



Welcome our new
Town of Walkerville
Chief Executive Officer,
Andrew MacDonald!

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New Chief Executive Officer announced for Town of Walkerville

The Town of Walkerville is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Andrew MacDonald.

Andrew brings a wealth of knowledge to the Town of Walkerville and more than 15 years of Local Government experience – including as Wakefield Regional Council CEO, Kingston District Council CEO and Management roles at Adelaide City Council.

Andrew is expected to take the reins in September 2023.

Prior to his time in both Local Government positions and the private sector, Andrew spent 20 years in the Navy.

He is renowned for his strong focus on the importance of small community, as well as positive culture and inclusiveness – with a proven track record of achieving great outcomes.



Andrew MacDonald with his wife, Katrina.

Andrew successfully led Wakefield Regional Council through the COVID-19 emergency, resulting in recognition by the Local Government Professionals SA Association with a 2021 Excellence in Local Economic Development Award.

Under his leadership, Wakefield Regional Council also recently took out the Excellence in People and Culture Award at the Local Government Professionals SA 2023 Annual Leadership Excellence Awards for their 'One Team Culture Program'.

Town of Walkerville Mayor Melissa Jones said she was thrilled to have Andrew step into the shoes of CEO.

"I'm delighted that Andrew has accepted the position of CEO for the Town of Walkerville," Mayor Jones said.

"We were really impressed with his 'One Team' approach, along with his demonstrated knowledge and passion towards sporting and recreation, and his care and commitment to community.

"I am excited about what we can deliver in collaboration with Andrew, the Administration team and our Elected Members, to deliver for our community."

Andrew said he was excited about the opportunity to join the Town of Walkerville team.

"I look forward to working closely with Councillors, staff and the Walkerville community," he said.

The Town of Walkerville thanks Acting Chief Executive Officer Scott Reardon for his leadership over the past 18 months.



Scott Reardon, Acting CEO of Town of Walkerville for the past 18 months.

In the news

This week, 10 News First Adelaide broadcasted an incorrect rates increase for the Town of Walkerville.

On Wednesday night, 10 News First Adelaide aired last year's rate rise of 3%, instead of the currently proposed rate rise of 6.9%, which is currently out for [public consultation](#).

Town of Walkerville has contacted 10 News First Adelaide directly to rectify this incorrect information that has been aired – a correction was broadcast on Thursday night.

Elected Members workshopped and reviewed the proposed budget for 2023/24 extensively to ensure the rate rise meets the Township's current service needs and funds a number of important projects for the area – while also considering the ongoing cost of living pressures for our community.

To have a say on the proposed budget for 2023/24, head to the [Your Say Walkerville website](#). Consultation closes at 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023.



Have your say on the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan

Council's Draft 2023/24 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 2023/24.

The Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan will be funded by a proposed average residential rate increase of 6.9% (excluding growth), which is below the rate of inflation over the past 12 months and at the lower end of the projected rate rises in Councils across South Australia.

**DRAFT 2023/24
ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN**

Now open for public
consultation

Consultation closes
5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023

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This Annual Business Plan will continue Council's excellent maintenance of parks and gardens, progress our road and footpath renewal program, create new event and activity opportunities with the Township, and continue public consultation on important projects, policies, and initiatives.

At a Special Council Meeting on Monday, 5 June 2023, Elected Members endorsed the Draft Annual Business Plan for consultation. The full Council report can be viewed on the [Council website](#).

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The consultation for the Annual Business Plan opened at 9am on Thursday, 8 June 2023, and closes at 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023.

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

- Review the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan, which is available on the [Your Say Walkerville website](#)
- Provide Town of Walkerville with feedback by using the feedback survey on the [Your Say Walkerville website](#)
- Email your written submission to walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au with the subject line “Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan”
- Post your written submission to:
The Chief Executive Officer
Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan
66 Walkerville Terrace
GILBERTON SA 5081
- Attend a Special Council Meeting on the draft budget at 6pm on Thursday, 29 June 2023, at the Council Chambers, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton.

