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The City of Holdfast Bay sits proudly on Kaurna land and we respect the continual cultural connection, heritage and beliefs that remain important to Kaurna people today.



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Did you know that all councils are required to produce several corporate documents that are on the public record?

One is the Annual Business Plan and Budget, which is important in demonstrating to our ratepayers how funds are allocated for programs and services across the city each year. And the other is our Annual Report, which summarises our actions and achievements from the year before.

But the one I want to draw your attention to is the Strategic Plan, which sets out our vision for our community over the long term. For us, we're looking way into the future and our current Strategic Plan is titled Our Holdfast 2050+.

Developed in 2021 and reviewed last year, this plan gives a detailed and fascinating insight into our plans, ambitions and vision for our quite small, but glorious patch of the world.

Our vision is simple but achievable: Protecting our heritage and beautiful

coast, while creating a welcoming and healthy place for all in South Australia's most sustainable city.

To pursue this vision, Council has identified three focus areas: wellbeing, of our people and our economy, innovation and sustainability.

As an elected body, we have these themes in the back of our minds with every decision we make at our Council meetings each fortnight.

I urge you to have a read of our Strategic Plan, which is on our website, or you can browse a reference copy at the Brighton Civic Centre, the Glenelg or Brighton libraries. I'm sure you'll find it as inspiring as I do.

One very big decision we'll be making soon is how we progress with plans as part of the Transforming Jetty Road Glenelg project, and I want to thank everyone who has provided feedback, ideas and suggestions to us as part of the recent community consultation process.

We'll soon be sharing with the community all the feedback we

received and the steps we'll be taking next so watch this space.

In this edition of Our Place magazine, read about the wonderful achievements of an inspirational 'Marilyn' and join our Tree of the Month social media campaign and nominate your favourite tree in Holdfast Bay.

If you want a raise an issue with your ward councillor, all of our contact details are listed on page 7.



**Amanda Wilson**  
Mayor, City of Holdfast Bay

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Two decorative fence screens, which feature designs by Indigenous artist Allan Sumner, are part of completed rejuvenation works at the former Buffalo site at the Patawalonga.

The old mooring site was compacted, filled-in and paved over and a new rockwall was built. The new fencing also extends to the Wigley Reserve playspace.

Titled Munintyarlu, the designs on the Corten steel panels capture the essence of the Kaurna people's connection to the Patawalonga River, reflecting the deep roots of creation, beginnings and the ongoing cycle of life in the region.

The new, large open space that has been created as a result of the rejuvenation works acts as a continuous footpath with improved connectivity to the playspace, kiosk, car park and pedestrian loop around the Patawalonga.



## Recycle old x-rays

Disposing of tricky items like old x-rays is now easier with a dedicated bin at the Brighton Civic Centre.

We also have recycling bins for soft plastics, small e-waste items, batteries and printer cartridges. The Tricky Waste page on our website lists more than 30 waste items and how to recycle or dispose of them correctly.

[holdfast.sa.gov.au/tricky-waste](http://holdfast.sa.gov.au/tricky-waste)



## Toy kits for the senses

Our toy collection at Brighton Library has expanded to include a range of sensory kits that come with easy-to-read books and cover the themes of dinosaurs, space and under the sea.

They are aimed at developing fine motor skills and providing sensory inputs, for children aged 3+.

They can be borrowed for two weeks at a time.

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## SMALL BUGS HAVE A BIG JOB TO DO

Around 1000 ladybug beetles have been released on street trees around Glenelg and within Alf Smedley Reserve at Glenelg North to tackle an outbreak of mealybugs and soft scale insects.

The native beetles are natural predators to the pest insects, which if left

untreated, can kill the affected trees slowly, by draining them of sap.

The pests are mostly targeting ficus and fraxinus trees but it's hoped the ladybird beetles will reduce the need for chemical treatments.





# ENVIRONMENT

Casting the spotlight on our trees on streets, in reserves and public spaces across the city has been the focus of a long-running social media campaign.

Since our first Tree of the Month in April 2021 – a red flowering gum on Sixth Avenue, Glenelg East – we've adorned another 48 trees with a Tree of the Month sash or medallion.

Nominated by members of the community, the trees are much loved and valued for their shade, beauty, uniqueness and sometimes, just how good they are to climb on or swing off.

Among the trees honoured over the years include the rare ombu at Partridge House and a bracelet honey myrtle, which is growing almost horizontally on the banks of the Patawaalonga.

There are around 22,625 trees in Holdfast Bay – of which 19,368 are street trees – with hundreds more added each year as part of Council's winter tree planting program.

