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Citta-Chat



NEWSLETTER OF CITTASLOW GOOLWA INC.

WELCOME TO SPRING!



The gums were in glorious blossom at the recent Currency Creek Arboretum Open Day. Unfortunately the mozzies were equally exuberant!

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CITTASLOW CORNER:

From **October 2026 to April 2027** opening hours of Cittaslow Corner change to Wednesday to Sunday 10am-3pm

Saturday **28th November** 8am to 3pm
Cittaslow Corner pre-Christmas pop-up stall in the Goolwa Mall

AT THE WHARF:

ATW **27th November 2026** welcomes participants in the *Walk Against Gender based Violence* which starts at Junction, 31B Cadell Street (meet at 4pm) and ends at the Signal Point lawns with a short address to the assembled ATW crowd. You are all invited to wear something orange.

CITTASLOW PRODUCE AND ARTISAN MARKET:

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2026

Sundays 9am-1pm
October 11th & 25th
November 8th, 22nd & 29th
December 13th

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

Cittaslow Float - **Saturday 19th December** starting at Goolwa Oval



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Iain Langusch

With the Cittaslow AGM looming (Thursday 29th October), I would like to pay tribute to three other members of the Management Committee. In our Constitution, members of the Committee can only serve for a maximum of six years and can hold senior positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) for a maximum of two two-year terms. Michael Keen has served as Treasurer, President and Vice-President and has worked tirelessly throughout his terms. He has been an enormous help for me as well as keeping members informed and participated in various Community events and opportunities. He has been our spokesperson in a recent presentation to the Council about the possibility of McDonalds coming to Goolwa. He has been the facilitator for the Food and Wine Group. He has led the development of plans for the new Community Garden. His contribution to the Committee and to Cittaslow in general cannot be overstated. While he will no longer serve on the Committee, his knowledge and can-do attitude will continue to contribute to Cittaslow life.

Christine Putland has served as Secretary, President and Vice-President. She has been the

key person for anything to do with the arts. From the Friendship Seat, various gallery exhibitions to working with high school students she has been a willing source of knowledge. She has given her time willingly to shifts at Cittaslow Corner and our market. As with Michael, she will continue to uphold the Cittaslow principles and be available for her invariably sage advice on matters as divergent as governance and social issues.

Jane Williams has also reached the end of her term and has been a member of Cittaslow since its inception. She served as market manager for a number of years.

I too have reached my use-by date. I will continue to work with local schools and continue to play an active role in all matters pertaining to the environment. I am grateful to Cittaslow for allowing me to pursue my passion for growing native plants where we have seen almost 17,000 local plants contribute to our efforts to add greenery to our community. I am especially proud of what we have achieved in our plantings in Birchall Rd where I receive compliments from passing walkers on a regular basis. I will continue my membership of the Council's Climate Emergency and Environment Advisory Committee.

Our departures will obviously leave room for new blood with new ideas to join the Committee, which is what the Constitution intended. An Ordinary Member would need to commit to a couple of hours a month, hardly an onerous task. Please consider this opportunity.





Core Cittaslow activities

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CITTASLOW CORNER



NEWS FROM THE CORNER

With the arrival of Spring, just like the seasons our volunteers at Cittaslow Corner don't stand still! Lots has been happening and there are more plans in the pipeline.

Firstly, if you haven't been into the Corner for a while, there are some recently arrived products including Wildfire Teas and Powders from Mt Compass, glass mosaics of sea creatures by Cheryl, plus handbags and t-shirts from recycled materials by Katherine.

We are now stocking 'Pets for the Planet', a social enterprise making dog training treats, chews and protein powder from locally caught carp, and donating part of their proceeds to revegetation projects.

We are always keen to support local community groups by stocking their goods. These include the 'Knitters' from the Goolwa Community Centre who provide us with a range of younger children's boleros and headbands. The Coorong Quays Boat Shed supply handmade wooden play blocks and once again we will feature their range of Christmas Trees made from recycled wood pallets in various sizes.

