

## A well-deserved facelift for Belt Reserve



# Weekly Round Up

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# New facelift for Belt Reserve

Town of Walkerville is undertaking minor landscaping works in Belt Reserve, located on the corner of Church Terrace and Fuller Street in Walkerville.

These works include the installation of a small shelter, new bench seat, brick feature pillars, exposed aggregate concrete pad, new paving and plants.

This development is expected to be finished before Christmas break.





# Repairs to the River Torrens Linear Park shared-use path at Gilberton

Work will begin on a section of the River Torrens Linear Park footpath near Gilberton that was damaged during wild weather.



This work will repair damage from a gum tree that fell during recent storms.

Over this time, the path will be closed between Hackney Road and the Gilberton footbridge, known as Mau Bridge.

Pedestrians and cyclists can detour the area by travelling down Torrens Street and Richmond Street, Hackney, and then re-enter the path at the carpark at Old Mill Reserve.

Council appreciates your patience during this time and asks that you follow any directions given by staff and contractors.

For further information, please email [walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au](mailto:walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au).



# Working towards being a dementia-friendly community

Town of Walkerville has received a certificate from Dementia Australia, acknowledging Council's commitment to continuing to work towards being a dementia-friendly community.



Over the past year, Council has been working closely with Dementia Australia in the process of becoming a dementia-friendly community.

This commitment is ongoing and encourages Council – and the wider community – to think about how to best assist people living with dementia in the Township.

As part of the process, Council staff had training around dementia and how to best help people living with the condition.

Dementia Australia also visited the Civic & Community Centre to assess the facility for dementia-friendliness, with the centre receiving praise for its accessible and user-friendly design.

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# Applying to be a volunteer at Town of Walkerville just became easier!

Town of Walkerville has created a new volunteering form for people living with disability or people from a culturally or linguistically diverse background.

Council's standard volunteering expression of interest form is now provided in an Easy Read format, benefitting people in the community who may require more accessible documentation.

Volunteering SA&NT – which provided Council with a grant to undertake the project – commended the Town of Walkerville on the Easy Read form and its initiative that supports volunteer inclusion and diversity in the Council area.

The funding from Volunteering SA&NT was delivered through its Inclusion Ready Grant, which encourages groups, like councils, to better support inclusion in its volunteer processes.

Council was able to use this funding to explore Easy Read documentation processes, while also improve volunteering accessibility to vulnerable groups in the Township.

To view the Easy Read form and place an expression of interest in volunteering at Town of Walkerville, [click here](#).

## Volunteering expression of interest



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## *Garden Stew* recipe competition winner

Five-year-old Ashton from Hillcrest was one of the winners of Town of Walkerville's *Garden Stew* recipe competition!

In October, a display for the book *Garden Stew* – by Carrie Gallasch and Zoë Ingram – was in the foyer of the Civic & Community Centre, asking children to provide Council with their ideal 'garden stew' recipe.

The book *Garden Stew* included a unique stew with twigs, gum nuts and a sprinkle of dirt.

Ashton said his ideal 'garden stew' would include gum nuts, slimy worms, grass, gum leaves, wood and some ants.

There are a number of children who were selected as winners for the *Garden Stew* recipe competition. Each winner will receive a little garden kit to use in their backyard!



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## Foodbank food drive

Town of Walkerville is proud to be part of this year's Christmas Foodbank SA&NT food drive.



Foodbank is looking for donations of non-perishable foods and other necessities.

Some food items that are great to donate include: canned spaghetti, canned soup, pasta sauce, tuna, canned meals, canned vegetables, canned fruit, jams & spreads, long life or UHT milk, cereal and toiletries.

Please ensure that the food you donate is still within its expiration date and is long lasting.

Residents can contribute by dropping goods off at the Walkerville Civic & Community Centre during business hours.

Donations will be accepted up until 5pm on Friday, 15 December 2023.

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## Letters to Santa

The Civic & Community Centre should be considered 'Christmas Central' this year, because Town of Walkerville children can post their Christmas letters to Santa through the big blue letterbox in the foyer!

There is only a couple more days left to send your letter to Santa in the North Pole!

