

BACKYARD BBQ

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CANCELLED**

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Weekly Round Up

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Backyard BBQ cancelled

Town of Walkerville has made the difficult decision to cancel the Australia Day Backyard BBQ due to forecast extreme heat conditions.

With the temperature expected to reach 44 degrees on Monday, 26 January 2026, Council determined that proceeding with the event would pose health and safety risks to residents, new citizens, event-goers, stallholders and staff.

While Council was looking forward to delivering the Backyard BBQ for its second year, the wellbeing and safety of the community must remain the top priority.

Council will still be holding the Citizen of the Year Awards at 10am, which will be relocated to the Walkerville Town Hall, and we welcome the community to attend.

Council thanks the community and local groups for their enthusiasm for this upcoming event, and look forward to hosting the Backyard BBQ again in the future under safer conditions.



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Chatty Café: Hawkers Reserve

Join the Walkerville Community Committee (WCC) at one of the new roving Chatty Café locations. Come along to Hawkers Reserve this Wednesday, 28 January 2026, and enjoy some light morning tea and a friendly chat in a welcoming, relaxed environment.



JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AT THE WALKERVILLE CHATTY CAFE

The Walkerville Community Committee is excited to invite you to the Chatty Café – a welcoming space where locals can take a seat at our “Have a Chat” table, enjoy a cuppa and connect with others. There’s no cost, no bookings and no pressure – just drop in and say hello!

2026 Dates | 10am-11am

January

Wednesday 28: Hawkers Reserve, 60 Hawkers Road, Medindie



February

Wednesday 11: St Andrew’s Church, 43 Church Terrace, Walkerville

Wednesday 25: The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre, 39 Smith Street, Walkerville

March

Wednesday 11: St Andrew’s Church, 43 Church Terrace, Walkerville

Wednesday 25: Walkerville Bowling & Community Club, Corner Church Terrace & Smith Street, Walkerville

May

Wednesday 13 : St Andrew’s Church, 43 Church Terrace, Walkerville

Wednesday 27: Hamilton Reserve, Stewart Avenue, Vale Park

April

Wednesday 8 : St Andrew’s Church, 43 Church Terrace, Walkerville

Wednesday 22: Walkerville Bowling & Community Club, Corner Church Terrace & Smith Street, Walkerville

June

Wednesday 10 : St Andrew’s Church, 43 Church Terrace, Walkerville

Wednesday 24: The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre, 39 Smith Street, Walkerville

What is a Chatty Café?

The Chatty Café initiative helps bring people together, reduce social isolation and build meaningful connections in our community.

Who is it for?

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



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Outdoor Movie Night

The Walkerville Community Committee proudly invites you to the first Outdoor Movie Night at Walkerville Oval.

Join the Walkerville Community Committee for a viewing of *Smurfs* on Friday, 13 February 2026. Gates open at 6.30pm, with the movie starting at 7.30pm.

Smurfs is a fun, family-friendly movie to enjoy on the big screen at the Walkerville Oval on Smith Street, Walkerville.

Enjoy a sausage sizzle, some popcorn and fairy floss while the Smurfs entertain you for the evening with their antics.



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Australia Day closures at Council buildings

The Civic & Community Centre, Walkerville Library and The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre will be closed Monday, 26 January 2026.

All Council-operated buildings will be closed for the Australia Day Public Holiday on Monday, 26 January 2026, and return to usual operating hours on Tuesday, 27 January 2026.

For any urgent matters, please contact Council's after hours provider via 8342 7100 during the closure period.



Walkerville Bowling & Community Club

Come along to a Wednesday night of entertainment at the Bowling Club on 4 February 2026.

There will be a happy hour from 5pm-6pm, followed by dinner at 6pm, and a performance from John Standley, a 2025 finalist from Search for a Star, from 7pm-9pm.

On Wednesday, 4 February 2026, at the Walkerville Bowling & Community Club. Book for dinner only at \$20, show only at \$10, or dinner and a show at \$30. Buy individually, a couple or a table of eight.

To book, email secretary@walkervillebowls.com.au.

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Walkerville Big Summer Read

The Big Summer Read challenges you to pick up a book and keep reading over the holidays.

Anyone between the ages of 0-18 are welcome to participate and log any book they read, that is read to them or listened to as an audiobook, or log the number of days spent reading.



Reading can be lodged at readbooks.com.au/bsr for your chance to be in the national running for some fantastic prizes! Your reading logs need to be returned by Monday, 9 February 2026!

