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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

July is an exciting month for us at Council as we now have our goals and plans in place that we'll see come to fruition over the coming year and beyond.

On the ground, our Open Space team is working hard to ensure that more than 600 new street trees get a great start to life, which will add to the beautification of our city.

Other teams across Council are working on continuing to provide great services and facilities for our community and that includes looking after our people, our environment, our business and tourism operators.

With our Annual Business Plan and budget in place for 2023–24, this year will see the completion of several projects, including the new Kingston Park Kiosk.

Due for completion before the end of the year, this is going to be a wonderful asset that the whole community – locals and visitors, including those staying at the Brighton Beachfront Holiday Park – will enjoy for years to come.

At Glenelg, the *Disability Discrimination Act* (DDA) compliant beach access ramp is under construction and I'm so pleased to see this important infrastructure project come to life.

Our promise was to make our beaches accessible all year round to all members of the community – once again, both locals and visitors. In 2023, this will finally happen.

Accessibility and inclusion for all in our community continues to be a focus for our council and rightly so.

Funds have been allocated for the construction of more

DDA-compliant footpaths and bus stop ramps across the city.

And we'll see improvements being made to the ground floor of the Glenelg Library with accessible meeting rooms, learning and maker spaces.

An easy-to-read summary of the Annual Business Plan is provided in this edition of *Our Place*.

You can read the full plan on our website – [holdfast.sa.gov.au](https://holdfast.sa.gov.au) – or pick up a printed copy from the Brighton Civic Centre.



**Amanda Wilson**

Mayor, City of Holdfast Bay



## HUNDREDS MORE STREET TREES FOR THE CITY

The winter months and street tree planting go hand in hand.

And with more than 600 trees to get into the ground – from Glenelg North to Kingston Park – it's a busy time of year for Council's Open Space team.

The team is planting more than 440 trees in 20 locations across Holdfast Bay.

Contractors are supporting the team to get the rest of the trees into the ground before the weather warms up.

A total of 17 different species will add to the variety of trees across Holdfast Bay, with new plantings including drooping sheoaks, water gums, red gums and crepe myrtles.

The differing species will ensure diversity and resilience for the next generation of trees across Holdfast Bay.

An additional 100 trees will be planted as part of the Adopt-a-Tree program, which is now taking applications for 2024.

Council is working towards a goal of increasing the tree canopy across the city to 16.8% by 2030.

[holdfast.sa.gov.au/trees](https://holdfast.sa.gov.au/trees)

*For Our Elders* was the theme of this year's NAIDOC Week, which is celebrated in the first week of July each year and recognises the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Council collaborated with Senior Kurna Elder Lynette Crocker, pictured at the Reed Beds, to produce a series of videos, explaining Kurna's relationship with Country and more.

Watch the video series, which also includes a Welcome to Country by Jack Buckskin and the Dreamtime story of Tijlbruke, on our YouTube channel.



## FOUNDATION LAID FOR NEW KINGSTON PARK KIOSK

Construction of the new Kingston Park Kiosk is well underway and is on track to open by the end of the year.

The new kiosk will be constructed along the edge of the coastal path within the Brighton Beachfront Holiday Park and includes indoor dining for 40 patrons, 42 seats in a shaded outdoor area, a take-away servery and ambulant and disabled toilets.

Car parking next to the holiday park is temporarily reduced, however the accessible parking space on the southern side of the car park is still available.

Council allocated \$1.4 million towards the project which includes integrating the kiosk into the caravan park and landscaping.

## TIME TO REGISTER YOUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

When your dog or cat renewal notice arrives by SMS, email or post, you can simply renew the registration yourself via the Dogs and Cats Online website. Renewals must be done before 31 August 2023. Ensuring your dog's registration is up-to-date is essential to ensure that they can be quickly returned home if they go for a wander. One of the many thousands of dogs registered in Holdfast Bay is rescue dog Ralphie, who lives in Brighton with his adopted family.

Go to [dogsandcatsonline.com.au](https://dogsandcatsonline.com.au)



## ✉ SUBSCRIBE TO HOLDFAST NEWS

Sign-up to our free newsletter to stay informed about Council decisions and other news and events from around the city.