Until Wednesday, 13 December 2023, Town of Walkerville will accept any letters addressed to Santa, ensuring the big man in red knows what you want for Christmas and what you are looking forward to this festive season.

Make sure to clearly write your name and address on the letter, so that Santa can send you a letter back! Create your own letter or use the festive stationery available in the foyer!



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## Wildlife box update

There has been a great improvement in use of the 29 wildlife boxes around the Town of Walkerville over the past year.

The wildlife boxes – which were decorated and painted by local school children as part of the 2022 South Australian Living Artist Festival (SALA) – can be seen in areas along the River Torrens, like Hamilton Reserve.

Wildlife organisation, fauNature, said that the uptake to the boxes in its first year was modest, but there has been a great improvement in year two of the wildlife boxes.

Almost 50% of the wildlife boxes were in use during the most recent survey, with a further 38% having been used over the previous 12 months.

Six brushtail possums were recorded in four boxes across three different park areas. One ringtail possum was also recorded nesting in Frome Reserve.

Rainbow lorikeets were recorded in four wildlife boxes across three reserves, with five eggs and four chicks observed, as well as a galah nesting event, with three chicks as a result, in Willow Bend.

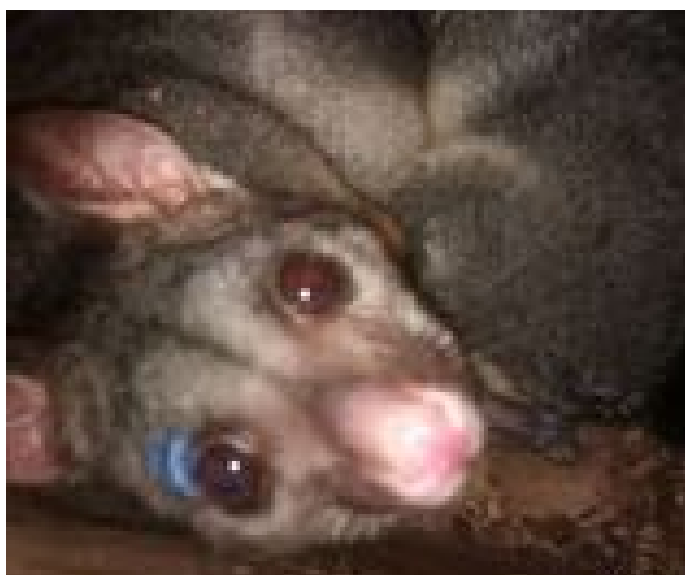




Expert from fauNature, James Smith, said, “The utilisation of wildlife boxes at 90% (overall) is high for their second year in service, typically it can take over five years to reach this level of occupation!”

Due to the utilisation that fauNature has logged, especially the number of possums and parrots using the wildlife boxes, it does indicate that natural hollows are a limited resources in three reserve areas.

Three of the wildlife boxes had beehives established inside, with a fourth opened to reduce the possibility of a hive establishing itself inside. fauNature said that the uptake by bees in the wildlife boxes was higher again this year than would be typically expected.



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## Let's reminisce: Miss Dove's Rose Garden School

Circa 1887-1912, Miss Edith Dove (daughter of Archdeacon George Dove) ran a small local school called 'Rose Garden School'.

It was directly behind the rectory on Warwick Street and facing onto Stephen Terrace and catered for young children of the village. In 1912, classes ceased and the cottage was rented out.

The schoolroom had also been used by Mrs Dove for needlework groups fundraising for projects for the St Andrew's Church through the Walkerville Working Society.

The building and land was purchased by the State Government in December 1916 and added to the Walkerville Primary School property. The building is now currently used by the Walkerville Primary School as administrative offices.

This throwback is part of the Town of Walkerville's monthly history series, touching on iconic and famous moments, people and places in Walkerville history. The history of the Rose Garden School was researched and collected with assistance from local historian, Lyn O'Grady.



# Local Government Participation and Elections Review

The Office of Local Government is conducting a State-wide consultation to give the community an opportunity to provide feedback on ideas and suggestions on how communities can better engage with their councils through a council term, particularly at election time.

This review and consultation will focus on these key topics:

- ways to better engage and participate with councils;
- ways to encourage a greater number of more diverse candidates for election to councils;
- ways to increase voter turnout; and
- ways to ensure that council elections are run efficiently, with the highest level of integrity.