In between reading, Walkerville Library encourages you to get creative and design your own bookmark. Pick up a template during Library opening hours from 1 December and return it back by 31 January to enter and win a prize. One prize per age category: 0-5 years, 6-11 years and 12-18 years.

Walkerville Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

All residents of Gilberton, Medindie, Vale Park and Walkerville are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Walkerville Residents' Association (WRA).

Guest Speakers are Mayor Melissa Jones and Mr Phil Harris, Architect & Adjunct Professor from the University of Adelaide.

5.30pm-7pm on Monday, 9 February 2026, in Room 1855 at the Walkerville Civic & Community Centre (corner of Walkerville Terrace and Stephen Terrace, Gilberton).

Nominations for the Management Committee for 2026 can be sent to contact@walkervilleresidents.org. Nominations are particularly encouraged from residents of Vale Park and Medindie. For more information or to keep up to date with WRA news, head to www.walkervilleresidents.org.

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Stay alert this summer!

Stay safe during the summer season by downloading the Alert SA app.

With Summer in full swing, now is the time to ensure every South Australian is emergency prepared by downloading the Alert SA app.

The Alert SA app is the only Government-endorsed app that gives you timely information and warnings about fire, flood, severe weather, heatwave and hazardous materials across the State.

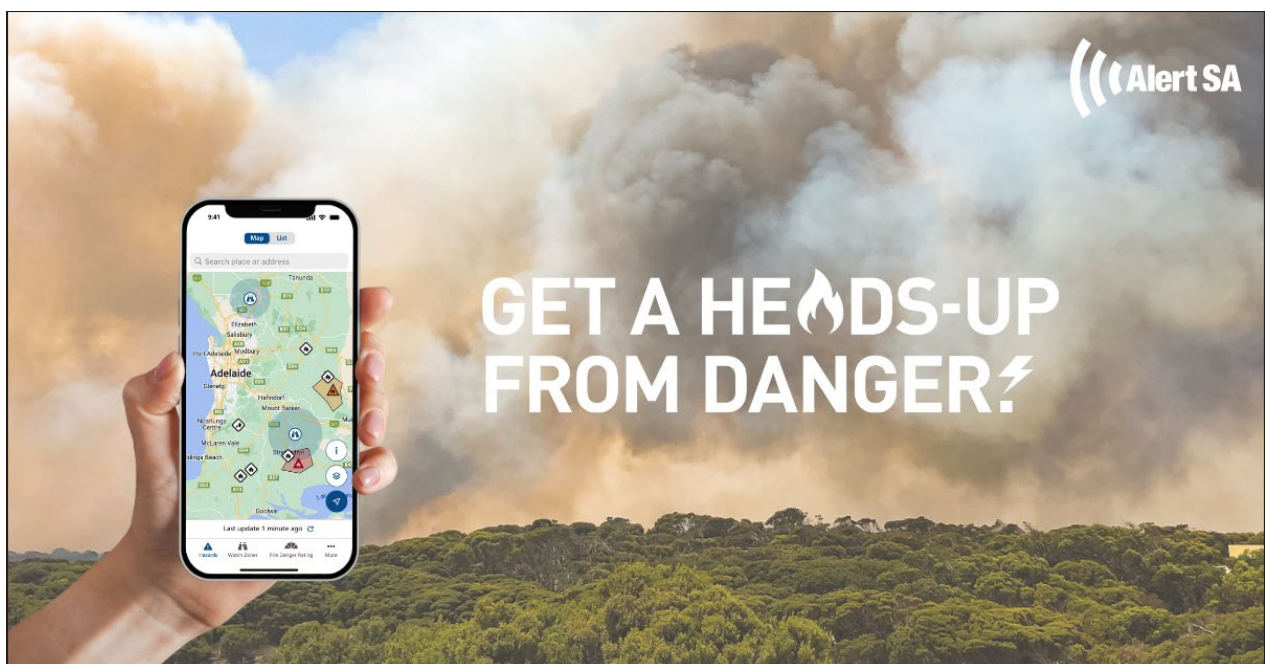
The app allows you to create up to 10 customisable Watch Zones to receive push notifications about incidents and warnings specific to that area.

You also can also view the location, operating hours and services available at relief and recovery centres that are opened during major emergencies, as well as sandbag locations.

The app is free to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play – simply search “Alert SA”.

Stay safe this summer and download the Alert SA app and set up your Watch Zones.