This will be an opportunity for community members to present a deputation with feedback to Elected Members. If you wish to make a deputation, please register your attendance with your submission in writing by 12pm on Thursday, 29 June 2023, by emailing office@walkerville.sa.gov.au

- Undertake a hard copy survey, which is available from the foyer of the Civic and Community Centre, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton

Feedback on the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan must be received by no later than 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023.

If you choose to post your submission to Council, we ask that you allow sufficient time for the postal delivery service so that your submission arrives at our offices by 5pm on Friday, 7 July 2023.

All submissions will be considered by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Monday, 17 July 2023, in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy.

Asset Management Plan

(Page 28 and 29 of the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan)

The majority of funding across each asset class for Council-owned infrastructure remains steady across the 10-year funding program to maintain current service levels, with the following exceptions:

- Roads 2025-2028 – Roads renewal funding slightly increases over these years to compensate for a reduction in the roads program in 2022-2024 to assist with funding of major strategic projects. This funding increase will help get Council road renewal back to the current service standard provided to the Township and allow the program to return to a more consistent funding model from 2028-2029.
- Plant and Equipment 2023-2025 – There is an increase in funding over two financial years as two major pieces of plant have reached their end of useful life in those years.
- Buildings 2024-2026 – There is a significant increase in funding over these two financial years due to anticipated additional work required in relation to the Walkerville Oval redevelopment and 39 Smith Street refurbishment, which is not covered by the relevant grant funding.



Expressions of interest for stallholders and food vendors for future Council events

Town of Walkerville is calling on all small businesses and community groups to express an interest in being a market stallholder or food vendor for upcoming outdoor events.

This is a great opportunity for local businesses to put their hand up and be a part of future outdoor events by the Town of Walkerville.

Applications for the expressions of interest (EOI) process are due by 5pm on Sunday, 16 July 2023.

To complete the application, head to the [Walkerville website](#), or for more information contact the customer service team on 8342 7100.

It should be noted that there is criteria that needs to be met to be successful in the EOI process.



Preparations underway for Council's street tree program

More than 120 street trees are planned for planting this year around the Town of Walkerville.

Council's field team is in the process of planting a multitude of new street trees across the Township in a variety of locations, as part of its commitment to Council's Urban Forest Strategy.

Some residents have received a notification this week that they will be receiving a new street tree out the front of their property.



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The development of the street tree program is a detailed process where Council's field staff map potential planting spaces across the Township to try to improve the local urban forest within a confined urban environment.

Considerations that are taken into account when selecting planting spaces and tree species include:

- Likelihood of species success
- Surrounding tree species
- Underground and above ground services
- Surrounding infrastructure
- Maximising canopy cover and cooling
- Setbacks from properties and driveways

Why is it important to establish and maintain a healthy street tree stock?

Street trees can:

- Reduce energy costs for buildings shaded by trees;
- Increase property values for houses on leafy tree-lined streets;
- Contribute to stormwater management by filtering rainwater and slowing run-off;
- Absorb odours and air pollutants;
- Increase native habitat and supporting wildlife conservation;
- Enhance community wellbeing – spending time around trees can reduce stress and anxiety, and increase happiness and productivity.

Planting will commence this month (June 2023).

Residents are reminded that it is an offence to damage or vandalise street trees.

If you have any objections to a proposed street tree out the front of your property, please contact Council in writing, walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au, as soon as possible so that the matter can be reviewed prior to planting.

Greening Ascot Avenue

Town of Walkerville commences landscaping works along the northern verge of Ascot Avenue, near the intersection with Harris Road in Vale Park, on Monday, 5 June 2023.



In 2022, this area was beautified with the addition of a 100m-long mural by Street Artist Marciano Arents of Senman Creations.

With the addition of verge-side planting, this area will soon become a lush and welcoming gateway into the Town of Walkerville.

The proposed landscaping will include an extensive variety of plant species, colours and textures to compliment the artistic mural. The existing concrete footpath, which runs through the site, will also be renewed as part of the project.

Works are expected to take approximately six weeks.





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Hall walking

Step into the Town Hall and boost your health at our indoor walking event! Walk at your own pace, enjoy the entertainment, and make new friends along the way. Not only will you improve your fitness, but also boost your mood and mental wellbeing. Stay for as long as you like, rest whenever you need and enjoy a hot beverage after walking before you brave the winter weather to head home. Anyone is welcome to join.