The rubber-band propelled jet boats, scale model paddle steamers, tractors and jeeps made by the Armfield Slip and Boat Shed are also on display

**FROM OCTOBER 2026 UNTIL APRIL 2027
THE OPENING HOURS OF CITTASLOW CORNER
CHANGE TO
WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY
10AM-3PM.**



PRE CHRISTMAS POP-UP STALL

**Goolwa Mall
Saturday
28th November**

and have been extremely popular with the little ones. Meanwhile, Cittaslow Community Garden volunteers are supplying seeds for planting in beautifully designed paper packets – a great gift for their parents!

Following its great success leading up to Christmas last year, Cittaslow Corner will return once again with a Pop-Up stall in the Goolwa Mall on Saturday 28th November – please hold this date! As well as showcasing our suppliers and selling their products, this is a great chance to introduce Cittaslow and our activities to a new audience.

Remember September hours are 10-1pm on Wednesday to Friday, then from October we return to summer hours: Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 3pm. Plus every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month (excluding summer School holidays) we have a stall with a selection of products for sale at the Cittaslow Produce and Artisans Market.

Cittaslow always welcomes new volunteers, so if you are interested or have any ideas about how to enhance the Corner with sustainable products, we'd love to hear from you. Drop in during these hours or email: admin@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au



NEW GARDEN PROJECT

CHRYSTAL STREET GOOLWA

In September 2025 the SA Department for Education granted Cittaslow a lease on the vacant land in Chrystal Street behind the Goolwa Children's Centre (GCC). The location is in the 'education' precinct of Goolwa, adjacent to the Primary School and nearby Goolwa Secondary College as well as GCC.

The State Government's agreement for the use of Crown land was based on our proposal to develop an intergenerational space for growing, learning and building community connections. At the heart of the site is to be the garden itself, surrounded by areas for community meetings and learning about growing, harvesting, preparing, and sharing the fresh fruit and vegetables grown.

The concept of this project is built on close collaboration with the schools and GCC to foster the intergenerational aspect, so a Steering Group has been established with representation from each of these as well as Cittaslow. This group is responsible for the overall design of the site and model of operation. The first of two working groups has also been established to focus on developing the growing area and the processes to be put in place for its operation. The other working group yet to be appointed, will focus on the detailed design and development of the surrounding areas.

Soon after the lease was signed, a grant application for \$50,000 was submitted to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) through their Thriving Communities program. Fortunately, this application was successful, enabling the Committee to obtain quotes for building a vermin-resistant fence to

enclose the growing area and the engagement of a local contractor.

We have also been successful in obtaining two further grants. Firstly, \$5000 was granted by the Community Bank Fleurieu towards the cost of the storage shed. Secondly, Alexandrina Council has granted \$5000 from the 'Community Wellbeing Grant 2026-2027 - Vibrant and Artistic' to engage an experienced local artist on the associated project:

Children and youth working with experienced Artist to create artwork for the new Chrystal Street Garden Project design

As the design work progresses, garden beds will start to be installed, and the site will begin to take shape.

There are many exciting opportunities to become involved in this major Cittaslow project – please email admin@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au for further information.

Cittaslow Representatives on Steering Group:

Michael Keen – Chrystal Street Community Garden Project Leader, Steering Group Chair

Christine Putland – 'Scribe', Administrative support

Steve Grieve – Design Project Leader

**THE COMMUNITY GARDEN ON
KESSEL RD IS OPEN TO
VISITORS TUESDAYS FROM
9AM - 12PM**



COMMUNITY GARDEN

AND IN THE MEANTIME, THE TRUSTY VOLUNTEERS AT THE EXISTING KESSEL ROAD COMMUNITY GARDEN ARE SOLDIERING ON DESPITE THEIR SMALL NUMBERS TO MAINTAIN THE WONDERFUL SUPPLY OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TO THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND BEYOND. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HELPING THEY WOULD WELCOME AN EXTRA PAIR OF HANDS — OR SEVERAL!

A WORD FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

We have been busy preparing beds, planting seeds and growing seedlings for our summer plantings. Some of the seeds potatoes gifted to us by Bunnings Seaford are already sprouting and we harvested our first broad beans recently. Peas are prolific, as are cabbages, radishes and rhubarb.

Lisa spent hours before she and Neil left on their trip preparing a detailed outline of tasks for us to do each week and we have found it invaluable. It is SO good to have a coherent overall garden plan led by someone who is knowledgeable and inclusive in her planning. Thanks to Lisa for making the community garden a lovely and productive space in which to volunteer.