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



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Vale Park works

Council contractors are undertaking work on Arundel Street in Vale Park, near Vale Park Primary School.

The works include pedestrian safety fencing and pram ramp modifications. These works will be finished prior to school term starting.

Residents and people travelling in this area should expect traffic condition changes.

Vale Park Primary and its school committee approached Council asking for safety improvements to the streets surrounding the school.

This small upgrade is part of a range of traffic safety options that Council is considering for the Vale Park Primary School area.

Council is investigating large projects around Vale Park Primary School in the 2026/27 financial year, in a bid to improve traffic flow and student safety.



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Road Renewals 2025/26

Council's annual road renewal program is about to commence.

When is it happening?

Works are scheduled to commence on Tuesday, 27 January 2026, and are expected to be completed by Friday, 6 February 2026, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Works will generally occur from 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. However, due to the nature of the works, some activities may occur outside these hours at times.

What can I expect?

Residents and businesses expected to be impacted by these works will be contacted the week prior to work commencing.

Council will aim to minimise disruption during these works. However, some localised construction impacts may be experienced, such as:

- speed restrictions, lane closures and footpath detours around work sites during construction hours, as required;
- temporary loss of street parking and driveway access (affected residents will be notified in advance to ensure the works are coordinated appropriately);
- temporary relocation of bus stops, as required; and
- increased levels of noise and dust.

Council contractors will attempt to reduce this impact as much as possible.

List of roads on the renewal schedule:

- Dutton Lane - Dutton Terrace to End, Medindie;
- Cambridge Street – Ilford Street to End, Vale Park;
- Shergis Avenue - Harris Road to End, Vale Park;
- Church Terrace – Fuller Street to Burlington Street, Walkerville;
- Fuller Street - Walkerville Terrace to End, Walkerville;
- Monaro Court - Walkerville Terrace to End, Walkerville; and
- Wayside Lane - Walkerville Terrace to End, Walkerville.

For more information about these works, please contact Council's Assets & Infrastructure team on 08 8342 7100 or email us at walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au.

ENGLISH



SUPPORT

ASSISTANCE

STARTING WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026

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
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Safer Suburbs Grant Program now live

Town of Walkerville has launched its Safer Suburbs Grant Program, providing residents with the opportunity to receive funding – if eligible – for safety cameras at their homes or businesses.

The program reflects Council's commitment to fostering safe, resilient and connected communities, and directly supports the delivery of the Strategic 10-year Plan – TOWards2035.

This Policy applies to eligible applicants, including residents, local businesses, not-for-profit organisations, community groups and volunteer-based entities operating within the Township.



To be eligible for a Safer Suburbs Grant, applicants must be:

- a Town of Walkerville ratepayer living in the Council area;
- a resident living within the Town of Walkerville area (must provide written approval from property owner or landlord for installation of equipment);
- a not-for-profit organisation or community group based in the Town of Walkerville; or
- a local business operating within the Town of Walkerville that has an Australian Business Number, has current public liability insurance and, where relevant, have landlord and/or development approvals.

Funding will be provided towards the purchase of security camera/s, including CCTV installation and home security doorbells.

Residential applicants are eligible for a grant of up to \$100 per application, priority residents may be eligible for up to \$200 per application, and businesses and not-for-profit/community groups are eligible for a grant of up to \$500 per application.

For more information regarding the Safer Suburbs Grant Program, including the relevant Policy, and how to apply, [click here](#).

2026 bin and street sweeping calendars

Keep on top of the Council services for the New Year.

Council's waste collection service, East Waste, has released the Town of Walkerville's kerbside collection calendars for 2026.

Drop into the Civic & Community Centre to collect a hard copy or [click here](#) for a digital copy of the kerbside collection calendar.

Alternatively, download the My Local Services app, which helps you stay up to date with your recycling and waste collection, including weekly notifications on when to put your bins out.

This app can be downloaded on iPhone and Android. Search "My Local Services" in the App Store or Play Store.



Also, the [2026 street sweeping calendar](#) is out now.

Keep an eye out for when the street sweeper is visiting your street, as it helps if you:

- avoid sweeping leaves or clippings onto the road; and
- do not park caravans, trailers or boats on the road for extended periods.

Town of Walkerville's street sweeping program now includes path air brooming, which will keep our community's footpaths clean of debris and improve the Township's overall presentation.

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Multisports equals lots of fun

On Monday, children had the opportunity to try a variety of new sports and activities.

Children had a ball of a time with their fully trained coaches. This physio-designed program taught children many different skills - sporting and otherwise - in this fun-filled morning.



