

**Major update for
39 Smith Street!**



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Major update to 39 Smith Street

In an exciting announcement, the Town of Walkerville is thrilled to reveal that a groundbreaking redevelopment will be taking place in Walkerville – set to reinvigorate the recreational landscape of the community.

In partnership with Member for Adelaide Lucy Hood MP, Council will be providing a brand new, state-of-the-art, recreational facility at 39 Smith Street.

The revitalised centre promises to be a hub of activity, offering community connection, wellness and enriching recreational experiences.

At Monday’s Special Council Meeting, Councillors considered both a refurbishment of the current building and a knock-down-rebuild option. Members unanimously supported a

complete redevelopment of the site as it would provide a modern and functional centre that caters to the needs of the growing community.

Mayor Melissa Jones said Council had recently been out to market requesting proposals for both a refurbishment option and a new build option to gauge current market costings.

“With estimated new build costs within Council’s budget, a brand-new build will provide fit-for-purpose facilities today and into the future. A new centre will ensure better value for money and provide the modern facility that the community has been asking for,” said Mayor Jones.

For the full story, head to the [Council website](#).



Mayor Melissa Jones with Member for Adelaide, Lucy Hood MP (left), with their children outside of 39 Smith Street, Walkerville.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

On Thursday, Walkerville RSL held an ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Walkerville Memorial Gardens.

Mayor Melissa Jones made a speech during the service touching on two local soldiers from the area who lost their lives in Gallipoli on 25 April 1915.

Charles Lawrence Hunt was 20 years old when he volunteered for service and was sent in the 1st Contingent for Gallipoli. His first day at war – 25 April – was also his last, as he was killed in action at Gallipoli.

Another local soldier, Walter Jordan Rusk of Walkerville, was another young soul killed in action at Gallipoli.

Mayor Jones said during her address, “These two men make up 54 of the fallen from World War I from the Town of Walkerville. Every single one left behind families, friends, classmates, colleagues and neighbours.

“It is hard to imagine the brutality of war, but when you read stories like these – it hits home.”

It was a touching service hosted by the Walkerville RSL.





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The first consultation for TOWards2035 ends

On Wednesday, the TOWards2035 consultation on the vision for our 10-year strategic plan came to a close.

The community engagement in this consultation was phenomenal, and Council Members and Staff want to thank everyone for putting their thoughts forward on what they think should be considered when creating our 'vision' for the strategic plan.

This consultation ran from 9am on Thursday, 4 April 2024, to 5pm on Wednesday, 24 April 2024.

There was one community safety forum and two community pop-up stalls – one at the Walkerville Terrace Shopping Centre and the other at Walkerville Oval during game day. Residents had the opportunity to meet Councillors and discuss ideas for improving the area.

The consultation for TOWards2035 has been a fantastic way to engage with community members on a face-to-face level.

In mid-May, a second consultation will take place, focusing on objectives and actions that the community want to see within the strategic plan.

Keep an eye out for the launch of our second consultation period for TOWards2035.



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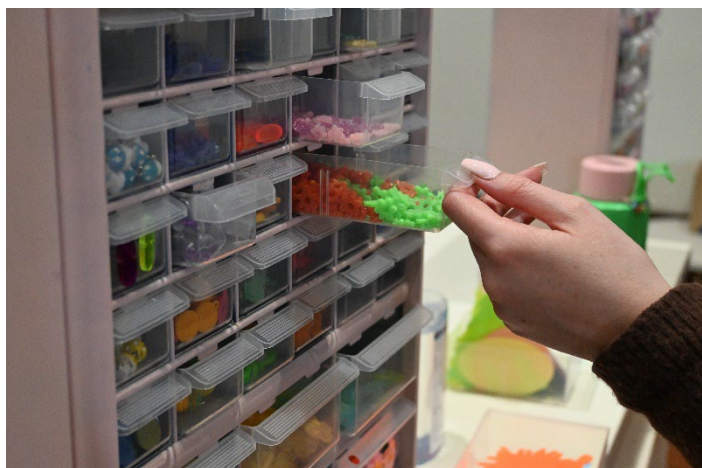
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School holiday fun – week 2

Jewellery making workshop

On Tuesday, teenagers attended a jewellery making workshop, where they learnt tips and tricks to creating their own earrings.

Each attendee walked away with two to three pairs of earrings, which they custom-made themselves with a variety of different materials and patterns.



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Ninja warrior workshop

Local children attended the popular ninja warrior workshop, where they traversed a range of obstacles and felt like a true warrior!

The children enjoyed running, climbing and jumping – all while honing their new ninja warrior skills.



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Do your bit for the environment

Several important environmental initiatives, that bring awareness to recycling and waste reduction, have popped up this April and May.

On Monday this week, it was Earth Day. This day encouraged people to commit to reducing their plastic usage and advocates for widespread awareness on the health risks of plastics.

On Wednesday this week, Stop Food Waste Day was held, providing handy tips on how to reduce your food waste at home. Reducing food waste can also save you money throughout the year.