NANCY McMURRAY FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

PRODUCE & ARTISANS MARKET



*Peter Robin,
Market Manager*

Yes, you guessed it... another hit song from Pete, our very own Market troubadour, this time in appreciation of his team of volunteers!

CITTASLOW SEPTEMBER

Sing along to "September" by Earth, Wind and Fire

Verse 1 – Here Comes the Market

Do you remember,
Cittaslow Market in September?
Sunshine and good friends all together,
Chasin' the clouds away.

Goolwa is humming,
Coffee is hot and the people are coming,
Good food, good friends and plenty of fun,
On a sunny Market day!

Chorus

Ba-dee-ya, come join us in September!
Ba-dee-ya, good times together!
Ba-dee-ya, never was a better day!

Ba-du-da, ba-du-da, ba-du-da, ba-du...
Ba-du-da, ba-du, ba-du-da, ba-du...

Verse 2 – The Set-Up Crew

First there is Tony,
Iain and Ian, Michael and Steve,
Olaf and Urs, Jim and Uwe,
Getting our stall underway.

Tables are ready,
Boxes come out and they're keeping things
steady,
Iain's got native plants there to sell,
And the Market is on its way!

Chorus

Ba-dee-ya, setting up in September!
Ba-dee-ya, working all together!
Ba-dee-ya, getting ready for Market day!

Verse 3 – The Early Birds

Early comes Nancy,
Tracy and Ursula, bright-eyed and happy,
Hiedi is there and they're ready for action,
Selling as morning begins.

Customers coming,
Cittaslow stall is already humming,
Talking and laughing, selling and smiling —
That's how our Market begins!

Chorus

Ba-dee-ya, early birds in September!
Ba-dee-ya, working all together!
Ba-dee-ya, starting off another great day!



Verse 4 – The Middle Shift

Then there's Gillian,
Ruth and Sharon, Christine and Louise,
Liz and Margaret step in with ease,
Keeping it all rolling on.

The morning gets busy,
People are buying and everyone's dizzy,
Still there are smiles and plenty of chatter,
As Market day rolls along!

Chorus

Ba-dee-ya, halfway through September!
Ba-dee-ya, still having fun together!
Ba-dee-ya, Cittaslow is going strong!

Verse 5 – Bringing It Home

Then Chris and Ros arrive,
Late-shift heroes keeping things alive,
Smiling and selling till closing time,
Bringing our Market day home.

Then Steve, Jim, Uwe and the crew come,
Tables come down when the selling is all done,
Pack it away — another Market day won,
Till next time we do it again!

Bridge – And One More...

But someone's been there,
From early set-up till there's hardly a chair,
Keeping an eye on just about everywhere...

Yes, Peter is still hanging on!

(Someone has to!)

Final Chorus – Your Turn!

Ba-dee-ya, come join us in October!
Ba-dee-ya, join this crew together!
Ba-dee-ya, maybe there's a shift for YOU!

Ba-dee-ya, early, middle or later!
Ba-dee-ya, setter-upper or a seller!
Ba-dee-ya, there's something YOU can do!

Ba-dee-ya, dee-ya, dee-ya...
Ba-dee-ya, dee-ya, dee-ya...

COME AND JOIN THE CITTASLOW CREW!

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FOOD & WINE

FOOD & WINE
INTEREST GROUP



As many of you know, members interested in all things related to Food and Wine meet on the last Monday of each month from February to November every year. These meetings are a fine balance of socializing (while sharing and consuming food and/or wine), learning about food and wine through lighthearted quizzes and challenges, and general information about Cittaslow activities and other community issues. These are the main avenues for enlisting volunteers for all of our programs and events such as At the Wharf, bars for Gallery launches, events catering, fortnightly markets and Cittaslow Corner.

A highlight every month is the shared meal based on the theme of the night. In May the theme 'Merry Month of May' got the juices flowing with warm and satisfying dishes – pies, casseroles, stews, and even a Scottish 'rumbledethump' – so-called for the sound of a wooden spoon mashing potatoes, cabbage, onions with butter and melted cheese!

