



Have your say on a  
proposed upgrade  
for parts of  
Walkerville Oval!

# Weekly Round Up

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## Mayor's Minute

**Keep up to date with the latest outcomes from Council meetings through the new Mayor's Minute program!**

Walkerville Mayor Melissa Jones will be giving a debrief to the community after every Council meeting through this new communication segment.

If you want to keep up to date with Council resolutions on important matters in the Township, then tune into the Mayor's Minute – which is available on social media and Town of Walkerville's YouTube channel.

The most recent Mayor's Minute covered the draft Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents, which is out for public consultation and closing to feedback at 5pm on Monday, 5 February 2024, and the establishment of a Major Projects Advisory Committee that will provide advice on the Major Projects for the Township.

You can also sign up to the Weekly Round Up and e-news to get regular Council news straight to your inbox. Subscribe here: [walkerville.sa.gov.au/subscribe](https://walkerville.sa.gov.au/subscribe)



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## Gather and giggle

The first gather and giggle session was held on Monday this week, providing the opportunity for children to come down to the Walkerville Town Hall for some 'free play', while parents relaxed and connected with other parents in the area.



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# Walkerville Oval amenity development consultation

The Town of Walkerville has developed concept plans for sports and infrastructure improvements within the Walkerville Oval precinct, which is currently out for public consultation.

The proposed changes seek to bring the existing sporting infrastructure at the Oval up to modern design, compliance and safety standards, whilst also improving pedestrian connectivity and amenity through the precinct.

The recommended changes have come about as a result of Town of Walkerville's long-standing commitment to improving the facilities at Walkerville Oval as part of its Major Projects strategy. The proposed scope of works would include the following:



- New Walkerville Oval lighting & electrical infrastructure;
- New multi-sport community court area with lighting (featuring line marking and match-compliant runoff for netball, basketball and tennis. Under plans, the current two tennis courts would be reduced to one tennis court to allow for line marking);
- New cricket practice nets (featuring six synthetic pitches for public use and two turf pitches to be used and maintained by the Walkerville Cricket Club);
- New 10m x 4m shelter with two picnic tables/seating and new barbecue, with an accessible path linking through to Alfred Street; and
- New public toilet (Exeloo).

The benefits of the above proposal include the improvement of night-time sporting standards, the introduction of community basketball within the oval precinct, the replacement of an old and dilapidated pergola structure with a new community picnic area (including shelter and barbecue) and the opportunity for new plantings and trees.

This consultation survey was launched this week and can be found on the [Your Say Walkerville website](#). Hard copy surveys can be found at the Civic & Community Centre.

**The Walkerville Oval amenity development consultation is now open and will run until 5pm on Wednesday, 7 February 2024.**



## Consultation on draft Code of Practice

**Council has reviewed its current Code of Practice – Access to Council Meetings and Documents (Code of Practice), which is now open for community feedback.**

The updated Code allows for Council Members to participate in Committee Meetings and Informal Gatherings when a matter is to be considered/discussed in confidence if a member is attending a meeting electronically or over the telephone.

Additionally, the reviewed Code of Practice will allow community members to ask a question during an Ordinary Council Meeting rather than submitting a request to the CEO prior to an Ordinary Council Meeting.

The new Code of Practice Policy is based on the Local Government Association's model Code of Practice Policy, which makes Committee Meetings and Informal Gatherings more accessible to Council Members during confidential matters, as well as Ordinary Council Meetings more accessible to the public.

The existing Code of Practice has also had minor amendments of a grammatical nature and to ensure it complies with current legislation and internal policies.

At the January Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council Members endorsed the draft Code of Practice for consultation. The full Council report can be viewed on the [Town of Walkerville website](https://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au).

**The draft Code of Practice is open for consultation until 5pm on Monday, 5 February 2024.**

If you wish to provide feedback on the draft Code of Practice, you can:

- Send an email to [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au) with the subject line "Draft Code of Practice";
- Drop off a feedback letter into the consultation box in the foyer of the Civic & Community Centre; or
- Post a response to Council to:

*The Chief Executive Officer  
Draft Code of Practice  
66 Walkerville Terrace  
GILBERTON SA 5081*

# We are hiring

## Town of Walkerville is currently hiring for two different roles.

### Town of Walkerville is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion.

The diversity of staff is one of Council's greatest strengths. An inclusive and equitable environment enables Council to deliver innovative and sustainable outcomes for the staff, clients and community. From day one, new staff members will be encouraged to be themselves and supported to perform at their best. With the right technology, support and resources, Council staff can work in a range of flexible ways.

Council encourages candidates to speak with a member of the recruitment team if you require adjustments to the recruitment process to support you and the type of working arrangements that would help you thrive.

### Rates & Finance Officer

#### The position:

The Rates & Finance Officer is responsible for the effective coordination and actioning of Council's data integrity and property rating systems, coordination of rates and collection functions, facilitation of payments and the provision of strong and professional communication for all internal and external stakeholders.

The Rates Officer is also responsible for assisting with the coordination and delivery of high quality, efficient and accurate financial services, as well as providing backup/back-fill duties for the Accounts, Finance and Payroll team during periods of leave.

The suitable candidate will possess the ability to function as an active member of the Finance Team who provide an effective and timely service to Council and its customers.

Essential experience and qualifications for the role include experience with Microsoft Office Suite and Adobe Acrobat Pro, proficient written and verbal communication skills, driver's license or equivalent reliable transport method and police clearance (ability to attain).

To find out key responsibilities and essential qualifications or to apply, [click here](#).