In a couple of weeks, from 5-11 May, International Compost Awareness Week is on. This week encourages those in the community to understand the value of composting your food scraps at home. Council is holding a successful composting workshop on Saturday, 4 May 2024, where you can learn tips on how to compost successful at home. [Click here to attend the event.](#)

For more information about Earth Day, [click here](#). For more information about Stop Food Waste Day, [click here](#). For more information about International Compost Awareness Week, [click here](#).

St Andrew's Church tour

Come and see the historical stained-glass windows and hear their story during the St Andrew's Church tour.

Listen to the local Church guides as they tell you about the history of St Andrew's – the soul of the Town of Walkerville.

Held from 11am, Saturday, 4 May 2024 at St Andrew's Church, on the corner of Church Terrace and Fuller Street, Walkerville.

On the same day, the Church is holding a market onsite, between 10am and 2pm. The markets include a variety of stalls and food.

A big thank you to birthing kit volunteers

Rotary Club of Walkerville want to thank all the volunteers who came along to assemble birthing kits for Birthing Kits Foundation Australia on Sunday, 7 April.

The 800 birthing kits were collected last Tuesday, so these kits have begun their journey to a destination as decided by the Birthing Kits Foundation.



On the day, volunteer Kate Westland provided the attendees with her personal experience in Africa as a 16-year-old and explained how important the birthing kits are for developing countries.

The Rotary said that the volunteer turnout was wonderful and, as seen in past years, the positivity and smiles brought along by the volunteers added much to the event.

This event is supported from the Rotary's barbeque and Walkerville Art Show fundraising, and it is a particular project that brings a lot of pride to the organisation.

Rotary acknowledged the Town of Walkerville for providing the venue, which make the assembly days activities easier.

A thank you was also passed on to the Council Members who attended and assisted on the day, which included Mayor Melissa Jones and her daughter, and Councillor Liz Trotter and her family members.

For all who provided their details to Rotary on the day to be contacted at a later date for more volunteer opportunities, please send your details again to Jude at judeann58@gmail.com.

Backpacks 4 SA Kids in desperate need of more backpacks

Do you have backpacks lying around piling up in storage? Well Backpacks 4 SA Kids are in desperate need of backpack donations.



Backpacks 4 SA Kids' mission is to offer resources that contribute to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people during periods of dislocation from home and routine care.

The organisation works alongside child protection, child welfare, family violence and homelessness agencies to provide as many displaced children as possible with an age-appropriate backpack containing a range of essentials and other goodies.

The charity provides four unique tailored programs under the Backpacks 4 SA Kids banner, including:

Backpacks: For kids who leave home with little to no notice and often have no clothing or other essentials.

Home Starter Packs: Designed for families who have left a violent relationship at home and need to start again.

Anchor Packs: For young people aged 12-24 who are experiencing homelessness.

Christmas Program: Provided to newborns to 18-year-olds with Christmas gifts when entering emergency care.

The Town of Walkerville is part of a long list of drop-off points, accepting donations during business hours, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, in the foyer of the Civic & Community Centre.

For more information about the Backpack 4 SA Kids vision, donations and drop-off points, please visit [here](#).

Sunday April 28, 2024

9 am to 10:30 am

Starting Location: Next to the Mastersson Bridge
2 Victoria Tce, Walkerville SA 5081

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



With Steve Georganas MP, Federal Member for Adelaide, Walkerville Rotary, and the Walkerville Bushcarers.

Come join us with your family and friends to participate in cleaning up Australia! We will kick off with a discussion about the significance of our environment and any concerns you'd like to raise.

We will then divide into groups to begin our clean-up.

We will supply rubbish bags, gloves, and tongs, but feel free to bring your own if you have them!

We look forward to seeing you.

RSVP: 8269 2433 or via email to maddie.moustakos@aph.gov.au

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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.

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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.

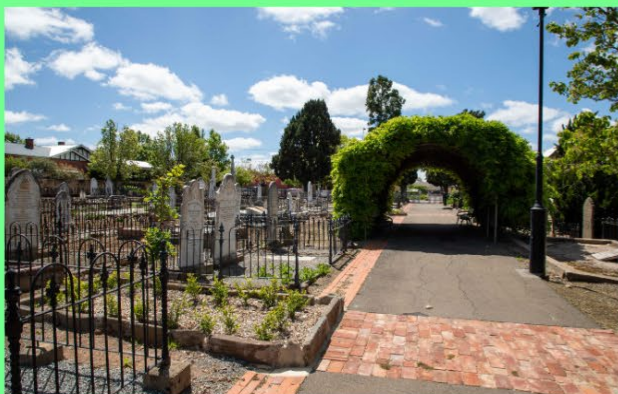
Wed 29 May, 6pm-7pm

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



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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

Successful composting workshop

Join Alan Shepard to understand the vital impact of composting. Discover the benefits of broken-down compost (humus) in enriching soil nutrients, retaining water and enhancing soil structure.

Then join Megan from East Waste half an hour either side of the successful composting workshop to learn about diverting food waste and other compostable materials from landfill.

11am-12pm, Saturday, 4 May 2024, Walkerville Town Hall, \$2 per person. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at events.humanitix.com/composting-icaw



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



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
	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
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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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