In August the theme of 'Art', inspired a visual delight with a creative array of dishes – from a 'Waddle of Penguins' sculpture, a 'Prickle of Hedgehogs', an 'ARTI choke' pasta, to a 'Papaya soup Palate of flavours' and 'SALA +D' artists' salad!

The meal was accompanied by a challenging 'Art quiz' to match. They say a picture tells the tale, and this occasion proved it!



So don't miss out... come along to the Goolwa Aquatic Clubrooms (river side on Barrage Road) from 5.30pm on the last Monday of the month, this year's upcoming dates being 26th October, and finally 30th November.



AT THE WHARF

NEW SEASON

*A great new season of food
& music coming up...*



With the arrival of Spring, we look forward to a new season of At the Wharf events beginning on Sunday 4th October 5-8pm at the deck and lawns of the Signal Point Experience Centre.

The previous season ending in March this year presented a variety of local bands and food trucks with (mostly) good weather and great audiences attending at each event.

We have a great line-up of local bands once again, kicking off with Southside on Sunday 4th October 5-8pm. The band will be donating their proceeds from the performance to 'Riding for the Disabled'. Other bands to follow will be Slipway, Black Cat Bone, Juke Box Revival, the Goolwa Band and a new line-up, Galactic Jelly. Although one of everyone's favourites, the River Rats, is taking a break, we are confident the entertainment will be first class as always.

Food vans like Paulies Pizza, Atomic and Santopalato will sell a feast of dishes, and of course the famous paella lovingly cooked by Olaf and Steve. (Don't forget to buy your paella tickets from Tony early on to avoid disappointment as the serves are limited.)

You are also welcome to bring your own snacks or picnic to share.

The Cittaslow volunteers promise to quench your thirst with beers (full strength, low- and non-alcoholic) and a range of Langhorne Creek wines (Red, White, Rose and Sparkling). (No BYO alcohol please as per our licence but feel free to use your own glasses).

ALL EVENTS ARE 5-8PM, AND FOLLOWING THE OPENING ON SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER, DATES ARE:

FRIDAYS: 30TH OCTOBER, 27TH NOVEMBER AND 26TH FEBRUARY;

SUNDAYS: 27TH DECEMBER, 24TH JANUARY AND 7TH MARCH.

Keep your eye out for At the Wharf signage from one week prior to the event and our updates on Cittaslow Facebook page detailing the band and food trucks.

LAURI O'BRIEN, COORDINATOR



ATW SEASON 2026



GALLERY OPENINGS - CITTASLOW BARS

Cittaslow is now officially recognised as an event partner with Councils Art and Culture program. In providing bar facilities at gallery opening events, it allows Cittaslow to show support for artists and art facilities in the community.

Since our Autumn Newsletter there has been a lot of activity at the galleries, with The Old Police Station (SCRAG) having its chimneys repointed and acquiring a shiny new roof. Despite all the scaffolding it was open for much of the time and on Sunday June 7th Cittaslow provided a bar for the opening of an exhibition titled "Punorama – The Landscape of Humour" by intrepid painters -come-comedians 'Westhepants and Bunny Franks'. The opening was a lively event and our bar well appreciated.

More recently, with most of the scaffolding now down, the current photographic exhibition (on until September 6th) titled "Falling Awake" by artist Cameron Read was opened as a SALA event on July 25th. This exhibition is quirky, humorous, and technically clever, and the opening well attended. Once again Cittaslow played its part adding to the occasion.

There has also been plenty going on at the other gallery at Signal Point Experience Centre (SPEC). On Saturday 2nd May Cittaslow not only provided a bar but also the speaker in the form of Cittaslow member Carol Gaston AM for the exhibition titled "Pipes" by artists James Parker and John Whitney. It provided a fascinating visual reference to the uses and roles pipes play in our lives.



In late June the Visitor Information Centre moved into the lower level with the upper-level retaining its role as a gallery space. The first exhibition under the new arrangement is "Wavelength", a show case of moving image works of art from the Art Gallery of South Australia's collection, involving several artists work including that of well-known local ceramic artist Gerry Wedd. Running from 4th July to 30th August, the official opening by AGSA Director Jason Smith as a SALA event took place on 9th August when once again Cittaslow, as event partner, provided a successful bar service.