Go to [holdfast.sa.gov.au/holdfastnews](https://holdfast.sa.gov.au/holdfastnews) or scan the QR code.



# 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.



## CELEBRATE ART IN HOLDFAST BAY

August is the month to celebrate art in Holdfast Bay and across South Australia as part of the annual SALA Festival.

### Sculptures at Alwyndor 2 – 30 August 2023

Visit the gorgeous gardens of Alwyndor at Hove and view a selection of spectacular sculptures in a beautiful tranquil garden setting.

Dunrobin Road, Hove

### ART at Partridge 12 & 13 August 2023

11 am – 4 pm  
Partridge House, Glenelg

### Postcards from the Heart by Little Picassos

16 September –  
15 October 2023

Bay Discovery Centre,  
Glenelg Town Hall

Open daily 10am – 4pm



## JAMFACTORY ICON TOM MOORE: ABUNDANT WONDER

On its final stop after touring Australia since 2020, Tom Moore: Abundant Wonder is the most recent in the JamFactory's ICON series.

Tom Moore is one of Australia's leading glass artists. Highly skilled in a range of glass working techniques, Moore uses traditional processes in innovative ways to create fantastical creatures,

objects and worlds that can be both amusing and alarming.

Don't miss your opportunity to view these enchanting, grotesque, playful and insightful works.

7 July – 3 September 2023  
Bay Discovery Centre, Glenelg  
Town Hall  
Open daily, 10am – 4pm  
Entry via gold coin donation



## HISTORY BY THE SEASIDE TALKING SERIES

**The Mysterious Life of Mabel Worley with Corinne Ball**  
16 August 2023

11 am – 12 noon  
Glenelg Town Hall

**Department Stores of South Australia with Dr Julie Collins**  
20 September 2023

11 am – 12 noon  
Glenelg Town Hall

## Glenelg Air-Raid Shelter Open Day

17 September 2023

1 pm – 3 pm  
Rugless Terrace,  
Glenelg East

\*Please note this information is correct at time of printing

# OUR ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET 2023–24 SUMMARY



## HOW OUR FUNDS ARE SPENT

### OPERATIONAL

Services	Million
Development Services	\$1.40
Property Management	\$2.38
Community Wellbeing	\$0.87
Community Safety	\$2.22
Communications and Engagement	\$0.58
Public Realm and Urban Design	\$0.57
Environmental Services	\$1.02
Field Services and Depot	\$8.53
Street Lighting	\$0.73
Engineering & Traffic	\$1.78
Waste Management	\$4.53
Library Services	\$1.73
City Activation	\$1.47
Tourism and Events	\$1.61
Jetty Road Mainstreet Glenelg	\$0.68
Commercial and Economic Enterprises	\$0.39
Corporate Services	\$4.19
Financial & Rating Services	\$3.43
Innovation and Technology Services	\$2.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41.10</b>

### Other Operational Expenditure

	Million
Financial Services – Depreciation	\$10.91
Operational New Initiatives	\$0.54
Regional Landscape Levy	\$1.44
Project Management Cost Capitalised	(\$1.0)
<b>Total expenditure on other operational</b>	<b>\$11.89</b>

### Total Municipal Operational Expenditure \$52.99

### CAPITAL Expenditure

	Million
Transport	\$3.66
Open Space and Coastal	\$1.33
Buildings	\$1.11
Plant & Equipment + IT	\$0.78
Stormwater (a further \$1m provided under New Projects)	\$0.11
Library	\$0.09
Capital New Initiatives	\$7.65
Project Management Capitalised	\$1.0

### Total Municipal Capital Expenditure \$15.73

### ALWYNDOR

Alwyndor is a self-funded business unit of the City of Holdfast Bay.