Animal cross-section workshop

Last Friday, Council held an animal cross-section drawing workshop.

Using random prompts, the children illustrated a fantastical cross-section of an animal that houses a character with a particular job or hobby.



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Your Art, Our Walls: Exhibit at the Theresa Walker Gallery in 2026

Are you looking to showcase your work and take your artistic practice to the next level in 2026?

The Town of Walkerville invites artists to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for upcoming exhibition opportunities at the Theresa Walker Gallery, located within the Civic & Community Centre.

Whether you're a painter, photographer, or a textile artist — we are looking for passionate, innovative and diverse creators to showcase their work in this open community space.

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



Waste tip: Make the most of your green and gold lidded bins!

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.

GREEN: Choose plates, cutlery and cups that are compostable brands and can be placed in your green bin for composting. All food scraps can go in the green-lidded bin, along with paper towel, serviettes and wooden meat skewers.

GOLD: Avoid single-use items by serving food and drink from reusable plates and cups, put all your recyclable bottles, cans and cardboard in your yellow-lidded bin, and save those 10c deposit containers to redeem some cash at the depot.

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



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Fruit fly zone extended until March

The Glynde (Adelaide metropolitan) Queensland fruit fly outbreak has been extended to 9 March 2026.

This is due to a recent detection of adult Queensland fruit flies in traps in the Glynde 15km Controlled Movement Zone.

Restrictions apply to growers, packers, retailers, wholesalers and residents located within the 1.5km Corrective Action Zone (red outbreak zone) and 15km Export Assurance Zone (yellow suspension zone).

Part of Walkerville and Gilberton is in the red outbreak zone, and the rest of the Township is in the yellow suspension zone.

These restrictions may impact your ability to send fruit fly host produce to certain markets, including interstate destinations, the rest of South Australia, and the Riverland. To view whether this affects you, [view the fruit fly map here](#).

Youth Parliament 2026

The YMCA Youth Parliament of South Australia is now open to applications and will close on 1 March 2026.

The YMCA Youth Parliament of South Australia is a non-partisan program aimed at amplifying and empowering the voices of young people.

To participate, applicants must be between 15 and 25 years of age, and currently reside in SA.

Youth Parliament runs from March to August every year and includes a training weekend, which is a week-long residential camp where participants debate at Parliament House.

If you are interested in applying or need more information, [click here](#).



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LEGO Club

Come and take on our monthly LEGO challenge! We'll provide the LEGO – YOU bring the imagination.

Free on the last Friday of each month.

*Excluding School and Public Holidays. Suitable for children 4+. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

3.45pm-4.45pm, Friday, 30 January 2026 at the Walkerville Library. No bookings required.

U Can Uke Term 1

Beginners Ukulele - 4pm – 5pm

This course introduces participants to learn the ukulele in a fun way. Basic chords and strums are included for new beginners and those who have just begun to play.

Beyond Beginners - 5.30pm – 6.30pm

The course is for ukulele players who have mastered the basics and want to move on. The course content varies to accommodate skill levels of participants. Course material included.

Bring your own uke or borrow one of ours. Starts Monday, 2 February 2026 in the Walkerville Town Hall. \$6 per person, single session; \$45 per person, eight weeks. Bookings: [Click here](#) or call 8342 7100.



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My Aged Care information session

Find the help you need from the representatives at My Aged Care in this handy information session. My Aged Care is the starting point to access Australian Government aged care services and information about the different types of services available. There will be a short presentation and plenty of time for a Q&A.

Services Australia will be in attendance on the day.

10.30am-11.30am, Tuesday, 10 February 2026, in the Walkerville Town Hall. Free, suitable for adults. Bookings: [Click here](#) or call 8342 7100.

Author Talk: An evening with Lainie Anderson

Come along to an evening with murder mystery author, Lainie Anderson. Lainie will talk about her new book, *Murder on North Terrace*, the second book in the *Petticoat Police Mystery* series. This book is packed with Australian history and follows *The Death of Dora Black*, Lainie's best-selling debut cosy crime book, inspired by the true story of Adelaide's pioneering policewoman, Kate Cocks.

Glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage on arrival. Books available to purchase on the night.



6pm-7pm, Wednesday, 18 February 2026, in the Walkerville Town Hall. \$10 per person, suitable for adults. Bookings: [Click here](#) or call 8342 7100.