More recently we provided a bar for the opening of an exhibition of works by two well-known female artists Leone Furler and Winnie Pelz titled "Stilled Symbols & Stories" at SPEC on September 5th. Opened by Leah Grace, Cittaslow member Carol Gaston was invited to talk on the benefits of collecting works by South Australian women artists. Olaf and Julie, with Peter manned the bar which was well supported by a large gathering.

Looking ahead we have another opening on September 27th at 2pm at SPEC, a solo exhibition of work by Luisa Stocco titled "Remembering Trees".

Once again, many thanks to the volunteers who arranged licences, organised floats, set up bars and served customers. Should you be interested in helping just let a committee member know.

TONY HARGREAVES



ABOVE OPP: Welcome to Country by Cedric Varco
TOP: Welcome to launch by Leah Grace, Alexandrina Council
MIDDLE: Official Opening by Art Gallery of SA Director, Jason Smith; Address by Anthony Peluso, CE, Country Arts SA
RIGHT: Cittaslow Bar volunteers Steve Grieve, Terri Gibson, Christine Putland, Tony Hargreaves



ENVIRONMENT



IAIN LANGUSCH

After unprecedentedly dry weather for two years with low winter rainfall followed by hot and dry summers, the rain in recent months has come as a welcome reprieve for the Birchall Road Reserve volunteers who had resorted to manual watering. Despite this there were significant losses of the native plants.

Luckily, there were around 4000 seedlings in the nursery, so many were able to be replaced. Making the most of the recent rains, as well as delivery of an enormous pile of mulch by the Council staff, they have worked together to spread the mulch and plant a sea of native trees.



Volunteers Iain, Hiedi, Merle, Andrew, with Barvie and Margaret (kneeling)



Iain has always been curious whether there were native fish in the wetland in Birchall Rd so he engaged Nature Glenelg Trust (an NGO) to conduct a survey. Five tunnel nets were installed and left overnight, but the only fish caught were the feral Carp and Redfin. However, some yabbies, a turtle and numerous shrimps were netted!

Visitors to the Goolwa wharf can now admire the plantings around the Toilet block as well as sedges around the third art installation in keeping with the first two.



Iain's plantings at the wharf

Iain continues to present workshops for Cittaslow members and other groups. Following the Backyard Biodiversity workshop earlier this year, he recently ran a very successful 'How to Propagate Native Plants' workshop on behalf of the Council. He received very positive responses from all nine people who attended, including this message from one of them:



'Thank you so much for a lovely morning of learning and sunshine, My friend Mel and I had such a great time. I went to Urrbrae Agriculture high school as a youngster and have always had a passion for everything garden and plants. It was just wonderful that Ian offered his time and amazing expertise to teach us all some valuable skills. Can't wait to get into my garden and start experimenting with propagation'.

Kirsty



Recently Iain sold over 400 local native plants at the (very damp!) Nangawooka Open Day, while plant sales at the Cittaslow Goolwa Produce and Artisans Market remain popular, with his advice and expertise consistently in high demand!

Don't forget that you can find Iain's native seedlings for just \$2 each at the Cittaslow Produce and Artisans Market, Jaralde Park, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, 9am-1pm.

IAIN LANUSSCH

TONY'S HISTORY NOTES



A SNAIL TRAIL

QUESTION: What has a tongue called a Radula that has up to 20,000 teeth?

ANSWER: As unlikely as it may seem – a snail. More facts later.

QUESTION: How did Cittaslow come to adopt the snail mascot?

A VERY LONG ANSWER: The snail mascot was initially adopted by the slow food movement originating in the town of Bra, Italy. It was seen as an iconic, playful mascot representing an unhurried enjoyment of life (especially in my veggie patch), and perhaps, a nod to a local culinary speciality.

The founders of the Cittaslow movement, arising from the slow food movement, retained the snail mascot with a more nuanced relevance. The snail, carrying a town on its back, represents a peaceful harmony between a community and its home encompassing these three ideals;

A conscious slowness. The snail moves without rushing, symbolizing a deliberate choice of quality of life rather than yield to frantic modern acceleration.

Carrying identity. Just as a snail cannot survive without its shell a town relies entirely on its distinct cultural heritage, local infrastructure and community roots to thrive.

