

Weekly Round Up

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Clean Birth Kits

What can you do with a plastic sheet, three pieces of string, a bar of soap, five pieces of gauze swab and a surgical blade? 🧑🏾🧑🏾

Blessing is a 19 year-old Zimbabwe woman who lives with her in-laws while her husband works away in South Africa to earn money for their family. She arrived at hospital by donkey car, a 1.5 hour ride, to deliver her first baby.

The labour went well and the family was so thankful that the financial burden of travelling 3 hours to town to acquire birthing items was taken away from them and they were able to welcome this little life into their family.



You can help mothers in remote communities give their babies sanitary births.

Join the Rotary Club of Walkerville to assemble 'clean birth kits' to send to expectant mothers in developing countries like Kenya, Uganda and Somalia.

Rotary will bring the clean birth kits, light food and soft drinks – you bring your packing skills and a smile 😊😊

Wednesday 3 March 2021, 6-8pm, Walkerville Town Hall.

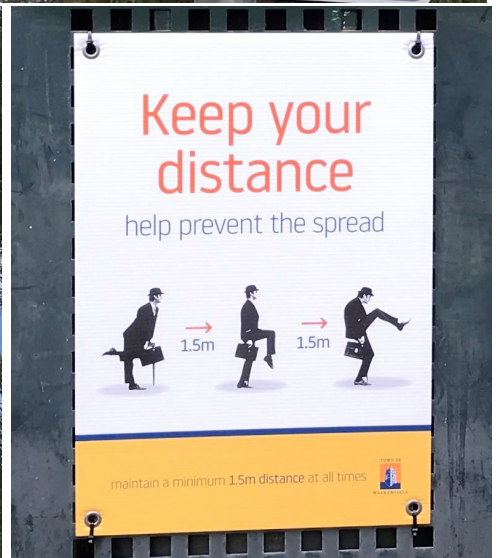
To RSVP, email Jude at judeann58@gmail.com

For catering purposes, please register any special dietary requirements.

To view a video on the journey of a clean birth kit, [click here](#).

What's that sign?

Keep an eye out for a suite of new signage throughout the district based on key areas of concern within the community.



The unique designs are aimed at conveying targeted messages in both an educative and quirky manner. The Town of Walkerville rolled out the new park and reserve signage to serve as a reminder to the community to pick up after their pets in public spaces and to avoid taking dogs within playground or tennis court areas. In addition, koala warning signs have been installed on Stephen Terrace, between Cluny Avenue and Ponder Avenue, due to reports of several incidents involving motorists and our native friends. The range of signage follows the popularity of Council's COVID-19 corflutes, which featured a creative take on John Cleese's Ministry of Silly Walks.

Open Space Grant Program

Hamilton Reserve is up for a shot at grant funding.



Town of Walkerville Administration submitted an application to the State Government for its \$600,000 Hamilton Reserve Rejuvenation project yesterday (18 February 2021). Council is asking for a 50% contribution for the upgrade of the much-loved reserve to ensure the park meets the current and future needs of both local residents and the many visitors who use the area on their journey through Linear Park. The proposal involves a long-term focus on vegetation and environmental improvement, as well as unstructured children's play and recreational facilities linking to the Linear Park Trail. The upgrade includes:

- Bike loop track
- Grass labyrinth
- BBQs
- Nature play site
- Native garden bed
- Paved areas with seating and shelter

The redevelopment of the currently underutilised reserve would not only increase patronage and provide a range of unstructured recreation opportunities for a variety of age groups, but it would also greatly improve the conservation and enhancement of the Linear Park Trail surroundings. In turn, providing the community with access to quality green open public space for exercise, play and barbecue opportunities.

The demand for practical open space is increasing as the Township's population continues to grow. This project ensures Hamilton Reserve can provide for and adapt to differing needs and uses, providing people with the opportunity to connect with nature. Council expects to be notified of funding decisions in June 2021.