Total revenue	\$40.79
Total expenditure	\$40.28
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$0.51</b>

## WHERE OUR FUNDS COME FROM

### REVENUE

Rate Revenue	Million
Rates – General	\$41.28
Rates – Jetty Road Glenelg	\$0.66
Rates – Patawalonga Marina	\$0.08
Rates – Regional Landscape Levy	\$1.45
<b>Total Rate Revenue</b>	<b>\$43.47</b>

### Operational Revenue

	Million
Statutory Charges	\$2.64
User Charges (including but not limited to revenue from commercial operations)	\$3.50
Investment Income	\$0.07
Reimbursements	\$0.71
Other	\$0.85
<b>Total Operational Revenue</b>	<b>\$7.77</b>

### External Revenue

	Million
Operating Grants and Subsidies	\$2.05
SRWRA – Equity gain	\$0.09
<b>Total External Revenue</b>	<b>\$2.14</b>

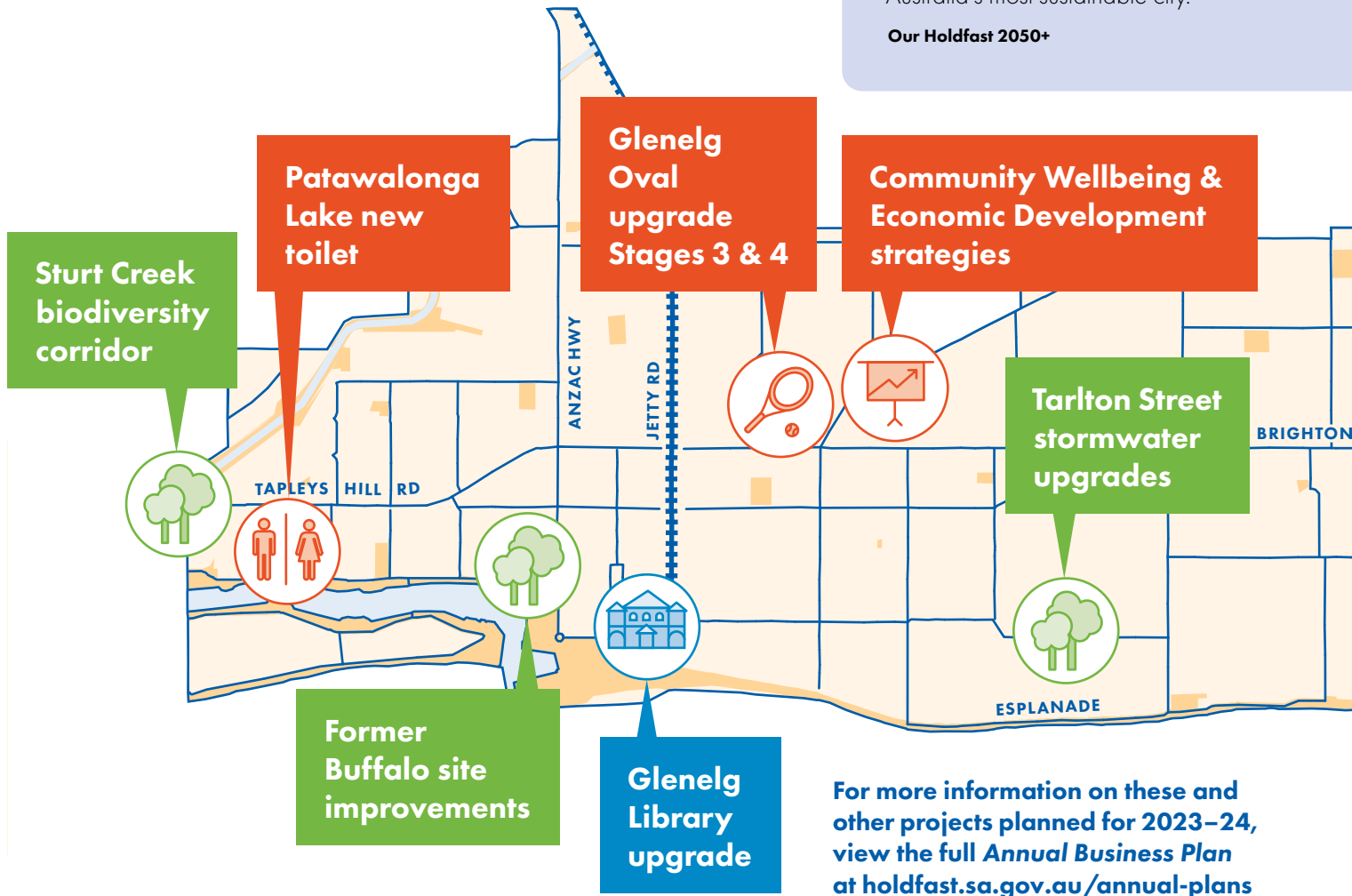
### Total Municipal Revenue \$53.38

# PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2023-24

## OUR VISION

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

Our Holdfast 2050+



For more information on these and other projects planned for 2023-24, view the full *Annual Business Plan* at [holdfast.sa.gov.au/annual-plans](http://holdfast.sa.gov.au/annual-plans)

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-23





### WELLBEING

Good health and economic success in an environment and a community that supports wellbeing.