Environmental balance. Snails are gentle creatures that move calmly through ecosystems without disruption (questionable in my veggie patch) mirroring the sustainable goals of slow-paced municipalities.

FUN FACTS. The snail in question would have been the “*Helix Pomatia*”, commonly known as a Roman or Burgundy snail, popular as Escargot in Europe. These snails grow up to 3 inches long and 2 inches wide, can live up to 35 years and are only found alongside human habitation. Eaten since prehistoric times and farmed by the Romans back in 50BC, they are now so popular as a food source they are legally protected in Europe from collection during the breeding season.

And yes, the *Helix Pomata* does have up to 20,000 tiny teeth on its tongue called a Radula.

THE FINAL IRONY. Our chosen mascot so appropriate in so many ways is also our enemy in the garden (but nowhere near as damaging to the environment as we humans are). Treat them kindly.

TONY HARGREAVES

FAST FOOD CAMPAIGN UPDATE



On Monday 21st September Alexandrina Council passed a resolution to 'oppose the establishment of Chain Based Fast Food Outlets in Goolwa'.

- This decision by Council establishes an in-principle policy position.
- At this stage, a formal development application has not yet been lodged by McDonalds.
- Should such an application be lodged, however, on the basis of this policy decision, Council will be able to move to formally register its opposition with the approval authority which is the Fleurieu Regional Assessment Panel.

Members may be interested to learn that several communities across Victoria are engaged in a similar fight to reject the establishment of fast-food chains such as McDonalds within their towns. One of these is Phillip Island in Victoria, together with San Remo, the mainland town at the other end of the bridge entry to the island. One of our members, Steve Grieve, has been in regular contact with a representative of that community who happens to be a fellow architect. In their case, the Development Application has already been lodged and so their struggle is considerably more urgent. He acknowledged that if they had such an in-principle policy in place prior to the lodgment, the community would have been better prepared.

As of today, the petition launched by concerned citizens has been signed by approximately 1700 members of the public.

MEMBER PROFILE

This time we introduce you to two of our local business members who promise to satisfy our taste buds with their fresh, homemade and exotic treats – one is a long-term contributor, while the other is a recent arrival.

Firstly, Pino d'Addelfio and Lorena Millo (aka Santopalato), specialize in cooking authentic Sicilian street food. Their distinctive blue food truck has been a regular sight at both the Cittaslow Goolwa Produce and Artisans Market as well as our At the Wharf events for several years, delighting both volunteers and visitors alike with their range of arancini balls – from bolognese or bacon to vegetarian mushroom or spinach – as well as cannoli and bomboloni.

Many of you will have met them or discovered their delicious fare, but the other member we introduce may be less familiar.

Anita's 'Chiya Ghar' stall has been appearing at our market for the past several weeks, offering what she describes as a 'Taste of Himalayas'. She brews her Masala Chiya tea to be enjoyed alongside Nepali Selroti and Nimkin treats made in her new home in Goolwa. This is Anita's first time testing her Nepalese delicacies at a market stall so we hope you will stop by and chat to make her feel welcome. This will be a new taste experience for many of us, perfect with one of her teas.

CHRISTINE PUTLAND



DOLL MUSEUM CLOSURE

Members may be aware that the Doll Museum and shop in Cadell Street has closed its doors for the last time. Since its opening in 1999, Lyn Clark and her husband John Clark operated this business as a home for Lyn's collection of thousands of dolls including antiques as well as model cars and trains, puppets and other memorabilia.

Lyn is best known to us as the person who first introduced the concept of Cittaslow to Goolwa, Alexandrina in 2004, having heard about it while viewing ABC TV's Foreign Correspondent program. The Southern Alexandrina Business Association of the time conducted a feasibility study looking at its applicability to Goolwa, Alexandrina, then the working group formed to collaborate with Alexandrina Council in achieving accreditation in 2007, and the 'rest is Cittaslow history', as they say.

When the community group 'Goolwa Tourism 5214' (GT 5214) was formed in 2011, Lyn was at the centre of the action once again; then recently when it disbanded, she was instrumental in having their surplus funds handed over to Cittaslow Goolwa Inc, as a compatible association.

Thank you for your significant contribution to our community, Lyn and John!

Wishing you good health and all the best for their retirement!