Weekly Waste Tip



● Plastic is not fantastic in the green bin!

Please place food and garden material in loose, in a certified compostable bag (as supplied by Council) or in newspaper, brown paper or butchers paper only.

Plastic items cause contamination issues and degrade the value of the compost material produced.

Keep plastic bags, including [#biodegradable](#), [#oxodegradable](#) and [#degradable](#), out of the green bin!

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Innovation: Responses to Loneliness During COVID-19 and Beyond

Australian-based charity, Friends for Good, is holding an upcoming virtual symposium to explore how perceptions of loneliness have changed as a result of the global pandemic.



The symposium, on 15 March 2021, will bring together industry experts, not-for-profit organisations, government, researchers, students and all those interested in a dialogue about social isolation. Discussion will focus on innovative responses to alleviate loneliness in the community.

The event will include presentations, discussion, networking opportunities and interactive activities. There will be a range of presenters and panellists, including New South Wales Ageing and Disability Commissioner Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM.

Friends for Good is a volunteer driven not-for-profit and Australian loneliness pioneer joining the fight against loneliness.

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

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Planning changes

A new planning and development system for all of South Australia will be rolled out from 19 March 2021.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S PLANNING SYSTEM IS CHANGING - 19 MARCH 2021



Find out more at www.plan.sa.gov.au



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PlanSA Service Desk 1800 752 664



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Government of South Australia
Attorney-General's Department



From 19 March 2021, a new planning system will be in place across the entire State.

This new system is fully electronic, providing online development assessment and processing via a modern ePlanning platform. Everyone living and working in South Australia can submit and track development applications from the comfort of their home, office or whilst on the go using their computer or mobile.

It will consolidate South Australia's 72 Development Plans into one clear planning rulebook, improving certainty and consistency in decision-making and assessment. It's South Australia's biggest reform of planning in 25 years and represents a whole of

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system transformation that will deliver contemporary policies via a modern digital system.

South Australia's new online planning platform will allow you to:

- Search zoning for your property;
- Review development rules;
- Lodge and track an application online;
- Track major projects and development activity;
- Find an accredited professional.

Important Changes: Certificate of Occupancies

From the 19 March 2021, a Certificate of Occupancy will be required for all new dwellings built under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the PDI Act), excluding Class 10 structures such as sheds, carports, verandahs and the like. Importantly, this certificate will need to be obtained prior to moving in.

For further information please refer to the [Plan SA website](#) for general enquiries please call: 1800 752 664 or email PlanSA@sa.gov.au.

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Volunteer of the Year

Nominate today for the 2021 Volunteer of the Year awards!



Council is inviting our community to shine a light on some local heroes by nominating an individual or local community event in the 2021 Volunteer of the Year awards.

The three categories are:

Category 1: Volunteer of the Year

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is only for people aged over 35 years. This award can recognise a volunteer who has worked in the community for a long period of time, as well as someone who is new to volunteering, but who has made an outstanding contribution to the Township. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it, through their volunteering activities. Nominations for individuals who live in the Township but who volunteer outside the Council area will be considered. Individuals can self-nominate for the Volunteer of the Year award.

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Category 2: Young Volunteer of the Year

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is only for people aged 35 years or under. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it through their volunteering. This award is also open to students from the Town of Walkerville who have taken part in volunteering, either in their local school, community, or through other volunteering programs. Individuals can self-nominate for the Young Volunteer of the Year award.

Category 3: Community Event of the Year (this can be in-person or virtual)

For a local event held between February 2020 and February 2021 that demonstrated a strong local community focus and volunteering element. Organisations can nominate their own events for the Community Event of the Year award.

What is volunteering?

Volunteering Australia defines volunteering as an activity where individuals choose willingly to work without an expectation of remuneration to provide a service with a community focus.

How does Council decide?