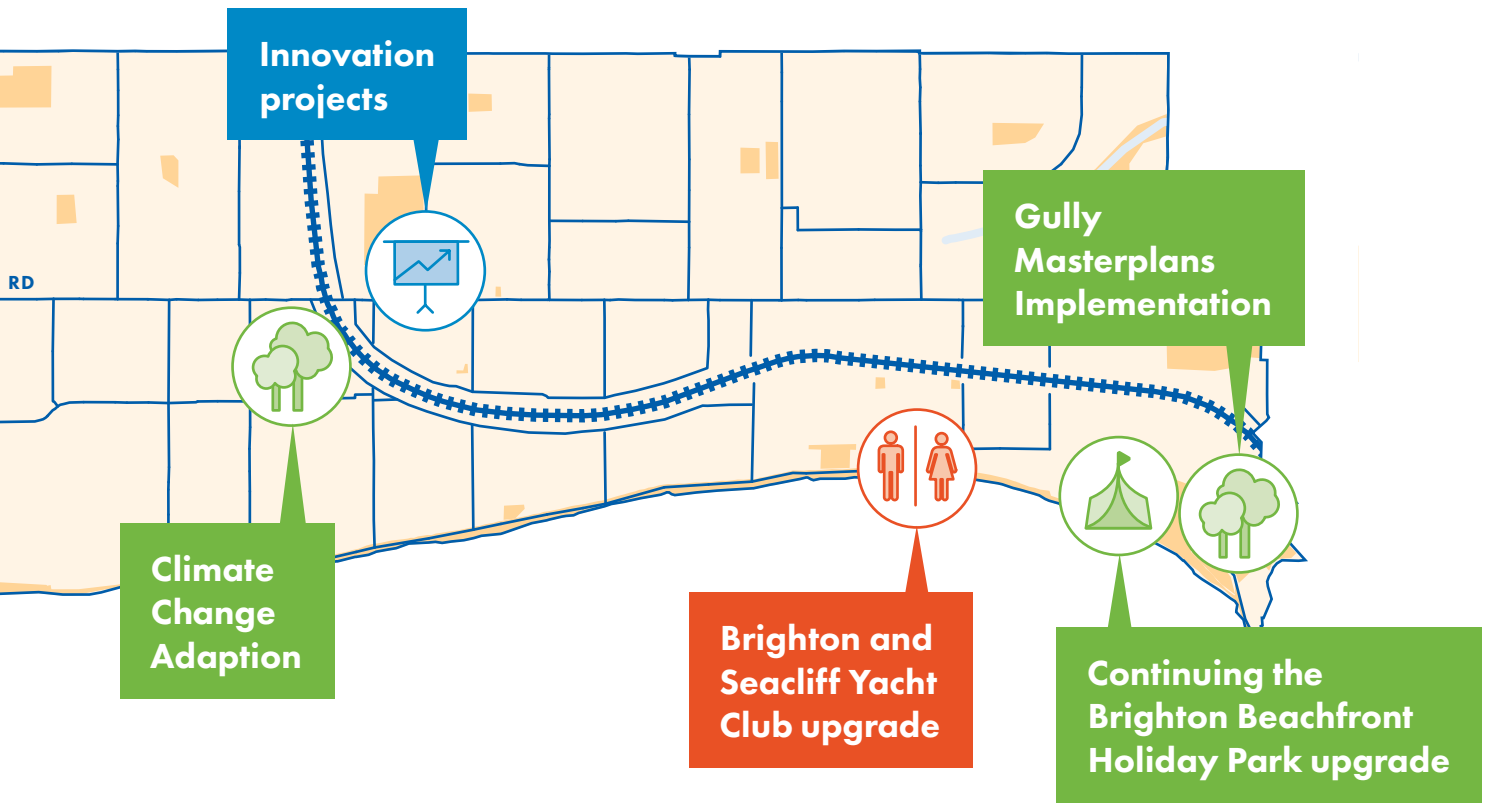
### SUSTAINABILITY

A city, economy and community that is resilient and sustainable.

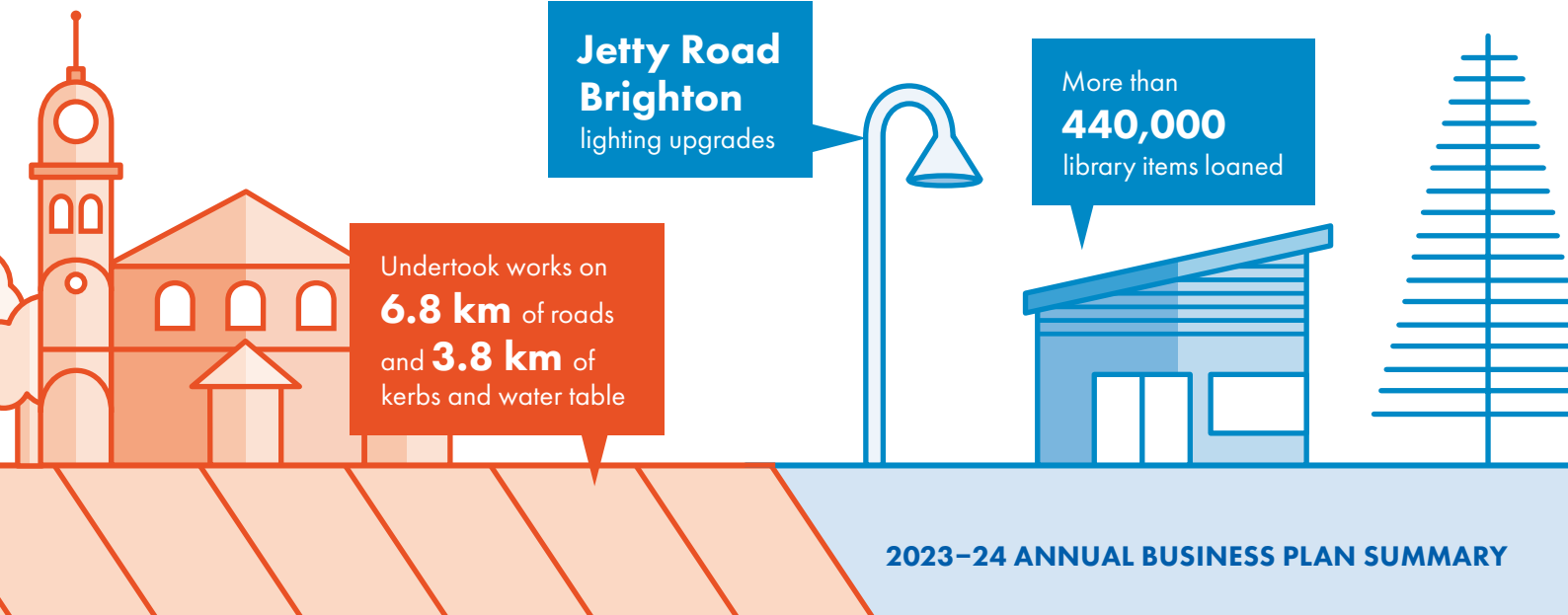


### INNOVATION

A thriving economy and community that values life-long education, research, creativity and entrepreneurialism.