COMMUNITY NEWS



MURRAY DELTA JUKE JOINT CLOSURE... FOR NOW

We know that many Cittaslow members have been part of the appreciative audiences patronising the MDJJ since they opened in 2020 who will have heard the sad news about the closure of the venue after November 15th, 2026.

Over the past 6 years Dave Lloyd and Greg Button have brought to our community an unsurpassed program of first-class live music across Rock, Jazz, Folk and Blues genres. Their reputation reached to Adelaide and beyond, with many well-known musicians praising the sound quality of the venue they had created and embracing their commitment to delivering live music to this region.

As evidence of the loyal and enthusiastic following they had generated, upon hearing the devastating news, the final 2 shows booked out in 10 minutes!

This was the message from Greg and Dave about the future of MDJJ in their Newsletter:

WILL WE BE SETTING UP IN A NEW LOCATION?

Our plan is to:

- » Reset after the big finale.
- » Run a few gigs under our banner at alternative locations
- » Keep the Murray Delta Juke Joint BRAND alive and kicking by posting recordings of a range of gigs over the duration of the venue.
- » Sell a few more T-shirts and stuff to satisfy those of you who have asked.

AS FAR AS A NEW VENUE...

- » There are a couple of options that may become available with luck
- » Whatever we do must be better than the one we have. - A tricky task.
- » We would love to rise like the Phoenix and will be attempting to do so in the new year...
- » If you have IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS we'd love to hear from you.
- » T'would be great if Local Government could back-us-in by supporting a/the resurrection.

STORAGE OF GEAR while we reset

- » We need to store tables/chairs/props/pics etc etc while we gather our thoughts and seek assistance with a space to do so if you have something suitable. Email or call us if you have any options available.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

See details in following pages

- » **GOOLWA BUSKING FESTIVAL**
SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 10AM TO 3PM
- » **FLEURIEU EV COMMUNITY SHOWCASE**
OCTOBER 11TH 10AM-2PM
- » **CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND FLOTILLA**
SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER
- » **NEWS YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS**
THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER

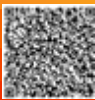
Fleurieu EV Community Showcase

Sunday
October 11
10am-2pm

EV curious?
Come and talk to locals and others
who own and drive electric vehicles!

Head to the Goolwa Wharf Precinct and discover

- A wide range of EVs (large and small)
- FREE talks and Q&As on EVs and renewables
- Displays on EVs, EV technology and infrastructure
- Come and try an e-bike
- Activities for the kids, including crafts
- Goolwa's bimonthly Cittaslow (slow town movement) Produce & Artisans Market
- SteamRanger Heritage Railway nearby



Head to our website
alexandrina.sa.gov.au/EV-showcase



3 October 2026

Australian National Busking Championships – Goolwa

Supported by:
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16 Days of Activism

Walk to End Violence

Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity

4:00pm, Friday 27 November 2026

Starting at:	Finishing at:
Junction Goolwa, 31b Cadell Street, Goolwa	Signal Point, Goolwa (approximately a 10 minute walk)

- WELCOME TO COUNTRY**
- FOOD TRUCKS**
- LIVE MUSIC**
- GUEST SPEAKER**

Wear something orange to show your support!

For more information call:
 Deb (The Haven) 0427 208 937 or
 Jo (Junction) 0472 571 696

CITTASLOW GOOLWA DIARY DATES

CITTASLOW CORNER

From **October 2026** until **April 2027** the opening hours change to
Wednesday to Sunday, 10am-3pm.

Cittaslow Corner **Christmas pop-up stall** in the Goolwa Mall
Saturday 28th November 8am to 3pm

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AT THE WHARF

On **27th November 2026** we welcome participants in the
Walk Against Gender based Violence
starting at **Junction**, 31B Cadell Street (meet at 4pm) and
ending at the Signal Point lawns
with a short address to the assembled At The Wharf crowd.
You are all invited to wear something orange.

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CITTASLOW PRODUCE AND ARTISANS MARKET
October to December 2026, Sundays 9am-1pm
October - 11th and 25th
November - 8th, 22th and 29th
December - 13th.

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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – CITTASLOW FLOAT
Saturday 19th Dec
starting at Goolwa Oval, details to follow.

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