Award recipients are selected by the Elected Members of the Town of Walkerville. Their decision is final and no feedback is provided to the nominator. Council also presents a Mayor's Choice award, which is not open for 2020 Anzac Day Dawn Service nomination but is selected by the Elected Members. Winners will be announced by the Mayor of Walkerville at a Volunteer's presentation event on 25 May 2021.

How to nominate?

[Click here to download the nomination form.](#)

Email to: walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au subject line: 'Volunteer Awards Nomination'

Post to: 2021 Volunteer Awards, Town of Walkerville, PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081

Enquiries to: Fiona Deckert, Manager, Community Development & Engagement on 8342 7109 or email fdeckert@walkerville.sa.gov.au

Nominations close: 5pm Friday 23 April 2021.

Replace the waste

Single-use plastic will be banned from sale next month.



The State Government has launched a new campaign for the implementation of South Australia's *Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020*.

From 1 March 2021, single-use plastic straws, cutlery and stirrers will be prohibited from sale, supply or distribution in South Australia. These single-use items can be replaced with reusable and compostable alternatives. Exemptions will apply for single-use plastic straws for people with a disability or health needs.

From 1 March 2022, expanded polystyrene cups, bowls, plates and clamshell containers will also be prohibited from manufacture and production in the State.

For more information, please visit www.replacethewaste.sa.gov.au.

Walkerville Library is back to regular hours!

The library has returned to Saturday hours of 9:30am to 1pm.

You can borrow, use computers and read once again in the library to kickstart your weekend.

Visit the Town of Walkerville [website](#) for current information on available library services due to COVID-19 restrictions.



Neighbour Day 2021

Every day is neighbour day.



Neighbour Day is an annual celebration that encourages people to connect with their communities; bringing together the people next door, across the street or on the next farm.

Knowing your neighbours, and your broader community, has never been more important. Relationships Australia as the home of Neighbour Day believes in the power of the Australian community to support its most vulnerable, to tackle loneliness and to work together to ensure healthy and safe relationships throughout the pandemic and beyond. The theme of Neighbour Day 2021 is “Every day is neighbour day”. Neighbours matter (whether near, far, or online), and now, more than ever, is the time to find creative connections and to stay connected.

You can make your Neighbour Day as big or small as you'd like; whether a casual cuppa, a picnic in the park or a message of support; it's the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there when I needed you most. Visit the [Neighbour Day website](#) to register your event and download a FREE kit to help celebrate Neighbour Day. **Neighbour Day will be on Sunday 28 March 2021.**

How to celebrate ideas

- Host a BBQ with neighbours
- Plan a 'bring a plate' street party
- Organise a game of anything on the local oval
- Have a party on your front lawn
- Meet for afternoon tea in the back paddock
- Enjoy a neighbourhood picnic in your favourite park
- Or simply have a cup of tea or a chat with a new or old neighbour.

Parking Permit Zone

New parking changes to parts of Medindie and Gilberton will be rolled out from 1 July 2021.

The Town of Walkerville will be implementing 3-hour parking restrictions throughout Medindie and Gilberton between 8am and 5pm, Mondays to Fridays, **from 1 July 2021**. Residents will be able to apply for on-street fixed parking permits (subject to eligibility), along with the ability to request one free transferable residential parking permit. Vehicles