Visit [holdfast.sa.gov.au/tree-of-the-month](https://holdfast.sa.gov.au/tree-of-the-month) or scan the QR code to see our gallery of trees and to nominate your own favourite Holdfast Bay tree.





# CELEBRATING OUR TREES, MONTH BY MONTH



Deb Truman, pictured left, has walked or driven past this impressive river red gum at North Brighton since she was a child – and was ecstatic to see it honoured as the Tree of the Month in February this year.

Estimated to be around 100 years old and with a canopy spanning more than 1.5 metres, Deb says it's her favourite tree in the city.

"It's mind-blowing and if you think about it, it's been here so long to be that big, just imagine the stories it could tell if it could talk," Deb said.

"Every time I come past it, it just makes me feel so good."

The tree is located on Quandong Street, North Brighton.



# WHAT'S ON

For the latest events, go to [holdfast.sa.gov.au/whatson](https://holdfast.sa.gov.au/whatson) or scan the QR code with your phone or tablet.



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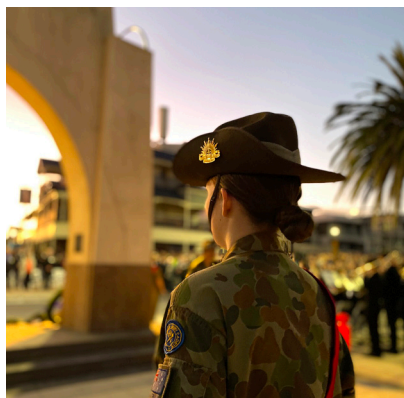
Glenelg Foreshore  
Until 11 May 2025

## Glenelg Air-Raid Shelter Open Day

20 April and 18 May 2025  
1pm - 3pm

## Anzac Day Dawn Service

25 April 2025  
Moseley Sq, Glenelg and  
Arch of Remembrance, Brighton



## Anzac Day Glenelg Air-Raid Shelter Open Day

25 April 2025  
11am - 1pm

## Reconciliation Week

27 May - 3 June 2025

## Brighton Winter Solstice

21 June 2025



If you love fashion and weddings, you'll love the exhibition at Glenelg's Bay Discovery Centre, which explores 100 years of bridal fashion.

Titled I Do, Stitches Through Time, the exhibition features 20 gowns, dating from the late 1890s to the 1980s, including a 1930s gold satin gown with a 3 metre train and Patricia Mawson's 1940s gown, made of French lace given to her mother Paquita in Paris decades earlier.

Bay Discovery Centre, Glenelg

On now until Sunday 18 May 2025, 10am - 4pm daily

## Decisions, decisions... how will you celebrate SA's History Festival in Holdfast Bay

History is shaped by people who have been compelled to make difficult decisions.

SA's History Festival will dive into the decisions that have shaped South Australia – as an ancient meeting place and as a state.

Between 1 - 31 May, we have 15 History Festival events in Holdfast Bay – covering war time tales, fashion, family and the fascinating lives of two women, Kitty Whyte and Kate Cocks, whose stories are still being retold today.

Join a guided tour of the I Do, Stitches Through Time wedding dress exhibition and delve into the evolution of bridal fashion. Tours will be held on Monday 5 May and Friday 9 May 2025.



[holdfast.sa.gov.au/history-festival](https://holdfast.sa.gov.au/history-festival)



# HOLDFAST HERO

Each February, you'll find Sarah Tinney OAM floating around Brighton Jetty dressed as Marilyn Monroe – along with several hundred more Marilyns.

The reason why she dresses up, wig and all, is simple. The now world-record breaking event, called the Marilyn Jetty Swim, is a fundraiser for Cancer Council SA and has raised more than \$1.8 million since the first swim in 2012.

Sarah, pictured right, started the jetty swim with just 50 Marilyns in response to her mum's cancer diagnosis. The fundraiser has grown each year and in February this year, 765 Marilyns took to the water at Brighton with hundreds of people cheering and waving them on.

"What started as a light-hearted conversation with some of the ladies at our local surf club about doing a fundraiser with a difference, has become something I'm incredibly proud of," Sarah said.

"Each year we have a fabulous time knowing that we're making a big difference."

As part of the Australia Day Honours list, Sarah was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for her fundraising efforts.

Registrations are now open for next year's Marilyn Jetty Swim and donations to Cancer Council SA are open year-round.

[www.themarilyns.org](http://www.themarilyns.org)



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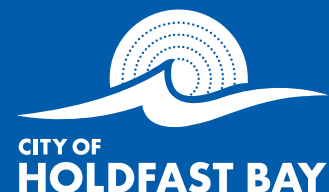
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