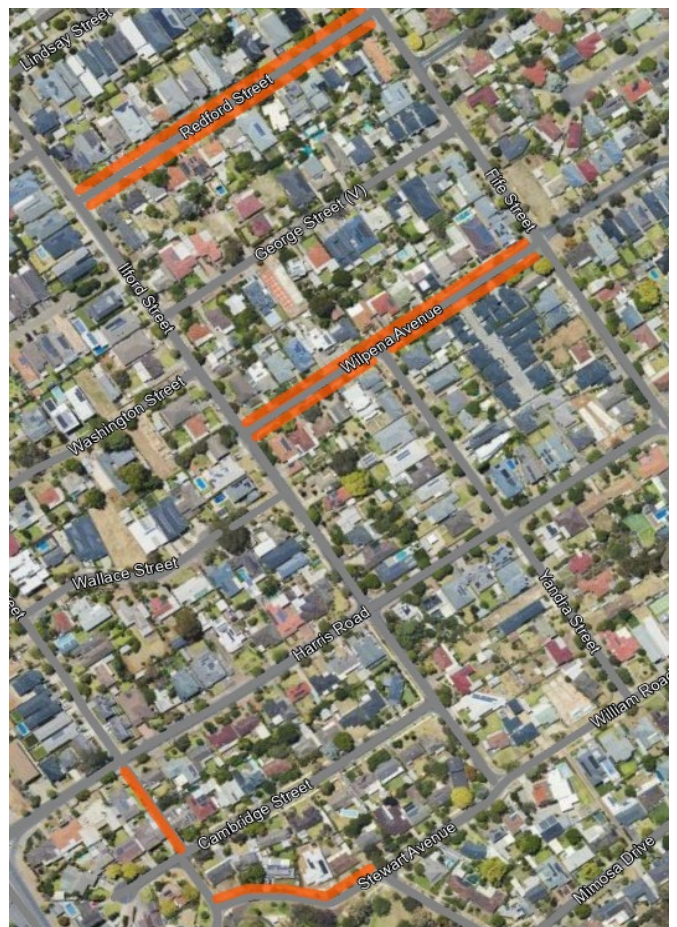
Each year, the Town of Walkerville repairs and replaces footpaths across the Township as part of our Capital Renewal Program.

The year the following paths have been nominated:

- **Smith Street** – Church Terrace to 39 Smith Street, Walkerville (South-West side)
- **Warwick Street** – Walkerville Terrace to The Watson carpark, Walkerville (South-West side)
- **Stewart Avenue** – Mimosa Drive to Stewart Avenue intersection, Vale Park (North side)
- **Cambridge Walk laneway** – Cambridge Street to Harris Road, Vale Park
- **Redford Street** – Fife Street to Ilford Street, Vale Park (both sides, patching)
- **Wilpena Avenue** – Fife Street to Ilford Street, Vale Park (both sides, patching)

Works will continue until late May/ early June.

For further information, please contact Council by phone on 8342 7100 [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au).





Learn



Laugh



Inspire

## History talk – Swanscombe a historic home in Walkerville

Local historian Lyn O'Grady will present an illustrated talk on the families who called Swanscombe home, including young David Unaipon, surveyor CB Young, Lady Bacon, CVT Wells and more. The presentation will include many photos from the 1950s, before the land was subdivided.

6pm–7pm, Tuesday 23 May 2023. Walkerville Town Hall. Adults \$5 per person. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/swanscombe](https://events.humanitix.com/swanscombe)



## National Simultaneous Storytime – *The Speedy Sloth*

Join Walkerville's librarian in Hamilton Reserve as we simultaneously, with libraries Australia-wide, read the book *The Speedy Sloth* by author Rebecca Young under the shade of a bell tent. After the official reading, the children will be invited to participate in a fun activity.

11am-12pm, Wednesday 24 May 2023, Hamilton Reserve. Suitable for children aged 3+. Children must be supervised by an adult guardian. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/national-storytime-5081](https://events.humanitix.com/national-storytime-5081)



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## Sydney Writers' Festival at Walkerville Library

Sydney Writers' Festival is coming to Walkerville Library for literature, ideas and storytelling. The Festival will livestream its headline events from Sydney to Walkerville. Prepare to be invigorated and engaged by conversations, debates and discussions featuring some of the world's finest writers and thinkers. [Click here](#) to see the program.

9.30am-4.30pm, Thursday 25 May 2023

9.30am-4.30pm, Friday 26 May 2023

9.30am-12.30pm, Saturday 27 May 2023

Suitable for adults, free, and no bookings required.



## Author Talk with Thomas Murrell

A whole generation of talented Australian female artists have been forgotten or overlooked. So, who are they? Art collector, author and broadcaster, Thomas Murrell, will talk about his book "Hidden Talent: Untold Stories of the Fairview Art Collection", focusing on one of his favourites, Gilberton artist Mary Millicent Wigg (1904-2001, Australian oil painter). A drink and light snack provided.

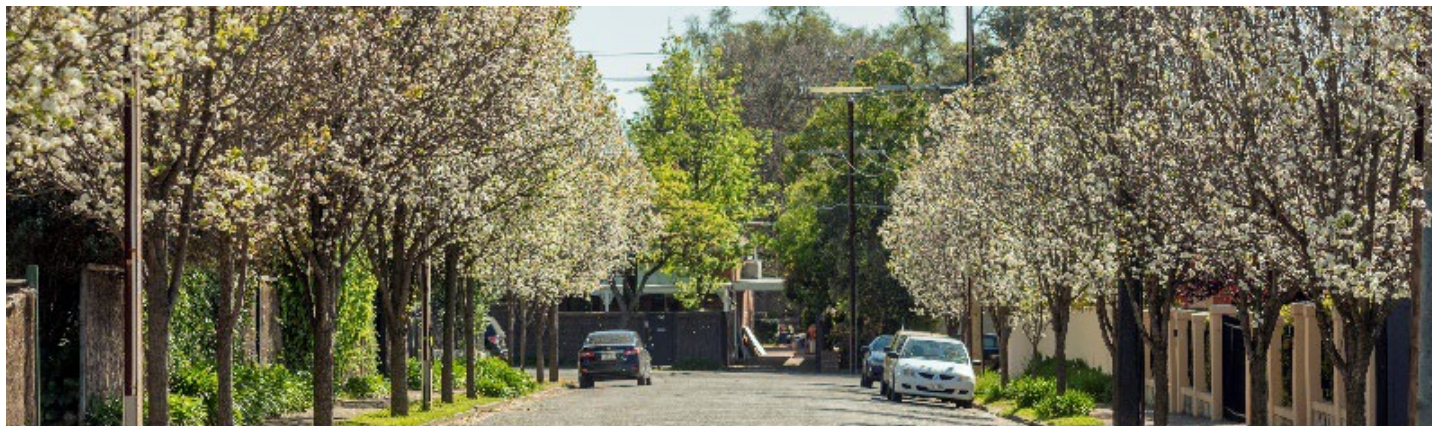
6pm-7pm, Wednesday 31 May 2023.  
Walkerville Town Hall, suitable for adults,  
\$10 per person. Bookings essential by  
calling 8342 7100 or

[events.humanitix.com/art-talk](https://events.humanitix.com/art-talk)



# 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.

*\*Updated sweeping schedule*

Main Roads	Gilberton/Medindie	Walkerville	Vale Park
24/05/2023	31/05/2023	8/06/2023	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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