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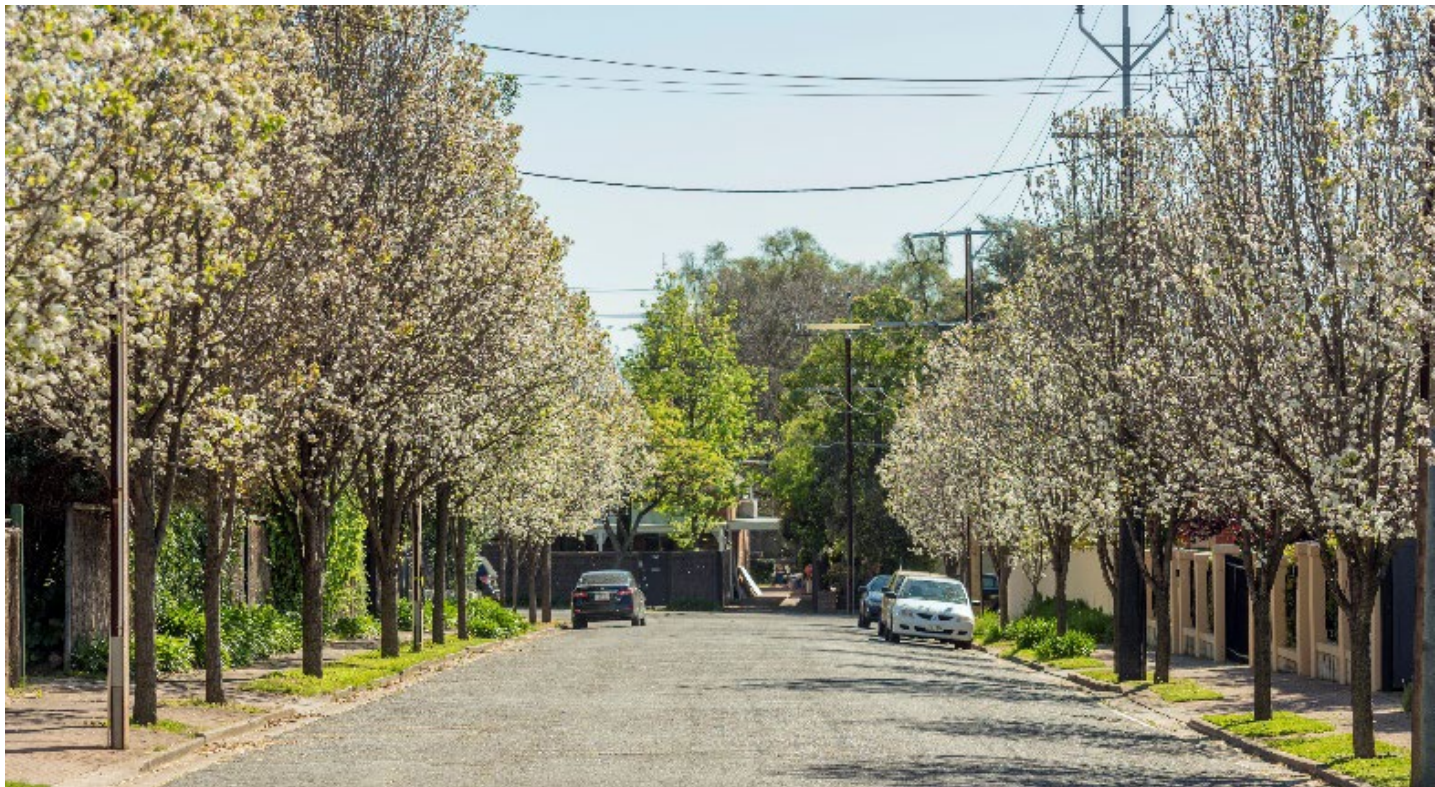
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Street sweeping helps keep the Township clean

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; and
- do not park caravans, trailers or boats on the road for extended periods.

Main Roads	Gilberton/Medindie	Walkerville	Vale Park
			28/1/2026
4/2/2026	11/2/2026	19/2/2026	25/2/2026
4/3/2026	11/3/2026	19/3/2026	25/3/2026
1/4/2026	8/4/2026	16/4/2026	22/4/2026
29/4/2026	6/5/2026	14/5/2026	20/5/2026
27/5/2026	3/6/2026	11/6/2026	17/6/2026

Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 16 February 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, Council regularly provides updates on major projects, like The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre or the Walkerville Bowling & Community Club, in the e-news.

To subscribe, click here: www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/subscribe



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