The aim of this consultation is to inform reform proposals and the development of the bill to amend Local Government legislation.

Consultation for the Local Government Participation and Elections closes on 1 March 2024.

To get involved in the discussion or for more information, head to the [State Government yourSAY website](#).



## Weekly waste tip

Remember to recycle all your Christmas rubbish properly! Know what should and shouldn't go into the yellow bin.

Most gift packaging, drink and food containers can be recycled, including:

- Christmas wrapping (paper only – no cellophane or plastic wrapping);
- Cards and cardboard boxes (crush them down to make more room in the bin);
- Bottles and jars (plastic and glass);
- Cans and tins;
- Milk, juice and custard cartons; and
- Foil trays (give them a quick clean first) and foil wrappers (scrunched into a fist-sized ball).



Please empty and rinse containers before placing them in the recycle bin.

[Click here](#) to find out what else can be recycled.

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# Major Projects

The Town of Walkerville is currently in the process of planning for three Major Projects:

- Walkerville Bowling & Community Club;
- 39 Smith Street Recreation Centre; and
- Walkerville Sports Club.



These redevelopments will collectively be the largest in the history of Council – with the aim to create a modern sports and community hub within the Township, through the upgrade of the Walkerville Oval precinct and the 39 Smith Street recreation centre. This will become the heart of activity for the area as it will cater to the many ages, demographics and clubs of the community – both now and long into the future.

The delivery of these projects has been on Council's agenda for a number of years and a major hurdle has been affordability. The vulnerability of the building industry and Council's current Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) have limited the ability to progress as originally planned.

After careful consideration of finances, engagement with stakeholders and site investigations – Council is embarking on a new way forward to ensure all projects are able to be responsibly delivered.

On Monday, 27 November 2023, Council held a Special Meeting to make a decision on its Major Projects. Council Members unanimously supported:

- A new build for the Walkerville Bowling & Community Club building;
- New Walkerville Oval lighting, tennis/netball courts and cricket practice nets;
- Going to market to investigate both a 'refurbishment' option and a 'new build' option for the 39 Smith Street Recreation Centre; and
- A renovation for the Walkerville Sports Club building.

[To view the letter from the Mayor that was sent to all ratepayers on 30 November 2023, please click here.](#)

Further updates in relation to each of the three projects throughout the process will be available on Council's Major Projects webpage.



# Last day to nominate a 2024 Citizen of the Year

Public nominations for the Citizen of the Year Awards close today at midnight. Members of the community are encouraged to put forward an individual or organisation that has made a noteworthy and positive contribution to our community over the past year.



2022 Citizen of the Year Liz Horrocks of Rotary Club of Walkerville.

There are four award categories to nominate people for:

- **Citizen of the Year:** To be eligible, the person must be an Australian citizen.
- **Young Citizen of the Year:** To be eligible, the person must be at least 16 years of age, but under 30, on 26 January of the Awards year.
- **Community Event of the Year:** This is presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year.
- **Active Citizenship Award:** This is presented to a person or group delivering outstanding work on an event or project during the past year.

The Awards reward and recognise individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution during the past year, and/or given outstanding service over a number of years to a local community over and above normal employment duties.

Outstanding contribution and community service includes areas such as education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of the community.

Nominations forms can be found on the [Council website](#). Hard copy nomination forms can also be collected from the Civic & Community Centre during business hours.

Nominations close at midnight tonight (Friday, 8 December 2023).

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# We are hiring

## Governance Officer

- Competitive salary and benefits package
- Opportunities for professional development and training
- Great staff wellbeing programs
- Working with the community

### The Position:

Reporting to the Team Leader People, Governance & Risk (TLPGR), the incumbent will be responsible for providing support and advice to the Council on governance matters, including corporate governance principles, risk management and compliance. The incumbent will also assist in the development, implementation and monitoring of governance policies and procedures; coordinate the activities of governance committees and subcommittees; prepare and distribute meeting materials and minutes for governance committees; track and report on governance performance indicators; and support the organisation's compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The ideal individual will be an exceptional team player and will have the ability to exercise good judgement in a variety of situations, with strong written and verbal communication, administrative and organisational skills; and the ability to maintain a balance among multiple competing priorities. The incumbent will need to have the ability to work independently and in collaboration with the Mayor, CEO and department managers.