10am – 11am Fridays 16, 23 & 30 June 2023.
Walkerville Town Hall, free to attend and bookings encouraged at events.humanitix.com/hall-walking.

Event funded by Wellbeing SA campaign activated by Libraries SA.



Native bees in your backyard

Learn about the many varieties of native bees and how to attract them to your garden. Explore the special role of these fascinating creatures in our environment and make a “bee hotel”. Event suitable for adults and families.

10am – 12pm, Saturday 24 June 2023,
Walkerville Town Hall, \$5 per person.
Suitable for adults and children aged 5+ with accompanied adult. Booking essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/june-native-bees-workshop



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'Beyond the kerb' tour

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of resource recovery! On this tour, you will have the opportunity to visit a range of sites and discover what happens to your stuff once you are finished with it. Participants will be accompanied by environmental organisation KESAB and enjoy a morning tea and lunch at Ikigai Cafe on the day. The tour includes a range of interesting sites, such as the Integrated Waste Services Transfer Station, YCA Recycling and Habitat for Humanity shop ReStore.

8.45am – 3pm, Tuesday 27 June 2023, \$10 per person. Bookings essential as seats are limited! Contact KESAB on 8234 7255 or email eloise@kesab.asn.au

Ochre play session for NAIDOC week

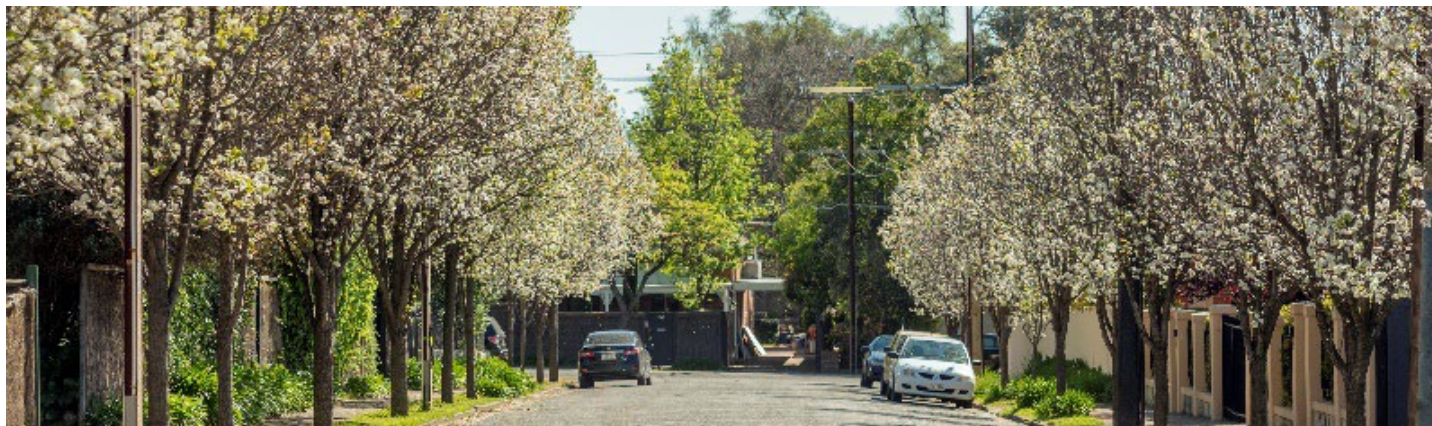
Learn about the customary uses of ochre in Aboriginal culture in this school holiday event. This session is a unique insight into traditional Aboriginal art and the use of traditional paints. Participants are encouraged to develop their own story using these symbols, painting a picture based on their personal experiences. Adults/guardians are encouraged to take part in the session too.

10am - 10.45am Monday, 10 July 2023,
Walkerville Town Hall. For adults and children aged 3 - 8. \$5 per person, children must be supervised by an adult guardian. Book by calling 8342 7100 or by events.humanitix.com/ochre-play-23



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.

Main Roads	Gilberton/Medindie	Walkerville	Vale Park
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), 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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