A full list of achievements will be outlined in the Annual Report published in December 2023.



# RATES

Council has budgeted to raise \$42.02 million in revenue from general rates (excluding the Landscape Levy but including separate rates). This includes a rate increase of 6.9 per cent, which equates to an increase of \$2.20 per week for the average residential household.

We have also budgeted for additional income of \$9.90 million from a range of non-rate revenue sources, including but not limited to revenue from our commercial operations, grants and subsidies.

## ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR RATES

Your rates are based on the value of your property, as assessed and set annually by the State Valuation Office.

You can pay your rates in full as a single payment or in quarterly instalments. Support may be available if you have difficulty in paying your rates.

If you are a residential ratepayer, you can apply to have your increase capped at 10 per cent. This option aims to limit the impact of large increases in property values and is subject to the criteria set out in the application form.

For more information on rate structures, payment options and rebates plus eligibility criteria and application forms for rate capping, please visit [holdfast.sa.gov.au/rates](https://holdfast.sa.gov.au/rates) or contact us on (08) 8229 9999.

# FUNDING OUR PLANS FOR 2023–24

We have budgeted for:

- › A consolidated operating surplus of \$895,062 (Alwyndor surplus of \$509,117 and municipal operations surplus of \$385,945)<sup>1</sup>
- › A consolidated operating income of \$94.2 million to cover our operating expenditure of \$93.3 million
- › A 6.9 per cent rate increase (excluding separate rates and the *Landscape Levy*<sup>2</sup>)

In 2023–24, we will invest \$56.69 million to provide services, implement programs and build or maintain essential assets, including:

- › \$40.42 million to provide services to our community
- › \$8.08 million to upgrade and maintain community assets
- › \$8.19 million for new capital infrastructure and service improvements

## READ MORE ABOUT OUR PLANS

This document serves as a summary. For more information on our 2023–24 budget, services and projects, you can access a full copy of the *2023–24 Annual Business Plan*:

- › online at [holdfast.sa.gov.au/annual-plans](https://holdfast.sa.gov.au/annual-plans)
- › at the Brighton Civic Centre, 24 Jetty Road, Brighton
- › at the Brighton Library, 20 Jetty Road, Brighton
- › at the Glenelg Library, 2 Colley Terrace, Glenelg

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Guided by our *Long-Term Financial Plan*, our financial management takes a long-term view that ensures we maintain a sustainable financial and asset management position. The *2023–24 Annual Business Plan* forecasts a project borrowing requirement of \$4.74 million to fund the proposed program of works.

Council works with the following financial targets:

1. To achieve an operating ratio of 0–10 per cent
2. To achieve a net financial liabilities ratio of less than 75 per cent
3. To improve Council's asset sustainability ratio to be within the range of 90–110 per cent over a five year period

<sup>1</sup> Alwyndor is a self-funding operation of the City of Holdfast Bay.

<sup>2</sup> The *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* requires councils to collect the Landscape Levy (formerly called the NRM Levy) on behalf of the state government.



# WHAT'S IN A NAME...



## WHO WAS MICHAEL HERBERT?

Hundreds of cars drive across the Michael Herbert Bridge over the Patawalonga each day, on their way to and from Glenelg.

But how many people know the story of the man it was named after? Michael Patrick John Herbert.

A plaque, which is attached to a boulder on the eastern side of the Pat, shares his wartime story. It began in 1970 but remained unfinished for 39 years.

Michael attended Sacred Heart College – where there is another plaque in his memory – and was

only in his 20s when he achieved his civil private pilot's licence.

In 1964, he joined the RAAF, and was posted to No 2 Squadron as a Canberra bomber pilot.

In February 1970, he arrived in Vietnam – eight years after Australia joined the allied forces, led by the United States, to fight in the Vietnam War.

Barely nine months later, Flying Officer Michael Herbert and his navigator, Pilot Officer Robert Carver, disappeared from radio contact during a night bombing mission. They were declared missing and presumed killed.