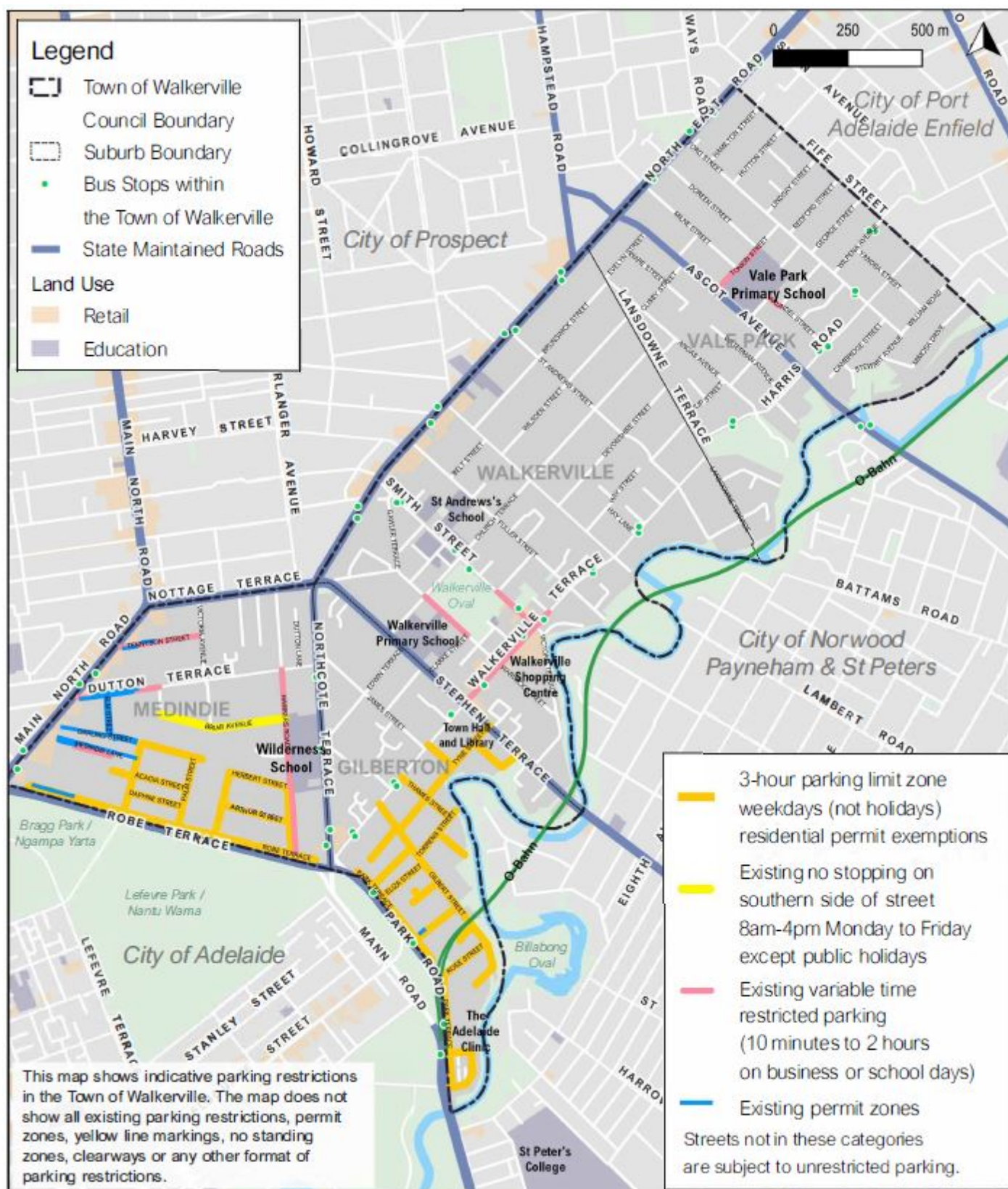
displaying these permits are exempt from the 3-hour parking restrictions.

Please see the map on the following page for streets impacted by the change or [click here to view in a new browser](#).

Parking Permit Zone signage will be installed in Medindie and Gilberton outlining the restrictions. This signage will not be placed down every street – as recommended by the community during public consultation to avoid an abundance of signage in the area. The signage will be installed in March 2021 to notify the community and allow the public time to adjust to these new restrictions, however, the changes will not be enforced until 1 July 2021.