In addition to the duties listed above, the incumbent will support the People, Governance & Risk department across the organisation, providing assistance with a range of tasks including preparing and reviewing reports, conducting research, and developing and implementing new policies and procedures. The incumbent will also play a key role in supporting the department's risk management activities, including identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks to the organisation.

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

Applications close at 5pm on 21 December 2023.



# Expression of interest period for ERA Small Business Advisory Service soon to close

## Calling all Business Advisors!

Designed to help small businesses access one-on-one advice from experienced Business Advisors across all aspects of business development, the Eastern Region Alliance (ERA) Small Business Advisory Service is being launched to respond to current issues faced by business owners.



The Service will help guide businesses in making the best decisions for their business and will be available to eligible small businesses (0 to 19 employees) operating within the ERA councils, which includes Town of Walkerville.

The service is seeking expressions of interest for qualified Business Advisors to support the delivery of the Service. From marketing and social media to financial advice and tourism – if your business offers a service or specialty that would benefit the local region, and you would like to mentor nearby small businesses who need assistance in this area, please apply to be considered for the ERA Small Business Advisory Service.

Selected Business Advisors will be engaged by ERA councils to provide their services on an as-needs / pay-for-service basis at a fee of \$150, plus GST, per one-hour session. Eligible businesses will be able to access up to three free one-hour sessions per financial year.

If you have a passion for supporting small businesses and have the skills and experience to do so, ERA invites people to complete and submit the expression of interest form by 5pm on Monday, 11 December 2023.

Enquiries to Emily Moskwa, City of Campbelltown Team Leader Economic Development, at [emoskwa@campbelltown.sa.gov.au](mailto:emoskwa@campbelltown.sa.gov.au).

Or fill out the [expression of interest form here](#).

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## Meet Santa

Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit right in Walkerville! The big man in red will be dropping into the Civic & Community Centre next week and will be happy to get photos with children in the area. Digital copies of the photos will be sent to you following the event.

10.30am-11.30am, Monday, 11 December 2023.

Free, Civic & Community Centre foyer.

You can either drop-in for a photo during the allotted time or you can book a photo spot here: [events.humanitix.com/meet-santa/tickets](https://events.humanitix.com/meet-santa/tickets)



## My Aged Care information session

Do you have questions about My Aged Care and its services? My Aged Care will be running an information session at Town of Walkerville. You can find out straight from the source how they can help you stay safe in your home for longer. Coffee and tea provided.

2.30pm–3.30pm, Monday, 11 December 2023.

Free, meeting room 1855. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at

[events.humanitix.com/my-aged-care](https://events.humanitix.com/my-aged-care)



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## Ukulele showcase

Ukulele students from our ongoing ukulele classes will be performing songs for everyone to strum or sing along to. Come and meet our local up and coming uke stars and catch up with Walkerville's resident ukulele teacher, Chris Carr.

6pm–7pm, Friday, 15 December 2023. Free, suitable for adults & children 10+, Walkerville Town Hall. Must be supervised by an adult. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/uke-showcase](https://events.humanitix.com/uke-showcase)



## Teen yoga and wellness session

Join us for a delightful journey in movement and connection. This session offers age-appropriate yoga and wellness exercises focused on nurturing body, mind and self-awareness. Learn simple yoga routines, relaxation techniques, and creative activities that you can easily practice at home. Guardians are encouraged to participate too!

6pm–7pm, Wednesday, 20 December 2023. \$5 per person, suitable for teens aged 9-13, Walkerville Town Hall. Must be supervised by an adult. Bookings essential by calling 8342 7100 or at [events.humanitix.com/teen-plus-guardian-yoga](https://events.humanitix.com/teen-plus-guardian-yoga)

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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
	13/12/2023	21/12/2023	27/12/2023

*\* The new street sweeping calendar for 2024 will be available in the New Year.*



## Council meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 18 December 2023.



Questions for public question time may be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by 12pm on Monday, 18 December 2023, 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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