It was not until 2009 when the wreckage of their aircraft was finally

discovered – almost 39 years later. After his repatriation, a full military funeral was held.

In 2011, the new bridge that was built over the Patawalonga was named in his honour.

Not far from his family home in Glenelg North, the Michael Herbert Memorial Garden was established about eight years ago, in connection to the William Kibby VC Veterans Shed.

There is also a display in memory of Michael inside the Glenelg Air-Raid Shelter at Glenelg East.



## SHINING A LIGHT ON THE ROLL OF HONOUR

At the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, Michael Patrick John Herbert is among more than 103,000 names on the Roll of Honour list.

Those names are shone onto the exterior of the Hall of Memory as part of a nightly commemorative event.

Michael's name can be seen on:

- › Friday 22 September 2023 at 10.08pm
- › Thursday 4 January 2024 at 1.21am
- › Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 4.38am

Read more at [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)

# MAJOR PROJECTS

## PROTECTION OF PINE GULLY NEARING COMPLETION

The transformation of Pine Gully – which has seen the installation of major stormwater infrastructure and a walking trail – is almost complete.

The revitalisation project to future-proof Pine Gully at Kingston Park started in 2021, with extensive removal of introduced tree species and weeds and soil stabilisation of the slopes.

More recently, 20 metres of pipe, 10 metres of culvert and three large pits were installed to control and redirect water from the top of Pine Gully to the base, especially after heavy rainfall.

Rock armour was installed along the base of the gully as another way to assist with erosion control.

A walking trail and steps will link to the laneway at Pine Avenue.

The gully will be replanted with native vegetation in coming months.

Council consulted with the Kaurua Nation and received advice prior to the stormwater works commencing in November 2022.



## GLENELG BEACH ACCESS RAMP OPENING SOON

Construction of a new access ramp next to the Glenelg Jetty is almost complete and will soon be open to the public, providing year-round wheelchair access to the beach.

The ramp, which is 15 metres long in a switchback design, and 2.3 metres wide, is *Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)* compliant.

It's been constructed out of UV resistant material which can also withstand the coastal conditions and has a lifespan of 100 years.

Construction started in May this year, with \$120,000 allocated to the project, including a \$50,000 donation from the State Government.

Another six access points onto Glenelg Beach were upgraded earlier this year, between the jetty and Broadway Kiosk.

The new stairways have greater ability to cope with fluctuating sand levels and reduce maintenance requirements for Council.

There is also a ramp, located near Pier and Robert streets, which has a non-slip surface.

# HOLDFAST HEROES

For the past 25 years, Elise Knight has kept herself busy, volunteering at both the Brighton Library and the Holdfast Bay History Centre.

And it is this commitment which saw her honoured with a service award at this year's National Volunteer Week celebrations.

"I started volunteering at the library, delivering books, and I was also part of the Friends of Brighton Library group," said Elise.

"That group started meeting in here, at the History Centre, and I thought it looked interesting, so I started volunteering here as well."

Elise says she's learnt an extraordinary amount of Holdfast Bay's history, after migrating to Adelaide from the UK in 1966, and she has a particular interest in family trees and helping people do their own.

"I love it – the social history behind it all and why people do what they did and how it helped Holdfast Bay to develop," she said.

Elise's advice for people considering volunteering is to follow your interests.

"Especially in the council, they are always looking for volunteers to fill the gaps... and you're giving back to society."

[holdfast.sa.gov.au/volunteer](http://holdfast.sa.gov.au/volunteer)



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Supporting Adelaide's southern metro community to live healthy, engaged and fulfilled lives.

## Therapy & Wellness

- Physiotherapy
- Group classes
- Occupational therapy
- Podiatry

## Support at home

- Home maintenance
- Transition care
- Domestic assistance

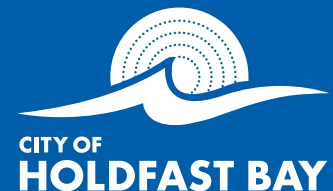
## Day Respite

- Tailored to individual needs



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