**Applications close at 5pm on Friday, 16 February 2024.**

# Notice of public meeting to reactivate the Walkerville Residents' Association

**A meeting will be held early this year with the aim to reactivate the Walkerville Residents' Association (WRA), which has been inactive for the past four years.**

The meeting, open to all residents of the Town of Walkerville, will be held from 6pm-7pm on Monday, 5 February 2024, at the Walkerville Civic & Community Centre in Room 1855 (entrance will be available via the rear car park, off Stephen Terrace).

Residents will be aware that a proposed new development on the site of the Buckingham Arms Hotel is currently under consideration by the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP). This proposed new development consists of three 10-storey towers with some 180 residences. Several residents in the Walkerville Council area have significant concerns about this development.

A revived Walkerville Resident's Association, open to all residents of the Walkerville, Vale Park, Gilberton and Medindie areas, aims to discuss the proposed design and size of the development, including traffic and environmental aspects at the entry to Walkerville Terrace.

Residents are encouraged to attend this short meeting and consider nominating themselves for the Management Committee (eight members required). For further information, please contact Mike Duigan at [mikeduigan19@gmail.com](mailto:mikeduigan19@gmail.com) or 0459 506 281.





## Weekly waste tip

Having a get-together for the Australia Day public holiday? Here's what you can do to make the most of your green and gold lidded bins, instead of sending things to landfill!

When celebrating, make sure you are doing your bit to keep Australia beautiful and not waste what Australians are so lucky to have!

**Avoid and reduce** - If you are having a barbecue or picnic, avoid using disposable cutlery, plates and cups. Use reusable ones or compostable brands. These can then be placed in your green bin along with leftover food for composting. Also, purchase a reusable picnic kit, some come in handy backpacks making them easy to carry wherever you go.

- **Reuse** - Rather than buying cheap plastic flags and toys that will end up in the bin at the end of the day, purchase a durable fabric flag or beach towel printed with a flag, this can then be used for many Australia Day celebrations.
- **Recycle** - Choose soft drinks in recyclable aluminium cans or glass bottles, which are 100% recyclable, rather than plastic bottles.
- **Compost** - If there is any uneaten food, make sure you place it in your green-lidded food and garden organics (FOGO) bin or home composting bin. Meat and seafood can be frozen until the night before your collection to avoid unpleasant smells and flies around your green bin.
- **Keep the scene clean** - When you leave the park, beach or campsite, make sure it is left clean and without litter. Conduct an 'emu walk' (also a good Australia-themed activity) before you leave to make sure any litter, or personal belongings, are not left behind.

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



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# Nominations now open for 2024 South Australian Volunteer Awards

**The 2024 South Australian Volunteer Awards are open for nominations until Sunday, 10 March 2024.**

These awards recognise the invaluable work that volunteers, volunteer managers, community organisations and businesses contribute to the South Australian community.

There are five nomination categories:

- The Joy Noble Medal – South Australia's highest distinction for an individual volunteer and is open to all individual volunteers across the State;
- 'The Andamooka' Community Project Award – awarded to a community, or group of volunteers, that has undertaken a community project resulting in significant community benefit;
- The Excellence in Volunteer Management Award – this award recognises the dedication and commitment of individuals who support and facilitate the engagement of volunteers;
- The Premier's Award for Corporate Social Responsibility – recognises the strong contribution the business sector makes to our communities through philanthropy, partnerships or releasing employees for volunteer service; and
- The Young Volunteer Award – introduced for the first time in 2023, this award celebrates the achievements and contributions made by a young volunteer aged 12-25 years old.



Any member of the public can nominate eligible recipients for these awards and self-nominations are accepted. The award guidelines and the online nomination form is available on the [Volunteering SA & NT website](#).



## ‘Circle of Security’ parenting program

Join the six-week parenting program focused on nurturing secure and safe family relationships. Centacare will guide parents through weekly educational and behavioural exercises to foster a safe family home.

**5.30pm–6.30pm, Tuesdays, 6 February to 12 March 2024. Free, suitable for adults. Held in meeting room 1855. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/security-parenting](https://events.humanitix.com/security-parenting)**



## Pickle Party

Learn how to pickle, ferment and preserve local produce! This workshop is part of a broader program, supporting you to grow food at home, connect with nature through gardening and experience positive impacts in health, wellbeing and sustainability.

What to bring: Two clean jars with labels removed, an apron (only if you want one) and a drink bottle.

**10am, Saturday, 10 February 2024. \$15 per person, Walkerville Town Hall. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/pickle-party](https://events.humanitix.com/pickle-party)**



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## Author talk - romance, crime and mystery

Experience an evening of literature, wine and cheese, and meet talented authors - Joanne Spiers, queen of romance, Mercedes Mercier, mystery maven, and Rebecca Heath, the crime master - as they discuss their latest releases and their literary journeys.

**6pm, Thursday, 15 February 2024. \$5 per person, suitable for adults, at Walkerville Town Hall. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at**

**[events.humanitix.com/romance-crime-mystery](https://events.humanitix.com/romance-crime-mystery)**



## Monster characters workshop

Do you love to draw? Design and draw your very own monster and their bedroom with George Rex, while you learn techniques about character design and drawing.

**10am, Saturday, 17 February 2024. \$2 per person, suitable for children aged 8-12. Children must be supervised by an adult, Walkerville Town Hall.**

**Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at**

**[events.humanitix.com/drawing-workshop](https://events.humanitix.com/drawing-workshop)**



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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
31/1/2024	7/2/2024	15/2/2024	21/2/2024
28/2/2024	6/3/2024	14/3/2024	20/3/2024
27/3/2024	3/4/2024	11/4/2024	17/4/2024
24/4/2024	1/5/2024	9/5/2024	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

## Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 19 February 2024.



Questions for public question time must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer prior to a Council Meeting via:

- email ([governance@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:governance@walkerville.sa.gov.au));
- post (Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 55 Walkerville SA 5081); or
- hand delivery (Community & Civic Centre, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton).



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