Council engaged GTA Consultants to review existing traffic, transport and parking conditions in Medindie and Gilberton. During consultation, one key finding within both suburbs was the need to address community concerns in relation to non-resident cars being parked on streets for extended periods of time. In response, Council endorsed a 3-hour permit zone at its 19 October 2020 Ordinary Meeting.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 8342 7100 or email walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au.



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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 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.

Vale Park	Main Roads	Gilberton/Medindie	Walkerville
24/2/2021	3/3/2021	10/3/2021	
24/3/2021	31/3/2021	7/4/2021	18/3/2021
21/4/2021	28/4/2021	5/5/2021	15/4/2021
19/5/2021	26/5/2021	2/6/2021	13/5/2021
16/6/2021	23/6/2021	30/6/2021	10/6/2021
14/7/2021	21/7/2021	28/7/2021	8/7/2021
11/8/2021	18/8/2021	25/8/2021	5/8/2021
8/9/2021	15/9/2021	22/9/2021	2/9/2021
6/10/2021	13/10/2021	20/10/2021	30/9/2021
3/11/2021	10/11/2021	17/11/2021	28/10/2021
1/12/2021	8/12/2021	15/12/2021	25/11/2021
29/12/2021			23/12/2021

Capital Works Update

Levi Reserve Upgrade



At its ordinary meeting on 15 February 2021, Council resolved to proceed with the Levi Reserve Upgrade based on the recent community consultation process.

Upgrade works at the corner of Vale Street and Lansdowne Terrace will include the preservation of the existing pine tree, new landscaping, turf areas, park furniture and pedestrian access. Works are planned to commence in March 2021 and be completed by the end of financial year.

Open for Consultation

Did you know that there is a virtual way to stay informed with the Town of Walkerville?

Council offers free online videos to help you learn new tips and tricks, as well as show you some hidden gems in the Township. The Walky Talks videos focus on different areas from technology and apps to gardening ideas and lifestyle tips.



We want to know if you are interested in the series and what you would like to learn about – Do you have a question about how we look after our trees? Do you want to find out about the history of a particular monument?

Let us know by completing the [survey](#). Consultation closes 5pm Friday 2 April 2021.

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Open for Consultation

Use of Council Parks, Gardens, Reserves and Open Space Policy Review



The Town of Walkerville first adopted its Use of Council Parks, Gardens, Reserves and Open Space Policy in December 2003, and then later reviewed the policy in 2016. The policy has now again been reviewed to ensure consistency with Council's Community Land Management Plans, and at its Ordinary Meeting of 15 February 2021, Council endorsed the draft policy in principle and resolved to release it for public consultation.

The policy sets out the terms of reference for the exercise of Council's powers, assessment mechanisms and intervention rights for the management of Council Land as it relates to private events/functions held thereon.

Council now seeks feedback from members of the public on this draft policy.

Written submissions should be submitted as follows:

If posted, to:

The Chief Executive Officer

Use of Council Parks, Gardens, Reserves and Open Space Policy Review

Town of Walkerville

66 Walkerville Terrace

GILBERTON SA 5081

Or if emailed, to:

walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au with the subject line "Use of Council Parks, Gardens, Reserves and Open Space Policy Review"

The consultation commences 9am Monday 22 February 2021 and concludes 5pm Tuesday 16 March 2021.

Open for Consultation

Draft Accredited Professionals Policy



The *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* requires that Council must appoint and take the advice of accredited professionals under the Act.

The Accredited Professionals Scheme is a key component of the new planning and development system to support accountable, impartial and effective decision making and improve confidence in the system generally.

The Act requires that the Council must appoint and take the advice of accredited professionals. This policy sets out the responsibilities and obligations for these staff on maintaining their accreditation.

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[Click here for a list of all items out for consultation.](#)

Council Meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday 15 March 2021.

All Council and Committee meetings will be temporarily held online until further notice. The Council Chambers will not be open to the public during this time, however, meetings will be [live streamed via YouTube](#).

Questions for public question time may be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm on Monday 15 March 2021 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).